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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1898.

The first American post-office was opened last Thursday in Havana. There was spirited bidding for the first 2-cent stamp, which sold for $2. A detail of American soldiers was assigned to guard the premises.

Metz Brothers of Omaha are contemplating the erection of a new brewery plant to cost a quarter of a million dollars, with a capacity of about 100,000 barrels. The old plant is to be converted into a bottling house.

Friday, Gen. Raphael Cardenas, with 300 Cuban soldiers, took possession of Gunabacoa—now evacuated by the Spaniards—and marched through the town with his band, cheering loudly for America and free Cuba. The American and Cuban flags were hoisted.

In the annual report of the state board of transportation a chapter is devoted to passes, the way they are obtained, etc., closing with a recommendation for the passage of a law, making it an offense punishable by fine to give, to accept or to beg for a free pass.

It is being claimed that there are republicans enough joined in the anti-caucus movement for the naming of a U. S. senator, to prevent a successful caucus. The contest is warming up at Lincoln, the prominent candidates now being Hayward, Field, Thompson and Jansen.

The mayor of Nebraska City has ordered closed and suspended "all schools, church congregations, public library, theaters and all other places of public gatherings, until such time as the proper authorities may deem it wise to resvme." We do not understand that small-pox, which has been epidemic there for some time, is on the increase.

Brother Wells of the Central City Democrat is in favor of supporting Rosewater of the Omaha Bee for Senator on the theory that the democracy cannot elect a man of their very own anyhow, but with a little republican assistance might carry Rosewater through as the least objectionable of republicans. So he "hurrahs for Rosewater—with a few mental reservations."

Harold Sewall, special agent of the treasury, says that the immediate extension of the tariff laws of the United States to include Hawaii is imperative in order to prevent the irregular entry of goods to the United States by way of Hawaii. The committee on ways and means agreed to the immediate extension proposed and it will be one of the customs districts, with three sub-ports of entry.

The judges of the educational exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition have just made their award giving the gold medal and diploma to Dodge county for the best exhibit in the collection. Besides this the great honor, several of our students represented in the exhibit were awarded prizes for their work, Vera Fulkerson getting first prize in penmanship and Roland Most and Ruth Joy second prizes; while the third prize in drawing went to Joe Sonn. These pupils will have diplomas as evidences of their proficiency.—Fremont Herald.

Dr. George L. Miller in the Omaha World-Herald of the 14th gives a very appreciative sketch of Mrs. Catherine A. Hanscom, deceased, as "a typical queen of the American home, uniting rare intelligence, still more rare common sense and remarkable fidelity to every domestic and social duty in a combination of virtues which shone resplendently through all the trials, privations and discouragements which beset the pioneer life. With her quick intelligence, ready wit and kindly hospitalities, she was as a center of light in her own home and in the homes of all the people who knew her in the days of her health, strength and activity."

It would seem, from the Omaha World-Herald's rendering of the last meeting of the executive committee of the republican state central committee that Brad Slaughter was so strongly intrenched that the executive committee actually had to dissolve itself in order to get rid of Brad, who was its chairman. Every member of the executive committee, except Slaughter, was also a member of the central committee, and thus Brad was left without anything to be chairman of. Naturally enough the World-Herald looks upon this as indicating something or other on the senatorial question, just what or who or how does not clearly appear. Doubtless the members of the now defunct executive committee who so deftly have performed harri-kari, will find some method of reincarnation without a Slaughter head. Brad, however, has been of that kind that was looking after the game rather than the name, and what he don't know about such matters is hardly worth talking about in current news from the capitol.

W. E. Annin, the Lincoln Journal's Washington correspondent has this to say of the Nebraska ex-congressman, ex-candidate for the presidency, who has become so famous as to occupy an undue proportion of the public gaze for some time back. The letter is under date of December 15: "Ex-Colonel Willian J. Bryan is in the city holding levee at the Metropolitan hotel and giving vent to views upon political and national questions. Mr. Bryan will spend some time in Washington feeling the public pulse. He evidences great pleasure at having left the service, and today secured the copy of his resignation and the regrets expressed by the officials immediately above him in forwarding it to the war department and in indorsing his services. He has lost considerable weight from the military restraint which has compelled him to refrain from addressing public audiences, but hopes soon to be himself again when he can take the lecture platform and talk politics. Mr. Bryan says he will not resume the practice of law or edit another newspaper."

