

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 23.

The Republican state convention met today, with ex-Governor John Gregory Smith as temporary chairman.

Gov. Smith, in his speech took the ground against the President's southern policy, and compared the legislation in Congress reducing the army and appropriations, to the legislation immediately preceding the rebellion.

Upon re-assembling Col. Redfield Proctor was nominated for Governor; E. P. Colton, Lieut. Governor; and John A. Page, present incumbent, for State Treasurer.

Gen. Russell Hastings, of Rockford, Illinois, formerly musical of northern Ohio, and during the war, Lieutenant Colonel of Hays' regiment, and Miss Platt, a niece of President Hays, will be married at the White House some time in the latter part of next month.

A TERRIBLE TORNADO.

DUNSTON, IA., May 22.—A special to the Herald from Mineral Point, Wisconsin, gives a brief account of a terrible tornado which struck that town at about 5 this p. m. Owing to the break in the wires at Warren, it has been impossible to get full particulars to-night.

The fine residence of John Spinsky, at which was a large family reunion, among whom were John and his wife and daughter; Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Roberts all of Dubuque, was completely wrecked, and Mrs. Walter, mother and John, Walter were instantly killed.

The residence of Judge Johnson was also struck by the storm, and his mother, an aged lady, killed. The tornado passed through the heart of the town and it is feared that there is far more disastrous news to be learned at this late hour.

The Bennett Polar ship will soon sail for Havre, where a temporary crew will be shipped, when she will leave for San Francisco. Bennett hopes the expedition will sail for the north in June, 1879. It will go by the route through Behring's straits.

Mr. Throckmorton's amendment to the army appropriation bill, increasing the forces from 20,000, as provided by the bill, to 25,000, was accepted by the House in the committee of the whole, 115 yeas, to 107 nays.

FARMERS.

A Few Words Personal to Farmers—Read, Reflect and Ponder.

Real estate agents, merchants and others may deem it to their interest to advertise the county and state by disseminating upon all occasions the "splendid prospect of abundant crops," and yet we deem this injurious to our farmers, and, as a matter of course, to our country towns.

How can it be injurious to predict a large crop? maybe the query will, we will tell you.

When you predict large crops, the news goes abroad; it reaches grain speculators who base their transactions thereupon, and quote your grain accordingly at lower prices than it would be if you had not done so.

Round the world in a Yacht, by Sir Thomas Baynes; "Ancient Times and Ancient Men," by Prof. Max Muller; four chapters of Black's brilliant story "Mashed of Death" several fine and biographical sketches with steel portraits of Pope Leo XIII. and four well filled editorial departments.

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4. It is the duty of the board to determine what subjects shall be taught in schools. There is nothing in the law preventing instructions in higher branches.

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6. If the district, at any annual meeting, leave the length of the school term to the discretion of the board, it can be compelled to make good the reasonable contract entered into by the board.

The farmer brings to his work labor and intelligence; if these two great assets of wealth can not compete with cheap and comparative idleness, we would like to know why.

How a Woman of Pluck and Brains has Won a Fortune in Nebraska.

Six years ago a gentleman who had been a war Governor of an upper Mississippi State, was afterward Minister to a European court, and was now at the head of one of the most important departments of the Government, and a member of the national cabinet, died, leaving a wife with \$15,000 to \$20,000, and this money in an unproductive nonestead in southern New York.

In a few months this herd was in a thriving condition. But at the same time she found herself suffering from penury and embarrassment, and appealed to her eastern friends for aid. They

looked upon her venture as a visionary one, and declined to assist her, but persuaded her to give it up, save what she could from the wreck, and return to town. She knew no such word as fail, and applied herself all the more diligently to her business. She rode to the herd every day except Sundays, sometimes in a buggy but generally on horseback—sixteen miles each way—and gave the most minute instructions to her men. Her troubles she kept entirely to herself.

At the end of the year she sent for some of the leading cattlemen, and divided the herd equally and settled, with a loss to her of over \$3,000, which she paid to have the partnership dissolved. She then borrowed six thousand dollars to pay some small debts, make some improvements in buildings, and start afresh.

At the present time her liabilities are unliquidated. She has a herd of over 1,000 head of cattle, has an abundance of conveniences for them, and no stock farm or range within 100 miles is provided with as good barns, sheds, corrals and ranges for cattle. Her herd is clearing her over \$6,000 a year, and constantly increasing in size. At the railway station, where she resides, she has a farm of 140 acres, on which are a good dwelling, barns, sheds, cheese factory, corral, &c., in perfect order. The farm is all under fence; she buys all lumber used herself, and has every improvement, large and small, made under her own eye and as she directs. In truth, she is her own superintendent, and personally looks after everything on the farm and at the cattle ranch. At the ranch she has a comfortable house, which she occupies when her business and family engagements do not prevent her from visiting the ranch about five times a week, generally on horseback, and goes and returns the same day.

