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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1896.

THE free lectures inaugurated by the New York board of education were attended by 400,000 people this year.

THE loss to the school fund of Lincoln by the supposition as to the decrease in the number of saloons to take out license next spring is estimated at $12,000.

SHERIFF NEWMAN of Lake county, Colorado, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and removal from office, after being convicted of taking bribes from gamblers in Leadville.

IT is stated that certificates of election have been filled out in Governor Holcomb's office for J. S. Kirkpatrick and William Neville, although the constitutional amendment providing two more judges did not receive a majority of all the votes cast at the recent election. Play fair, boys.

IT is given out from Washington, whether by authority of President-elect McKinley or not does not appear, that no ex-office holders will be appointed, the reasons assigned being that new men have come into politics the past four years and many old ones have never received recognition for work done in the past.

THE following paragraph from the Albion News, one of the oldest and also one of the very best republican party journals in the state, tallies with our observation:

"No republican paper in the state so far as we know is attempting to justify State Treasurer Bartley in holding some $600,000 in the general fund while there are outstanding warrants for several times that amount."

IF Mr. Bryan goes on increasing his income at the same gait he has been going since election, observes the Norfolk News, his chances for another populist nomination aren't worth discussing. Think of a man who can get $40,000 for forty weeks' work posing as the representative of the struggling masses. Mr. Bryan will not only be a plutocrat, but he'll enter the first class as a thoroughbred.

FLUSHING, New York, is the home of the oldest singer in America. His name is David L. Horton, and though 91 years old his voice is in splendid condition, and he is considered the best bass singer on Long Island. Mr. Horton led the church choir in Southold for 50 years and is locally famous as an evangelist. He has devoted his life to sacred music and song. He appeared in the opera house at Flushing the other night and entertained a large audience as the central figure in a children's cantata.

THERE is a growing demand for the abolishment of the pass system. It is a just demand. The state provides ample compensation for mileage. Legislatures should be prohibited under heavy penalties from receiving mileage in any form, or other favors, from railroad or transportation companies is one of the most serious questions for the consideration of our state and national representatives. They should be free from every undue influence on the part of corporations, so that they may candidly and justly deal with the problem, in behalf of the people whom they are sent to represent.—[Norfolk News.

IT has long been established that loss by fire rises and falls in sympathy with the commercial and industrial conditions of the country, which leads to the logical conclusion that many fires are of incendiary origin. Recent statistics show that fire losses in November of this year were $5,000,000 less than November of last year and almost $7,000,000 less than the same month of 1894. As compared with the two previous years, there has been a substantial decrease every month since June of this year. The loss for the eleven months of this year is $15,000,000 less than for the same period of 1894.—[Canton (Ohio) Repository.

SPEAKING of going to fight for the Cubans, it seems very doubtful if our government would allow a large body of men to cross this country with the object publicly avowed of engaging in a war against a country with which we are at peace. Those who have gone before have, as a rule, done so quietly, and under some subterfuge or other. A railroad refused to give a rate to the Colorado company the other day because it might lead to trouble with the government. Doubtless there will be hundreds if not thousands of Americans who will find their way to the side of the struggling Cubans, even against the vigilance of the United States authorities.

THE law creating the state board of transportation provides that the three secretaries of the board shall be taken from separate political parties. The popocrats have followed this statute by appointing a democrat, a populist and a free silver republican. The latter is not a party at all within the meaning of the statute or in conformity with the vote at the recent election. Indeed there were virtually two parties, the republicans and the fusionists. The gold democrats cast a vote which gives it a legal title in the state, yet the republicans and gold or national democrats were ignored to make room for a secretary from the various elements of the fusion combination which had but one ticket in the field. The election is therefore clearly a violation of the statute, in effect if not technically.—[Kearney Hub.

SENATOR CHANDLER of New Hampshire has written quite a lengthy article for the Washington Post, in which he vigorously assails the position of the president on the Cuban situation. He reviews the constitutional provisions touching upon the powers of congress and the limitations of the executive, and closes with this paragraph: "There is no escape for the advocates of monarchical government in Washington from the provisions of clause 18, section 8, article 1. It is singular that the only two presidents who have undertaken to defy congress have been Andrew Johnson and Grover Cleveland. The one tried to create and maintain against the will of congress the ten new state governments in this union; the other claims the right against the will of congress to aid in sustaining abroad a bloody tyranny over an oppressed nation. President Johnson betrayed and abandoned the party which elected him, his treachery was condemned by all right-minded men and he went out of office without a party and without a friend. Mr. Cleveland still lingers with us."

IT is suggested that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the year into thirteen months be instituted. If such were made the first twelve months would have twenty-eight days, or four weeks each, and the new month twenty-nine days, to make 365, and thirty in leap years. After a few days there would be no use to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date through the year. If January 1 were, say, Monday, every Monday would be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d; every Tuesday the 2d, 9th, 16th and 23d, and so on through the year. The changes of the moon would be on about the same dates through the year, and many calculations, like interest, dates of maturing notes, Easter and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays, and all legal holidays except New Year would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss, and that would be permanent and the objections trifling.—[Scientific American.

