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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1897.

NEBRASKA legislators are now serving without pay.

THE governor of Colorado has signed the bill abolishing capital punishment.

LATE frosts in California have injured vineyards, and fruits to a considerable extent.

IT is said that Gladstone, the aged English statesman, has become a very enthusiastic bicyclist, and has proved himself a master of the wheel.

IT is estimated that the deadlock in the election of a U. S. senator from Kentucky is costing the state some $1,000 a day, and it is already bankrupt.

MRS. MARY E. FURNAS, wife of ex-Gov. Furnas, died at her home in Brownville, Nebr., on April 1st. For years she has been an invalid, but her death was sudden and unexpected.

THERE are a multitude of applicants for the six deputy U. S. marshalships under Marshal Thummel, and he has concluded to appoint one from each congressional district in the state.

JACKSON, Mississippi, is in a deplorable situation. There are about 19,000 people in the city, of whom 5,000 are in the flooded district. The drainage of twenty-seven states pours into that district.

AMONG the president's recent appointments are: Andrew D. White of New York to be ambassador and minister plenipotentiary to Germany; Wm. F. Draper of Massachusetts, to Italy; Major Benjamin Butterworth of Ohio, commissioner of patents.

MISS LOTTIE MERRILL of Denver, committed suicide on a B. & M. train at a late hour Thursday night, while en route from Denver to Lincoln, where she was going with her lover Frank B. Massey to be married. Morphine was the drug used. She was 21 years old; he was a middle-aged man.

IT is estimated that over 800 are suffering from leprosy in Norway. In Sweden there are 462 victims. There are over 500 in Crete, and 100,000 in India. At Tracadie, New Brunswick, Canada, is the hospital nearest to us, and inside of 16 years there have been there 20 lepers. A special effort is to be made to discover a specific remedy.

THE Christian Herald has cabled $30,000 to famine sufferers in India, and is now completing the cargo of the Whaleback steamship City of Everett, 4,000 tons, which the United States government has placed at the disposal of the relief movement, which will sail for Calcutta early this month, loaded with corn, the contribution of American sympathisers.

THE orators of the house woke up on Wednesday. Mr. McMillin savagely asked if a clean shirt was a luxury: Mr. Grosvenor said something about sitting on Stygian shores reading records by the red light of hell, and Mr. Castle wildly observed that "Rome had her Cataline and America had her Hanna." That's not bad for a morning's session.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE towboat, Raymond Horner, passed Cincinnati Thursday with the largest tow of coal ever floated on the Ohio, perhaps the largest on any river. It contained sixty barges, loaded with 600,000 bushels of coal, or 21,600 tons. This would fill 1,080 railway cars with twenty tons each, and would require forty trains to haul. At the rear of the tow was a small steamer attached crosswise to the current to throw the rear of the tow to the right or left in passing bends in the river.

LET work proceed all along the line. Not only should the running expenses of the government be made out of a tariff on imports, so that foreign owners of goods seeking market here may be made to keep up our revenue, but before long again we should be receiving enough from this source, to begin to decrease our national debt, as we were doing under Harrison's administration. The shipping interests of the United States should never again be allowed to languish, as they have been the last thirty years. Agriculture, mines, manufacture, commerce make a quadrangle that cannot well be excelled, and let every branch of these great lines of industry vie with every other to place the entire country in the forefront among the nations of the world. Just now the mining properties are looking up.

CHANDLER, a town fifty miles southeast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, is a pile of ruins caused by the cyclone of March 31. Of its 1,500 people, twenty-six were killed outright or burned to death, and fully 170 were injured, and of these 14 are expected to die. Twenty-four others are in a dangerous condition. The remainder of the people are homeless. The storm came up from the southwest, almost without a moment's warning, and, sweeping across the town, first demolished the business district, then laid low the residence portion and passing on spent itself on the open prairie. The wrecks of many of the store buildings took fire, and several of those injured and buried in the ruins were burned to death before help could arrive. The sky was clear an hour before the storm struck, which was at 6 o'clock.

