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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications, to secure attention, must be accompanied by the full name of the writer. We reserve the right to reject any manuscript, and cannot agree to return the same. We desire a correspondent in every school-district of Platte county, one of good judgment, and reliable in every way. Write plainly, each item separately. Give us facts.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1895.

A TORPEDO corps is being organized to defend our coast cities in case of war.

SHERMAN's book is said to have brought him already in royalties $127,000.

MORTGAGES on homes in Texas are void and cannot be put on record against them.

WARRANTS have been sworn out at Omaha for the arrest of three school boys for assaulting a schoolmate.

IT is stated ex-President Harrison was offered and has declined the chairmanship of the Venezuelan commission.

JUDGE DUNDY has fined one of the editors of the Lincoln News for contempt of court in criticising his action in the Outcalt case.

AMONG the necessary expenditures of the Omaha school district for the coming year is an item of $30,000 for interest and exchange.

EDISON is looked to now to provide something extra and exceedingly destructive, in case we should get into a war with England.

T. J. MEMMINGER, private secretary of Senator Allen, has resigned to take a position in a bank at Sheridan, Wyo., and will be succeeded by D. J. Matt of Madison, Neb.

AMERICAN capitalists are interested in Venezuelan business ventures, and there is a growing demand for American goods and machinery. The population of the country is 2,000,000.

MR. JOHN W. MIDGLEY, Chairman of the Western Freight Association, has written a striking article for the January number of The Forum on "Railroad-rate Wars: Their Cause and Cure."

FRANK JOHNSON, the farmer living near Hansen who was so badly injured by falling from his windmill tower the latter part of last week, died Sunday evening. He leaves a wife and several small children, one of whom is a cripple.

REV. WILLIAM BAYARD HALE, whose articles in The Forum a year ago on the religious conditions of several New England towns aroused so much discussion, has contributed to the January Forum a striking and suggestive "Study of Church Entertainments."

THE January number of The Forum will contain an unusually interesting article entitled "Some Naval Aspects of the Japan-China War" by Vice-Admiral the Hon. Edmund R. Fremantle, of the Royal Navy, who was commander on the China station during the war.

R. DAMMANN, near Manning, Iowa, was thrown from his wagon and had his neck broken last Tuesday. He had spent the evening in town and was in an intoxicated condition. He was unable to manage his team and was thrown out while turning a corner. A companion was only slightly bruised.

INTERNAL machines mailed last week to P. D. Armour and George M. Pullman of Chicago would probably have blown them to eternity had they gone to their destination without suspicion of their contents. Albert Reaser and S. A. Owens were arrested as knowing something about the matter.

DANIEL, a young son of W. H. Wright, who lives eleven miles southwest of Nebraska City, met with a fatal accident at an early hour Monday morning. He was standing near a corn sheller when the rod broke and a piece struck him on the head, crushing his skull. Death was almost instantaneous.

"PATIENT thinking, as well as patient toil is necessary to accomplish great things. The millionaires in most of our great corporations were poor fellows when they began, most of them, as mechanics, clerks, book-keepers, etc. Their great success is owing solely to the liberal use of their brains."

A DELEGATION of Cuban sympathizers called on Senator Allen last week and presented their case so strongly that the senator gave notice that immediately after the holiday recess he would call up his resolution recognizing the belligerant rights of Cubans and would endeavor to secure its passage.

THE first order for foreign steel rails given under the Wilson bill, was made in New York a few days ago and it calls for 10,000 tons. This is just 10,000 tons too much. Our mountains are full of the ore, in which condition the iron is worth little. It is the labor bestowed on it that makes it valuable. While our laboring men are suffering for food not a pound of iron should be bought abroad.—[Fremont Tribune.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat, speaking of speculation in gold mines, lays down some axiomatic principles that are of force here as well as elsewhere: "At the best, it is something of a lottery, in which blanks are the rule and prizes the exception. There is nothing better than a gold mine that pays, and nothing worse than one that doesn't. The wise man will not part with his money for a mere hole in the ground, but take all possible precautions against the danger of allowing his imaginatian to put his judgement to sleep in a matter that presents so many more opportunities of mistake and disappointment than of success."