DURING a lecture on the subject of "Novel Electrical Experiments," delivered before the South African Philosophical society by A. P. Trotter, government electrician and inspector, the lecturer rang up the Cape Town telephone exchange and asked if any of the longer postoffice telegraph lines were clear. The Port Elizabeth line was then connected up and the lecturer, observing that with the extremely sensitive instruments used in the government offices it was not necessary to use ordinary electric batteries for the signaling to such a distance as Port Elizabeth, disconnected the battery commonly employed, and, plunging a steel knife and silver fork into an orange, sent telegraphic signals by means of the feeble currents thus generated. He then asked the front row of the audience to join hands, and, putting them in the circuit, sent signals through their bodies to Port Elizabeth and back by means of the orange cell.

MRS. ADA M. JARRETT claims to have seen Schlatter, the healer, and for three months to have sheltered him in her cabin on a ranch near Datil, N. M. She has been telling to Denver people that when he comes again he will teach the gospel as Jesus Christ taught.

WEALTHY RANCHER ASSASSINATED.

Shot as He Sat at His Supper Table by Some One Unknown.

TOPEKA, Dec. 29.—George E. Gilmore, a wealthy rancher in Rawley county, Kansas, was assassinated last Saturday night, being shot as he sat at his supper table by some one unknown, who fired a load of buckshot through the window. A strange woman, who gives her name as Prudence Holbert, is in jail, charged with the crime. Neighbors found Gilmore in a dying condition, and when they asked him if he had any enemies he confessed that he had jilted a girl at his old home in Orange county, New York, and that she had threatened to kill him. He said he had lately received a warning from her that he had only a short time to live. He declined to give her name or any further information about her. Neighbors of the murdered man formed a posss and went out, hoping to run down the assassin. Near the Nebraska line, fleeing northward on foot, they captured a lone woman, who gave her name as Prudence Holbert. When taken before the dead body of Gilmore she was greatly disturbed, but she positively refused to say whence she came or that she knew anything of the murder or of the murdered man.

Sympathise With Strikers.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Faneuil hall was crowded with people last night in response to the call issued by the Street Car Men's union, 80 of whose members have been discharged by the West End company. President Little of the road had been invited to attend, but declined. On the platform were senators, ex-congressmen, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, philanthropists and business men, while in the gallery were many women. A committee was appointed to wait upon the company and protest against any further discharges, to demand the reinstatement of the men and to obtain a conference so that the agreement might be discussed.

Governor Bradley to Resign.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—The Courier-Journal says: Governor Bradley told a friend it was his purpose to resign the office of governor, says the place was killing him, and that he could not afford to stay in it until his health was entirely lost. Governor Bradley has also written Mr. McKinley he would not accept any federal appointment.

To Play Sunday Ball.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The World publishes the following: The Brooklyn Baseball club is to play Sunday ball in this vicinity next week. Ferdinand A. Abell, the practical owner of the club, said today in regard to the matter, that that all arrangements had been completed for Sunday championship games next season.

Refuse to Indorse Choate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Republican club of New York refused to indorse the candidacy of Joseph Choate for United States senator. The Union Republican club of Brooklyn and the Progress Republican club of New York adopted resolutions indorsing Thomas G. Platt for senator.

Dry Goods Failure.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 29.—The retail dry goods firm of M. Frank & Co. failed today. The firm's indebtedness to local creditors amounts to $70,000. There is also a heavy indebtedness to eastern creditors.

SPAIN IS READY TO QUIT

Olney and De Lome Terminate Cuban Negotiations.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.

Premier Canovas States the Terms Which Spain Will Accord to the Insurgents and Practically Asks the United States to Propose the Conditions to Her Rebellious Subjects.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Post says: It has been learned from an authoritative source that Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, have practically terminated the negotiations of the Cuban question, which are to be submitted to congress when its convenes Jan. 5. The terms of the agreement are based on the recent official communication from Premier Canovas, addressed to the secretary of state.

The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices Spain assures this government she sincerely deplores the great commercial loss which we have sustained on account of the Cuban disturbances, She assures us she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which will deal mainly with Cuban products and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses, both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba will be most generously compensated.

Premier Canovas says Spain cannot, of course, as a self respecting and respected nation, stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all she now offers, and that in the face of a rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States to act as mediator and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba.

The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolutely severing the bonds of union with the mother country. Autonomy as enjoyed by the Canadians can never be granted in Cuba.

What Spain is willing to grant the insurgents if they lay down their arms, and what she asks the United States to guarantee, is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control all matters pertaining to the commerce of the Indies and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditures of the islands, as well as its general home government.

Sanguilly Given a Life Sentence.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Julio Sanguilly, who was arrested in 1895, charged with conspiring against the government and who was sentenced by court martial to life imprisonment, appealed and obtained a civil trial, which has been going on for some time past, was formally sentenced today to imprisonment for life and to pay half the expenses of the trial. He was subsequently declared insolvent.

