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Loans and Discounts		$ 195,811 75
U. S. Bonds		16,500 00
Other stocks and bonds		10,283 27
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures		11,622 38
Due from other banks	$ 15,096.25	
" " U. S. Treasury	675.00	
Cash on Hand	17,407.42	33,186 67
		$ 267,628 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital and Surplus	$ 80,000 00
Undivided profits	7,017 96
National Bank notes outstanding	13,500 00
Rediscounts	22,420 14
Due Depositors	144,688 97
	$ 267,628 07

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AN APPEAL TO LAW.

MARYLAND'S TREASURER IS TO BE Prosecuted.

His Shortage Will Render Him Liable to Heavy Penalties and the Law Will Be Allowed to Take Its Course—Other News.

Archer to Be Prosecuted.

Stevenson Archer, the defaulting state treasurer of Maryland, is virtually a prisoner at Hazel Dell, his country place, near Bel Air. Charges of malfeasance in office have been preferred against him, and a detective has been sent out with an order signed by Gov. Jackson summoning the treasurer to appear before him and answer the charges. The detective also has another duty to perform. He will remain at Hazel Dell and see that Archer does not go away without leaving the address of his destination. This step was decided upon after a session of the legislative investigating committee. Of the three witnesses examined, one was Gustavus Ober, a banker and broker, who had sold some bonds for Archer. Another was John W. Middendorf, of Middendorf, Oliver & Co., which firm had performed a similar service for him, and the third Benjamin Wright, chief clerk of the comptroller's office. The testimony of Mr. Middendorf established the fact that Archer had given the firm orders to sell $25,000 worth of bonds in the state sinking fund, but had made returns for only $16,000 having pocketed the difference. The evidence of Chief Clerk Wright disclosed a startling condition of affairs in the state fiscal system. The treasurer's powers were almost unlimited. The accounts had not been examined for years, and the comptroller's department was not even in possession of the number of remaining securities owned by the state, so that it is impossible to learn which are missing, only the amount of the shortage being known. There was no record kept of the bonds canceled, the amount withdrawn being charged up to the treasurer. In order to make the books balance that official had simply to enter a false account. White exhibited gross ignorance regarding the laws which govern the offices of comptroller and treasurer. Archer is still very ill.

Archer has been arrested by Detective Humphrey on a bench warrant sworn out by Police Marshal Frey before Judge Dennis, of the city circuit court. The warrant was issued in Baltimore, because the fraudulent transactions have been for the most part committed there. In its report the investigating committee charges Archer with misappropriating $118,000 in bonds and $9,000 in interest coupons. The prisoner will remain at Hazel Dell until he is in condition to be removed.

California's Fruit Crop.

The crop reports received from all the grain and fruit growing counties in California show excellent prospects for the coming harvest. The wheat crop will be as good as three-quarters of last year's yield. The shortage is partially due to the change from grain to fruit cultivation. The prune crop promises to be the best and largest ever gathered. This is due to the increased number of orchards coming into bearing. The reports also show that a large number of new prune orchards were set out this spring. Peaches will reach more than the average crop. Apricots will yield a very light crop. Constant rains and cold winds rotted the buds. The marked feature shown by this year's reports is the largely increased acreage being set out in olives. This fruit, which previously had figured in only three counties to any extent, is now being grown and planted in about twenty counties, and in all cases is reported to have a most promising outlook.

Bound by Oath to Suicide.

Wendom Baum, secretary of that unique organization, the Bridgeport Suicide club, has fulfilled the membership agreement by killing himself. The story of this astonishing society is one of intense interest to the student of morbid psychology. Four years ago five citizens of Bridgeport, Conn., all Germans, met one day when all were low-spirited, and half in jest organized a suicide club. The agreement was that one member of the club should end his life that year, one the next and so on until all were gone. This agreement has thus far been fully kept. When the annual meeting was held in January there were only two members to attend it, the secretary and the president. It was proposed at this meeting by the secretary that the president should make away with himself during the year and by the president that the secretary should do likewise. The president of the club is now the only member of the club left, and another year will show if he keeps his oath.

Law, but No Justice.