IT was only a question of time when the railroad combinations would run against something that would open their eyes. The more years people live in this country the more enduring will they see to be the foundations upon which our liberties rest. The Boston Post remarks that the question before the court was a narrow one, and that the principles declared by the court are broad enough to cover all combinations in restraint of trade. "It is not the substantial interests of the country," says the court, "that any one commodity should be within the sole power and subject to the sole will of the combination of capital. All such combinations have been induced by motives of individual or corporate aggrandizement as against the public interest." They may pretend to give lower prices, and may actually reduce the cost to the consumer, but that does not redeem their character; "the result in any event is unfortunate for the country."

ARTHUR GIBSON is supposed to be a candidate for postmaster at Fremont, along with Ross Hammond.

Thoreau and Emerson.

With all his seclusion and stoicism, Thoreau was less impersonal than Emerson: nay, his very retirement and his paucity of friends made him cling the more firmly to the few he had. Emerson's range was wider; his horizon was more ample; but he did not attach himself so closely to those things and thoughts in which he took an interest. Hence we find more form in the thought of Emerson, more color in that of Thoreau; and, so far as literary style is concerned, the page of Thoreau often excels that of Emerson. Both are epigrammatic; but the epigrams of Thoreau are the more keen and searching if not so elegant. Emerson dealt more with principles; Thoreau with facts. He had the homely wisdom of Socrates, while Emerson rejoiced in the lofty sweep of Plato. In their learning, which was great,—as Americans reckon the scope of learning,—Thoreau was the more exact, Emerson the more comprehensive and suggestive. Both were masters of English; but in Emerson was more mannerism, in Thoreau more rhetorical art in his best pages, more simplicity in his ordinary writing. Both will endure as authors; and will continue to attract and to instruct, by their deep, cheerful wisdom, and their high moral purpose.—Mr. F. B. Sanborn, in the April Forum.

ASK AID FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

Memphis Relief Committee Unable to Meet All Demands For Help.

MEMPHIS, April 6.—The prediction made in these dispatches on Friday that great disaster to the Mississippi delta would follow the breaking of the levee at a point on the east side of the river north of Helena, Ark., has been terribly realized.

The break at Flower Lake, which occurred Monday morning, has rapidly grown from 12 feet in length to 1,000. Effort is being made to tie each end of the levee, but owing to the difficulty in getting material from the railroad four miles away the success of the effort is doubtful. This crevasse is at the head of the delta and will cause an overflow of the northern tier of the counties in Mississippi with the exception of a part of Tunica.

The question that now confronts the planters is the duration of the flood. If the water is out of the delta by May 5 a crop of cotton can be grown, but cotton planted as late as May 10 has little chance of maturing before frost. There is still another danger. These crevasses must all be closed before the June rise, or there will be a second overflow. The delta country produces annually no less than 5,000,000 bales of cotton. The river at Memphis is stationary. Much suffering is reported from the overflow regions. Relief steamers are making daily trips into Arkansas and Mississippi, rescuing hundreds of people and bringing them to Memphis. The local relief committee is doing everything possible for the unfortunate refugees. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to ask other cities for help and an appeal was issued.

FLOODS IN THREE STATES.

South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska Points In Danger.

OMAHA, April 6.—Specials from points in South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska bring word of increased floods in all the rivers. Rain has fallen incessantly for the last 72 hours over an area of more than 100 miles in radius, the fall being four inches in that time. This has greatly increased the volume of water in the already swollen streams. Thousands of acres of farm lands are under four to six feet of running water and many families have been moved from their homes by boats. A Missouri river steamboat has been sent from Yankton to rescue the sufferers along the Jim river. Yankton is cut off from railroad communication, and most of the telegraph and telephone lines are down. Sioux City reports the Missouri has passed the danger line, and is overflowing the lower part of the city. The Boone river is now higher than ever before. The big dam at Alden has been washed out and several thousand dollars' damage done. The Little Sioux is again rising.