The War Flurry.

The president's message on the Venezuelan situation struck the country's metropolis like a cloud-burst, almost out of a clear sky.

The president's attitude was so surprising that few, it is said, were well able to take it seriously, and therefore it was suspected to be "a bid for the vote of the million for Grover Cleveland as a candidate for a third term."

Wall street regarded the compliance of the republicans with the request of the president for a commission of inquiry, with liberal appropriation for its expenses, followed by a bill authorizing $100,000,000 for the purchase of arms and for other military purposes, as a counter bid by republicans, for political effect.

Politicians and business men are apt to look at complications of this character in a very different light, and the latter think they can see that unmeasured injury has been done by the president's attitude.

It is thought that if congress should pass a resolution requiring the president to invite England to appoint a commission to co-operate with ours in the settlement that it would be about the best that could be done.

Friday morning the situation looked more critical. "Large London orders to sell stocks came on the market, holders lost confidence, margins became exhausted, and panic ensued." The uncertainty of the future gives business in the metropolis an unusual outlook. "The president's message has already," says Clews, "cost the investing public some hundreds of millions of dollars."

While the president very fairly represents the feeling of nearly all citizens of the United States as to the Monroe doctrine, it is also true that very many do not, to say the least, have a high regard for the president as a disinterested patriot.

However opinions may differ as to motives, the president's sentiments on the question at issue as expressed in the message will be sustained by the country with remarkable unanimity.

We do not believe that war will result. There are very many considerations to weigh before that dire calamity should be resorted to. Every other means should be honestly and fairly exhausted.

In any event, the Monroe doctrine is the settled policy of the United States, and a vital matter with us. If we are not justified in holding it and enforcing it, we are not justified in sustaining our form of government.

Let the right be done and if war is inevitable, there are even worse things than war.

SENATOR THURSTON has already been heard from in the senate of the United States by offering a petition of citizens of Fremont demanding recognition for Cubans. Later he introduced his Pacific railroad bill, also bills for the relief of Charles Sullender, Wells C. McCool, John Little and Hobart Williams, formerly in the grocery business in Omaha; pension for Isabel Morrow, widow of the late Brevet Colonel Henry A. Morrow, U. S. A.; granting to state of Nebraska for irrigation and reclamation for semi-arid lands and for other purposes, the public land in said states; to establish a national school of forestry; for a public building at Grand Island; providing for an additional district judge in the District of Nebraska; extending relief to Indian citizens; to remove charges of desertion from the military record of William McCormick; to provide for the transfer of the Fort Omaha military reservation to state of Nebraska, and an act increasing all pension allowances authorized under existing statutes of the United States to all officers, soldiers and sailors of the late war of the rebellion and to their widows and dependent relatives.

ALMA is among the latest Nebraska towns to experience a genuine case of gold fever. A special to the State Journal of the 16th says: "A tremendous throng of people visited the scene of the new gold strike today and the greatest surprise of all was that this section of the country contained such well defined veins of mineral. J. M. Carnahan, who was superintendent of one of the largest gold mines at Georgetown, Colorado, for eleven years, drove over to the field this morning. In an interview with the Journal correspondent he said: "It is truly marvelous and I was greatly surprised to find such a strong showing of mineral. In fact it is one of the best indications for an immense gold strike I have ever seen anywhere. It looks to me as though the only thing necessary to prove it such is development work." The outcome of the sinking of a shaft, for which a contract was let yesterday, is being watched with much interest.

