

NEBRASKA ITEMS.

Harvard Journal: Corn cribs are to be seen going up in all parts of town and county, and they are no little 6x12 concerns either, but are such as will hold from 5,000 to 15,000 bushels of corn, and nearly every farmer needs a crib of this capacity in order to hold his corn for a fair price, which will certainly come when corn is in a good marketable condition.

Hastings Journal: G. W. Wigton, the boss cattle man of Ayr, was in town yesterday and offered our creamery folks the milk from 500 cows to be delivered daily at the depot at Ayr. This offer will be accepted provided satisfactory rates can be obtained from the railroad company for the delivering of the milk at this point and the return of the empty cans.

Plum Creek Pioneer: J. J. Jensen, living in Butler Grove, northwest of town, informs us that on Thanksgiving day, early in the morning, a wild goose was placed in front of his house. His first thought was that somebody had been kind enough to give him a goose for dinner, but on closer examination it was discovered that several incisions had been made into the meat, which led to some suspicion. He cut off a piece and gave it to the dog, but the animal refused to eat it. The same piece was then given to a hog and in a few minutes the hog howed unmistakable symptoms of being poisoned by some powerful poison. The dog was only saved by giving him a large quantity of sweet milk.

There is work in Juniata for a score of carpenters, but they cannot be had for love or money.

Merchants are carrying large stocks of holiday goods and are expecting a big trade.

The members of the Nebraska delegation in congress are quartered as follows: Senator Manderson, the Portland; Senator Van Wyck, 1333 Eighteenth street; Representative Laird, National hotel; Weaver, 394 Indiana avenue; Valentine, National hotel.

Capt. John Taylor, of Stanton, left for the east Monday. When he returns he will bring back with him two cars of stock—one of Merino sheep and one of Durham cattle.

West Blue, Adams county, claims the champion thresher in the west. He made \$1,446.73 this season in sixty-seven days, an average of about \$21.60 per day. His best days work was 1,452 bushels of oats.

Plattsmouth Journal: The counsel for S. H. Richmond have been busy to-day preparing a number of affidavits from prominent citizens in support of a motion for a change of venue in the case. The affidavits allege that the feeling is so strong in this community against the defendant that his life is in danger, and that there is a probability that he cannot receive a fair trial in any of the courts of the county.

Superior Journal: A bold, bad man by the name of Swanstrom, whose only capital was a government license, some villainous whiskey, a pack of cards and a heap of cheek, recently opened a saloon, etc., in Nelson, without so much as "by your leave" to the good people of that town. He was soon arrested and bound over to trial in the sum of \$500. Not having security he languishes in durance vyle, and considers himself fortunate that he escaped a coat of tar and feathers.

A gas-fitting firm of Nebraska City were about to move their outfit to Omaha, when a writ of attachment put in an appearance and suspended operations. The proceeding bids fair to end in a law suit.

A car load of servant girls is now the great want of Hastings, according to the Gazette-Journal.

F. C. King languishes in the Valley county jail for fifteen days for personating a woman in female attire.

Ord Journal: Mrs. A. J. Wilson started on Tuesday for Sidney, Iowa, where her husband is in jail. The cashier of the Riverton bank has identified Wilson as the man who held the revolver on him when the bank was robbed, so there is but little or no doubt that a conviction will be made.

Beatrice Republican: The great reservation land sale closed yesterday at about four o'clock in the afternoon, the last piece being sold and one-fourth the purchase money paid down. The excitement lasted until the closing hours, and the prices ran from four dollars above to twice the appraised value.

Henry Shultz, living about four miles southwest of Odell, had his leg broken by the kick of a mule. He lay a couple of hours in fearful agony before being discovered. At last accounts he was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Lyons Mirror: Barney Jackson, the thief who entered Hopkins' barber shop, Sioux City, last Wednesday evening, and stole sixteen razors and other goods, was arrested Saturday evening in the livery barn of F. F. Parker, this place, by Deputy Sheriff W. G. Thayer, of Sioux City, assisted by Wm. Clark. Six of the razors were found in his possession. He was taken back to Sioux City Sunday.

