

# THE TRIBUNE.

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## NEBRASKA ITEMS.

A special meeting of the State Farmer's Alliance is to be held at Kearney January 16 and 17 next.

**Plum Creek Pioneer:** A horse was stolen last Sunday from the rancho of Capt. C. W. McNamar, on Wood river, this county, by a boy employed by the captain as a sheep herder. The lad, who is about fifteen years old and small for his age, lit out with a fine bay horse about noon, the folks all being away from the house at the time visiting neighbors. The next day pursuit was commenced, and the young candidate for a cell in the penitentiary was overhauled at Elm Creek by Henry McNamar, the captain's oldest son, just as he was preparing to wend his way further east. The lad is a stranger in this part of the world, having been here but a short time.

**Hebron Journal:** Years ago a large amount of pottery was manufactured just south of Rose Creek City close to the Thayer county line. The ware was excellent and found a ready sale. Clay of the same kind is found in large quantities near here. It would pay to establish such a manufactory at this place, as the machinery is inexpensive, and a ready market can be found for the pottery.

The Oakdale Journal says a trapping party of Indians from the Omaha nation have been encamped on the Elkhorn a mile or two below that town and brought in several beaver furs during the week.

**Lincoln Journal special from Hampton:** Yesterday morning some small boys were attracted by some noise in an outbuilding connected with the depot. Going in they found a man fallen in a fit. They gave the alarm and he was conveyed to the hotel. Medical assistance was called, but too late, as he died at 1 p. m. On his person were found \$2.75 in money and two letters addressed to John H. Ford, David City, and one from a young lady to whom he was to be married Christmas. Two prescriptions were found also for fits. The doctors pronounced apoplexy the cause.

**Auburn Post:** Tom Hall made what he considered a safe bet the other day. He bantered his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mark Hall, for a wager on corn-husking. She accepted a bet of a new dress that she could husk fifty bushels of corn in ten hours, and executed the work in a little over five. Is there another lady in the state who can beat it?

The Exchange national bank of Hastings will make its first issue of bank notes about the 5th of January. The issue amounts to \$2,500. It starts out as a national bank the first of the year.

**Alma Tribune:** We notice in some of the county papers that some one in New York is going to bring a car-load of paupers to this county and distribute them out among the farmers and others. We need hope no one will be so foolish as to have anything to do with the scheme.

Receipts from entertainments in the opening of the new opera house at Alma amounted to over \$600.

A sad accident occurred the other day a few miles northwest of Juniata, says the Gazette-Journal. A man by the name of Peter Anderson started for Juniata with a load of wheat, taking with him his daughter, about seven years old. The father and child, getting cold, got off the wagon to walk, and while the daughter was walking alongside the wagon, she slipped and fell between the wheels, and the hind wheel of the wagon containing forty bushels of wheat passed over her stomach. On Thursday she was still alive with fair prospects of her recovery.

**Falls City Journal:** Our community was shocked on Tuesday by the report that old Dr. Newkirk was dead. Monday night, about 11 o'clock, he was sent for to visit the wife of a man living in a shanty in the woods. He was in his two-wheel road cart, and when near his destination the horse became frightened at a log and shied, causing the wheels to strike some saplings, which overturned the cart, throwing the doctor to the ground. He was able to go to the house and prescribe for the sick woman, when he began to vomit. He was put to bed and his son sent for, who soon arrived, and was with him until he died, which was about 1 o'clock. Dr. Newkirk was 64 years of age, but was remarkably active and energetic.

The car department in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha is now busied with the construction of thirty new passenger coaches for use on the main line, from which some of the coaches now in use will be sent on the branches for duty. The new cars will be of the latest and best style, and will be quite an addition to the rolling stock of the road.

**Red Cloud Cloud Chief:** A peculiar natural material phenomena is manifesting itself in the central part of Webster county. The water in the wells rises and falls some six to eight inches as regular as the tide wave of a large body of water. It is also affected by the wind. When the wind blows from the south the water rises, and as it verges to the north the water lowers. This strange subterranean tide is accompanied, the farmers say, with strange noises resembling the creaking of doors, the whistle of a steam engine, and the sound of waves striking against the sides of a boat.

When your wife's health is bad, when your children are sickly, when you feel worn out, use Brown's Iron Bitters.

