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Grant and family are off to Bombay. Rah for Grant.

To day at three o'clock is the time that the House passes the Prohibition Bill.

The Plague is said to have been introduced into Russia by a young man who gave his sweet-heart a shawl that was infected.

Canada will not allow us to ship cattle to points within her borders for three months after the 1st inst.

R. H. Dana the well known lite rary and poet died at his home in Boston on Sunday the 2nd inst., aged 93.

A portion of the Nebraska City Alcohol Works fell down last Thursday morning. Loss $6000.

Legislature adjourned Friday evening till Tuesday at 3 p. m., about 20 stayed over however.

The legislators at the state house, were shocked Monday morning by the intelligence that Senator Bunnell of Saunders county is dead.

Small pox is raging in Fairbury. A number have died and the inhabitants are fleeing *en masse*. Dr Butler well known to the CHIEF readers is there fighting it manfully.

Eight Bank Directors of the Glasgow Scotland bank were sentenced to imprisonment, five for eight and three for eighteen months, by Justice Moncrieff on the 1st inst.

Hon. Geo. S. Hillard, the author of Hillard's series of School Readers, so universally known to our children died at his home in Longwood, near Boston Mass. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The wife and son of Rep. Warner Dakota county, are in town, all went over to Nebraska City last week to see a daughter of Mrs. W.'s, about sixteen years of age, who is an inmate of the blind asylum at that place. Miss W. is said to be a beautiful young lady and an excellent pianist notwithstanding the fact that she lives in continual night. Mr. Warner though a Democrat, wields much influence in a House mainly Republican.

The resolution favoring the passage of a bill now before Congress to limit the toll over the railroad bridge at Omaha to the same rates as charged for an equal distance on the main line of the Union Pacific road, will call out from our representatives their true relation to railroads and corporations.

If it passes the legislature (and we hope it will) it will be a great saving to the people of this state and facilitate commerce largely.

The Commissioner of Pensions has issued a circular for the guidance of applicants, under the Arrears of Pension Act, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 27, 1879.

SIR: Persons who are entitled to arrears of pensions under the Act granting arrears, approved January 29, 1879, and whose pensions were granted previous to that date, will not require the assistance of a claim agent in obtaining the amount due them. All correspondence in relation to any claim for any such arrears will be with the person entitled to it, and no claim agent will be recognized in such claim. A letter addressed to the Commissioner of Pension, signed by a person who was in receipt of a pension at the date aforesaid, and two witnesses, in the presence of a magistrate, will be the only application required, and upon which the right of all parties concerned will be adjusted. The pension certificate should not be sent to this office, but it must be exhibited to the magistrate. The letters should be in the following, or equivalent form.

To the Commissioners of Pensions.

I, ——, a pensioner under pension certificate No. —, hereby apply for the arrears due me under the Act granting arrears of pensions, approved January 25, 1879. My post-office address is ——. (Here insert the name of the post-office, and, of the claimant resides in the city, the name and number of the street and residence must also be given.)

——, Claimant.

Witness.

State of ——, County of ——, ss.

On this day personally appeared before me, by ——, who is known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing application, and who declared to me that he signed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

——, Magistrate.

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Poor little dear!

The committee on asylums visited the asylum for the blind at Nebraska City and returned well pleased with manner in which it has been conducted by the worthy superintendent and matron Mr. and Mrs. Parmalee. There are at present 21 inmates with 9 more applications. All were cheerful and industrious, and aptitude at learning under the circumstances agreeably surprised the members of the committee. An appropriation of $5000 is asked to pay the salaries of the officers and instructors for the two years, and $3,500 for items of expense and for the purpose of making much needed repairs and improvements. The appropriations asked is so reasonable that we think there is no doubt but that it will be made, and the present admirable system of work and instruction continued.

Saline county is happy. A Bohemian living about two miles south of Pleasant Hill commenced a well on his homestead some two years ago and when about thirty feet down struck a two foot vein of coal.

Did he spread the news far and near and arouse the inherent greediness of Uncle Sam? No, this sensible Dutchman, set about filling up his "well" and busied himself about his farm work as though nothing had happened. After proving up and getting a deed to his home stead, and having it recorded all straight he let out the truth of the matter and now all Pleasant Hill is the most excited community you ever saw.

During the fight over the prohibition bill party lines in the House are thrown away and the leaders in Republican, Democratic, Greenback and Independent parties are working side by side and measuring steel with men in their own party who are opposed to temperance.

A bill has been sent in for the creation of a new county lying west of Range 16, west of the 6th principal meridian and north of the Niobrara. The county is to be called Valentine county, in honor of Judge Valentine.

The plague is spreading rapidly in the East in spite of most stringent measures taken to prevent it. Its decrease in the past week is attributed to the excessive cold, and exertions are redoubled to quarantine it.

A movement is on foot to establish an asylum for the orphans made so by the Yellow Fever.

The Senate and House adjourned Tuesday, out of respect to the memory of Senator Bunnell. In order to elect a successor, the governor must be officially notified of the death, must declare the office vacant, the county commissioners call an election, giving six days notice.

Mr. C. Boris, postmaster of the House of Representatives, took the liberty to attend the Grand Lodge when in session in this city, as he had been appointed a delegate by the Red Cloud Lodge, and instructed to cast three votes for that Lodge. As he wore the Red Ribbon and it was known to two or three of the "Sobriety" men that he was in the Grand Lodge, a motion was made to appoint a committee of investigation. Committee appointed, Mitchell, Gibson and Carder. It will be noticed that the two former voted against prohibition, while the latter was "mum." We draw no inferences.—*Evening Bulletin.*

Strikes are becoming common in England. On last Monday and Tuesday over 5000 laborers struck for higher wages.

Temperance meetings are being held all over the country endorsing the action of the House and praying that today it will sustain its former record and that the senate will carry the bill.

The *Evening Bulletin* is the name of a new, neat little daily published at Lincoln and devoted to temperance. It is sent, postage free for ten cents a week, and contains notes from the capitol taken by a special reporter. It pours "Hot Shot" into the ranks of the topers and is live and spicy on general issues.

SOUTH SIDE, 2, 4, 79.

Four inches of snow. A few plows were dragged forth from their winter quarters last week, but Friday morning we suddenly concluded there was plenty of time yet to plow. A prairie fire swept over our portion of the country a week ago last Sunday; burnt a vacant house for Mr. Tomlinson. Loss about $20, insurance 000 000. Items are canse. Every body attends to their own business. Good health, peace, and plenty abounding in the land.

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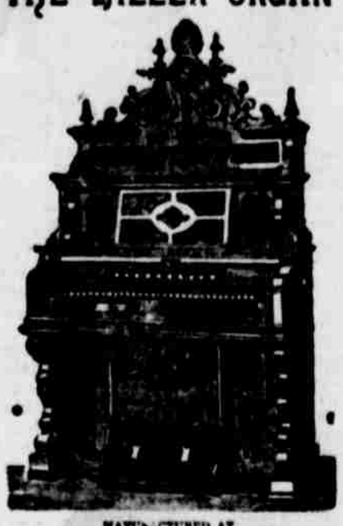

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