Calls Upon Catholics to Revolt.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—La Patrie of this city has a two-column defiance of the Catholic church, in which it calls upon all liberal Catholics to revolt. It calls the excommunication the beginning of a war to the death, and offers itself and all its financial and intellectual resources to aid in the war. The article was written by the proprietor of the paper, ex-Mayor Honore Beaugrand.

Consul Lee Visits the Palace.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—United States Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee and family and Congressman-elect Robbins and wife paid a visit to the palace today, where Mr. Springer, the vice consul general, introduced them to the Marquis of Ahumada, the acting captain general.

Imprisoned In Morro Castle.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Twenty persons arrested as conspirators have arrived here from Gueirra Melna and have been imprisoned in Morro castle. Two women have also been placed in jail.

Noted French Tenor Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Barbot, the French tenor, who first sang Gounod's Faust, is dead.

Guarantee Bond Illegal.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 29.—Judge Davis handed down an opinion refusing to approve the bond of Supervisor-elect Jones, signed by the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, on the ground that the act of 1893, providing for guarantee companies as sureties, is invalid. He admitted, however, that the company is responsible and the bond sufficient if the statute covering the question were legal.

Decree to Sell Railroad.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—Judge Barr entered a decree for the sale of the Ohio Valley railroad, which is in the hands of a receiver. The road extends from Evansville, Ind., to Hopkinsville, Ky., 130 miles, and it is believed that the Illinois Central will be a bidder. The upset price was fixed at $1,500,000.

Louisville Baseballist Dies.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—J.G. Ruckstull, the largest stockholder in the Louisville Baseball club and prominent in local business circles, died here, aged 59.

South Dakota Teachers.

VERMILLION, S. D., Dec. 29.—The South Dakota State Teachers' association met at Vermillion and will continue in session all the week.

Secretary Francis In St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Secretary of the Interior D. R. Francis is in the city for the purpose of attending to some personal business.

TARIFF BUILDERS ARE AT WORK.

Ways and Means Committee Takes Evidence From Manufacturers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The hearings which the ways and means committee of the house will give to the representatives of the various industries interested in the preparation of the new tariff bill began in the room of the committee at the capitol Monday and will continue daily until Jan. 11. Much interest was manifested and the room was constantly thronged with delegations and the representatives of various trades. Owing to the brief time allowed for hearings and the desire of the committee as expressed by Chairman Dingley, to avoid unnecessary repetitions many of those who appeared simply filed their briefs and made no oral arguments.

Mr. Dingley expressed the opinion that the presentation of condensed briefs would answer the purpose of the committe better than argument and advised the filing of such briefs where possible. He announced that briefs would be received until Jan. 11. Only seven of the 17 members of the committee were present, Messrs. Dingley of Maine, Payne of New York, Evans of Kentucky, Dalzell of Pennsylvania and Johnson of North Dakota, Republicans, and Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee and Wheeler of Alabama, Democrats.

The schedules upon which hearings were accorded yesterday were those relating to chemicals and spirits and wines. Without exception all who appeared asked for an increase of the duties on the particular industry in which they were interested. Almost all who appeared in behalf of changes in the chemical schedule urged change from ad valorem to specific duties.

Those who made oral arguments on the chemical schedule were: Thomas F. Harrison of Philadelphia, H. Krebgs of San Francisco; James Maguire of New York, W. H. H. Childs of New York, J. T. Choelkoff of Buffalo; J. S. Page of New York; H. C. Stewart of Philadelphia, James Hartford of New York, Samuel Meerz of Newark, N. J., W. W. Skiddit of New York, J. A. Bean of New York, N. A. Overberg of New York, O. H. Jones of Philadelphia and Alonzo L. Thompson of Boston.

The following appeared to urge changes in the schedule relating to wines, liquors and other beverages: John B. Thompson of Harrodsburg, Ky., Edward L. Snyder of New York and Frederick Jacobi of San Francisco.

BANQUET GIVEN TO W. J. BRYAN.

Traveling Men's Bimetallic Club Entertain Their Fellow Townsman.

LINCOLN, Dec. 29.—A complimentary banquet was tendered Hon. W.J. Bryan last night at the Lincoln hotel by the Traveling Men's Bimetallic club. Mr. Bryan was heartily applauded when he arose to respond to the toast "Our Guest."

He said he was glad to speak to a company of traveling men, because they were able to defend his position and they could do missionary work in behalf of free coinage during the coming four years, for the simple reason that they, better than any other class, were able to compare the goods delivered since the election with the samples shown during the campaign.

He charged Republicans with having given assurances of a return of prosperity after the election of McKinley, but declared that it had been just the reverse, an increase of failure and general breaking down of industries. He quoted from commercial agency reports in support of his claim.

Among the speakers were Governor Holcomb, Senator Allen, J. H. Atwood of Leavenworth, Kan., and District Judge W. H. Thompson, Congressmen Bland and Towne and Governors Altgeld and Stone sent letters of regret.

VICE PRESIDENT'S NIECE MARRIES.