A circular has just been issued by the California State Bar association which contains an address by ex-Judge Thomas P. Stoney, president, who states that a well founded dissatisfaction with the condition of the law and with the mode of its administration in that state prevails widely. He says there is a deplorable uncertainty as to what the law is, owing to lack of harmony in the opinions of the justices comprising the supreme court, and, added to this condition of affairs, there is an intolerable delay in obtaining justice in the ordinary course of judicial procedure. He declares that if the evils complained of are as serious as they are claimed to be the only adequate remedy will be in a thorough reorganization of the system by an amendment to the constitution.

Ravages of Spotted Fever.

Spotted fever, or cerebro-spinal meningitis, which has caused the death of over one hundred and fifty residents of Webster county, Ky., within the past ten months, has unquestionably made its appearance in Union county. At Henshaw, nine miles west of Morganfield, four children have died from it during the past week. The disease has attacked only children so far, but in each case it has been fatal. The people are much alarmed, and many parents have sent their children out of the vicinity. An appeal has been made to the county board of health to investigate the matter, and it is hoped that such sanitary measures will be adopted as will prevent the epidemic from being as destructive in Union county as it has been in Webster county.

Her Ninth Attempt.

Edna Foster, a pretty Albany girl who traveled with "Bootles' Rag Baby" company for some time as Edna Carr, tried to kill herself by swallowing a bottle of cologne. This is the eighth or ninth time within six months that this girl has tried to commit suicide. She is heartbroken over the conduct of Henry Melville, a New York broker, who she charges with ruining her under promise of marriage. One day, three months ago, she went to a rendezvous that he had made with her, but he was not there. She bent her steps to the river, and offering up a short prayer, threw herself into the water. A dock laborer plunged after her. She was rescued and taken to her home. One day she tried to shoot herself, but was unsuccessful.

The next morning Edna was missing. She had learned that Melville was in Poughkeepsie and thither she went, but the story was false. He was not in Poughkeepsie. Again she attempted to end her sorrows by death. She was detected and taken to the city court. And then, refusing to give her name or home, she was committed to the care of the Good Shepherds.

For some months Edna remained under the eves of the watchful sisters, but by degrees she developed a mania for suicide. She attempted to open a vein in her arm with a bit of glass, but succeeded in making only a small wound. She was then shut up in her room. During the night she arose and dressed herself, and on a rope of twisted and knotted bedclothes made her way to the ground. Last Monday she attempted to throw herself from the window and was caught. The next evening she tried to hang herself by a handkerchief to a gas jet in the bath room, but was cut down. She is in a fair way to recover.

Seeding by Moonlight.

The Minnesota farmers in the section of Pipestone are the most jubilant at present that they have been for three or four years at the prospects for an abundant crop this year. The work is a couple of weeks later than last year, but every man and team are now at work seeding, and in some parts of the county the beautiful moonlight nights are used for this purpose in order to push the work. The ground has been very dry for the past two years, and some people began to think it could not rain in this "blue grass region," but the weather clerk has turned the tables since the 1st of April and it has rained every day, and the soil was never in a more favorable condition to receive the seed. The acreage in the county will be by far the largest this year that it has ever been, as scores of new families have moved into the county this spring. Had the ground remained dry but very little seed would have been sown; but as it is, every acre of broken land will be seeded. Wheat, flax, oats and corn will be sown mostly. Unless present signs fail the farmers of this section will reap an abundant harvest.

Lost His Bride and His Clothes.

Prof. Becton, a learned man, who has been teaching the Chickasaw Indians, visited friends in Rondo, Ark., and met Miss Dora Ward, the 19-year-old daughter of a prosperous citizen. It was a case of love at first sight and the pair were married after a short acquaintance. A few days ago the happy couple started on a bridal tour. At Hope the professor took on a load that would require a freight train to carry. He spent all his money and Mr. Ward took his daughter back home. The next day the bride received the following: "My Dearest Ducky Darling—Please, where are my clothes?" She answered: "Your clothes are where you left them and I am where you found me. You may succeed in recovering your duds, but you can't get me any more. I am going to stay with dad hereafter."