IN A NUT SHELL.

There is no occasion for haste in deciding what shall be done with the Philippines. The longer we wait the more we shall know about the islands; meanwhile our military government is better than anything the islanders have ever had.—Madison Chronicle.

Allen & Robinson both have a good eye to the main chance, which is always in favor of No. 1. The senator, it is said, will be appointed to the bench to succeed Robinson and the latter has served notice on the ambitious lawyers, who wish to succeed him, that he will not resign until his term as congressman begins March 4th. That is the day Allen's term as senator expires and the combination they are making will prevent any of the emoluments of office escaping from the old law firm and trickling down among the humbler party workers.—Fremont Tribune.

A Poland Edison, named Jan Szczepanick, only 26 years old, has invented and built a wonderful camera by which it is claimed millions will be saved annually in the industry of design and weaving, alone.

Where is he?

Editor Journal:—What has become of the champion of populism, that Argus man? Has he lost the power of defending his cause, or has he gone on a still hunt in some more genial clime? I am of the opinion that his physical structure has gone in search of his spirit which separated from his body about the time the free-silver craze struck him. Of course his body has the power of locomotion. He walks around and does not realize that he is responsible for his environment. He imagines that his environment is responsible for him. He is entirely responsible for the silver talk that flows from his mouth, like the smoke puffed from the stack of a locomotive. He does not seem to realize that he is living in the grandest country that God's sun ever shone upon; under the best administration beneath the blue canopy of heaven; under the most beautiful flag that was ever wafted to and fro in the atmosphere of our Maker. Where all of this discontent comes from is simply this: The other fellow has the reins in his hands, and holds to them with such a firm grip that no pop can dispossess him. If the pop party was in power what a heaven this would be to him to live in! There would be no taxes to pay; no interest to pay; no bonds to pay; no money to pay with, and the enterprise of America would soon dry down as close as the hide to the bones of an Egyptian mummy.

A contented mind is a continual feast, so says an old adage. If such be the case, our pop friends are living on pretty slim rations. Their diet has been silver on the brain, instead of in the pocket. The dollar is the vital principle of all undertakings. Without the dollar, all is a blank. Brother pop, come back to reason. Don't waste so much wind. There is no dollar in it.

I do not think that God ever created a populist. I believe that a chronic desire to hold office created the populist.

Brother Argus man, get out from your environment and educate yourself up to be a first-class American citizen ready and willing to support the constitution of the United States and the wisest administration which the American citizen ever knew.

Yours, a republican,
Geo. E. Barnum.

Concerning the Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chairman Hull of the house committee on military affairs has introduced a bill giving two months' extra pay to volunteer troops recently serving abroad and a month for those serving at home.

A portion of the Nebraska soldiers at Manila, so it is said, are to be sent a short distance into the country to establish an outpost, the remainder to follow in due time. The interior is said to be more healthful than Manila, and besides it will be an agreeable change for the soldiers, who have seemingly had a rather monotonous life of it, so far, at Manila, most of the time.

York Grand Army of the Republic post will conduct memorial services at the Methodist Episcopal church at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glover of that city, who have just received information of the death of their son, Frank S. Glover, at Manila, Philippine islands, a member of Company A, First Nebraska volunteers, who died on December 5 of typhoid fever. Only a few months ago Alan Glover, a twin brother, a member of the same company, died of typhoid fever at Manila.

New York, Dec. 17.—The transportation department of the army has been notified by the war department to get ready two transports to leave here as soon as possible for Manila via the Suez canal. The plan had been decided upon some time ago, but it was not until today that Colonel Kimball was notified what vessels had been agreed upon and what troops were to be sent. The transports Mobile and Mohawk have been selected. They have been ordered here for preparation as soon as possible. For this trip they will carry 1,800 men each.

Under date of October 22 it is announced that a portion of the First Nebraska, who are sick and unfit for service, will be removed to San Francisco. It is hoped they may be sent home on furlough, at least, as that would do them more good than all the hospitals in the country. Those of Company K are: Corporal Amill Killian; privates, Loran Barnum, David Crittenden, George Kohler, James O'Callahan, James Woodford, Charles Flynn. We notice that in a very interesting game of base ball between Nebraska and Colorado soldiers, Nebraska won by 6 to 4, and Wrightmire of Company K was center field.