Rubies and diamonds are now worn by brides.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

## GENERAL.

Vennor reads the ruddy skies to mean unusual, even summer warmth during the latter part of December and much of January, but thinks "March and April will probably give us the cold and snow lacking through the first half of the winter."

In a quarrel at Grafton, W. Va., Carter Smith drove a scissor through George McDaniel's heart, killing him instantly.

Charles Weaver, immured in the Sunbury (Pa.) jail, confessed to connection with a gang of burglars, and gave the names and addresses of all the members.

The lunatic asylum on Ward's Island, New York harbor, caught fire, causing great excitement among the 1,320 patients, but all were removed in safety. The damage is \$5,000.

Edward Moran, sent by the Irish World to London to investigate, reports that the adverse feeling of the English people prevented General Pryor from taking a more prominent part in the defense of O'Donnell.

At the annual dinner of the Brooklyn New England society, President Arthur, General Grant, Henry Ward Beecher, and others made short speeches. Two hundred and fifty persons were present.

The supreme court of Michigan affirmed the judgment from the superior court of Detroit in the case of McLean vs. Scrips. This was the libel suit of Dr. McLean against the Evening News, of Detroit, in which McLean was awarded \$20,000.

Miss Gabriel Greely, daughter of the late Horace Greely, was thrown from a sleigh at the depot at Pleasantville, N. Y., her horse taking fright. She was not seriously injured.

Lorillard & Co., Jersey City, distributed \$16,500 among their factory hands on Christmas.

Judge Van Vorse, of the supreme court of New York, has given a decision in the suit of Harvey Kennedy against Henry H. Porter, president of the Minneapolis & Omaha railway, Roswell P. Flower, David Dows and others, ordering Porter to make the accounting sought for.

Judge Loufbourrow, of Atlantic, Iowa, was transferred by Governor Sherman from the circuit judgeship of the Thirteenth circuit to the district judgeship of the Thirteenth district, made vacant by the resignation of Judge Reed elected to the supreme bench. Major Lyman, of Council Bluffs, is appointed to the vacancy of circuit judge.

An Orangemen procession at Harbor Grace, N. F., was attacked by a mob on the 26th, and three men instantly killed and several mortally wounded.

Mrs. General Sherman and daughter Rachel, had a narrow escape from death on the 26th at St. Louis. They had been attending Xavier church, on Ninth and Lucas avenue, and had adjusted themselves in their buggy to go home, when the horses became frightened and dashed madly up Lucas avenue until reaching Eleventh street, where they collided with a lamp post and awning. The ladies were taken from the wreck uninjured but badly shocked.

Archbishop Perche, who for some weeks has been in failing health, was in such an alarming condition on the 26th that it was deemed imperative to administer the last sacrament. The archbishop suffers more by age than sickness. His death is expected momentarily.

Wm. McCaffery, a prominent ward politician and assistant superintendent of markets at New Orleans, was shot and mortally wounded in a gambling saloon by Dud Renand, one of the proprietors of the establishment.

Three men digging coal near Jirardville, Pa., were buried by falling earth. One was fatally and the others seriously injured.

A petition requesting congress to prevent the importation of foreign laborers under contracts made abroad, has received many signatures of workmen in Pennsylvania.

The president left Washington on the 26th for New York for the purpose of attending to private business and also to attend the reception given there by Seth B. French.

Two hundred and fifty members of the Northwestern Traveling Men's association met in annual session at Chicago on the 27th. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$13,184; receipts for the year, \$38,290; total amount paid out since the association has been in existence, \$400,470. The election of officers was hotly contested.

Statistics just issued by the Dutch government show that an area of at least 92,000 acres has been recovered from the sea during the last three centuries.

A Toronto man died of small-pox twenty-six years ago, and last week his grandchild slept upon the same bed and took the disease. The doctor says the germs of the disease were there all that time.

Officials of the local miners' organization at Pittsburg, Pa., pronounce the intended strike on the first of the year of 20,000 miners in Westmoreland, Clearfield, Bedford and Huntington counties absurd. They say there are not that many miners in the district and the men are not in a condition to strike, having had but little work and not much money.

A farmer named Stephen Fitzwick

was found six miles northwest of Jamestown, Dakota, frozen to death. While going home he became lost and wandered about until exhausted and laid down.