Western Pork Packing.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* says: The western movement of hogs continues of fair proportions, but not large, although the week shows a gain of 30,000 in packing operations, compared with the moderate business done in the corresponding period last year. Total for the week 185,000 hogs, against 155,000 last year, and 1,065,000 since March 1, against 1,060,000 a year ago. Comparison at leading points as follows:

Place.	1890.	1889.
Chicago	397,000	325,000
Kansas City	140,000	178,000
Omaha	99,000	96,000
Sioux City, Ia.	56,000	46,000
St. Louis	53,000	81,000
Cedar Rapids	44,000	42,000
Indianapolis	38,000	47,000
Cincinnati	36,000	31,000
Milwaukee	36,000	42,000
Nebraska City, Neb	17,000	17,000
All other	160,000	155,000

Consolidation of Large Iron Works.

It is reported at St. Louis that the Tudor works company, of East St. Louis, has purchased the Waugh nail and steel works at Belleville, Ill. The new purchase will be consolidated with the Western nail works and Valley Steel and Forge company, which is now controlled by the Tudor company, the whole to form one concern. When the arrangement is completed it is said the combined works will employ 3,000 men.

A Rival of the Standard Oil.

The Standard Oil company has a riva in the purchase of Wyoming oil lands by an English syndicate, which is offering options and purchasing outright large blocks of oil lands in the Shoshone basin. An agent of the company states that the syndicate he represents has enough money to fight the Standard if necessary.

The Hatchet Buried in Kentucky.

The Shurlocks, Days and other representing both the Howard and Turner factions, have held a pow wow; both sides have agreed to suspend hostilities and forever bury the hatchet. It was also agreed that should any more bushwhacking take place, both sides would turn out and hunt the assassin.

She Used a Pistol.

In love with life and always looking on the world with hope, surrounded by the children she worshiped, one a babe a few months old, Mrs. Belle Giddings, of Minneapolis, a refined lady in the prime of life, arose from her bed at an early hour, and placing a pistol to her head pulled the trigger and fell dead.

Suicide of August Anders.

August Anders, a shoemaker on Vermillion street, Hastings, Minn., was found dead near the lower mill. He had been missing from home since Friday last. It is supposed that he committed suicide. The authorities were notified and removed the remains to Mertz & Son's undertaking rooms.

Overlooked Orders.

A freight collision occurred near Mansfield, O., on the Baltimore & Ohio, by the overlooking of orders by an engineer, and by which the train, two engines, several emigrant coaches and ten freight cars were demolished. Loss, $30,000.

Clever Counterfeiters Arrested.

The chief of the secret service is informed of the arrest at Denver, Col., of George Ammons and William Dorrell for passing counterfeit $10 national bank notes of an Richmond, Ind., bank, and that they were held to the United States grand jury.

Will Assist Mrs. Parnell.

There is a movement on foot in Trenton to render some kind of substantial assistance to Mrs. Delia Parnell, of Bordentown, N. J. "Old Ironsides," the home of Mrs. Parnell, is heavily encumbered.

E. A. Culver, of Cleveland, O., locked himself in his room in a Denver hotel, took a bottle of morphine, and then blew his brains out. Despondency over a lack of money is supposed to be the cause.

SOME one of a party of men in the woods at Cumming's Hill, Russell Mass., dropped a lighted cigar, setting the underbrush on fire. Before it was stopped over a mile of territory was burned.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

The Waters Still Rising in Mississippi—No Danger to Human Life Feared.

A dispatch received from Rolling Forks, Miss., at a late hour last night says: "The water in Deer creek has risen 4 feet within the last thirty-six hours and is now running over its banks, and is still rising at the rate of half an inch per hour. Every foot of dry land in Rolling Forks will be under water before morning. A passenger train from Memphis, due here last night, did not arrive till this morning, and could go no further. After remaining here for several hours it was turned around and ordered back to Leland. The train men say it is impossible to get back there, because the track has floated off its bed. A special from Rosedale, Miss., says: The new levee at Catfish creek broke this morning and the water is now rushing through a gap 600 feet wide. By adding to this the volume of water from breaks lower down, the back country will be inundated and the difficulties will probably be increased. The most of the plantations inundated are already more or less flooded by breaks lower down. Many of the best estates in the country will, however, be flooded to a very considerable depth. It is believed that precautions have been taken to protect stock, and that no human life is endangered.

BAUM'S REPORT.

A Stupendous Amount of Claims Examined for January.