FAMINE DUE TO FLOOD.

Southern Delegates Call Upon President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The situation in the flooded Mississippi district is being earnestly inquired into by the president, and today the Arkansas congressional delegation, headed by Senator Jones, called upon Mr. McKinley to urge upon him the advisability of sending a special message to congress urging appropriate legislation for the relief of the flood sufferers.

A delegation of citizens from Memphis, headed by Representative Carmack, also called on the same mission. Mr. McKinley has already telegraphed the governors of the states in which the floods exist for information, and he has practically decided to send a special message to congress tomorrow on the subject, with a recommendation that such legislation for the relief of the sufferers as congress may deem fit be enacted without delay.

Report on Condition of Rivers.

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—The clear weather of the past few days has averted the rise of the Mississippi to the danger line, which, it was predicted last week, would be reached this morning. The flood lacked 1 foot and 4 inches of 30 feet, the danger point, and according to the bulletin issued by the weather bureau this will not be reached for some days yet. The report says: "The river at St. Louis will rise slowly, commencing tomorrow, but without rain will not reach the danger stage for at least four days. The Missouri will rise steadily. The upper Mississippi will change but little, a slight rise being indicated from Davenport to Keokuk, and a slight fall south to Hannibal."

ALLEN AND HOAR CLASH

Spirited Debate Over Resolution Regarding Ruiz Rivera.

BRYAN BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Appears For the State In the Nebraska Maximum Freight Rate Case—John L. Webster Makes the Opening Argument. Nominations of White and Draper Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The senate Monday by unanimous vote adopted a resolution reciting the reports that General Ruiz Rivera, the Cuban commander, is about to be tried by drumhead courtmartial and shot, and expressing the judgment of the senate that if these reports are true the president of the United States should protest to the Spanish government against such a violation of the rules of civilized warfare. This resolution does not go to the house of representatives, and becomes effective as a measure of advice to the president by its adoption. Although opposition was withdrawn on a final vote, there was spirited opposition in the early stages of the debate, and a test vote on the comparative strength of the Cuban and anti-Cuban sentiment in the senate. The test occurred on a motion to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign relations. Hale (Rep., Me.), who has been prominently identified with the opposition to Cuban resolutions, made the motion to refer, and it was supported by Hoar (Mass.), and a prominent figure in the opposition to Cuban resolutions. The debate was very spirited and at times quite personal. Allen (Neb.) and Gallinger (N. H.) clashing with Mr. Hoar. The Hale motion to refer was defeated—yeas, 21; nays, 27; and the resolution was adopted, 44 to nothing. Mr. Hoar and Mr. Hale refrained from voting.

After the disposal of the Cuban question, the day was given to speeches, Elkins (W. Va.) speaking for two hours on the development of the American merchant marine, and Lindsay (Ky.) advocating the passage of the bankruptcy bill known as the Torrey, now before the senate.

Late in the day a joint resolution by Bate (Tenn.) was agreed to, directing the surgeron general of the marine hospital service to aid the Mississippi river flood sufferers by the distributing of tents, blankets, food and medicine under the epidemic fund of 1893 and to purchase further supplies under the present epidemic fund for distribution.

BRYAN BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Appears For the State In the Nebraska Maximum Rate Case.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The crowds about the United States supreme court yesterday were a slight reminder of the late campaign. They were attracted by the presence in the court room of Hon. W. J. Bryan, late Democratic candidate for the presidency, who has been announced to appear as counsel for the state of Nebraska in the argument of what is known as the maximum freight cases. The limited capacity of the court room was taxed long before the incoming of the court at noon, and the corridors outside were soon filled by a throng anxious to secure admission whenever places inside should be vacated. Mr. Bryan was in the court room early, occupying a seat behind Mr. Smythe, attorney general of Nebraska, with whom he was to appear in the case. Mr. Bryan moved the admission to the bar early in the day of H. C. Bell, deputy commissoner of pensions.