COLONEL WATTERSON commends the message without commending the president. There has been a good deal of twaddle about the friendly relations between this country and England. We are one kin. We speak the same tongue, but it is only so we can express our mutual dislikes without the emasculating medium of an interpreter. England is America's historic, relentless enemy. They tolerate Americans to gain material for their disdain or perhaps to marry their sons to rich sycophants. * * War is a calamity. It may be a necessity. When you deal with bullies you must meet them on common ground. It is the manifest destiny of the United States to rule this entire continent. If we do not stand by a neighboring republic, badgered by the most unscrupulous power in christendom, then we shall deserve all the humiliation and odium we shall get.

THE following bit of political news comes to Nebraska from the Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee: "Geo. D. Meiklejohn of the Third Nebraska congressional district has announced his candidacy for governor, letters to a large number of his friends throughout the state having been sent out yesterday to that effect. Mr. Meiklejohn has been in receipt of a great many letters urging him to allow his name to be used in connection with the gubernatorial office, but until now has been able to resist the siren. The pressure became too pronounced, however, and he is in the race to the finish. He announces that he will not be a candidate for renomination to congress, in view of his determination to run for governor. Meiklejohn seems to have a big following, in view of all the letters that have been pouring in upon him since the Bee reviewed the candidates mentioned for the place."

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN.

West Wildly Astray and Comes Back a Sick Consumptive.

Democratic contemporaries all over this nation are seizing with favorite grasp every bit of news that seems to indicate that prosperity is returning. Whenever a mill long closed is reopened, editorial praise of the Wilson bill is heard. If a concern raises wages that were formerly reduced, the glories of the Wilson bill are resung. Democratic papers are today on a steady hunt for prosperity, and it must be admitted that they are finding it. The Times will admit that prosperity is returning. Business is slowly awakening.

But for prosperity to return it first had to depart. When did it depart? That is the question which most interests the voter of today. The nation knows that when Benjamin Harrison left office there was no fear of this late collapse of industry. Mills were running on full or over time. No one spoke of reducing wages. No industries feared for their lives. When Grover Cleveland entered upon his second term, he found a full treasury and a happy country. He found himself re-enforced with a Democratic congress that promised the nation untold wealth. The work was undertaken. The pall of free trade fell upon the land. Mills began to close and employers to cut down wages. Had free trade been the outcome of Democratic legislation there would not be even the slight revival which business assumes today. There would have been no end to the panic of 1893 and 1894.

Since the Wilson bill went into effect the manufacturer who feared entire free trade and took precautionary measures accordingly has learned what to fear and has gone back to manufacturing, unless the cut in his tariff was so great that it allowed the entrance of foreign goods into deadly competition with the American goods. There have been many such industries. There has been no return of prosperity for them. They are dead.

There have been industries injured by the Wilson tariff. By the McKinley tariff not a chimney ceased to smoke, not a fire was banked. No plants were transferred to foreign shores in search of cheaper labor when the McKinley bill was passed.

Yes, prosperity is returning. The consumptive at times seems brighter and stronger than usual, but it is no return of health.—Brooklyn Times.

FREE TRADE IN ENGLAND.

Brummagem Joe Says It Is a Failure and Favors Protection.

I am inclined to think that in our staple trades—for instance, in the coal trade, in the iron trade, in the cotton trade, and, above all, in the greatest of all trades, the trade of agriculture—the margin of profit has entirely disappeared. Up to the present time wages have not fallen at all in proportion, but if the present state of things continues it is simply inevitable either that wages will have to be considerably reduced or that works will be closed, land will lie idle and the numbers of the unemployed will be largely increased.

I find that there are a number of people, and I think an increasing number, who under the present conditions of trade are coming to the conclusion that our free trade policy has been a failure, and who would therefore be ready to go back in the direction of protection.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain on British Depression In Trade.

For Local Protection.

Democrats pretend to oppose tariff and bounty, but we notice our leading Democrats are right on hand to induce manufactures to locate here, even if they have to put up a good big bonus. We fail to see a difference in principle.—Peabody (Kan.) Gazette.