In his report to Secretary Noble, Pension Commissioner Raum says he will be able by the last of May to cause the examination of every claim pending in the office on the 1st day of January last, will have every claim allowed that is completed and calls for the evidence made in those not completed. This result has been secured largely by means of orders issued in the latter part of December requiring the examination of claims then pending and that all cases which appeared complete be placed upon the "completed files." The adjudicating division was directed to spend five days each week examining the claims on these files and one day exclusively to making calls for additional evidence on pending claims. As a result, the examination of 30,857 claims were put on the "completed files." A subsequent order directing that claims be placed on file upon application accompanied by a statement of facts showing the claims to be completed has up to date added 28,350 cases to those already on the "completed files." During the past three months 52,229 of these cases have been acted upon, leaving only 3,978 cases upon the files. Applications at the rate of 450 a day are being received and hereafter every claim placed upon these files will be taken up and acted upon within a week. The record of the past month shows 16,374 pension certificates, 8,183 of them original, being the largest number ever issued in one month by the pension bureau.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A NIHILIST who was concerned in the murder of Prefect Mesenoff has been arrested.

JOHN F. PLUMMER'S partner, Wm. S. Darling, has been missing ten days. He is much needed to clear up some accounts of the failed firm.

THE dock laborers at Amsterdam are about to renew the strike, which was recently settled on terms that have not proved satisfactory to the men.

A FREIGHT train ran into a lands'ide on the West Shore near Troy, N. Y., and four trainmen were buried, but were exhumed alive, although one may die.

SEVERAL of the charges against Moussa Bey, the Syrian outlaw, have been dropped. The reason assigned for this proceeding is that the evidence is insufficient.

EX-STATE SENATOR D. B. GILLAM died at his home in Alton, Ill., from the effects of injuries received several weeks since in an encounter with burglars.

THE trust recently founded for the purpose of controlling glucose and starch has purchased the extensive works of the Voorhees Starch company in Danville, Ill.

THE United States steamer Alliance was not allowed to enter the harbor of Malaga, as she had no bill of health. She was admitted at Gibraltar, however, and then took on coal for China.

A NEW manager of the Savoy hotel in London offended the chef, who immediately struck, followed by sixty cooks. Then the waiters, maids and porters struck, and the hotel is practically closed.

THE Portuguese government has invited one firm in America and several firms in other countries to make tenders for the construction of four new cruisers. No tenders from English firms are invited.

SIX of the leading concerns manufacturing white lead in New York have consolidated under the name of the National Lead company of New York. The combined capital is $1,000,000.

HERR STEIMNITZ, a leading banker of Nuremberg, has been obliged to suspend business, owing to the failure of some important enterprises in which he had become involved. The amount of his liabilities is large.

MEMBERS of Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company and the boat people on the steamer St. Ignace, at St. Ignace, Mich., had a scrummage, in which Second Mate Graves was struck in the head and will die.

THE hotel room of the American consul at Plauen was entered a night or two ago by burglars and a jewel casket valued at $5,000 was stolen. The casket has been found, but the contents had been abstracted.

THE MARKETS.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 800; official yesterday, 2,939. Market weak to 5c lower. Quotations: Light, $4.00@4.07½; mixed, $4.02½@4.10; heavy, $4.05@4.12½.

Cattle—Estimated receipts, 600; official yesterday, 1,286; shipments, 1,557. Market fairly active with stock cattle ranging 5@10c lower. Quotations: Butchers' steers, prime, $3.75@4.00; medium to good, $3.45@3.75; feeders, choice 900 to 1,100 pounds, $2.95@3.25; medium to good, $2.75@2.90; stockers, choice, $2.75@3.00; medium to good, $2.50@2.70; inferior, $2.25@2.45; cows, extra choice, $2.75@3.00; medium to good, $2.50@2.70; common to inferior, $1.90@2.35; canners, 75c@$1.75; yearlings, choice, $2.65@2.80; common, $2.40@2.60; bulls, choice, $2.25@2.50; common, $1.65@2.25; calves, $2.50@3.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 3,500. Official yesterday, 3,125. Shipments, 4 cars. Market opened steady, selling at $4.00@4.10.