The Nebraska case was not reached until 3 o'clock, and John L. Webster of Omaha, counsel for the state, was then recognized to open the argument. He consumed the remainder of the day and had not concluded when the court adjourned.

When Mr. Webster finishes Mr. Bryan will be heard. The railroads are represented by James C. Carter of New York. The decision of the case will determine the constitutionality of the law of 1893, fixing a maximum rate for freight charges on the part of railroads operating in the state. The railroad companies enjoined the state officials from carrying out the provisions of the law on the ground, among others, that the rate fixed was not sufficient for the maintenance of the roads. The state appeals the case, which is considered of greater than state importance because of its bearing upon similar contentions in other states.

Buck to Be Minister to Japan.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations: G. James of Kansas, to be agent for the Indians of the Pottawattomie and Great Nehama agency in Kansas; Alfred E. Buck of Georgia, to be minister of the United States to Japan; James Boyle of Ohio, consul of the United States at Liverpool; E. S. Day of Connecticut, consul at Bradford; Fenton R. McCreery of Michigan, secretary of the legation at City of Mexico.

Joint Traffic Hearing In October.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The supreme court of the United States today granted the motion to advance the case of the Joint Traffic association, but set it for the second Monday of the October term, thus refusing a hearing for the present term.

Ambassadors Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The senate confirmed the following nominations: Andrew D. White of New York, to be ambassador to Germany, and William F. Draper of Massachusetts to be ambassador to Italy.

May Be Governor of New Mexico.

DES MOINES, April 5.—Gilbert B. Pray of Webster City, Ia., is being pushed for the appointment to the governorship of New Mexico by Senator Allison. Pray was chairman of the finance committee of the Republican state committee of Iowa for years, including the last campaign.

BILL TO ABOLISH COMPETITION.

Offered as an Amendment to Foraker's Railroad Pooling Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 6. — Senator Chandler (N. H.) has introduced in the senate a bill in the nature of an amendment to Senator Foraker's railroad pooling bill. It is entitled: "A bill abolishing competition in trade and producing and authorizing combinations to enable merchants, manufacturers and producers of commodities subject to interstate commerce to maintain prices and make profits, notwithstanding business depression."

The bill gives the interstate commerce commission supervision over the business done by merchants, manufacturers and other producers under agreements made in pursuance of the authority given by this bill and by the interstate commerce act.

The body of the Foraker pooling bill is adopted by Senator Chandler, but for the words "used in the railroad business," he substitutes throughout the bill the words "used in manufacturing and trade."

Mr. Chandler said he would not press this bill unless an effort was made to pass the pooling bill allowing railroads to combine. In that case he would urge this as an amendment to the pooling bill. If congress abolished railroad competition, said the senator, it might as well abolish all competition.

Two Injured at a Fire.

DAYTON, O., April 6.—The Phillips house was partially destroyed by fire, which started in the laundry. John Bryant, an actor in the Katie Rooney company, fell or jumped from the third floor through a sky light. He received a fracture of the skull and a few cuts. He is at the Deaconess hospital and there are hopes for his recovery. His wife had her right ankle fractured. There were several thrilling escapes. Robert French, night clerk, was almost asphyxiated. Loss, $15,000; fully insured.

Other Man Did Killing.

PERRY, O. T., April 6.—Richard H. Clark, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., a son of the late Judge Richard Clark, was shot and killed last night by Joe Brown Irby. Clark went to Irby's home with the intention of killing him. Irby is a farmer in charge of W. D. Day's plantation three miles from Perry, where the tragedy occurred.

Courtney Pleads Guilty.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 6. — Arthur Courtney, the notorious Henry county farmer who robbed farmers by wholesale, has pleaded guilty to three indictments for grand larceny. The pleas of guilty were the result of an agreement with the state by which he is to get six years in prison.

Dixon Succeeds Gorlich.

BALTIMORE, April 6.—The racing board of the League of American Wheelmen has been completed by the appointment of Henry S. Dixon of Dixon, Ills., who will assume charge of Fred Gorlich's old district, comprising Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska.