Private Earl Osterhout, company E, First Nebraska volunteer infantry at Manila died there in the brigade hospital October 28, of typhoid fever, after an illness of 23 days. His company will erect a headstone over his grave at Paco. He was one of the youngest men in his company, being two or three years under age. His home was in David City. He had enjoyed the best of health up to the beginning of his illness, but the "sweat of the earth," heat of the sun, and other subtle influences peculiar to that region, were for him more deadly than bullets. He was a brave lad and died in the line of duty. One man a week has been the record of the regiment.

Manila, Oct. 20, 1898.

Dear Mother, Father and all at Home:—We are still in Manila guarding the city with little prospect of leaving yet, though the entire regiment, both officers and men are anxious to go home and you can scarcely blame us, as there is a great deal of sickness; this regiment has 270 men and several officers on the sick list. The largest sick list of any regiment here. The reason of this is, we are quartered in the most unhealthful and densely populated part of the city and do more duty than any regiment here, except the 23rd regulars and they are in a more healthful part of the city. Out of six corporals in our company, only two are able to do duty, Harry Brookover and myself. Corporals Hiatt, Kilian and DeLong are in the hospital and corporal Thomas is laid up with a sore foot.

Whoever called this a fine climate must have seen it at a distance, as it rains six months steady and when it does not rain it is boiling hot, the thermometer oftent registers 124 degrees. The only redeeming feature is that during the rainy season the nights are cool.

Co. K lost one man a few days since, Theodore Larson of Wahoo, Neb. He was a good soldier and a young man of good habits. The members of our company subscribed money enough to erect a handsome monument over his grave. Several others of the company are in a critical condition.

I see by the papers I received that Bryan and his regiment are clamoring to be mustered out. They must be easily discouraged, as they have not smelled powder, and have scarcely been in the service long enough to learn the manual of arms properly. Bryan and his free silver disciples should come to the Philippines. Most of the free silver men have changed their opinion since coming here, as they can buy more for one United States dollar than they can get for two Philippine dollars (or Tesos, as they are called), and yet there is more silver in a Teso than in our dollar. These islands are undoubtedly valuable territory, but it will cost a deal of money, a great many lives and a number of years to get things into shape, as they have been badly governed so long. Outside the city, the natives are only partly civilized, and on most of the islands are savages of the worst type.

I think the United States should hold a port and coaling station here, but to control the entire group with about 10,000,000 population would be a vast undertaking, but a humane one. The islands produce great quantities of rice, hemp, sugar and cocoanuts, and as crops are planted and harvested all the year round, and one piece of ground produces three crops a year, agriculture ought to be a profitable pursuit. The implements used here are very primitive. Their plow has a wooden mold-board with an iron point, and is drawn by a water-buffalo and does not do much more than scratch up the ground. All their implements are equally rude and ancient.

The water-buffalo is an important factor here, as they are used for all farm work and take the place of a dray horse in the city. Their hides make good leather, and I am wearing a pair of shoes made of it. There are large herds of them running wild in the interior and in their wild state they are very savage and will fight to the death, but if caught when young become very docile and will do a great deal of heavy work and keep in good condition on grass and rice soup.

Cigars are very cheap here, you can get a good one for una centabo (one cent). Everybody smokes, both men and women, but somehow I don't enjoy a cigar here as much as I did in the United States. I suppose the climate is too hot. Tell brother Fred that any ideal of feminine beauty is of too high a standard to be captured by a Philippino damsel who smokes and dyes her teeth red; most of them have one thing that many a lady of fashion would give half her fortune to possess, that is a head of raven black hair, which nearly reaches the ground.

This is a good place to compare the men of different nations, as nearly every civilized nation has one or more battleships or cruisers in this harbor, and when the sailors come ashore, one has a good opportunity for studying them. After close observation I have concluded that the American seaman is the largest and strongest seaman in the world, as I think they are fully 2½ inches taller than those of any other nation and have a strong, hardy appearance. They are neat in person, are usually well-behaved when on shore and spend their money like millionaires; are not quarrelsome, but will not take any back talk from any one. The English come a close second, are a healthy looking lot of men, very neat in dress, very well-behaved and look as though they were made of good fighting material. The Germans are good sized men but too fat to be in good fighting trim. They are not on shore very often as the Americans and English make it rather unpleasant for them. The Japanese seamen are strong-looking little fellows, as neat as pins in appearance and the best-behaved of any. They have a very fine cruiser of modern type and she is kept in first-class shape. The French and Spanish are small and puny, dirty in appearance, and generally get beastly drunk on cheap wine as soon as they come on shore, and either get into a quarrel and get whipped, or lie down and go to sleep on the sidewalk till some guard sees them and throws them into their boat to sober up. The American and English come ashore one day and the other nations another. When we first came into the city all nationalities came on shore together, but the representatives of Uncle Sam and John Bull made it so decidedly uncomfortable for the others that they now have alternate shore days.