Cattle—Estimated receipts, 2,300. Official yesterday, 2,150; shipments, 3 cars. Market opened slow and a shade lower; quality, good.

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000. Market active and 5c higher. Light, $4.05@4.30; heavy packing and shipping, $4.25@4.60.

Cattle—Receipts, 11,000. Market steady; beeves, $3.40@4.90; stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.90; corn-fed Texans, $2.90@3.70.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000. Market slow. Mutton, $4.50@6.00; corn-fed westerns, $5.30@5.75.

Chicago Produce.

Wheat—Firm; cash, 89½c; May, 94⅞c.
Corn—Steady; cash, 81½c; May, 81⅝@82c.
Oats—Steady; cash, 23½c; May, 25½c.
Rye—Firm; 60c.
Prime Timothy—Steady at $1.21@1.22.
Barley—Firm at $1.40.
Flax seed—Firm at $1.40.
Whisky—$1.04.
Pork—Firm; cash, $10.45; May $10.67½@10.70. Lard, strong; cash, $6.35; May, $6.37½.

BRAZIL'S NEW CODE.

IT IS BEING CAREFULLY FRAMED AT RIO JANEIRO.

The Constitution Will Be a Model for Popular Government—Some of Its Provisions—Other News of Home and Abroad.

Fixing Up a Brazilian Government.

The provisional government having decreed all the great popular measures so long demanded by the people, such as the abolition of slavery (forced from the imperial government in 1888), the separation of the church from the state, the freedom of the press, the liberty of worship, the secularization of public cemeteries, the naturalization of foreigners, etc., it is now trying to avoid the danger and inconvenience that attended the adoption of the American constitution. The men now at the head of affairs desire to begin where the United States finished, and so take advantage of American experience. For this reason they have nominated a number of well-known specialists to frame a constitution which is to be presented to a constituent assembly. The work of registering voters (all men of 21 years of age that know how to read and write) is being pushed rapidly. The framers hope to present a constitution as much like the American constitution as is consistent with the character of the Brazilian people. It will then be submitted to a direct vote of the people. It is already partially completed. It declares the fatherland one and indivisible. The republic is composed of states, federal districts, provinces and territories. Its government is representative, federal and republican. Each state shall be governed by its own laws and the federal government shall interfere only for the purpose of guaranteeing a republican form of government, the sanction of the sentences of the federal courts and in case of rebellion. The provinces are to be regularly organized political bodies that require pecuniary assistance from the federal government. The territories are the unorganized or uninhabited parts of the republic. The federal districts will consist of any municipality that may be chosen for a federal capital.

The most important recent event was the resignation in a body of the Rio Janeiro municipal intendency in consequence of the decree subjecting certain of their acts to the approval of the government. The new intendent, headed by Dr. Amararu, has made an excellent impression by suspending the code of municipal laws framed by the old board and which had given great dissatisfaction.

Secretary of State Blaine has sent circulars to all the ministers and consuls, possibly in South America, certainly in Brazil, requesting information in regard to the means of extending American trade with their localities. If American trade is to make headway in Brazil great improvement in the mail service is demanded. It is now very bad.

HE OVERREACHED HIMSELF.

A Wholesale Drug Employe that Became Too Ambitious in Crime.

Clarence P. Wikoff, a trusted employe of the wholesale drug firm of Fuller & Fuller, Chicago, has been arrested, charged with having systematically robbed the firm of over $1,000 worth of druggists' sundries during the past three months. He has disposed of his stealings to retailers. In order to dispose of the property stolen, Wikoff lived a dual life. Outside the store he passed as Chauncy J. Thomas, going into business under that name as a manufacturers' agent. He had a lot of stationery printed upon which his business address was given as 709 W. Madison street, which place was his sleeping room. His stationery consisted of bill heads, statements, blank orders for country customers, and printed blanks for price quotations. Knowing many of the Fuller & Fuller company's country customers, Wikoff mailed them quotations on the articles at a few cents below the lowest rate quoted by his employers. If Wikoff had confined his thriving trade to country orders he would probably have operated in safety for an indefinite time, but he became ambitious, commenced to work up a local trade and was soon detected. Wikoff is 24 years of age and is well connected in Chicago, his father being one of the Fuller & Fuller company's best customers.

IS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE?