IN Philadelphia, Miss Sarah McGonegal tendered to the school board her resignation as teacher after a continued service in the schools for over fifty-one years. During that time she had taught in but one section and in but one school. It is said of her: "To this long service she has given the influence of a refined and cultured womanhood. To her girls she has been an ideal of and an inspiration for the development of those traits that give beauty and worthiness to womanly character. How many lives have been made nobler and homes happier through her teaching and example no one can tell, for the influence of the faithful, conscientious and intelligent teacher on the lives of her pupils is inestimable."

A RECENT cartoon in the Inter Ocean represents a lookingglass named History, hanging on the wall—a motto on the lower part of the frame being "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just." John Bull and Uncle Sam are in the foreground—John with spectacles on the glasses of which are 1776, 1812, and behind him on the floor, Cleveland's Special Message to Congress containing a restatement of the Monroe doctrine. The cartoon is labeled "A Friendly Hint." John Bull says: "I'm considering whether or not I want to whop you." To which Uncle Sam replies: "Well, while you're thinking it over you might be looking into that glass."

THE republicans propose a tariff on wool and woolens and an increase of about 15 per cent in the rates on most of the articles in the dutiable schedules which, it is estimated, will give us an additional revenue of some $50,000,000. That is the direction to take, and in any event avoid interest-bearing indebtedness of any and every kind. Let the people waken to the fact that debtor nations, debtor communities and debtor individuals are, more or less, slaves. Let the nation get out of debt all along the line, and it can be done, but "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" of this sort, as well as of any other.

A CABINET officer is reported as expressing the opinion that he doubted very much if any commission on the Venezuelan imbroglio could determine upon a true divisional line, and he made the prediction that the commission would report that there is not sufficient evidence to be found anywhere to enable any one to say which side legally owns certain portions of the territory in dispute. This would necessitate an arbitration tribunal to agree upon a line to be drawn through the territory in doubt which would be acceptable to both parties to the controversy.

DUN'S Review for Dec. 21, says, referring to the effect of the president's message upon business:

"Popular feeling was profoundly moved, but excepting in stock and cotton markets, business was remarkably dull and scarcely affected. Selling of securities held abroad was a natural first impulse, though the sellers are not unlikely in time to discover that no other securities are safer from international complications than the American. About 60,000 shares were sold on balance, making with bonds an aggregate market value of about $4,000,000.

THE Inter Ocean's cartoon Friday represented Farmer Cleveland standing at the gateway of a fenced field, a sign on the post reading: "American Territory. Foreigners wishing to steal this land will please see the man at the gate." Cleveland is holding a revolver named "Foreign Policy." The picture is entitled: "The Puzzle of It." How has he ever managed to keep that weapon concealed during the past three years or more? That question is an exceedingly suggestive one, just now.

District 44 and Vicinity.

We cannot find, thus far, a single person who is kicking against the kind of winter weather we are having.

While felling timber on the Platte river just east of the B. & M. R. R. bridge, the Drinnin boys felled a large cottonwood that measured four feet in diameter and which contained a colony of Italian bees and a large bucket full of honey. Three days later the Novell Bros. felled a smaller tree which contained a colony of bees and three large raccoons, and yet we read in the southern papers, that Nebraska is destitute of timber and never enjoys the sweets that nature provides in the south.

We have three weddings on the tapis—but—our pencil refuses to be shoved in that direction, so we will change the subject. Fall grain took a little start to grow last week during the warm days. On Monday the 16th, floating ice formed a gorge in the Platte at its confluence with the Loup, and threw a large body of ice and water into what has been a dry channel during the summer and fall. We believe there was no harm done, but it made it very uncomfortable for some wood choppers on the lower end of Haney's island, who might have been seen about dark, cooning it across the channel on piled up cakes of ice.

Resolutions.