The Spanish paper published here this morning says "Spain is sending a large fleet and 15,000 men to re-establish Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines." Well, let them come, for if they do, Manila harbor will be so full of Spanish wrecks that it will take a skillful pilot to navagate it, and the First Nebraska Volunteers will give them a reception more forcible than polite.

I hear some of the soldiers who never left the States are raising a howl about being starved, ill-treated and so on. We have a few of the same class here, and though we have suffered many hardships and much exposure, and have often been on short rations, it was *unavoidable*. Some men seem to think they enlisted to be served with turtle soup and mince pie three times a day, and do nothing. Such men are a detriment, and the army would be much better off without them.

We are now wearing white uniforms and it is quite a task to do our own laundry work, for the man who goes on duty with a spot or speck on his clothes, gets into trouble. Love to all,

Co. K. 1st Neb. Vol. C. J. Cockson.

Manila, Oct. 26, '98.

Dear Mother, Father and all at Home:—I have just found out that the mail leaves for the States at noon today, and will write a few lines though I am on duty and have not much time. Our regiment has orders to be ready to move into the interior as the insurgents are getting too confident and are contemplating an attack on the unprotected side of Manila. There are two or three factions among them already, and they will soon be fighting among themselves.

Health of regiment is still bad; seven cases of typhoid fever and nine of malarial fever in company K. My health is pretty good, considering the hot climate. I do not see any prospect of getting home very soon, though I wish we could start soon. Frank Thomas has a light attack of fever, but I think the doctors have got it under control. If we go into the interior I shall have something more interesting to write about next time. Tell brother Tom this is a great place for hunting, as there are large marshes just outside the city that are full of teal and mallard ducks and jack-snipe. The natives catch lots of them in nets. There is large game out in the foot-hills, ten miles from town, water-buffalo and deer. I have not seen a shot gun on the islands. The natives catch all feathered game in nets. There are great quantities of fish and oysters sold in the market, but it is not much good as the hot climate makes the flesh soft and flavorless.

The noisiest place in the city is the market. It is a large building covering four entire blocks, with stalls all through it. It is divided into sections, each section being a small market of itself. One section is devoted to vegetables, another to meat, another to fish and so on. If the tower of Babel was any noisier than the Manila market I am glad I was not there. Every one seems to be trying to talk louder and faster than everybody else, and Spanish, German, Chinese and several Philippino languages with a little United States mixed in, make harmony that must be heard to be appreciated.

I suppose skating will be good by the time you receive this. Please trade one pair of my skates to some one for an electric fan and send me the fan to use this winter. Love to all at home.

C. J. Cockson.

Additional Local.

The Shooting Tournament.

The Columbus Gun club gave another of their popular shooting matches at their grounds north of the city Sunday last, which drew a large crowd of spectators, among them quite a sprinkling of the fair sex, who seemed to enjoy the different events with as much interest as the cracksmen themselves.

Besides the home shooters, quite a few from abroad took part in the contests, Omaha sending a good delegation, and although the day was just a little too chilly for very fine shooting, yet some good records were made, and if the gunners had been aiming at Spaniards instead of live pigeons and blue rocks, it is safe to say that not one would have escaped with his life.

The shooting commenced at 10 in the morning and except for a short intermission at the dinner hour, continued until dusk, the score of the more important events being:

Event No. 1.—10 blue rocks, 16 yards rise.

