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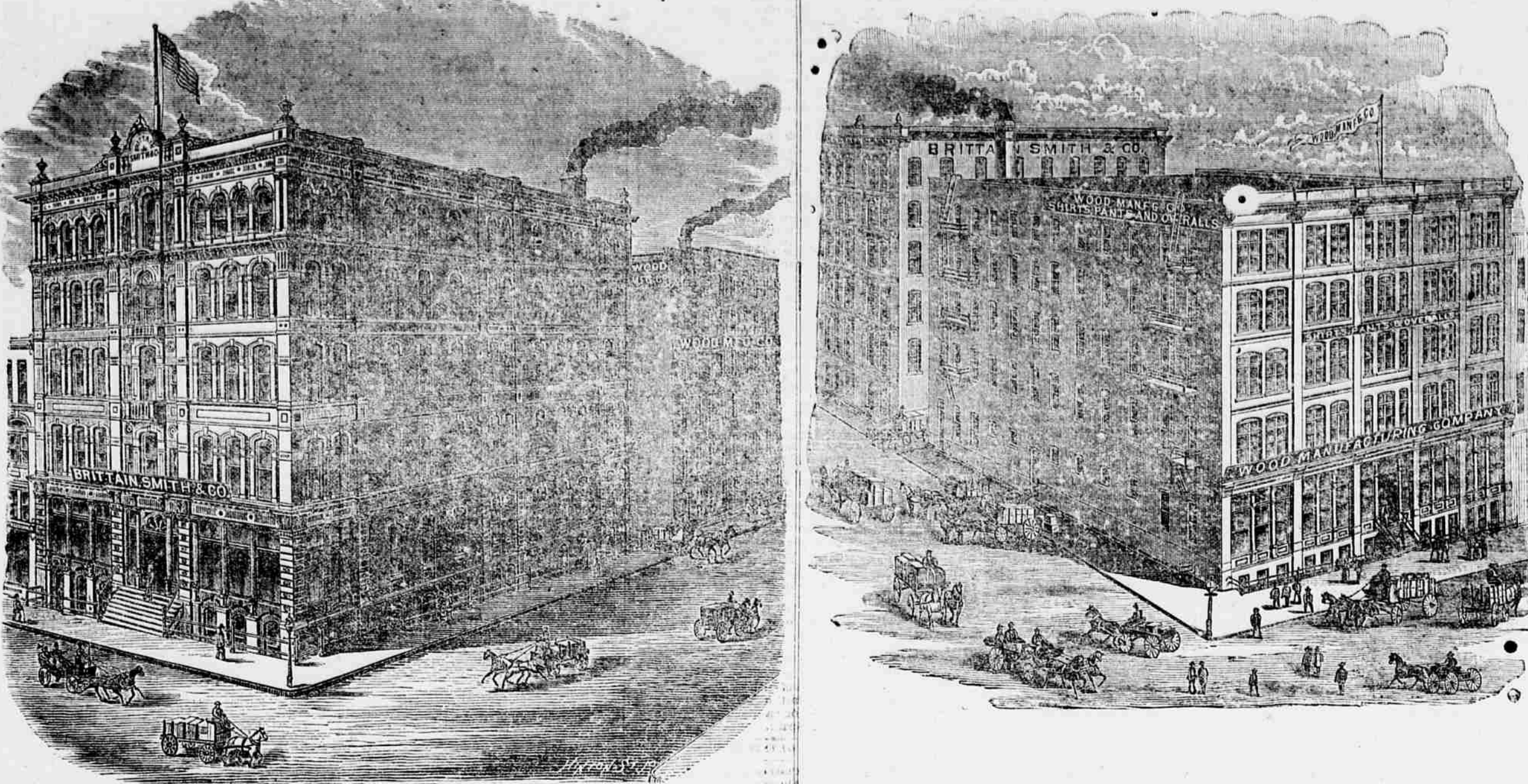
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### FOR HER HUSBAND'S LIFE

Mrs. Dennis Rioridan Awarded \$4,800 Damages Against a Saloonkeeper.

### TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED

Members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kearney Attended the Trial in a Body—Other Notes from Nebraska Towns.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—An emotional case has occupied the time in the district court the past two days, in which Mrs. Rioridan, widow of the late Dennis Rioridan, who was accidentally killed two years ago, brought a damage suit for \$5,000 against Benjamin Swayze, his bondsmen, and Otton Gumprecht of Shelton. These men were engaged in selling liquor and it was claimed that Dennis Rioridan became intoxicated in the saloons at Shelton, which was the cause of his death. The bondsmen of Mr. Swayze were released from obligation on a technicality and the attention of the prosecution was directed against Mr. Gumprecht, the jury brought in a verdict, this morning awarding the plaintiff a judgment of \$4,800 against Mr. Gumprecht. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this city attended the trial in a body.

Suddenly Disappeared.  
GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Aden Rogers, a young man, is missing under peculiar circumstances. His relatives had brought him to the city, and the young man being of unsound mind, they were about to have him examined by the board of insanity. While alone for a few moments he made his escape and has not since been seen. He is said to have attempted suicide some years ago and was of a morose and despondent disposition. It is supposed that he left the city on a freight train.

Will Cultivate Sugar Beets.  
HOLDEN, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Within one week the citizens of this place have met and organized a stock company with sufficient capital to cultivate twenty acres of sugar beets. It is their intention to make a thorough test of the soil in this vicinity, with the view of securing a large factory for this city. Some small plots of ground were planted here last year by individuals, and the beets did well. The people here have faith in the enterprise, and have pushed the matter.