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, John Stauffer, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Wildey Lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F., bow in humble submission to the will of our Divine Master who doeth all things well, and while we deeply mourn the death of our brother, we also realize that we have lost a true and earnest supporter of the principles of our order, ever ready to promote the best interests of the same, a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation. We extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and we earnestly hope that the shock caused by his death, and the gloom cast over the circle of his acquaintances may be lightened by the knowledge that he was a true Odd Fellow.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, that a copy be sent to the family, also be published in the city papers and that our charter be draped in mourning thirty days.

W. R. NORSTRIN,
H. J. HUDSON,
JOHN HUBER.

Real Estate Transfers.

Becher, Jæggi & Co., real estate agents, report the following real estate transfers filed in the office of the county clerk for the week ending December 21, 1895:

Henry Gehring to School Dist. No. 22, ¾ acre in sw¼ 5-18-1w, wd	$	18 75
Harry W. Smith to Joseph H. Smith, lot 1, bl 202, Columbus, wd		500 00
Sophia Lemmert et al to John H. Willer, n½ ne¼ 12-18-1e, qcd		600 00
Lewis Jacobsen to Lars Jacobsen, se¼ 24-20-4w, wd		400 00
H. P. H. Oehlrich et al adm'rs to Daniel Weiser, se¼ se¼ 7-19-1e, adm'rs deed		907 33
Pioneer Town Site Co. to Mary Ann Reis, lot 2, bl 2, Creston, wd		75 00
Six transfers, total	$	2,501 08

Grand Prairie.

Wm. Hoefelman is digging a ditch through a portion of his farm.

Soon we'll bid the old year adieu,
With all it's joys and sorrows too.

All the churches in this vicinity will have a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

Miss Kittie Way of Columbus made a very pleasant call on the family of D. L. Bruen last Wednesday.

Alfred Bodmer, living in Oconee, will come back to Grand Prairie in the spring and work the farm himself.

The separator on Grand Prairie has to be repaired quite often lately, which is somewhat annoying to the patrons.

A Card.

We desire to return our heartfelt thanks to our friends who have shown such tender kindness to us, and who have been so thoughtful for us in our sore affliction.

MRS. JOHN STAUFFER AND CHILDREN.

Many Years Ago.

Twenty-four years ago, this week, the following were among things referred to in THE JOURNAL:

Dr. Pinkney advertises a new drug store.

Hunters have killed a great many deer south of the Platte.

There is yet on Lost creek in the vicinity of J. H. Watts, some of the finest of table and valley land, with lakes of living water.

County Clerk Hudson's statement gives the amount of bonds issued—court house, $16,000, Loup bridge, $6,000, general bridge, $25,000.

A. J. Stevens as agent advertises to negotiate bankable, commercial paper at one per cent per month, on a commission of one-half of one per cent.

In speaking of phonography the editor said that it "would, perhaps, before many years, be a common branch of instruction in our public schools."

E. Pierce, dealer in dry goods, advertises with the picture of a boy posting up Pierce's bills. [Eben still reads THE JOURNAL in far-distant Tacoma.]

The navigation of the Loup by boats is talked of and believed in, as being a means of securing for Columbus the prospective trade of the Loup valley.

Doc, Beebe has burned a kiln of lime on his land on the Loup, 75 miles west of Columbus. He has plastered his house with it and finds it an excellent article.

Charles A. Speice as county superintendent of public instruction advertises a two days' institute for the teachers, good speakers and writers having been engaged to deliver addresses and read essays.

A correspondent writes: "As we are near the center of the county, and Platte can have several towns as well as one, we will be satisfied to have the county seat of Platte, while Columbus becomes the capital of the United States."

S. L. Barrett, teacher of the Columbus school, sends a report to THE JOURNAL and we notice the following names of those who stood above 90 in a possible 100 record, in spelling: Albert Bickly, Charles Wake, Gus. B. Speice, Charles Brindley, Frank Wolfel, Annie Bremer, Freddie Speice and Augusta Bickly.