Cannon Delivered to Uncle Sam.

BETHLEHEM, April 6.—The Bethlehem Iron company has made a shipment for the United States government to Sandy Hook, N. J., of 24 cannon loaded on two flatcars. The shipment was made up principally of 8 and 10-inch guns, being finished complete, ready for mounting.

Commissioners For North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., April 6.—Governor Briggs appointed C. A. Lounsberry of Fargo, J. B. Power of Power and C. B. Little of Bismarck commissioners to have charge of making an exhibit for North Dakota at the Transmissippi exposition at Omaha.

Contract to a Lincoln Firm.

ROCK RAPIDS, Ia., April 6.—The contract for building an electric lighting plant at Rock Rapids was let to the Bigelow Electrical Supply company of Lincoln, Neb., for the sum of $13,700, the plant to be completed by July 10, 1897.

Missouri Pacific Official Is Dead.

PACIFIC, Mo., April 6.—Captain Robert Peak, who for over 20 years has been general superintendent of bridges and buildings of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain railroads, died here of congestion of the lungs.

Driven From Their Homes.

MARYVILLE, Mo., April 6.—The river rose six inches yesterday and the lowlands are nearly under water. At Bedford, Ia., many families have been driven from their homes.

Date For Durrant's Doom.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Superior Judge Bahrs issued an order fixing Saturday as the date for resentencing Theodore Durrant to be hanged for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

General Gomez Wounded.

HAVANA, April 6.—The correspondent of La Luche at Sancti Spiritus confirms the report that General Maximo Gomez has been wounded slightly by the explosion of a shell.

Captain Schley Elected.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The lighthouse board, at its meeting unanimously elected Captain Winfield S. Schley, U. S. N., as chairman to succeed Admiral Walker, retired.

Denied by the Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 6.—The Turkish government denies that any direct negotiations have been entered into with Greece on the subject of the Island of Crete.

Pioneer Publisher Dead.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Samuel C. Griggs, one of the pioneer book publishers of west, is dead. He leaves a large fortune.

Voluntary Schools Bill.

LONDON, April 6.—The voluntary schools bill passed its third reading in the house of lords today.

Watching the Levees.

NEW ORLEANS, April 6.—Governor Foster last night issued a proclamation to the people. He calls attention to the fact that the levee system, although not yet entirely perfected, is the bulwark of the state's salvation. Behind them lies one of the most fertile sections of America. Government and state aid has been extended and the future depends upon the people. Trusted leaders are in charge of the work and if the people help them properly, despite the fact that the flood apparently is the greatest ever known, all or most of the levees can be held.

Hearing Forestry Commission.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The government forestry commission had a hearing before Secretary of the Interior Bliss, at which it went over the whole forestry question and explained its reasons for advocating all the reservations of timber land made by President Cleveland's proclamation last February.

Prince of Wales Sells His Yacht.

LONDON, April 6.—The Exchange Telegraph company hears that the Prince of Wales has sold his famous racing yacht, Britannia, to Mr. James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald.

Governor Offers a Reward.

LINCOLN, April 6.—Governor Holcomb has offered a reward of $200 for the murderer of David Jones, killed March 12 in Gage county.

Iowa Municipal Elections.

KEOKUK, April 6.—The Republicans elected a mayor and a majority of the other city officials.

DUBUQUE, April 6.—The independents elect mayor, recorder, treasurer and two aldermen. The Democrats elect city attorney and three aldermen. The council will be controlled by the Democrats.

Canton Goes Democratic.

CANTON, O., April 6.—As usual when McKinley is not on the ticket Canton went Democratic. Mayor Rice, for re-election carried it by between 400 and 500 majority.

Silver Ticket Elected.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 6.—The silver city ticket with the exception of treasurer is elected by 37. The state Republican ticket leads by 300.

Bryan Calls on Hobart.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Mr. Bryan called on Vice President Hobart to pay his respects.

GAINS FOR DEMOCRATS.