The ceremony of representing the funeral of O'Donnell, who was hanged in London, took place in San Francisco on the 30th. There were great efforts to make it a grand demonstration, but the board of supervisors and prominent Irish organizations declined to take part, and it resulted in a dismal failure.

The Bartholdi pedestal fund art loan exhibition at the Academy of Design was again opened to the public in New York on the 28th. Two thousand visitors were present. No interference was made by the Sunday closing league, although it was reported that an attempt would be made to close the exhibition.

## CRIME.

Bill Younger, one of the Younger brothers, and a companion of Jesse James, has been captured near Warren, Ala., on a requisition from the governor of Missouri. He confessed his identity to a reporter, and stated that he had been associated with Jesse James, but denied that he and his brothers were concerned in the Musell Shoals robbery.

Mrs. Olive Gunther, aged 80, and her daughter and grand-daughter, were murdered at Chatham church, near Moncure, N. C. The weapon used was an axe. All three were struck several blows. No clue to the murderers.

Five prisoners escaped from jail at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 23d.

An exciting and serious shooting affray took place in a St. Louis boarding house on the 23d. D. C. Gibson, a contractor and builder, was the chief actor. Gibson and his wife separated a few months ago. Since then Gibson has been in Texas. A few days ago telegrams were received from Fort Worth stating that Gibson had died and his body was on the way to St. Louis. Mrs. Gibson, suspecting the telegrams were false, communicated with the coroner at Fort Worth, who satisfied her that she was not yet a widow. There had been bad blood between Gibson and John Bullington, the husband of Gibson's step-daughter, and also between Gibson and Arthur and Eugene Mullholland, stepsons of Gibson's. On the night of the 23d, while the family was quietly at supper with their boarders, Gibson appeared in the flesh, entered the dining-room with a drawn pistol, and opened fire on Bullington. The first shot missed him and struck Arthur Mullholland in the neck. The second shot entered Bullington's neck. The third struck Bullington's left arm. Gibson then turned the weapon upon himself with good success, putting a ball through his head. Gibson is dying. Bullington will die, and Mullholland may recover.

William Hatfield, an escaped convict from Michigan, was arrested by Sheriff Stackwell at Malone, N. Y. Hatfield stabbed the sheriff and also Allen Stackwell and wife. Hatfield was finally captured after being shot through the thigh. The sheriff and son are not dangerously hurt.

Chaterbel, a Choctaw Indian, a violator of the inter-council law, was killed while resisting arrest at Double Springs, I. T., by Elias Yarbey, a member of the Choctaw Light-horse.

A Galveston News' McDade special says: Last night at 11:30 Henry Pfeiffer, Wright and Thad McLamore were taken from a saloon here by fifty well armed masked men and carried into the brush and hanged to a tree. Thad McLamore was under arrest at the time, having been taken early in the evening on a charge of burglary, preferred by S. J. Walker, of this town. The other two happened to be present when the lynchers arrived. Pfeiffer was under indictment for horse theft.

The Orangemen's procession, at Harbor Grace, N. F., on the 25th, was attacked by a mob and three men instantly killed and seven mortally wounded. The riot at last accounts was not quelled. Detachments of infantry, cavalry and police were being dispatched by train and steamer to the scene.

Reed and Pearce, murderer of W. H. McMillan, were sentenced at Emporia, Kas., to remain in the penitentiary one year, and at such time thereafter as the governor shall set they shall be hanged within the prison walls.

George W. Lewis, ex-chief of the Louisville fire department, was convicted of defrauding the city of its revenue while he was in the tax department and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

John A. Clark was hanged in the jail yard at Bozeman, Montana, on the 27th, for the murder of Thomas Rogers in June last. He died protesting his innocence. Frank Young, who was to have been hung the same day, has been respited for sixty days by President Arthur, to allow his case to come before the supreme court.

Two negroes, arrested for shooting two whites, were taken from jail at Brookville, Pa., and shot dead.

William Fox was executed at Nevada, Mo., on the 28th, for the murder of Tom Howard, May 20 last. The doomed man made no address from the scaffold. After the black cap was put on he shook hands with the sheriff and deputies. Ten thousand men, women and children witnessed the execution.