The editor, in calling attention to the situation of affairs in the west as an inducement to immigration, says of it: "The west is the poor man's hope, and the rich man's opportunity. This you must confess when you know that the former can easily afford to borrow of the latter at twelve per cent per annum." [The editor ought to have said on very short-time loans.]

The Third House of the Legislature of Nebraska was organized, the officers being: Governor, Allen C. Turner; Speaker, E. A. Gerrard; Clerk, Gus. G. Becher. Marshall Smith gave notice that he would introduce a bill to extend the jurisdiction of Platte county over the Pawnee reservation; F. H. Gerrard that he would introduce a resolution that under the constitution adopted women are eligible to membership.

O. E. Stearns from the Half-Way house on Stearns' Prairie, writes of his experience in opening a farm, 15 miles from Columbus, no neighbors within six miles. He first broke three acres, dug a well and made him a dug-out. The next work was a stable, a hennery and hog-pen of sod, and a cellar 8x15. Tree planting was next in order, a few large trees 12 to 15 feet high and nearly 1,000 thrifty sprouts of cottonwood. It was a dry season, but the growth was fairly good. "I can show trees an inch through and roots six feet long from cuttings and I think I will never again blister my hands pulling young cottonwoods. I have now 300 cottonwoods, five elms and 75 plum trees from seed plowed under the sod. With a common pair of horses I have broke 35 acres, cross-plowed 25 acres, put up about 40 tons of hay; the only help I had I returned in work. To sum it up: in one summer I have a farm of 35 acres opened, which will yield as much next summer under like circumstances as the same number of acres in any state; and upon this Thanksgiving day when thousands are homeless and starving, I in this short time have made me a comfortable home and comfortable quarters for stock, with plenty for myself and them to eat through the coming winter. As for settlers I have three within sight, 8 or 10 within 6 miles, and 20 to 25 claims taken, which the owners intend to move to early in the spring."

Our Neighbors.

Rising City Independent: Mrs. M. Allen received a pension last week in the sum of $2,995, on account of services rendered by her husband in the late "unpleasantness," and henceforth will get $12 per month. This pension has been pending for nearly 17 years.

Schuyler Herald: One day the first of this week Geo. H. Thomas and M. J. Smith shot two coons on the Folda island, seven miles southwest of the city. The largest of the two animals weighed thirty-four pounds. The hunters are quite proud of their game.

David City Banner: Over in Iowa they are making "maple syrup" out of corn cobs. They boil the cobs in water and add a little sugar. The juice of the fresh corn cob is quite sweet and the flavor is so near that on maple sugar that an expert can hardly tell the difference.

Genoa Populist: Corn is worth fifteen cents a bushel in Genoa, while it brings only fourteen cents on the St. Edward market. As a consequence, corn is being hauled to Genoa from within a mile of St. Edward. Genoa is fast recovering her old reputation of being one of the best live stock and grain markets in central Nebraska.

Osceola Record: Swan Bensen of Stromsburg was arrested last Saturday and brought before Judge Hurst charged with forgery. Fourteen counts were lodged against him, seven for forgery and seven for uttering forged paper. The complaint is made by John F. Lower who claims that Bensen forged and passed seven checks against him. The preliminary trial was set for yesterday afternoon but too close to our press hour for us to give the result. He was unable to give bonds and has been in jail. Judge Mills represents Bensen.

Seward Blade: The trial of Mrs. W. C. Faye, who put up three $1,000 forged school district bonds with S. R. Douglass as collateral security for a loan of $800, commenced on Wednesday morning, and the case was given to the jury Friday, which returned a verdict of not guilty at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Mrs. Faye claimed that she knew nothing about the spurious character of the bonds, that her husband gave them to her, and she so testified on the witness stand....On Thursday evening of last week, Herman Tonyes, a well-to-do German farmer, living on section 18, in D town, was found dead in his hog pen. He was a bachelor, about 68 years of age, and his brother and wife kept house for him. He went out in the afternoon to do some work about his place, and not returning at supper time a search was commenced for him, and he was found dead in his hog lot. The hogs had eaten his hands and face badly. A telephone message was sent from Utica and Coroner Schultz and Sheriff Remy went up early Friday morning, and an inquest was held, a verdict being found that he came to his death from heart disease, with which he had been afflicted for some time.

