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—Jeff. Davis was 81 years of age last week. Most too old now to have any more of those sleeping car scrapes.

—Postmaster Commissioner Tanner expresses a noble sentiment when he says that in his opinion it is the duty of the republic to see that no Union soldier should ever be permitted to crawl under the roof of an alien house. Whatever the public opinion as to a general service pension, it certainly is decided that no soldier of the Union should suffer from want.

—The attorney general is arranging to look after the justices of the peace throughout the state, many of whom are keeping money due the school fund. Under the law all dues and forfeitures for criminal offenses go to the principle of the school fund, and all justices must report to the county treasurer the first of January, and the first of July of each year. In many counties this is not done. In some places the justices have assumed the prerogative of the governor and remitted fines after they had been assessed.

—It is said that a supervisor who attends to all his duties will find time to do little else. He is supposed to be a policeman, to arrest offenders against the game laws; a policeman to arrest and take up all offenders running at large in his district; a collector of the road tax and he is supposed to keep the streets, alleys and highway in good condition, to see that bridges are safe, and that grasses, weeds, fish, etc., are removed from the roads.

—H. P. Cheatham, the only negro member of Congress, in a light musketeer, thirty-two years of age. He graduated at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., then became a school teacher. He was afterwards made register of deeds, and was about to take out his license to practice law when he was elected to Congress. Mr. Cheatham is said to be a ready speaker, and to have the better interests of his race at heart.

—A well known local railroad man was recently approached in his office by a friend, who requested a loan of \$25 "for fifteen minutes only." "Sit down," requested the railroader, and the would-be borrower remained until the next quarter of an hour had passed, when the official, who had in the meantime pulled his watch, replaced the timepiece in his pocket with the remark: "There, I have saved you just \$2.5. The fifteen minutes have passed, and you got along without the money first-rate. Come in again when you want some more. Good day." And he saved his money, because accommodations loans are seldom paid.

—Indianapolis was never more steadily, solidly prosperous than it is to-day. A North Meridian-street merchant, who has lived in other cities, said recently: "There never was in Indianapolis such a broad, substantial foundation for a big city as there is to-day. I would rather have my chance here to-day than for fifty other cities. I have no place to go. We don't want to be an attempt at those. We want to go right along as we are going—steadily, surely in the right direction."

—Just as with Bloomington: Never in its history has there been as steady and phenomenal a growth. A "boom" is followed by a long period of depression; hence Bloomington does not have a "boom" nor anything of the "boom" nature—a "boom" is a speculative dream: it takes some men three days to get over a drunk—a boom requires as many years to recuperate.

—W. A. Caddy, chaplain of the legislative assembly of Arizona, which has just adjourned, has sent \$22.50 to the treasury department at Washington. It is part of the salary paid him as chaplain. He writes: "I cannot see that it is right for the rulers to take the people's money and pay it out to some hypocrites to stand up before the legislative body and pray for pay." He also states that he acted as clerk of the legislature and received for his services \$640 but while performing his duty he was also employed in selling whisky. He thinks he should return the \$640 to the government, and would do so if he had it.

—Traction engines are forbidden the use of highways by a recent enactment unless some one is sent ahead to warn people of their approach.

—Portland Oregons: To see a horse weighing three thousand pounds is not as every day occurrence. Such an animal is now on exhibition on Third street, near Yamhill, in this city. The horse is five years old, is 200 pounds high, 32 inches around his neck, 48 inches around his tail, 7 feet 11 inches high, 243 inches around his hip, and 11 feet four inches in length. His head is 26 inches long, 11 inches longer than a four barrel. He is a Clydesdale, and is almost perfect in proportion. There is now a standing offer from Barnum for this great horse. He will be on exhibition here but a few days.

[Opinion, Watertown, Dak.]
Reception of Gov. and Mrs. Mellette.

Their Twenty-Third Wedding Anniversary Celebrated Amidst Scores of Friends and Pleasant Surroundings.

The Capital City Guards and G. A. R. Veterans Pay Respects to the Governor and Mrs. Mellette at their hill-top mansion.

The reception given by Governor and Mrs. Mellette at their hill-top mansion Wednesday evening was one of those brilliant occasions which always leaves a pleasant and impressive picture hanging on the wall of memory as time wings its flight towards the unknown beyond.

The splendid parades were brilliantly lighted and tastily decorated with plants and flowers, and the bows and garlands with Chinese lanterns above the archway in the middle parlor were arranged large evergreen figures—"66" and "67"—denoting the dates of their first and twenty-third wedding anniversaries.