Fullerton Journal: The Omaha, Niobrara & Black Hills railroad is at last completed to this place, and Fullerton is connected with the rest of the world by iron bands. Our people have just cause for re-

joicing in that the greatest possibilities are opened for the future of our prosperous city and county; already its beneficent influence is felt in the increased demand for town property and Nance county soil.

An interesting series of religious meetings have been in progress at Fairfield, resulting in nearly fifty accessions to the church.

Lincoln Journal: The members of the Driving Park association propose to make a move looking toward the location of the next state fair in this city. The state fair managers meet in Lincoln some time in January, when they will decide upon the location of the next state fair. The Driving Park association will submit to them a proposition, i. e., to give them the free use of their grounds, fifty-five acres, for five years free of charge.

Seward Blade: Many of our best farmers are experimenting with and testing their corn with a view of securing good seed for next year. This is very important, as there is undoubtedly a large amount of corn that will not grow, in fact many who raised big crops this year will be obliged to buy seed. By a little precaution now much trouble may be avoided in the spring.

Mrs. Martha Wilson, of Hastings, wants a divorce from her habitually drunken husband—and she ought to have it.

Lincoln had a close call for a disastrous fire on the night of the 20th. Timely action of one of the firemen quenched the flames before they had made much headway.

Harvey Bundy, a brakeman, was run over and instantly killed at Nebraska City on the 20th, at the Burlington and Missouri depot. He attempted to board a freight engine, and there being ice on the step, he slipped and fell on the track, the wheels passing over his chest. When picked up the bowels protruded. The deceased was unmarried and lived at Lincoln.

Geneva Review: Last Thursday night Bernhard Krug, who lives in Franklin, was suddenly jerked out of bed by some unknown persons and after a severe struggle was overpowered and thrust into a corner with his face held to the wall, while other parties made a light and searched the house for money; then the light went out and the rascals made good their escape. When Mr. Krug had recovered sufficiently to make an examination of the premises, he found himself badly bruised about the head and body, the possessor of two or three broken ribs, but minus \$38 in cash which had been in his pants pockets. No clue has been discovered which leads to who the scamps are.

Stuart Ledger: Just as we go to press we learn that five horses were stolen from Captain Tarbull one night this week, two mules from A. J. Burnham, and several other animals from parties along the river. The entire country is said to be thoroughly aroused, and are armed and in hot-pursuit. The Ledger is of the opinion that the entire outfit of desperadoes will be driven from the country before many months.

The city council of Lincoln recently passed an ordinance requiring a high license fee of merchants resorting to auction sales. This action of the council is held by the interested firms to be arbitrary and illegal. The auctions are confirmed, and if the city interferes a test case will be made up.

Ainsworth News: The attempt to indict Judge Hooker was a failure. Judge Hooker, who formerly owned a cattle ranch in the northeast part of this county, was charged with having caused his brother's death at his home on his ranch by administering poison. Captain Hooker, the deceased, was a retired army officer, and, it appeared, was stopping with his brother, the judge. Some time last winter the captain was taken suddenly ill and died within a few hours.

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 responded 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.

Resolutions of Respect Adopted.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—A meeting of the bar was held by the supreme court to-day to take appropriate action with respect to the death of Judge Jere Black. Senator Edmunds was called to the chair and McKenny chosen secretary. Eulogistic addresses were delivered by Merriek, Emery, Ashton, and W. H. Smith; also Senators Bayard, Vance and Garland, and Representative Hopkins. Resolutions expressive of the high character and attainments of the deceased, and the great loss the country sustained by his death, were adopted.

GENERAL.

The printed statement that Governor Hendricks has gone abroad for medical advice and treatment is denied by members of his family.

While playing ball near Paris, Ill., the bat slipped from the hand of the batter, striking a boy named Asa Mapes, 16 years old, bursting his eye-ball, from the effects of which he died.

Asa B. Baker, of Brockton, Mass., pleaded guilty to the murder of his wife, and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

A dispatch from Santa Fe says the Navajo Indians are running off the stock of the settlers, and that the latter are highly incensed and threaten to shoot the Indians.

The anti-administration democrats in caucus agreed to support General Francis T. Nichols for the nomination for governor of Louisiana.