General Result In Buckeye Municipal Elections.

REPUBLICANS CAPTURE MICHIGAN

William C. Maybury, Democrat, Elected Mayor of Detroit by a Thousand Majority Over Captain Stewart—Looked Upon as a Decided Defeat For Governor Pingree—Political News.

CINCINNATI, April 6.—Although local issues controlled most of the municipal elections Monday, yet the general result throughout Ohio shows Democratic gains along the lake shore, the river counties and in the interior counties. This gives the Democrats control of most of the machinery for the election next November of state officers and members of the legislature. Governor Bushnell will stand for a second term. Senator Mark A. Hanna is the Republican candidate for senator and John R. McLean the free silver candidate for senator.

All of these three leaders, as well as ex-Senator Brice, are interested parties and contributed directly and indirectly to the organized efforts of the canvass.

The election in Cincinnati was for mayor and other city officers and members of the board of legislation. The Republican ticket was headed by Levi C. Goodale for mayor and the Democratic ticket by Gustav Tafel. The latter was elected by a plurality of 7,330. The city gave McKinley a plurality of almost 20,000 plurality last November and Caldwell, Republican for mayor, three years ago a plurality of 6,755.

The Democratic ticket had three Republicans on it, for city auditor, treasurer and corporation council, but under the recently enacted Dana law it could not be called a fusion or independent ticket. The ticket headed by Gustav Tafel was victorious throughout, the lowest plurality being for one of the Republicans, E. O. Eshelby, for city treasurer, who received only 300 plurality, and against whom a fight was made on account of the construction of new water works and for other local reasons. There was a total vote of 65,000, as compared with 78,000 last November, being an unusually large vote for a local or spring election. The issue here was on George B. Cox, who has been recognized as a boss in the city and county politics for years and a controlling factor in state politics. The ticket headed by Goodale was named by Cox, and the issue was made against it as a Cox ticket. The Democratic gains were made in the Republican wards.

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 6.—The Democrats carried the home of Governor Bushnell, electing John H. Good mayor by about 300 majority. The rest of the Republican ticket was elected.

IRONTON, O., April 6.—Enrich F. Tyler, Republican, was elected mayor by a plurality of 45 over Albert M. Collett, Democrat. The Republican city ticket was elected by greatly decreased majorities. The normal Republican majority is 700.

COLUMBUS, O., April 6.—Samuel L. Black, Democrat, is elected mayor by 427 plurality. This city gave McKinley 8,100 plurality.

Women Hold Balance of Power.

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—The election results in Kansas City, Topeka, Leavenworth, Atchison, Wichita and Fort Scott, comprising the cities of the first class, will be looked forward to with interest. In many districts the women hold the balance of power and many surprises are expected. In Kansas City, Kan., politics is at fever heat, the Democrats and Populist having joined forces against the Republicans. The same conditions exist at many other cities. At Leavenworth two candidates claiming to be Republicans and two claiming to be Democrats are running for mayor. The result will go to show the voting strength of the three fusion factions of the first class cities.

Michigan Goes Republican.

DETROIT, April 6.—Estimates, based on returns thus far received from the state give Long upwards of 20,000 plurality for supreme court justice. The Republican candidates for regents of the university were elected by probably somewhat lesser pluralities, as Judge Long ran ahead of his ticket generally. McKinley's majority in Michigan was about 58,000. Pingree's for governor was 20,000 greater.

Defeat For Pingree.

DETROIT, April 6.—William C. Maybury, Democrat, was elected mayor by about 1,000 majority over Captain Alfred E. Stewart, Republican. Maybury's election is looked upon as a decided defeat for Governor Pingree, who practically named Captain Stewart as his successor as mayor, after the courts had overruled the governor's contention that he could hold the office of governor and mayor.

No. 13 In Rome.