St. Louis, May 17.—Four hundred workmen met at Turner hall last night in answer to call. Ferdinand Amrein called, the meeting to order and stated that the American League towards organization of military companies to be composed exclusively of workmen who were military veterans, to serve the purpose of working men and protect them against encroachment of their rights by military and police forces, which have been arrayed against them, placing them in an attitude of outlaws. Several speeches of the usual socialistic and communistic character were made. A great number of enthusiasts were present, and some 300 enrolled as soldiers of the army of workmen. These men have no arms, and so far as known no means have been devised for arming them. It will, however, in all probability purchase guns as individuals and commence to drill at once.

The June number of the ELECTRIC MAGAZINE contains the index to the half yearly volume, which exhibits more strikingly than a single number the extent and variety of the literature that is gathered into this sterling periodical. Here are enumerated upwards of eighty articles, no one of which is unworthy of its place in a magazine of the first class, and which, taken together, furnish a vast amount of instructive and entertaining reading.

The June number is a very valuable one—"The Americans in Turkey," showing that while other nations are wrangling and fighting over the Turks and the Americans have done and are doing for Turkey. Next to this the most striking paper is a most interesting discussion of the doctrine of "Future Punishment," by eight prominent English clergymen and theologians. Other articles are: "Some Thoughts on Design in Nature," by Andrew Wilson; "Impressions of American Society," by Rev. W. W. Dale; "Crusade," by Frederick Wedmore; "On the Harbinger;" "The First Ten Years of the Canadian Dominion," by Goldwin Smith; the concluding installment of "Round the World in a Yacht," by Sir Thomas Baynes; "Ancient Times and Ancient Men," by Prof. Max Muller; four chapters of Black's brilliant story "Mashed of Death" several fine and biographical sketches with steel portraits of Pope Leo XIII. and four well filled editorial departments.

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The first step is to remove all paper from the box inside and out. If the branding is too deep to be removed by sand-paper, the nails may be drawn out, and the branded board turned with the clean side out.

Post for the boxes can be made of brass buttons, or large-headed brass tacks, fastened on at each corner of the bottom of the box. For a knife-bank, two long, flat boxes are required, placed side-by-side and fastened together, the handle being either of wood or of earl passed through holes in the center-piece. Line the box with flannel, pasted smoothly after having decorated the outside and set on the feet. For such a box elaborate ornaments are unnecessary, and a narrow strip of velvet ribbon, the color of the lining, fasten along the edge with gilt tacks, is as pretty as any which can be used.

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Stephen Allen's Pocket Piece. In the pocketbook of the Hon. Stephen Allen, who was drowned on board the Henry Clay, was found a printed slip apparently cut from a newspaper, of which the following is a copy. It is worthy to be put in every young man's breast.

Make few promises. Always speak the truth. Never speak ill of any one. Keep good company or none. Live up to your engagements. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Good character is above all things else. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. Never borrow if you can possibly help it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy. When you speak to a person, look in the face. Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper. Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income. Save when you are young. Sit at school when you are young. Avoid temptation, through fear you may not withstand it. Never run into debt, unless you see a way to get out again. Small and steady gains give competency with a tranquil mind. Good company and good conversation are the signs of virtue. Your character can not be essentially injured except by your own acts. If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one will believe him. When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day. Ever be kind to the poor. If employed, usefully, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Read over the above maxims carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.

Reclaiming Marsh Lands. The Reclamation of Marsh Lands was the subject of an essay by J. N. Smith, before a Michigan Farmer's Club, considered that the low lands were among the richest, but of course the wealth of soil could not be made available except by drainage. Open drains, as most commonly made, he condemned, and even for mains, thought such more expensive and troublesome than the drains. Long experience had shown that tile drains were permanent and vastly more efficacious than any other system; that even small tubes would carry off more water than a large open ditch, draining a much larger surface, and rendering the soil more arable, better adapted to tillage, less subject to drought, and more generally better permeated with air and moisture. He exhibited a map of a tract of 80 acres which contained in the center a tract of 20 acres of low swamp which he had drained and reclaimed. The tract was 80 rods long and 40 rods wide. Mr. Smith had laid down three tile drains crossing each of the four sides of the tract about 15 rods apart, and 5 rods from the edges or ends of the field, and the center drain extended was the main which carried off the accumulation. The tile were put down from 3 to 5 feet below the surface, the latter depth being considered the best. The tile used were 21 inches in diameter, being 25 cents a rod. He had used 1,000 tile or 200 rods, costing \$50, making the tile and labor had cost \$50, making the total cost \$121, or about \$2 an acre for the 20 acres. He really the drainage of the 20 acres received the water from the 60 acres, amounting to the value of 10 acres, amounting to \$100. Mr. Smith believed that 80 acres would cover all expenses of drainage.

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