Kimball	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1	9
Burke	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1	9
Schroeder	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	9
Heinrich	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0	7
Speice	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1	8
Welch	0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0	7
Garner	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9
Burgess	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1	8
Sandy	1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0	6

Event No. 2.—10 blue rocks—

Welch	0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0	5
Sandy	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0	7
Heinrich	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1	9
Kimball	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1	9
Garner	0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0	6
Burke	0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1	7
Speice	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	7
Schroeder	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1	7
Townsend	1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0	5

Event No. 3.—10 blue rocks—

Speice	1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1	7
Sandy	0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1	7
Kimball	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10
Garner	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1	8
Heinrichs	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1	9
Burke	1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1	8
Welch	0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1	5
Schroeder	0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1	7
Townsend	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9
Burgess	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10

Event No. 4.—10 blue rocks—

Kimball	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1	9
Burke	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1	9
Sandy	0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1	5
Townsend	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1	9
Welch	0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0	6
Speice	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0	8
Schroeder	1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8
Garner	0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0	6
Burgess	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0	8
Heinrich	0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1	5

Event No. 5.—15 live birds, 21 yards rise. Figure 2—used both barrels. A star denotes died out of bounds.

Burgess	1 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 1 2 2	15
Burke	1 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 1 1	15
Heinrich	1 * 1 0 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 1 1 2 2	13
Schroeder	2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1	15
Stone	1 * 2 1 1 1 2 1 0 1 1 0 1 2 1	12
Harding	* 1 1 2 2 1 0 2 2 2 1 1 2 0 1	12
Kimball	2 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	15
Speice	1 1 1 1 1 1 * 0 2 1 2 0 2 2 2	12

Event No. 6.—10 live birds—

Harding	1 1 2 0 1 1 1 2 1 1	9
Roberts	2 1 1 * 2 2 1 1 2 2	9
Burke	2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1	10
Stone	2 1 1 2 * 1 2 2 1 0	8
Schroeder	1 1 2 0 2 1 2 2 1 2	9
Garner	0 0 0 0 2 0 1 1 2 2	5
Kimball	2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 2	10
Heinrich	0 0 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 2	8
Townsend	1 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1	5
Glisman	0 0 1 2 0 0 1 2 1 1	6
Speice	1 0 0 2 0 1 1 1 2 0	6

Event No. 7.—10 live birds—

Roberts	1 1 * 1 1 2 1 2 1 0	8
Burke	2 1 2 1 1 1 2 2 2 2	10
Schroeder	2 1 1 1 0 2 2 1 2 2	9
Harding	1 1 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 1	10
Kimball	2 2 2 2 2 1 2 0 2 1	9
Glisman	1 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1	10
Arnold	1 2 1 0 2 2 1 1 2 2	9

—The local newspaper is one of the best money-savers to its subscribers, and this in a multitude of ways, but none of them more valuable to the public in general than in calling attention to the various species of fraudulent practices in vogue among those who endeavor to make a living by preying upon their fellow-creatures, and, by one device or another, inveigling from the unsuspecting a portion of their honestly-earned possessions. In this kind there is nearly always something new to record every week, and a safe rule to adopt is to purchase your supplies, or transact business of any kind with reputable, home men of acknowledged integrity and worth. The last Schuyler Quill gives the following, which should be passed around, the remedy going with the disease: "A patent right shark was plying his art in this vicinity last week and captured a temporary victim in the person of Chauncey Snyder, a young man living a few miles west of town. The patent right vender struck Snyder Thanksgiving day and after a protracted effort secured from him a note for $125 for the right to sell in a given territory a patent hog trough. But after the fellow had gone Snyder began to think he had been duped and came to town to see if the note could not be recovered. His first thought was to get out of it on the grounds of having given the note on a legal holiday, but finding himself stuck on that, he notified the banks not to cash the note and on the advice of his attorneys, Phelps & Wertz, swore out a complaint against the fellow for obtaining money under false pretenses. The fellow at first insisted that the note had been sent to Beatrice and wrote a card asking for its immediate return. This was done before the complaint was filed for his arrest. But it having been known that he had not been in town since the deal was closed, Snyder's attorneys insisted that he produce the note. He still strongly denied having it. At last they told him that they would have to hold him in custody until the note came and told Sheriff McLeod, who was standing near, to serve the papers. The fellow changed front very suddenly and inquired if his producing the note would settle the matter, and on being assured that it would, produced the note at once. He left the city and is not expected back soon."

Land For Sale.

For sale, or exchange for real estate near any live town in Nebraska, 160 acres, 80 acres under cultivation, house, barn, etc. Six miles east and 2 miles north of Columbus, and 4 miles from Benton station.

A purchaser will be given long time for payment, if desired. For terms, apply to Becher, Jaeggi & Co. tf

DIED.

TAYLOR—December 12, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, aged 64 years. She seemed in her usual good health Sunday preceding; at 2 o'clock Monday morning, she was troubled with shortness of breath. Her husband called son and wife, but before they got up-stairs, life had departed.