Most Notable Social Event of the Season In St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Probably the most notable social event of the season in St. Lonis was the wedding last evening of Miss Julia Scott to Mr. Carl Vrooman of Baltimore at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell of No. 4102 Westminster place. Rev. Frank B. Vrooman of Chicago, a brother of the groom, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. and the late Matthew T. Scott of Lexington, Ky., and a niece of Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson. Mr. Vrooman, a Harvard graduate and ex-president of the Intercollegiate Debating society, is one of the six Vrooman brothers, who are well known as orators.

Vice President Stevenson gave the bride away. A reception followed the wedding ceremony, at which quite a number of prominent people were present. The guests from out of the city included Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Louisa Y. Stevenson and Miss Jane Fuller, daughter of Chief Justice Fuller, all of Washington; General and Mrs. John C. Black and daughter of Chicago, Donna Marie Scott-Uda and Signor Ina Uda of Naples, Italy.

BREAK SEVERAL CYCLE RECORDS.

Eleven Cracks Enter the International Bicycle Contest at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Eleven cracks of the bicycle world entered a six-day, eight hours a day, international contest at Convention hall yesterday. Several records were broken during the day. During the first hour Maddox, Walter and Chappell made 22 miles and 5 laps, breaking the record of a first hour of a similar contest—21 miles and 3 laps. The record of the entire day of a six-day eight-hour contest was also broken. It was previously 125 miles and 3 laps. This was made in Boston by Ashinger in 1891 on a high wheel. The day's record was 147 miles and 7 laps. For the first three hours the leaders made 60 miles, an average of 20 miles an hour.

At the conclusion of the regular racing Eddie Bald rode a half mile in 1:06, his previous record being 1:06 1-5. Tom Linton, the Welshman, rode five miles in 12:02, breaking his Madison Square record of 12:40.

An Appeal Taken.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—An appeal has been taken from the decree of the probate court of Suffolk county, which recently authorized Administrators Morse and Wells of the estate of Andrew J. Davis, the multimillionaire of Butte, Mont., to sell 9,000 shaaes of the Butte and Boston mining stock to W. A. Payne of New York for $180,000 and which also authorized these administrators to deposit with the reorganization committee or with the Old Colony Trust company certain first mortgage bonds of the Butte and Boston company, amounting to $170,000.

Blaze at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The large furniture store of Julius Landsburg on New York avenue was destroyed by fire. The loss on the building, stock and adjacent structures damaged will amount to about $200,000. The loss on the stock alone is placed at $100,000, on which there is $60,000 insurance. The Burr mansion, where tradition says Edgar Allen Poe wrote "The Raven," is separated from the furniture establishment only by an alley, but was saved.

Ran the John Bull Engine.

FREMONT, O., Dec. 29.—James R. Francisco died here in his 83d year. He was one of the oldest railroad engineers in the country. He operated the John Bull engine, which was brought from England in 1836 and was placed on the Camden and Amboy railroad to take the place of horses that had formerly hauled the cars. That famous engine was exhibited at the World's fair.

Twenty Thousand Men Idle.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 28.—Notice was posted at all the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company collieries here and in the vicinity, numbering 40, and also at a number of individual collieries, that work would be suspended for the week after Tuesday evening until Monday, Jan. 4. Twenty thousand men and boys will be idle.

Smothered in a Corn Chute.

CARLETON, Neb., Dec. 29.—Harry Sheridan, aged 10 years, son of Pete Sheridan, got into the corn chute in the elevator here and was smothered before he could be removed.

Purchases the Blair Pilot.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 29.—L. A. Williams, formerly proprietor of the Scribner Rustler, purchased the Blair Pilot, formerly owned by Perry Selden.

CORPSE IN PUMP HOUSE

Mary Gilfillan Brutally Murdered at Osceola.

SHOT BY SOME UNKNOWN PARTY.

Evidence Seems to Implicate a Farmer's Son—Authorities Issue a Warrant For Joseph Wolverton On Suspicion That He Is the Slayer—He Disappears—Prime-Drake Case On Trial.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 29.—A mysterious murder was committed at Osceola Saturday night. Sunday evening G. E. Smith went to the railroad pump house to get some tools. Lying upon the floor of the house he found the body of a woman. There was a bullet wound in the temple and the hands were covered with blood. He at once notified the officers and the remains were taken to an undertaking establishment and identified as those of Mrs. Mary Gilfillan, a waitress at Howe's hotel.

Considerable mystery surrounds the murder. Mrs. Gilfillan came from Bradford, Ill., six weeks ago and first entered the service of Doc Wolverton, a farmer residing near Osceola, as a servant. Two weeks ago she came to Osceola and was engaged as a waitress in Howe's hotel. While at Wolverton's she is said to have kept company with Joe Wolverton, and he was the last person seen with the murdered woman. She left the hotel Saturday night and her dead body was found 22 hours afterward.