The Creek council at Okmulgee ordered a recount of the votes for principal chief, and the count elected Spiche chief by thirty-seven votes. He was duly inaugurated and took the oath of office. The second chief, who had heretofore refused to take the oath on account of the fraudulent count, under which Perrpman was chosen, was also sworn in.

A tract of 2,000 acres of coal lands northwest of Peru, Ill., has just been purchased by a syndicate, said to include the Northwestern and Burlington roads. Borings are being made, and several shafts will be sunk in the spring.

Efforts are being made by the Catholics of Denver, Colo., to make that city the seat of the largest Jesuit college in America.

The western nail association met at Pittsburg and decided to close down for a period of six weeks, from December 20th till January 11th. The meeting was one of the largest ever held, every mill in the west being represented by person or by letter. The stoppage is for the purpose of restricting production.

The obsequies of the late Dudley Chase Haskell at Lawrence, Kas., were held on the 20th. The business part of the city and many residences were draped in mourning. Flags floated at half-mast, bells tolled and the entire city gave itself up to paying respects to the honored dead.

Sullivan and Slade were advertised for a sparring exhibition at Kansas City, but the chief of police called their attention to the statute forbidding such displays, and as a result the exhibition took place across the river in Wyandotte, Kas.

Miss May Fairfield, daughter of Prof. E. B. Fairfield, was married at Grand Haven, Mich., on the 20th, to Hon. A. W. Field, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The corn mill, elevators and warehouse of Tyson Bros., on the south side of Baltimore harbor, were almost entirely destroyed by fire on the 20th. Loss about \$70,000; insured.

A reduction of ten per cent. has been made without notice in the wages of laborers at the New Jersey steel and iron works, Trenton.

Lewis Kraber, of York, Pa., is held in \$1,000 for trial for forgery in connection with a pension issued to him.

San Francisco merchants are complaining that their trade with the northwest is rapidly declining.

A large meeting of Salt Lake Gentiles, both democrats and republicans, was held at Salt Lake to appeal to congress to pass the laws recommended by the president.

The Fitzgeralds and Webb, Washington pension attorneys, have given bail in \$2,000 to answer to the indictments against them. They have been suspended from practice before the commissioner of pensions.

Great distress exists from small-pox at Gad-den, Tennessee. Out of 24 cases 14 have died. An appeal is made for nurses and virus.

The Reading (Pa.) rail mills will close down indefinitely on January 1st. This will throw 300 men out of work.

The New York weekly bank statement on the 22d reports as follows: Loans, increase, \$77,030; specie, increase, \$3,060,890; legal tenders, decrease, \$622,800; deposits, increase, \$3,199,300; circulation, increase, \$44,100; reserve, increase, \$1,638,175. The banks now hold \$894,750 in excess of legal requirements.

The landing of the Pilgrims was observed on the 22d at Plymouth, Mass., by the Pilgrim society on Pilgrim hill. Thos. Russell presiding.

The Burlington Gazette publishes a complete description of the buildings and improvements of Burlington during 1883, which foot up in cost over \$1,000,000, the best record of growth in the history of the city.

CRIME.

Excitement at Durango, Col., over the killing of Bruce Hunt, son of ex-Governor Hunt, by a negro (Big Ike) while burglarizing the bank of Durango, is intense. Suspecting an attempt to rob the bank, a party composed of two bank officials, Hunt and the town marshal had for three nights kept watch from a law office convenient. At midnight the watchers saw a man approach the side door, pick the lock and go in. After waiting some time for the accomplices, if any, to appear, and the burglar to

get well to work, the party approached the front door, pushed it open and ordered the robber to throw his hands up, but who, instead, fired two shots in rapid succession and jumped through the side door. One ball took effect in Hunt's breast and he fell and instantly expired. As the burglar left the building he was recognized as the negro "Big Ike," the most desperate character in the region.

Robbers entered the house of S. P. Creasinger, a wealthy resident of Maple Rapids, Michigan, chloroformed him, ransacked the premises, secured about \$2,500 in cash and a quantity of valuables and then undertook to cover up their tracks by setting fire to the house immediately below the room in which the proprietor lay. He recovered from the influence of it in time to escape, though the house was wrapped in flames, and burned to the ground, with its contents.