An observing tourist who visits Rome and walks through the streets is doubtless surprised that there are very few houses bearing the ominous number 13, nearly all the houses that should bear those figures being marked 12b or 14a. Nor is the superstition regarding the fateful 13 absent from scientific and phlegmatic Germany, for the other day a merchant in Berlin applied to the magistrate of the district to have the number of his shop changed from No. 13 to No. 13b. The magistrate, however, refused to grant the petition. In Frankfort, on the other hand, the owners of buildings bearing No. 13 are allowed to change the figures upon a simple application to the proper authorities.—New York Tribune.

Good For a Paragraph.

A well known Dublin journalist tells the following anecdote:

One night as a messenger from the office of an evening paper was passing along the quays on the banks of the Liffey he heard the sound of some one struggling in the water.

"Are you drowning?" he shouted.

"I am," replied a feeble voice from the water.

"What a pity!" said the lad consolingly. "You are just too late for the last edition tonight, but cheer up—you'll have a nice little paragraph all to yourself in the morning."—London Tit-Bits.

Du Maurier's Portrait.

George Du Maurier's last portrait of himself pictured a man faintly resembling the author of "Trilby" and provided with the wings of an angel and the tail and hoofs of—something else. Over it he wrote: "Some seem to think he's got wings like an angel; some, that he's got a cloven foot and a forked tail. He is quite an ordinary little man, I assure you."

In heraldry nine different varieties of the crown are recognized as insignia of rank—the oriental, the triumphal or imperial, the diadem, the obsidional crown, the civic, the crown vallery, the mural crown, the naval and the crown celestial.

Additional Local.

Removal Notice.

Dr. Miessler has removed his office from Thirteenth to Eleventh street, in Mrs. Cushing's building, where he can be consulted at the hours from 8 to 10 a. m., 1 to 4, and 7 to 8 p. m. 4t

Immortality of the Soul.

Prof. E. N. Plank of Kansas City, will lecture in the Baptist church at Columbus Nebraska, on Thursday evening, April 8, 1897, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The public generally are invited to attend, especially those who would like to hear the subject considered from the standpoint of reason and philosophy.

This lecture has been given in hundreds of churches from New York to Texas and no lecture before the people has received more or higher commendations. No charges at the door. *

—We've all been there, and there is more truth than poetry in the following words of Bill Nye. It is a wonder that the country has any good roads at all, under the prevailing system, for, hours and hours, days and days, have been spent by the old uncles on the road side discussing politics and religion instead of working at the roads to fix them up. It hasn't been business at all, just a kind of picnic. Well, read what Bill Nye says:

"Our wagon roads throughout the country, are generally a disgrace to civilization, and before we undertake to supply Jaeger underwear and sealskin covered bibles with flexible backs to the Africans it might be well to put a few dollars into the relief of galled and broken down horses that have lost their health on our miserable highways. The country system, as I know it, is about as poor and inefficient as it could be. With a road overseer in each road district, whose duty it is to collect so many days' work or so many dollars from each taxpayer in the district, of course no taxpayer would pay a dollar when he can come and make mud pies on the road all day, and visit and gossip with the neighbors and save his dollar, too. With all due respect to the farmer, I will state right here that he does not know how to make roads. An all-wise Providence never intended that he should know. The professional road builders, with the money used by our self-made road architects, would in a few years make roads in the United States over which two or three times the present-sized load could easily be drawn, and the dumb beasts of the republic would rise up and call us blessed for doing it."

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 April 3, 1897.

Columbus Land, Loan & Building Ass'n to Nebraska Central Bldg. & Loan Ass'n, lot 5 blk 13, Columbus, wd	$ 500 00
D. C. Kavanaugh, sheriff, to Edward A. Brodbolt, nw¼ 22 and se¼ 15-20-4w, sheriff's deed	5260 00
Wm. Webster to Lozena J. Hollingshead, lots 7, 8, blk 2, Osborn's add to Monroe, wd	800 00
Three transfers, total	$6,560 00

Our Neighbors.

Dodge Criterion: Sam Westfall met with quite an accident the other day by which he had the end of the middle finger of his right hand cut off. He was assisting in deborning some cattle when by some means his finger got in the way of the knife and off it went before he knew what had happened.