A warrant has been issued for Wolverton's arrest, but he has disappeared. Mrs. Gilfillan did not get along peaceably with her husband and left him. It is understood divorce proceedings were pending. What motive there was for the murder cannot be imagined. The rumor was circulated about Osceola that Gilfillan had been seen in town, but this is erroneous, as advices from Bradford locate him in that place.

Prime-Drake Case on Trial.

DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—The Prime-Drake National Guards' case was tried in district court and submitted. Governor Drake did not appear to testify, but Adjutant General H. H. Wright was on the stand. A motion to dismiss the case as to Governor Drake was overruled. The rulings of the court have been such as to indicate that the governor and adjutant general will be defeated and the commission of brigadier general ordered issued to General Prime.

Jury Couldn't Agree.

MUSCATINE, Dec. 29.—In the famous case of the state of Iowa vs. Adam Vondrosky, the jury was called in after having deliberated 25 hours at the close of a week's trial, and discharged, having failed to agree. Vondrosky was indicted for having participated in blowing up with dynamite the homes of John Mahin, E. M. Messenger and N. Rosenberger, three leading prohibitionists, May 11, 1893. The case will be retried next month.

William Pierson Dies.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 29.—William Pierson died at an Ottumwa hospital as a result of an operation. He came to Ottumwa in 1872 as treasurer of the Union company, one of the first institutions to work mines in this district. Afterward he was the senior partner of the firm of Kiser & Pierson, flour millers here. He was a prominent citizen.

Silver Men Ready to Confer.

DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—The Democratic state committee and numerous silver men are here for the conference tomorrow, when a new chairman will be elected to succeed E. W. Curry, deceased. There is little doubt that C. A. Walsh of Ottumwa, secretary of the national committee, will be elected state chairman.

Iowa Poultry Show.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 29.—The Iowa state poultry show has opened here. Coops have arrived from all over the state and 2,000 birds are expected. Messrs. Shellberger of West Liberty and Russell of Ottumwa are official scorers and R. T. Calvernon of Ottumwa superintendent.

Blaze at Cherokee.

CHEROKEE, Ia., Dec. 29.—A defective flue caused a fire at G. W. Hammond & Co.'s millinery store. The building was saved after an hour's hard fighting. The stock, valued at $3,000, was a total loss. There was $2,000 insurance on the stock and furniture.

Iowa Educators.

DES MOINES, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Iowa State Teachers' association will be held Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and promises to be the largest gathering the organization has ever held.

Chose Terrible Agents.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 29.—Prompted by jealousy Mrs. Lewis Marsh swallowed four ounces of carbolic acid and a pint and a half of whisky. She died in terrible agony.

Sioux City Failure.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 29.—White & Howe company, shoe dealers, have assigned. Creditors are mostly eastern shoe firms.

Double Murderer Will Hang.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—Albert Hence Downen, who was tried for a murder in Colorado and confessed to another in California, was denied a new trial and sentenced to be hanged during the third week in January.

Urging a Tariff on Lumber.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A delegation of northwestern lumbermen left Chicago for Washington, where they will be joined by delegations from other sections of the country. These men will constitute a committee to urge the placing of a tariff on lumber.

Rich Strike of Gold.

SUNDANCE, Wy., Dec. 29.—Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins of Newcastle have made a strike in their Ragged Top property of rock which assays $330 to the ton in gold.

BICYCLE GRIPS.

The Habit of Holding the Handle Bar at the Center.

Assume, if you please, that the grips are properly placed at the ends of the handle bar, from 12 to 18 inches apart, and that the proper place for the rider's hands is on the grips. The fact remains that the average rider seldom touches his grips in riding, but grips the naked bar on either side of and close to the top of the steering head. Are we to infer from this that the standard of handle bar construction is all wrong and that the grips should be at the top of the bar and not more than eight inches apart, or that the bar should be left long to meet the exigencies of rough riding, while the material of which the grips are made should cover the entire bar up to within an inch or two of the center, or that it would be well to have a pair of supplementary grips at the place indicated by the position assumed by the rider, or what?

Undoubtedly the present standard handle bar is correct. The average rider, for one thing, has his grips dropped so low that he cannot reach them conveniently, so that his easiest position is with his hands on the top of the bar, and again many riders, with level or upturned bars, who are able to reach their grips comfortably, have acquired the habit of grasping the nickel in deference to the popular idea. We think that every rider is obliged at times to use his grips. Full handle bar leverage is necessary whenever steering is rendered difficult by rough surface or otherwise. At such times every rider finds that the standard bar comes in handy. Supplementary grips would detract measurably from the trim appearance of the handle bar, and it may be doubted whether cyclists as a class would tolerate them. A bar entirely covered with cork or other grip material would speedily become soiled and make a sorry looking object in comparison with the bright nickeled bar.—American Cyclist.

From Li Hung Chang's Notebook.

"Europe! Why, it's a savage country. Think of their killing 150,000 people every year so as to found colonies."

"According to my calculation, when I took a cup of tea with Bismarck, he alone had helped to demolish say 2,000,000 of men."

"Paris! Yes, it's a nice city, if only they would not tear us to pieces every few years so as to have an exposition."

