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THE CHIEF.

THURSDAY JAN. 29, 1880.

The bill introduced by Senator Saunders for rectifying the boundary line of Nebraska and Dakota, will, if it becomes a law, add about 600,000 acres of good land to Nebraska, and also some fine timber.

We hear it rumored that Judge Gaslin will be a candidate for Senatorial honors. The Judge would doubtless make a very acceptable representative of the people of Nebraska, in Congress, but he can't be spared from the Judicial bench just yet.

More than one democratic paper of Nebraska says that if Gen. Grant's name is presented at the national convention at Chicago he will be nominated, and if nominated no power under heaven can prevent his election, which goes to show that the heads of a few at least of the democratic editors are level.

The Journal speaks thusly of "we"uns at Lincoln last week: "We are not given to flattery nor do we wish to soap the logs; but we say boldly and without fear of contradiction, that the press gang of this State, now scourging in Lincoln, are without exception, the finest body of representatives of the State that have graced the State Capital in many years, and we have had some large assemblages in this city, too."

The Naponee Banner makes the following sensible remarks: It is claimed that Pennsylvania will declare herself for Grant, as candidate for president, at the coming republican State convention to be held on the 14th of February, and that Indiana and Illinois will follow in the work thus set in motion, thus making his nomination almost a foregone conclusion. All right, we can stand it. If we had a little more Grant during the last four years, and a little less trucking in southern traitors, the country would have been better off than it now is.

This from Mrs. Maggie Mabely's paper. The fair Maggie must have been learning some of the ways of the naughty men.

"In the game of euchre in Maine, the republicans held the three highest trump cards—the right and left 'bowers' and the 'joker'—Blaine, Hale and Chamberlain—with the supreme card for suit. It is little wonder that the fusionists had the game been one where a "fill" counts, the fusionists might have proved successful with the three "trays" and pair of little deuces—Garfield and Smith—but as it was they lost the "pot," and now growl because they did not choose another game. Euchre is a good game, but they do not appear to know how to play it."

APPAIRS in Maine are becoming more complicated and threatening, the State house is guarded by three companies of troops and a galling gun. An outbreak is nightly expected, the Fusionists have secret meetings, with secret grips, passwords, etc., and have ordered from New York 200 carbines and 200 revolvers. It is known that they have arms of all kinds scattered in their offices and residences. The republicans manifest a disposition to have "no more fooling" and to wipe the bogus legislators.

LATER—It is reported by telegraph that the Fusionists have enlisted 2,500 men for the purpose of attacking the State house. The republicans have possession of the arsenal. It is believed by many that the Maine difficulty will yet be settled without bloodshed, but present indications are not favorable for that result.

The Omaha News, which by the way professes to be a strong Blaine sheet, contains the following sensible remarks on what it terms the "third term bugaboo." The News had better come out and say plainly that it is in favor of Grant for the next president. Here is the article:

The News has some reasons against the re-nominating of Grant, which it has expressed candidly without sacrificing respect to the opinions of friend or foe. But the third-term bugaboo is not and will not be among those reasons. We can see no objection to a third term when it is obtained through the honest expression of the public will. There are objections however to any positive limit of terms, either by constitutional enactment or by precedent. The moment one citizen is denied the right to hold an office to which another citizen may aspire, that moment personal freedom is abridged and popular liberty itself ceases virtually to exist. If a man believe that the principle of "rotation in office" requires that an official should not be elected to a public position for the third time, if he believe that by a constitution in power of the "ins" the "outs" do not get what the Westerner calls "a fair shake," let him say so in so many words; but the moment he bases his objections on "danger to free institutions" or "violation of the highest unwritten law of the republic," or any kindred hyperbole, he degenerates into a demagogue or an ignoramus.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE. Washington D. C. January 17th, 1880. REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS, United States Land Office.

Referring to circular of April 15th, 1879 under Act of March 3, 1879, requiring published notice of intention to make final proof in Homestead and pre-emption cases, you are now instructed to require claimants in all cases hereafter to specify in Form No. 1, the day and date on which they will appear with witnesses for the purpose of making proof, and in Homestead cases, they must give the official name and residence, of the offer before whom the proof is to be made. You will also require each claimant to name four witnesses of his neighbors who may be able to testify as to his compliance with the law, any two of whom will be competent witnesses when proof is made, such a course will prevent much inconvenience and delay. The post office address of the witness should be given in all cases, it is not sufficient to give county only. You will see that the foregoing requirements are incorporated in form No. 2. (Notice for Publication.)

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U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Nebraska. I hereby request a strict compliance to the above rulings from and after this date, January 21st, 1880. S. W. SWITZER, Register.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. Washington D. C. Jan. 21, 1880. If Hon. Butler cannot have a seat in Congress himself, he purposes to have something to say about the seats of others. Doctor George B. Loring, the eminent agricultural authority, was elected in Butler's old sixth District, and Butler will not forgive him for that. He is here trying to convince Congress to unseat him, and seat one Baynton, a greenbacker who ran against Mr. Loring, but I am told by a Democratic member of the House that Baynton has no case, and Butler will add another to his many political disappointments lately.

I learn this morning that the Maine fusionists sent messages to prominent democrats and greenbackers here asking advice upon various points in their case. Upon one of these points they received a very decided answer from most of those whom they asked. They were advised not to bring their case to Congress, for that is just what Mr. Blaine wants, in order to give him a chance to open up new on them. I am told, however, by men who ought to know, that they will ask Congress to interfere.

The movement here in aid of the destitute people of Ireland is a great success in a profit way. The aid meetings are large, and the subscriptions are liberal. But it is doubtful whether the bill of Mr. Ellis of Louisiana can be passed, appropriating half a million dollars to the same object. There is a popular, and a just prejudice against paying out of the treasury money for such purposes. And it is also pretty clearly against the constitution.

The agitation still continues in Republican states over the primary elections and the early conventions to be held in Pennsylvania and New York. A comparison of news yesterday showed that Republicans generally thought Blaine would have a majority of the delegates from the former, and Grant a majority from the latter. The contest is pretty even.

The late foreign appointments of the administration have given universal satisfaction. The transfer of Mr. Lowell from Spain to Great Britain is especially pleasing. Mr. Lowell from his literary renown, and his general abilities is an honor to our position.

I find an increasing desire to believe that Congress may get away very early. Many members set the final day as early as April 20th, while hardly anybody now anticipates a session before the 10th of May. The appropriation bills are all in a forward state, and there is no reason why they should not all be reported within two or three weeks. Nothing can cause a long session but some unforeseen political discussion, which all seem disposed not to have. KNOX.

MARY had a little corn upon her little toe, and every where that Mary went the corn was sure to go—Ed.

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