Schuyler Sun: The old Dworak mill property and farm on Shell creek, owned by J. Grimison, was sold at public auction Saturday. It was bid in by Amil Dworak at $32.75 an acre. This seems very cheap as it includes the mill which it is claimed has $15,000 worth of machinery in it. The other bidder was M. E. Fuller....It will be remembered that a prominent business man of this city, signing himself "tax payer," wrote a communication to the Sun last spring advocating the idea of public officers securing their bonds from companies organized for the purpose of furnishing bonds. The Sun commented favorably on the idea at the time and heard others say that it would be much preferable to the method now in vogue of asking for personal signatures. Whether the letter of "tax payer" and what the Sun said had any effect we are not prepared to say but understand that some of the incoming officials will furnish a bond of this kind. It would be well if all could do this. It saves the bother of soliciting personal bondsmen, places the official under no obligations, and removes the chance of an innocent bondsman losing his property through the rascality or inefficiency of public officials, while it is perfectly safe.

Genoa Leader: Here is a yarn that will please the believers in dreams. A. H. Price of Woodville on last Sunday night dreamed that two of his horses broke through the ice in a slutch and were drowned. It so impressed his mind that he sent his man the next morning out to his stock field where he had some horses running and lo, and behold, there were two of his most valuable horses together with a steer in a slutch adjoining his field. One of the horses and the steer were dead, but by breaking the ice the other horse was rescued....A German farm hand named Gus Wicksky who had been laboring for Wm. Johnson of South Branch and who was discharged the last of the week, attempted to outrage Mr. Johnson's 9-year-old daughter. Wicksky went up stairs after breakfast to pick up his belongings and finding the child there making the beds he committed the assault. Mrs. Johnson hearing the child scream rushed up stairs and caught the brute in the act. Seizing a bed slat she beat him over the head and drove him from the house. As soon as Mr. Johnson, who had gone to town with a load of grain returned, he set the officer on his trail and he was captured by Sheriff Snyder up in Boone county and lodged in jail. The little girl assaulted is partly foolish, having one side nearly paralyzed since her birth. The preliminary hearing was had before Judge Reid on Tuesday and the fiend was bound over to district court.

To Chicago and the East.

Passengers going east for business, will naturally gravitate to Chicago as the great commercial center. Passengers re-visiting friends or relatives in the eastern states always desire to "take in" Chicago en route. All classes of passengers will find that the "Short Line" of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, via Omaha and Council Bluffs, affords excellent facilities to reach their destinations in a manner that will be sure to give the utmost satisfaction.

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Holiday Rates

Via the Burlington Route, Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 between stations not more than 200 miles apart. Return limit Jan. 2, 1896. Take advantage of this low-rate opportunity and spend Christmas with the old folks. They are counting on you. The Christmas turkey and the Christmas pudding are all ready. Eat them where they should be eaten—at home with your own people—among your own friends. Tickets and full information at the B. & M. depot. 2t

Business Notices.

Advertisements under this head five cents a line each insertion.

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COLUMBUS MARKETS.

☞ Our quotations of the markets are obtained Tuesday afternoon, and are correct and reliable at the time.

GRAIN, ETC.	
Wheat	44
Shelled Corn	12
Oats	86@10½
Rye	18@20
Flour in 500 lb. lots	$ 5 00@5 50
PRODUCE.	
Butter	15
Eggs	17
Potatoes	40
LIVE STOCK.	
Fat hogs	$2 75@3 00
Fat cows	$1 50@2 25
Fat sheep	$1 50@2 25
Fat steers	$2 75@3 00
Feeders	$2 25@2 55

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