"The French seem to be an upright people, but they are all doubled up from riding wheels."

"I am supposed not to have been well disposed toward the Taipings, but my dislike for them was nothing compared with the hate which exists in France between the Radicals and the Moderates."—Paris Illustration.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

—Our Nebraska readers will be glad to learn that the value of the corn crop is to be wonderfully augmented in the near future, scientists having discovered new uses for the different elements in the stalk—smokeless powder at a total cost of 15 cents a pound, while what the government now buys costs several dollars a pound; a beautiful lacquer, perfectly waterproof; celluloid cheaper than from other substances; better, finer and cheaper sugar than from the sugar cane of Louisiana; from the pith comes the most valuable vegetable which can be found for purposes of protecting the sides of battleships from inrushing water after being struck by shells; now the best of such padding is made from the cocoanut fibre, which has to be imported into this country at a large cost. By actual experiment the pith of the cornstalk has been discovered to be almost twice as serviceable as the cocoanut fibre, and in addition its cost is less and product greater. The Lincoln Journal's wide-awake Washington correspondent devotes three-quarters of a column to a lecture given in the capital city by Professor Gibbs of Philadelphia on this subject, and he closes by saying that corn stalks will bring the farmer about $10 an acre in addition to the value of the grain. Hold on to your land, boys, dig out of debt, and raise corn.

—The use of tobacco by very young boys has grown to be quite an evil in this "land of the free and home of the brave." Laws have been passed against the sale of cigarettes to minors, for instance, but still the evil grows, and observant men are becoming anxious for the race of mankind on earth, when so many youngsters are polluting life almost at its very source. The writer of this paragraph presumes to know something of the way in which boys acquire this habit and the effort it takes to quit, but the habit is like all other bad practices—the first thing is to appreciate that it is injurious; the next to determine to get rid of it, and the third to get rid of it, notwithstanding all discouragements, all partial failures, all seeming drawbacks. The practical quitting of a bad habit is very much, on general principles, like learning to walk. It is good to know that faithful effort towards the right has all nature in its favor. The best results come as the effect of individual consciousness of wrong, a clearly-defined campaign of attack and a vigorous, indomitable purpose of self-subjugation. These reflections are suggested by a paragraph saying that the boys in the public schools of Omaha are asked to sign of their own free will a pledge to abstain from the use of tobacco during their school days, with a proviso that they can be released from their pledge at any time on a personal request. The teachers report that the plan has worked well, that very many of the boys have signed the pledge and that keeping it has come to be regarded as a matter of honor. Better scholarships, better morals and more cleanly habits are among the direct results.

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 Dec. 26, 1896.

John H. Wurdeman to Rudolf H. Wurdeman, sw¼ nw¼ and sw¼ 15-19-1e, wd	$ 7800 00
John H. Wurdeman to Henry Bargenbruch, pt w½ se¼ 10-19-1e, wd	1500 00
Charles Dockhorn to C. H. Sheldon, e½ sw¼ and sw¼ sw¼ 19-18-2w, wd	2700 00
D. C. Kavanaugh, sheriff, to C. H. Sheldon, ne¼ 2-17-1w, sheriff's deed	4000 00
Agnes M. Frank to Gottfried Urben, n½ se¼ 13-17-3w, wd	1040 00
Five transfers, total	$17,040 00

Our Neighbors.

Cedar Rapids Outlook: It might be well since our public school has been interfered with by diphtheria, not to have but eight months of school this year. Not of course if it prevents the drawing of state funds but under the circumstances the state money would probably not be cut off. The times demand the greatest possible economy.

Valley Enterprise: It has recently developed that there is quite a good deal of soft corn in this section of the country. We are informed B. Hopper of Waterloo had 7,000 bushels spoil in the car while shipping and Nolte of Elkhorn had 10,000 bushels spoil the same way. It was not an entire loss, however, for when they found it was too rotten to feed to stock they shipped it to St. Louis, where they sold it for 8 cents per bushel to make whisky for men.

Howells Journal: It seems rather queer, but for the last month all the children born in this vicinity are boys. Some of the old people are telling that it is a sign of war, still we doubt it. There may be war yet no one expects it. The old people in support of their sign claim the same thing happened before the civil war. Not being present at the time we cannot vouch for the correctness of such a historical event but if the prophecy is true its a good time we'll have.

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.

A reference to the time tables will indicate the route to be chosen, and, by asking any principal agent west of the Missouri river for a ticket over the Chicago, Council Bluffs & Omaha Short Line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, you will be cheerfully furnished with the proper passport via Omaha and Chicago. Please note that all of the "Short Line" trains arrive in Chicago in ample time to connect with the express trains of all the great through car lines to the principal eastern cities.

For additional particulars, time tables, maps, etc., please call on or address F. A. Nash, General Agent, Omaha, Neb.

Comfort to California.

Every Thursday afternoon, a tourist sleeping car for Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles leaves Omaha and Lincoln via the Burlington Route. It is carpeted; upholstered in rattan; has spring seats and backs and is provided with curtains, bedding, towels, soap, etc. An experienced excursion conductor and a uniformed Pullman porter accompany it through to the Pacific Coast.