The Annexation Sentiment Constantly Growing in Cuba.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald*, writing from Havana under date of April 5, says:

"The question of the annexation of Cuba to the United States is daily growing more serious and the government commences to be alarmed at the propagation that more or less openly is being carried on, with results that will soon be known. The campaign that has been opened by several leading papers is courageously sustained in remarkable editions, one having gone so far as to assert, some weeks ago, that the Spanish government, through its disgraceful and ruinous administration, is doing more than anybody else to throw Cuba into the arms of the United States.

"In another remarkable editorial, whose author was arraigned, it was said some time ago that the only way annexation could be avoided was to immediately proclaim the autonomy of Cuba and that the conservative party should join the liberals in their efforts to obtain from Spain self-government for the Island.

"The fact beyond all doubt is that there are a large number of annexationists in Cuba and some in the United States. The question now is to know whether any of the members of the government at Washington would be willing to favor the movement just initiated in Cuba."

Big Kansas Bank Failure.

E. B. Purcell, proprietor of the Manhattan bank, Manhattan, Kan., made an assignment to his cashier, John W. Webb, who closed the bank doors. Webb says the liabilities are $560,000. The assets cannot be given for several days, but are said to be equal nominally to the liabilities. The assignment was precipitated by the action of the British Land and Mortgage company of that city, which advertised at public sale collateral given by Purcell to secure his obligation to the company, $200,000, due April 1, which had not been paid. Stringency in the money market and the difficulty of making collections are given as causes for the failure. The Manhattan bank is one of the oldest in the state, and Purcell was credited with being among the strongest men financially in Kansas. Purcell has sued the British company for $100,000 damages on account of the public offer to sell his securities. He also procured an order restraining the company from disposing of the securities held by it.

Death of a Roman Revolutionist.

Signor Saffi, who with Mazzina and Armellis formed the triumvirate in 1848, when the people rose in rebellion and drove Pius IX. from Rome and established a republic, is dead.

WRITTEN FOR NEBRASKANS.

Injured in a Runaway Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aldrich and Mrs. F. L. Chamberlain, with her little daughter, were thrown from a carriage at Fairmount in a runaway accident. Mrs. Chamberlain and her daughter both received serious injuries about the head, and in addition Mrs. Chamberlain had one arm dislocated at the elbow. Both were picked up in an unconscious condition and carried to a residence near by.

A Runaway Located.

Peter Hennegin, who disappeared from Seward ten years ago with a lot of money belonging to other people and who was supposed to have been murdered, has turned up in Seattle, Wash., where he is engaged in the real estate business. The wife and child he deserted are now living in Iowa, but in spite of that fact Hennegin has married again.

Nemaha Gamblers Make a Stake.

A Peru paper tells this: "Some Brownville and Nemaha gamblers made quite a stake at Brownville one day last week. A Brownville man had $1,140 of another man's money intrusted to his care and these fellows drew him into a game and won it. The owner of the money says if it is not returned he will prosecute the man who lost it, and the father of that fellow says if the gamblers do not put up the money he will prosecute them.

An Indian Couple Join Church.

Big Elk, one of the most enlightened and conscientious of Omaha Indians, joined the church recently organized on Omaha creek. Although having been married according to the Indian custom for nearly a score of years, he and his wife, Ponemica, upon joining the church, insisted upon being remarried according to the custom of the civilized world, which ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Finley at Winnebago agency.

Received an Award from Paris.

A. C. Tyrrel, of Madison, has received word from the management of the Paris exposition that he has been awarded a medal on his exhibit of Melissa honey. The sample was sent on the spur of the moment, no special pains being taken to procure the best, and nearly all of the crop had been disposed of before the idea of sending was conceived. The beekeepers of Madison county feel elated over the award.

Canals for Irrigation.

As an inducement to immigration the Gering *Courier* says: "The water from the Platte river will flow this season in five different canals for irrigation. Scotts Bluff is the only county in the state subject to extensive irrigation, and at least 200,000 acres will be under this grand system of cultivation within two years.

Nebraska Notations.

IT is reported that a flowing oil well has been struck near North Bend.

THE double trial for the murder of Carl Pulsifer will cost Dodge county $8,000.

AT the recent election a half-dozen Nebraska towns chose one or more ladies as members of their respective school boards.