Heavy Damages Awarded.  
BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After a three days' trial Mrs. Rosa McLaughlin was this afternoon awarded a verdict of \$1,000 damages in the district court against John J. Patterson & Co., saloonists of Wynore, for the death of her husband some fifteen months ago, the cause of which, she claims, was through liquor obtained from the defendants.

Several Indictments Returned.  
BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The grand jury this evening reported the following indictments: Charles B. Carpenter, forgery; Fred La Roche, burglary; Sherman Meistad, adultery; Mrs. McKinney, adultery; David Boyer, forgery; Edmer Buchanan, two indictments for forgery. Buchanan was subsequently released on bail.

Bellevue's Revival Meetings.  
BELLEVUE, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—During the past week a very successful series of revival meetings have been held at the First Presbyterian church of this place under the conduct of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Karr.

Adams County Republicans Meet.  
HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Adams county republican central committee met here this afternoon. William H. Stevens of Juniata

was chosen chairman to succeed Charles H. Paul, resigned. The chairman was instructed to call a county convention to select delegates to the state and congressional conventions.

In the Interest of Traveling Men.  
NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The coming of the season in Norfolk is the traveling men's minstrel on the 27th inst., under the auspices of the knights of the grip of the North Platte county and in the interest of Norfolk council No. 1, Commercial Pilgrims of America. The indications point to perfect success, and the size of the audience will only be limited by the dimensions of the opera house.

Burwell Business Failure.  
BURWELL, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The leading topic of discussion in this city today is the failure of W. E. Wells, the leading merchant of this part of Nebraska. Mr. Wells made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of his creditors this afternoon and the sheriff is now in possession of the stock. It is believed that the assets will nearly meet the liabilities, which are about \$6,000.

Two Serious Accidents.  
NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Charles Brocker, an employe at Egner's brickyard, came near being killed today. A large timber fell on the top of a kiln, striking him on the head, fracturing his skull. He will probably recover.

Most Have a Sugar Factory.  
CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a large attendance at the meeting to hear Mr. Oxnard, who failed to put in an appearance. The beet sugar convention adjourned to some future date. The town was crowded with farmers. Oxnard is determined to have a beet sugar factory.

Millie Price-Dow, who is surely the prettiest girl in the city, is the prime favorite of the young, she creates more talk in the cities where she appears than would the arrival of a prince, she presents a new dance this week (her last) at the Eden Musee.

ABOUT VIADUCTS.  
General Manager Holdrege Tells Where His Company Stands.  
Councilman Prince chairman of the council's committee on viaducts and railroads, received the following letter yesterday from General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M.:  
OMAHA, Feb. 19, 1892.—Mr. S. P. Prince: Understanding that you are chairman of a committee of the city council on viaducts, I beg to call your attention to a contract made between the city of Omaha, the Union Pacific and the Burlington Railroad companies at the time the sixteenth street viaduct was built, dated February 1, 1887. You will notice that this contract places certain restrictions upon the proposed plans relative to Fifteenth street and that the sixteenth street viaduct was constructed on plans and specifications agreed to by the city. It is our understanding that the railroad company should accept the terms of the contract, and be held to the city the latter assumed their maintenance the same as though they were ordinary streets.

The Of Night Lecture.  
Mr. T. W. Blackburn spoke at the Young Men's Christian association last night upon the topic "What is to Become of the Indian?" The audience was not large, but the talk was interesting and the hearers were appreciative. Mr. Blackburn does not accept the theory that the Indian race is to become extinct. He thinks it will be absorbed into our civilization, and the red man will in a

generation or so be as proud of his American citizenship as the old chiefs now are of their traditions. Education in the English language and in the industries of civilization will bring about this result.

COMMISSIONER ANDRES AT WORK.  
He Will Investigate Many Questions of Interest to Nebraska.  
Donny Commissioner of Labor Phil Andres has sent the following report to Governor Boyd:

To HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JAMES E. BOYD: The following is an outline of the work contemplated by your deputy commissioner of labor, a part of which is in progress at this time:  
A record of the mortgage indebtedness of the state. Banks are sent out monthly to all county clerks and registers who are required to mail a report to the office on the first day of each month, with a certified statement of all mortgages and releases filed in their offices. This will be embodied in the biennial report.

The question of irrigation is of vital importance and will be thoroughly investigated to ascertain the exact cost of irrigating, whether corporate or private, the number of miles of ditches and canals, the complete and in the course of construction, the source, character and extent of the water supply, the nature of the soil to be irrigated, whether for cultivation or grazing; cost of water supply per acre, etc.

The shipment of grain, live stock and farm produce is to be looked up, and a table showing the various amounts in each county is to be prepared. The exact cost of producing corn to furnish the necessary fuel.  
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Kearney Chosen as the Place for Holding the State Republican Convention.  
Plans for a Big Republican Rally on Convention Day, April 27—No Proxies Will Be Admitted—The State Committee's Work.  
The city was crowded with politicians yesterday.  
The republican state central committee met in the afternoon in the republican league headquarters and the delegates, aspiring candidates and all-round political managers began to arrive early in the day. In fact a score of delegates and other party leaders had come in Friday evening and camped on the spot.  
Lieutenant Governor Majors, in a bran new blue shirt and a smile that was childlike and bland was on the ground Friday evening. Walt Seelye, secretary of the committee, also drifted in Friday evening and began talking.

Western People in Chicago.  
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following western people are in the city:  
At the Grand Pacific—Byron V. Seever, Oskaloosa, Ia.; F. A. Nash, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Omaha; Robert Robinson, Des Moines; E. W. Caldwell, Sioux Falls, S. D.; At the Palmer—J. T. Martin, Des Moines; At the Leland—A. W. Clancy, Des Moines; Major W. Conner, Omaha.  
At the Auditorium—A. B. Peore, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Hon. Walter L. Hayes, Clinton, Ia.

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