Thomas Drewes, sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for killing Patrick Maloney, of Rat Portage, Manitoba, in January last, hanged himself in his cell.

Booth, convicted of burglary at the late term of court at Sterling, Ill., and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, was found dead in the county jail at that place. He hung himself with the bed cord.

The Brownwood stage, which was robbed of the mail near Cisco, Texas, on the 18th, by a single highwayman, was attacked again the next day, and a passenger named Henderson shot at the robber, the latter firing back continuously as he retreated as fast as his horses could run. No one was hurt.

George Freesture, twenty-five years years old, one of the boarders at the Auburn house, Joliet, Ill., entered the room of the head cook, Jane Haycock, bound her head to prevent her screaming, and then outraged her. When he started to leave the room the woman gave an alarm, when Freesture ran back and cut her throat with a knife and fled.

Edward Duchamen, aged 21, reported at the Cincinnati police station that he had killed his wife, and showed the knife with which the deed was done. He was locked up and the case investigated. It was found that he had stabbed his wife and supposed she was dying; then went and got breakfast before going to the station house. The wife is not seriously hurt.

Gilford Loon (colored) was hanged at Kinston, N. C., on the 20th, for brutally outraging widow Jones, in May last. The execution was witnessed by several thousand persons. Death was instantaneous.

Police Officer William Conroy, of New York, who killed Peter Keenan with a club and pistol on the night of November 3d, has been sentenced to be hanged on the 8th of February next.

Caleb Washburn quarreled with his niece, Jennie Washburn, at Williamston, Ill., about a small amount of money, when the niece seized a heavy stick and struck her uncle on the head, inflicting a wound which resulted in death an hour later.

The negro, "Big Ike," who murdered young Bruce Hunt, son of Ex-Governor Hunt, of Durango, Col., last week, was captured on the 20th on the Southern Ute reservation. As the pursuers came suddenly upon him, about daylight, sitting by a fire just made, he jumped and ran like a frightened deer to a precipice forty feet high, over which he leaped. He was found at the bottom terribly bruised but alive.

J. F. Lantz, a barber, released from the Kansas City work-house, died on the 22d. A brief investigation was made by the authorities, which resulted in the arrest of Patrick Murray, guard of the work-house, charged with causing Lantz's death by maltreatment. Several inmates told a story that is very damaging to Murray.

At Petersburg, Pike county, Indiana, Henry Curtin was murdered, and Charles Harvey, a hard character, was arrested on suspicion. Strong feeling prevails and he may possibly be lynched.

Mrs. Judith Fitzpatrick, widow, aged 70, living near La Compton, Kansas, was murdered in her home and an attempt made to burn the house with the evident purpose of concealing the crime. The motive is supposed to be robbery as the old lady was known to have several hundred dollars.

WASHINGTON.

The president will leave Washington Thursday for a visit to Brooklyn and Philadelphia, and will attend the annual banquet of the New England society of Philadelphia on Saturday, and will return to Washington by Sunday and spend the Christmas there. Secretary Chandler, and probably other members of the cabinet, will accompany the president.

There is a better prospect for the passage of a bankruptcy bill the present congress than last. The promoters of the Lowell bill are preparing modifications of that measure with a design of making it less obnoxious to the western interests. It is possible, therefore, that a bankruptcy law will be framed which will meet the views of all sections.

The republican senators held a caucus this morning at which it was decided not to proceed with the election of a president pro tempore of the senate until after the holiday recess. It was urged that the precarious condition of Senator Anthony's health made it advisable not to make the contemplated change just before a long recess. The bill Mr. Dockery will introduce a bill providing that after June 30, 1884, the present rates of duty on all wools of whatever grade or classification to be used in the manufacture of shawls, blankets, flannels, hats, knit goods and wearing apparel of every de-

scription be reduced 25 per cent. The resolution will bring the average duty on wool to about 22 per cent.

Superintendent Jameson, of the railway mail service, has returned from Portland, Oregon, and points on the Northern Pacific railroad. He succeeded in perfecting the railway mail system of that route, so that no delay is now experienced in the distribution of mail matter.