Two members of the family of C. B. Wright, of Wolbach, have fallen heir to $150,000 in cash and about $30,000 in real estate.

HUGH MILHOLLIN, one of Banner county's commissioners, claims to have found samples of a good quality of coal on his farm near Freeport.

A KEARNEY man who is in the habit of starting his balky horse by burning hay under it, even carrying burning embers under the horse after he is going, has been threatened with arrest for cruelty to animals.

THE *Transcript* says that Wm. DeBelle, living near Chimney Rock, while chopping wood the other day, was struck in the eye by a sliver, and it required the strength of both hands to pull it out. He will lose the sight of the optic.

REV. LESLIE STEVENS and family have left Kearney for San Francisco, where they will set sail for Nankin, China. Mr. Stevens has been appointed superintendent of missions and will make Nankin his headquarters.

STERLING voted bonds for an $8,000 school-house.

A NEW town is to be started between Elwood and Bertrand.

THIRTY new recruits were received at Fort Niobrara last week.

G. MCCOUN, a veterinary surgeon of Crete, was kicked in the head by a horse and so seriously injured that his recovery is doubtful.

DURING a storm the fine residence of Joseph Ford, south of Ithaca, was struck by lightning and completely wrecked, while the four persons sleeping in the house at the time escaped unhurt.

DR. WHITE, of St. Paul, awoke the other morning to find his bed and office in flames, and but for the prompt action of the fire companies a disastrous fire would have resulted. The doctor barely escaped with his life.

HAL LINCOLN, of Fremont, paid too much attention to a young girl and was arrested, charged with disturbing the peace of a family, and fined $100 and costs. He will pay in daily installments of eight hours at hard labor.

DURING an unsavory trial at Beatrice, and while the lawyers were trying to convince the world that marriage is a failure the judge stopped proceedings long enough to make a young couple happy by issuing a license to wed.

SOMEONE fired both barrels of a double-barrel shotgun through the window at an old German named Shomberg, living near Surprise, and he thinks his enemies mean to kill him, and has decided to dispose of his property and leave the country. The shootist is in jail at David City awaiting trial.

A Marshal Liddiard, of Springfield, was arresting three men for stealing billiard balls one of them, Chas. Dieman by name, drew a revolver and attempted to shoot Liddiard and Jack Pope, keeper of the billiard hall and saloon, but before he succeeded a blow from the marshal's club laid him out, and he did not recover consciousness for twenty-four hours.

GUIDE ROCK is negotiating for a creamery.

REV. MACATEAL, of Cambridge, accidentally shot himself in the foot while out hunting, and it is thought some of the reverend gentlemen's toes will have to come off.

CAMBRIDGE is experiencing a coal famine.

DIXON COUNTY is to have a new court-house to cost $25,000.

TROTTING and running races will take place at Taylor April 12.

THE foundation for the new Butler county court-house at David City will be completed in about three weeks.

MARION, the adopted son of Mrs. Miller, of Dry Valley, Blaine county, while out hunting with three other boys, all quite young, in some unaccountable way fell forward and his gun was discharged, the contents entering his breast and causing instant death.

SHALL WE HAVE HER?

THE CUBAN ANNEXATION QUESTION STILL ALIVE.

Misgovernment of the Island Causing Continued Discontent—Matters of Varying Nature from Different Places.

A correspondent, writing from Havana under date of April 5, says: The question of the annexation of Cuba to the United States is daily growing more serious, and the government commences to be alarmed at the propagation that more or less openly is being carried on with results that will soon be known. The campaign that has been opened by several leading papers is courageously sustained in remarkable editorials that generally attract attention, one having gone so far as to assert some weeks ago that the Spanish government, through their disgraceful and ruinous administration, did more than anybody else to throw Cuba into the arms of the United States. The new budgets, just voted by the cortes, have come to fill the measure, as they clearly tell the people here that they have nothing to expect in their favor from Spain, whose political leaders seem to compete as to who is to increase the most the heavy burden of charges and all taxes which the Cuba merchant, manufacturer, planter and land tenant is to pay.