A terrible fight between a posse and horse thieves, in which several were killed and wounded, is reported from the mountains northwest of Arkansas.

As Sheriff Thompson and Jailer Williams, at Walla Walla, Oregon, were

visiting the cells on the night of the 30th for the last time, they were attacked by Effices and Owen, two condemned murderers, who knocked them senseless with bricks they had secreted. On the jailer showing signs of recovery, they took a knife from his pocket and hacked him to pieces. They then fled. The whole country is in arms.

The coroner's jury, after five days' investigation, has found that Mrs. Summerfield and her child, whose remains were found in the ruins of their burned house at Beverly, West Virginia, were murdered before the house was fired, and charged John Flannigan, who is now in jail, with the murder.

## WASHINGTON.

There is about the usual diversity of views expressed by congressmen in regard to the composition of the house committees. Representative Willis, of Kentucky, whose relation with Carlisle is known to be intimate, says that in making up the committees the speaker paid most regard to the character and experience of the men to be placed, and there was no intention or desire to punish anybody for the part taken in the speaker's contest. As a proof of the latter assertion, Willis refers to the fact that Randall and a number of his prominent supporters were given important chairmanships, and all the members of the New York delegation occupy committee places of responsibility.

Gen. McKenzie, commander of the department of Texas, has been temporarily relieved from command on account of nervous prostration, which disturbed his mind. The affairs of the department will be directed by General Schofield. The condition of General McKenzie causes grave apprehension by his friends.

Under the provision of the last appropriation bill, when the compensation of any postmaster of the fourth-class reaches \$250 for four consecutive quarters, exclusive of commissions on money order business, he will be assigned to the presidential grade.

The issue of silver dollars last week was \$415,500.

The secretary of the interior, Inspector Benedict, Agent Tufts, and Special Agent Townsend, will proceed at once to Muscogee, Indian Territory, and investigate the Creek troubles arising from the recent election of a chief, and making recommendations looking to their settlement. Their recommendations will form a basis for final action by the interior department. The gentlemen above named are instructed to inform the Creeks that the department will, if necessary, enforce the action recommended.

The funeral of Ex-Governor Lowe, of Iowa, took place at the capital on the 26th, from his late residence. A large number of prominent citizens and distinguished friends of the dead man assembled to pay their last tribute to his memory.

Secretary Folger has recovered his health and resumed his duties.

The wife of Gen. Rosecrans is dead after a lingering illness.

Representative Morrison, chairman of the ways and means committee, in an interview, is reported as saying: "The committee will report a bill to make a pretty general reduction in existing duties, and that in arranging the provisions of the bill the committee will look to the possibility of preparing a measure that can pass congress but whether or not the bill can get through the house without being amended so as to destroy its usefulness, is a matter of mere conjecture." Morrison said he was not in favor of disturbing the tax on whisky and tobacco.

During the first five months of the present fiscal year the total internal revenue collections were \$51,279,438, being \$11,342,911 less than the corresponding period last year. In spirits, the total increase of collections were \$2,074,771; total decrease of collection in the tax on tobacco, \$9,191,607; from banks and bankers, \$1,068,292; miscellaneous taxes, \$3,566,231.

The secretary of the navy has issued an order to suspend work in the Boston navy yard on January 15th and dismiss at least half the force. The breaking up of condemned vessels will continue and the yard be converted into a rope walk. An order for closing the League Island navy yard and converting it into a construction yard for steel vessels, will be issued soon.

Upon evidence showing fraud in making entry, the commissioner general of the land office, during last week, cancelled twenty-one entries of public lands in Colorado, twelve in Dakota and seventeen in New Mexico.

The president has approved the action of the court martial in the case of Chaplain Toussaint Mesprie, of the United States army, convicted of having duplicated pay accounts, and sentenced to dismissal from the service. He also approved the sentence of the court martial in the case of Captain Chambers McKibben, of the United States army, convicted of a similar offense, but who, in view of mitigating circumstances, was only sentenced to be reduced ten numbers in the relative ranks of captains of infantry.

It is understood that the court-martial which tried First Lieutenants W. Clark, of the Twenty-third infantry, and J. T. Cummings, of the Third infantry, on charges of duplicating pay accounts, found them guilty and sentenced them to be dismissed from the service.