While neither as expensively finished nor as fine to look at as a palace sleeper, it is just as good to ride in. Second class tickets are honored and the price of a berth, wide enough and big enough for two, is only $5.

For a folder giving full particulars, call at the nearest B. & M. R. R. ticket office. Or, write to J. Francis, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Burlington Route, Omaha, Nebr. 30septo25apr

NOTICE.

In the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska.
BANK OF MONROE, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT A. VICKERS, Defendant.

ROBERT A. VICKERS, defendant in the above-entitled action, will take notice that on the 27th day of November, 1896, Bank of Monroe, plaintiff herein, filed its petition in the District Court of Platte County, state of Nebraska, against said Robert A. Vickers, the object and prayer of which are to recover the sum of $1,076.37 and interest thereon from the 17th day of July, 1896, at ten per cent per annum, the amount due upon a promissory note made and delivered to the plaintiff by said Robert A. Vickers and one John Nelson, dated November 23, 1895, for the sum of $1,076.37, and due and payable thirty days after date thereof, with interest thereon from the date thereof at ten per cent per annum, and there is now due thereon the sum of $1,076.37 and interest thereon from the 17th day of July, 1896, at ten per cent per annum, for which sum the plaintiff prays judgment.

You are further notified that a writ of attachment has been issued in said cause and your property, to-wit: Lot six in block B, in the town of Monroe, in Platte County, state of Nebraska, has been attached and sought to be taken and sold to satisfy said claim.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 18th day of January, 1897.

BANK OF MONROE, Plaintiff,
By WHITMOYER & GONDRING, Its Attorneys.
9-Dec-4

PROBATE NOTICE.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss.
County of Platte, }

In the county court, in and for said county. In the matter of the estate of Ephraim O. Wells, deceased, late of said county.

At a session of the county court for said county, holden at the county judge's office in Columbus, in said county on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1896, present, J. N. Kilian, county judge. On reading and filing the duly verified petition of Sarah E. Moore, praying that letters of administration be issued on the estate of said decedent.

Thereupon, it is ordered that the 8th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 9 o'clock, a. m., be assigned for the hearing of said petition at the county judge's office in said county.

And it is further ordered, that due legal notice be given of the pendency and hearing of said petition by publication in THE COLUMBUS JOURNAL for three consecutive weeks.

(A true copy of the order.)

J. N. KILIAN,
County Judge.
Dated Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18, 1896. 23dec3t

NOTICE FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the county court of Platte county, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Lawrence Phillips, deceased. Notice of final account.

To the heirs, legatees, creditors and all persons interested in said matter.

Take notice, that Israel Gluck, the administrator, filed a petition on the 4th day of December, 1896, praying that his final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed and that he be discharged from his said trust as administrator, and that if you fail to appear before said court on the 31st day of December, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest said petition: the court will grant the prayer thereof and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees as to him may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.

Dated Columbus, Nebr., Dec. 16, 1896.
J. N. KILIAN,
23dec2 County Judge.

NOTICE PROBATE OF WILL.

Notice probate of will, John B. Harrigan, deceased. In the county court, Platte county, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska to the heirs and next of kin of said John B. Harrigan, deceased:

Take notice, that upon filing of a written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of John B. Harrigan, for probate and allowance, it is ordered that said matter be set for hearing the 31st day of December, A. D. 1896, before said county court, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and contest the same; and due notice of this proceeding is ordered published three weeks successively in THE COLUMBUS JOURNAL, a weekly and legal newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in said county and state.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Columbus, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1896.

J. N. KILIAN,
16dec3t County Judge.

NOTICE.

Weir, Shugart & Co. and Home Insurance Co. of New York, defendants, will take notice that Ira Davenport, plaintiff, has filed a petition in the district court of Platte county, Nebraska, against said defendants, impleaded with Sarah Hogan, Stephen Hogan, Commercial Bank, James H. Galley, Ernst & Schwartz, F. H. Rusche, Greisen Bros., Patrick Powers, Columbus State Bank, First National Bank, Albert Stenger, Timothy C. Hogan, defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a mortgage dated July 1st, 1886, for $1600.00 and and interest and tax payments, on the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, township eighteen, north, range one, west of 6th P. M., in said county, and to have the same decreed to be a first lien, and said lands sold to satisfy the same.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 25th day of January, 1897.

Dated Dec. 11, 1896.
IRA DAVENPORT,
Plaintiff.
By MUNGER & COURTRIGHT,
Attorneys. 16dec4

LEGAL NOTICE.

WILLIAM PILLEN and HENRY JUCHTER,
vs.
PETER KELS.

PETER KELS will take notice that on the 17th day of December, 1896, J. N. Kilian, county judge of Platte county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of $145.00 in an action pending before him wherein William Pillen and Henry Juchter are plaintiffs and Peter Kels defendant; that property of the defendant consisting of one thousand bushels of corn has been attached under said order.