The funeral was Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, Rev. Mickel officiating.

A daughter, Mrs. Westbrook of Michigan, also a son, George Taylor, wife and child, of Butler county arrived in time to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Taylor was a faithful, good woman, true to the obligations of a holy living, generous-hearted, willingly giving her time and services to friends and neighbors in times of trouble and affliction. She died as she had wished to do, apparently at least, without conscious pain, and leaves her life-companion and her children to mourn, but not without hope of meeting and greeting in the Summer-Land.

Greater America Exposition.

The long talked of organization is about to be completed, and the name has now been given to the Omaha continuation of the exposition of '98. It is expected to exploit the products of America's late acquisitions, along with the rest.

Articles of incorporation were adopted Friday, and there was much enthusiasm displayed along with the talk of the incorporators.

The following from a former mayor of Omaha, George P. Bemis, will show JOURNAL readers what these incorporators have to say for themselves of an undertaking which is not meeting with much favor:

"I'm for greater Omaha, for greater Nebraska, for greater Fremont, for greater Lincoln and all other towns in the state. I'm for greater America and I'm for the Greater America Exposition to be held in this city in 1899. This is the Midway of the whole continent, and we are all ready for a magnificent exposition of the colonial products and resources. The whole country will say, 'Let it go to Omaha.' It would be a shame to let the present opportunity go by. What we need is patience, perseverance and pluck, and with these qualities we'll carry the exposition of next year to the grandest success ever attained by any institution of this character."

—There is talk of an important change in the Union Pacific time table and passenger service. The officials are said to be working on a plan to obviate the necessity for the Grand Island local from Omaha. The plan is to run the Ord train through to Columbus, making Grand Island only a stopping place on the run. At Columbus the train will connect with the train of the Albion branch, which will run on through to Omaha. This will give the crews on the Ord and Albion branches something more to do, but will save the expense of running the Omaha and Grand Island local. In case the change is made there will be a necessity for the train to leave Ord earlier than is now the schedule time, we suppose.—Ord Quiz.

—Landlord Miller of the Newton House went to Aurora recently and bought a stock of fifty head of William and Nancy goats and has embarked in the business of goat culture. As Mr. Miller raises the fastest horses and finest pigs in the country it is only reasonable to suppose that his stock of goats will have the longest whiskers, the most tuneful blatt and most pugnacious dispositions of any of the goat family. He is feeding them on the large accumulation of tin cans from the hotel upon which luxurious diet they are rapidly waxing sleek and fat, while a force of experts are breaking them to drive. The boys have also caught the goat fever and the festive animal bi is fair to supplant the bicycle as a means of locomotion.—Central City Nonpariel.

—Mrs. John Fertig, residing five miles south of town, died last Monday morning from the effects of a gunshot wound. On Saturday Mr. Fertig got a small target rifle for his boy, aged about nine years. It was a little more than a toy gun shooting 22-calibre cartridges. The boy had the gun in the house lying on the table when a younger child fell against it discharging the same. The bullet struck the mother who was at work in the room, entering her bowels. Medical aid was summoned but nothing could be done for the woman and she lived about 36 hours. This is a distressingly sad case, as there will be left motherless six children, the oldest of which is 13 years. The funeral was held yesterday from the M. E. church. The Ladies of the Maccabees, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body.—Albion News.

Real Estate Transfers.

Becher, Jaeggi & Co., real estate agents, report the following real estate transfers filed in the office of the county clerk for the week ending Dec. 17, 1898.

Robert Griffin to Willis Decker, w½ sw¼, 19-20-1e, wd	$ 2400 00
Pioneer Town Site Co. to John Mallory, lot 10, blk 2, Creston, wd	72 00
John Mallory to Willis Decker, same, wd	500 00
Eva Schroeder to Catherine Kohler, part blk "E" subd, of out lot 8, Columbus, Nebraska, wd	375 00
A. B. Curtis to Paul Gaver, w½ ne¼, 18-19-2w, deed	1500 00
Stull Bors to Paul Gaver, same, deed	1500 00
Israel Gluck to Carrie G. Taylor, lot 4, blk 13, Steven's add. to Columbus, Neb., wd	200 00

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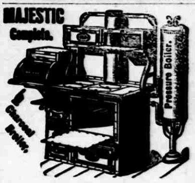

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