Though the Cuban chambers of commerce have protested in due time and in the most energetic terms against the increased taxes, no attention whatever, as usual, was paid in Madrid to this protest, and the annexationists have taken advantage of the disaffection created by the last measures decreed to forward the propagation of their doctrine and increase the number of their adherents. In a remarkable editorial, whose author was arraigned (the government considering it as incentive to rebellion), it was said some time ago that the only way annexation could be avoided was to immediately proclaim the autonomy of Cuba, and that the conservative party should join the liberals in their efforts to obtain from Spain self government for the island.

The conservative press has exhausted all the anathemas furnished them by the ritual of their stale patriotism to excommunicate the liberal papers that have declared that annexation propagation is perfectly legal inasmuch as the 55th article of the constitution declares "that the king needs to be authorized by a special law to alienate, cede or exchange any portion of Spanish territory." Basing themselves upon the text of the article of the constitution quoted above, those who are in favor of the annexation of Cuba to the United States, affirm that such an act would simply be an alienation or permutation of a part of the territory that has been foreseen by the framers of the constitution now enforced in Spain over her dominions, and the propagation of such a doctrine is therefore thoroughly lawful.

With the exception of some newspaper editors who have boldly assumed the responsibility of their acts, the main part of the people, liberal as well as conservative, though longing in the bottom of their hearts for a change that would improve the general situation of Cuba and save her inhabitants from ruin and desperation, do not dare as yet, to pronounce themselves too openly. They will prudently observe the signs of the times before adopting a political line of conduct that would bind them forever. The doubt that still prevails regarding the attitude the United States may assume in this question, induces a great many, whose influence may weigh heavy in the balance, to remain in the background. Be it as it may, the autonomists, through one of their most important organs of the press, recently proclaimed that if the government and the conservative party persist in denying that autonomy is the only possible and acceptable solution to the Cuban problem, annexation will forcibly be the only salvation left to the Cubans for the redemption of their lost liberty and trampled dignity.

The government has not, as yet, adopted a system of rigor and prosecution to put down the annexationist movement, as advised to do by some of the most rabid conservative papers, being well aware, by what happened in other American countries that once belonged to Spain, that were they to enforce such measures it would be the death sentence of the Spanish domain in America. A fact beyond all doubt is that there are a large number of annexationists in Cuba and some in the United States. The question now is to know whether any of the members of the government at Washington would be willing to favor the movement just initiated in Cuba.

AMONG THE MILLS.

The Flour Output Declines—Water Now Going to Waste.

There was quite a heavy decline in the flour output last week, say the *Northwestern Miller*. Only twelve mills ran, and their aggregate production was 111,640 barrels—averaging 18,607 barrels daily—against 137,450 barrels the week before, and 88,150 barrels for the corresponding time in 1889. About the same number of mills and the same capacity are in operation this week, the daily output being not far from 18,500 barrels. Several of the mills are down pending the completion of work on races running underneath them, and the date on which they will resume is uncertain. The river is now at a fair stage, and considerable water is running to waste. This makes the millers impatient to cut off steam, and there is talk of the water being let into the West Side canal about May 1. The advance in wheat has infused considerable strength into the domestic market and there has been an increased demand. The export market is wholly devoid of life. The Minneapolis mills made more flour during March than in February, by over 70,000 barrels. The figures also exceeded those of March for two years past.

LOOKS LIKE BOODLE.

The Chicago Police Force Hauled Over the Coals.

The *Daily News*, which supported Mayor Cregier in his candidacy, devotes an entire page to an exposure of gambling in Chicago, which, it says, is going on openly and more generally than ever before. It says that the dicipline of the entire police force is relaxed; that its members, instead of becoming conservators of peace and morality, have become promoters of immorality and protectors of crime. It estimates that the receipts of the gambling houses of the city aggregate $10,000,000 per year. It avers that a syndicate of gamblers controls all of these houses; that Mike McDonald is the head of it and received 60 per cent of the receipts to keep the police from making raids; that, if the money is not paid in any instance, the police proceed to raid the house of the delinquent until he succumbs. Out of this 90 per cent it is assumed that a sum, estimated as high as $500,000 per annum, is paid members of the adminstration for immunity from police interference.

THE grand jury of the United States circuit court at Richmond, Va., has brought in indictments against several prominent democrats, charged with obstructing the voting of the negroes.

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