Arlington News: The Elkhorn river has been on the rampage the last few days and has been viewed by many of our people who walked out on the railroad to a point near the bridge. The sheep ranch was all under water, Mr. Ormsby having got out just in the nick of time by shipping his last sheep during last week. The lakes are all more than full but so far no serious damage has been done. Nobody, however, is longing for rain.

Fremont Herald: John Bolte's general merchandise store at Snyder was entered early Saturday morning, and twenty-four pairs of shoes, several pairs of trousers and a bolt of dress goods were taken, amounting to about $100 in value. Two strangers were seen about town Friday night, one of them was in the store during the evening looking at some shoes. They left without buying, saying they would return later. Further than this there is no clue.

Schuyler Sun: For some time there has been considerable complaint about a man named Diedrich Gherken, who lives in Wilson precinct. He has been whipping his wife, who is insane, and the outrage was kept up till complaint was made and on Wednesday Sheriff Kroeger went out after him. He was taken before Justice Wells and pleaded guilty, being given eight days in the county jail and fined ten dollars and costs, and to stand committed till all was paid. The feeling was so strong against the man by his neighbors that there was some talk indulged in of making a hanging bee for him. The fellow deserves what he got now and if he indulges again he may get worse. In the mean time he is a county boarder.

York Republican: There was a great deal of wild mustard seed in the oats raised last year and it is the intention of most of the farmers to clean them before marketing them. The wild mustard seed must not be left where stock can get it, as it is almost certain death to cattle if they eat any considerable amount of it. Mr. W. A. Miller of Charleston was in the city Monday. He called at this office and left the bad news that Mr. George Kroker, who lives two miles west of Charleston, had lost all his milk cows, and a fine young heifer through allowing them to eat the wild mustard seed that had been separated from the oats. After the misfortune had occurred one of the animals was cut open and the inner coating of the stomach was found eaten away. Maybe your neighbor doesn't take a paper. If so tell him about this article. The fact that cattle die after eating mustard should be known all over the county, and that too before any more losses occur.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$125,080 57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		630 12
Stocks, bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc.		1,374 76
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		9,194 03
Other real estate		9,960 92
Current expenses and taxes paid		3,179 03
Checks and other cash items		1,324 77
Due from National Banks		21,030 13
Cash currency	$4,718 00	
Nickels, pennies	778 03	
Gold coin	3,260 00	
Silver dollars	1,066 00	
Fract. silver coin	943 00	
Total cash on hand		10,205 00
Total,		$201,988 47

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Undivided profits		4,350 00
Individual deposits subject to check	$93,854 43	
Demand certificates of deposit	20,342 12	
Time certificates of deposit	54,061 94	
		114,758 49
Total,		$201,988 47

STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss:
County of Platte }

I, M. Brugger, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. BRUGGER.

(Attest:)
LEANDER GERRARD, } Directors.
WM. BUCHER, }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, 1897.

H. F. J. HOCKENBROCH, Notary Public.

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NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

Bids for the construction of a bridge one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet long across Lost Creek slough on the line between Colfax and Platte counties, will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Platte county, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock (noon) of May 4th, 1897. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

E. POHL, County Clerk,
Platte county, Nebraska.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated on the 17th day of June, 1893, and duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Platte county, Nebraska, on the 19th day of June, 1893, and executed by John W. Nelson to Louis Slimmer & Co. (and by them duly assigned to A. Slimmer of Waverly, Iowa,) to secure the payment of the sum of $68.00 upon which there is now due the sum of $61.40, default having been made in the payment of said sum, therefore the undersigned will sell the property therein described, viz: Fifty head of cows and pigs, about 1,000 bushels oats and 4,000 bushels corn at public auction at the barn yard of John W. Nelson in Woodville township, in Platte county, Nebraska, on the 22d day of April, 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Dated March 29, 1897.

A. SLIMMER, Assignee of Mortgagee.

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