Said cause has been continued to the 3d day of February, 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m.

WILLIAM PILLEN and
HENRY JUCHTER.
Columbus, Nebr., Dec. 24, 1896. 30dec3t

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Allen C. Turner, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Platte county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 2nd day of January, 1897, on the 2nd day of April, 1897, and on the 2nd day of July, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims, from the 2nd day of January, 1897.

Dated Columbus, Nebraska, Dec. 7, A. D. 1896.
J. N. KILIAN,
9dec4 County Judge.

WOOSLEY & STIRES,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Southwest corner Eleventh and North Streets.
14july-y COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the county clerk of Platte county, Nebraska, until 12 o'clock noon, January the 1st, 1897, for the furnishing of the following supplies or so much thereof as may be needed, required, and from time to time ordered, by the proper authority for the coming year 1897, the maximum representing to wit:

BOOKS.

6 eight quire printed records as per sample.
5 " " blank "
1 six " " "
1 four " treasurer's cash book.
1 " " marriage register as per sample.
16 books, two hundred each, treasurer's tax receipts, original, duplicate and triplicate, as per sample in treasurer's office.
1 two quire clerk's warrant book.
2 books, 1,000 each, lithographed blank warrants—3 colors as per sample in clerk's office.
1 three quire clerk's account with treasurer,—book.
2 eight quire general indexes (deeds and mortgages).
6 sheriff's pocket dockets.
2 printed pocket memorandum books for county superintendent, visits to public schools.
18 books, two hundred each, town collector's tax receipts, original and duplicate, numbered and perforated.
10 books, 50 each, town collector's tax receipts, original and duplicate, numbered and perforated.
25 sets of poll books and envelopes to conform to size for proper return of ballots.
60 road overseer receipt books.
60 road overseer records and returns.
12 chattel files numbered.
24 file boxes for tax duplicates.

BLANKS.

10,000 ½ sheet blanks printed on both sides.
10,000 ¼ " " " " "
7,000 letter heads printed and tabbed, 12 lb.
6,000 note " " " " 6 lb.
2,000 Japanese linen note heads, printed and tabbed.
2,000 ¼ sheet bill heads printed and tabbed, 14 lb.
1,000 ½ sheet bill heads printed and tabbed, 14 lb.
9,000 envelopes No. 6¼, white, printed, heavy quality.
6,000 No. 10 manilla envelopes, printed, heavy quality.

STATIONERY.

6 reams legal cap paper, 12 lb.
6 " " " 16 lb.
25 quarts Arnold's writing fluid—black.
2 " " " —crimson.
4 " Carter's mucilage.
2,000 sheets type writing paper as per sample.
8,000 " " " " "
2 doz. type writing ribbons (Remington).
250 court wrappers No. 250 reversible and printed.
100 court wrappers No. 250, not printed.
1,000 manilla wrappers, plain as per sample.
6 gross glucinum pens No. 4.
10 gross alloyed silver pens No. 13, 14, 32.
2 gross Spencerian pens No. 1.
6 gross common cedar pencils, rubber tips.
10 gross Faber pencils No. 2.
3 gross Faber pencils No. 3.
6 doz. common pen holders.
1 gross penholders (The Bank.)
6 boxes, 500 each, rubber bands No. 1150.
10 gross assorted Faber rubber bands.
2 doz. pencils assorted colors.
2 doz. safety ink wells No. 1.
1 doz. Westenholm (I X L) office knife.
2 doz. A. W. Faber combination rubber erasers.
2,000 round head McGill's fasteners, assorted.
50 globe congress tie envelopes 1x9¼x3¾ inches.
1,000 gummed seals (gold.)
6, 18 inch Faber concave rulers.
1, 12 " " " "
8 Nebraska reports.
2, 24 inch heavy rubber rulers.
12 doz. sheets carbon paper.
2 oil cans for type-writer.
1 doz. best type-writers oil.
2 doz. drafting pencils.
30 ballots No. from 1 to 30 both inclusive.
10 gross steel pins.
2 sets solid rubber dates.
3 excelsior inking stamp pads.
6 penholder files.
6 paper weights.
1 set rubber type and holder complete.
1 punch for McGill's paper fasteners.

All records to be full leather bound and made from the best quality of Weston's linen ledger paper, and endorsed with appropriate lines, and numbered as may be designated.

Separate proposals must be presented for books, blanks and stationery, properly endorsed upon the outside of each envelope.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or at their discretion, award the contract for furnishing the supplies advertised for one or more departments, and reject the remainder.

The successful bidder will be required to give good and sufficient bond for the faithful fulfillment of the provisions of his contract.

Dated Columbus, Nebraska, December 1, 1896.
E. POHL,
9dec4 County Clerk.

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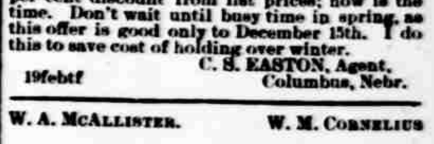

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19febtf C. S. EASTON, Agent, Columbus, Nebr.

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