## FOREIGN.

### CHINA.

The governor of French Cochinchina, reports that the council of the re-

gency of Hue notified him that Hiep-hema abdicated the throne of Annam, and a new king, aged 15, was crowned December 24th, under the name of Kien-pua. The Annamite minister of finance, who is hostile to the French, then became the head of the council. The crisis lasted several hours, during which the gate of the citadel was closed and Hue placed in a state of siege. When the gates were reopened, the death of Hiep-hema was announced. The country was agitated, and armed bands occupied the suburbs of Hue, threatening the French legation. Champeaux, the French resident minister, has since reported a better situation of affairs. He advises that strong pressure be exercised in the council, and refuses to open relations with Hiep-hema until recognized by France.

### FRANCE.

It is reported that the French government has telegraphed Admiral Coubert, urging him to follow up his victory at Sontay with the utmost promptness and energy compatible with prudence. It is reported that Admiral Coubert will make an attack on Hanghoa before marching against Bacninh.

### RUSSIA.

The health of the czar is improving and his pains and inflammation, caused by the recent accident, are rapidly subsiding.

### SPAIN.

The Count and Countess of Paris will visit King Alfonso in January.

At the Spanish cabinet council the ministers explained the political situation to King Alfonso, and expressed their fears that an agreement between the ministerialists and the supporters of Sagasta is impossible.

### ENGLAND.

Some anxiety is felt at Liverpool in regard to the steamer Celtic, which is overdue. The Celtic sailed from New York December 15th for Liverpool.

### ITALY.

The American bishops at Rome deny that any agreement was arrived at concerning the attitude of the Catholic clergy of the United States towards fenianism in America. The bishops state that neither at the propaganda conference, nor at the Vatican, have they had any agreement or disagreement, or discussion in any manner connected with fenianism. Before the bishops left America for Rome, it was arranged by them that this topic (fenianism) in particular, and political matters generally, were not to be imported into their mission.

### FRANCE.

It is stated that a definite agreement has been concluded between the Suez Canal company and the British ship owners upon terms satisfactory to the company.

A Canton dispatch says: The vice-secretary has been ordered to send troops to the Tonquin frontier. It is rumored that the French have besieged Bacninh, the occupation of which is imminent.

### FRANCE AND CHINA.

It is stated that no offer of mediation between France and China will be accepted by France until Hong Hoa and Bacninh are occupied by the French.

It is reported that the French loss in killed and wounded in the capture of Sontay was 36 officers and nearly 1,000 men. The loss of the Black Flag army at the same battle, 6,000. The bulk of the Black Flag army, after the defeat at Sontay, retreated to Hong Hoa. The French found \$2,000,000 at Sontay. It is reported also that China, acting under advice from European powers, has withdrawn her troops from Bacninh.

The decree prohibiting the importation of salted meats into French ports is published. It admits till July 29, 1884, only fully cured, wholesome, perfectly preserved and completely salted meats, and they must be so pronounced by experts.

## Colored Men in Convention.

The executive committee appointed by the colored national convention at Louisville met at Washington on the 19th. Twelve states and the District of Columbia responded to the roll call. The chairman stated that since the meeting of the convention the civil rights decision of the supreme court had caused considerable agitation among the colored people, and this would no doubt incidentally affect the discussions of the present meeting, but the members should not lose sight of the main principles enumerated at the Louisville convention.

Fred Douglas said the public mind was largely divided on the recent decision of the supreme court. He suggested that if a unanimous decision was possible by the committee in the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan, it would be the proper thing for the committee to take such action. In view of the present political situation, he thought it would be well for them to hold the national convention just prior to those of the two great powers.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the public on the subject of the killing of negroes in Virginia, and the chairman was instructed to call upon the president and ask him on what day it would be convenient for the committee to call and pay their respects.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE—December 24—Mr. Cockrell presented a memorial from the merchants, manufacturers and business men of St. Louis opposing the repeal of the vaporizing law of 1879, which permits vinegar manufacturers to produce low vines for the purpose of making vinegar without the payment of United States tax. After executive session the senate adjourned until January 7.

HOUSE—The speaker laid before the house a message from the president transmitting the report of the secretary of state and papers relating to the trial and execution of the late Patrick O'Donnell. Laid on the table for future action. The speaker announced the standing and select committees and the house adjourned until January 7.