The president sent a long list of nominations to the senate on the 18th, mostly recess appointments.

Attorney General Brewster characterizes the published statements of John A. Walsh, in which the latter discredits the sincerity of the government's efforts to prosecute ex-Senator Kellogg, as "a remarkable display of disingenuous insolence." The government, Mr. Brewster says, has made an honest and sincere effort to find Walsh and bring him to the witness stand.

A close friend of Senator Conkling says concerning a story sent from Washington, that Conkling, Blaine and Grant had formed a combination to put Logan forward for the presidential nomination, that it was an entire fabrication, and was without the slightest foundation so far as Conkling was concerned.

Col. Boudinot presented an application to District Attorney Corrhill, asking him to prosecute William A. Phillips, of Kansas, charged by Boudinot with violating the revised statutes in making contracts and receiving money from Indians. The names of six witnesses, including Secretary Teller and Commissioner Price, will be furnished to Corrhill.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Cullom to establish a board of railroad commissioners to regulate inter-state commerce, which provides for the appointment, by the president, of a board of five commissioners at a salary of \$5,000 each, who will exercise supervision over the inter-state commerce of railroads, canals, and commerce of foreign countries, and investigate all complaints made by railroad commissioners of states, and others of discriminations in charges made by such transportation companies then for service as common carriers.

In the Proteus court of inquiry Capt. Powell, acting chief signal officer during the absence of Hazen, testified that Lieutenant Caziani drew up what was known as "supplemental instructions," including orders for the conduct of the expedition, which witness thought had been all settled by the chief signal officer. It contained Caziani's views. The question of leaving stores at Littleton Island was not discussed in the presence of the witness.

President Arthur on the 21st issued a proclamation recommending that the 100th anniversary of Washington's surrender of his commission as commander-in-chief of the army of the United States, at Annapolis, be observed by appropriate exercises in connection with religious services on the 23d inst., or by such public observance as may be deemed proper on Monday, the 24th inst. The president further directs that at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 24th, a national salute be fired from all forts throughout the country.

In the criminal court Judge Wylie rendered a decision in the case of ex-Senator Spencer, charged with contempt of court for failing to appear in the star-route trial. The judge said the subpoena was not a subpoena, because there was no penalty attached. It ordered the ex-senator to appear, but limited the time to one day. The subpoena, by error of the court, the judge said, was for a civil, and not for a criminal case. The ex-senator was here before the time ordered by the so-called subpoena, and he remained here two weeks. He sought an interview with one of the counsel, but was unable to secure one. Under these circumstances, and owing to the fact that the subpoena had been improperly served and returned, the judge held the case was not one of contempt, and discharged the prisoner.

Speaker Carlisle is expected to announce the house committees on Monday morning. Considerable difficulty has been experienced from the fact that some of the members given places have expressed dissatisfaction with their assignment. In some instances the dissatisfied members have refused to serve, necessitating a number of changes. Throughout the work Carlisle has been assisted by Col. Morrison, an intimate friend.

Nebraska Appointments.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the following appointments: Postmasters—Charles K. Cautant, Omaha; Joseph M. Davis, Wahoo; Edward Whitcomb, Friend; William H. Wiedaman, Norfolk; Hiram Price, Albia; Peter E. Peterson, Tekamah; W. W. Morrison, Beatrice; George Little, Plum Creek; J. Gandy, York; Solomon F. Fayette, Blue Springs. Ben. C. E. Westfall has been appointed railway postal clerk from Omaha to Ordan.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The senate to-day confirmed the following: Lawrence Welton, of Illinois, judge of the court of claims; John R. Tanner, of Illinois, United States marshal for the southern district of Illinois; Nathaniel P. Burns, of Massachusetts, United States marshal for Massachusetts; John W. Scott, of Kansas, Indian agent at Ponca, Pawnee and Otoe agencies; Col. Samuel B. Halabird, quartermaster-general; John S. Ticker, of Michigan, secretary of Montana.

CORONIS, Pa.—Rev. J. D. Zehring says: "I was paralyzed in my right side. The use of Brown's Iron Bitters enabled me to walk."