At about eight o'clock the guests began to arrive and by 8:30 every nook and corner of the building was crowded with the hosts and their friends of the host and hostess.

Gov. and Mrs. Mellette occupied the parlor, where they received the congratulations of their friends, who fled through into the middle parlor and enjoyed themselves in social coming and going.

Prof. and Mrs. Lapham, of Brookings, and W. H. Mellette, a son of the governor, furnished instrumental music for the occasion.

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Going to preparations for Decoration Day not many of the old veterans attended the reception Wednesday evening, but the Governor specially desired to greet his comrades and they were invited with their families to the home Thursday evening where they assembled to the number of 75 and fought again the battle in story and song—with drums and fifes thrown in—and partook of the refreshments generally provided by their entertainers. The county officials and ladies were also included in the invitation and were present.

After the Post had entered the parlor General Parker stepped forward and on behalf of the Post, presented the Governor with a handsome bound album containing photographs of many of the veterans. General Parker directed that some of the portraits be hung by the entrance, freely responding, expressing himself as priding exceedingly much the token of their esteem, especially so as it came in such a way as to assist him in after years to look into the faces of his comrades with whom he had spent so many happy hours and for whom he cherished the highest regard. He did this by requesting a photograph from all the members as soon as they could furnish them.

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Soldiers' Reunion Oct. 7th, 8th and 9th, 1889, at Bloomington, Ind.

For the purpose of commencing preparations for the reunion, a meeting was held Saturday, June 15th, at the court house in Bloomington. G. M. C. Hunter was chosen chairman and J. T. Eller Secretary.

The Chairman appointed for each town soliciting committees as follows:

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Salt Creek—Wm. Nunn, Joseph Norton and A. J. Lampkins.

Polk—Wm. Southern, Jas. Sexton, Henry Eads, Wm. Armstrong and Lewis Norman.

An executive committee was appointed as follows:

John Harrold, S. McWylie, D. S. Rawlings, J. T. Eller, Dr. Whittell, Wilson Adams, W. J. Allen, W. W. Wicks and T. H. Sudbury. On July 13th, 1889, at 1 o'clock at the court house, a meeting will be held at which all soldiers and citizens are invited to attend and assist in making arrangements for the reunion.

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[Opinion, Watertown, Dak.]
Woven Wire and Pickett Fence.

Editors Indiana Farmer.

Mr. Chas' Anthony of this place has just completed 210 rods of a woven picket fence that for real service, durability, cheapness and looks are superior to any other kind of fence we have ever seen. He had the posts set 3 feet in depth and 8 feet apart. About every fifteen rods he had extra heavy posts set in and well braced each way. The pickets are 4 feet long and 2x4 inches. He hired an experienced man who furnished his own machine to weave (4 strands 8 wires) and brace the fence, for 20c. per rod. He braced it so that it will never sag in the middle of the panel by simply fastening a wire to the top of the first post then drawing it down to the middle of the panel and then leaving a double hook in the form of a letter S, the lower part of this hook catching the lower strand of wire and the brace wire passing through the upper part of the hook and on up to the top of the next post where it was securely fastened by a staple. The fence will turn anything from a chicken to a bresby bull. We know about this price it for we have been trying both the chicken and the bull on this fence.

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ALL ALLOWANCES
of County Commissioners, June Term, 1889.

Poor.

S. K. Rorer,	3 75
J. B. Clark,	26 99
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James A. Riddle,	10 00
Robertson Bros.	80 10
Wicks & Co.	23 53
R. C. Smith & Son,	20 69
John G. Smith,	10 00
G. S. Miller,	8 10
T. B. Butterton,	5 00
J. B. Kirby,	7 25
Whitaker & Co.,	3 35
Woodward & Co.,	29 50
A. H. Wilson,	42 00
M. Whitaker,	1 45
Hash & Alexander,	11 05
Hughes & Whetstone,	1 45
J. E. McHenry,	19 25
F. M. Stephenson,	43 50
Collins & Karsell,	36 80
Chas Alexander,	7 00
J. M. McNeely,	22 00
John Gilmore,	10 50
Thomas Gilmore,	73 00
John G. Todd,	11 50
Wm. McPhee,	13 00
Samuel Howell,	3 00
S. M. Mathews	1 50
Perry Bros.,	16 80
W. M. Cain,</	