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UNPRECEDENTED high water is reported in the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. The loss of lumber has been great.

A DESTRUCTIVE cyclone visited the Solomon Valley in Kan., June 9th, destroying a number of houses and killing several people.

MONEY has been freely used for the purpose of encompassing the defeat of Roscoe Conkling in New York. The price paid for members of the legislature by the anti-Conklingites, averages about $2,000 each.

THE Woman's Journal, E. M. Carrell's new paper published a Lincoln, and advocating woman's suffrage, is a very creditable representative of the cause it advocates and bids fair to become a permanent institution of the Capital of the State.

THERE is a good deal of complaint because the laws of this state are not made public through the press. The legislature gets together every two years and makes new laws or changes old ones, but no provision is made for getting them before the public. Not one-quarter of the people know anything about important enactments which went into effect on the first of this month, and yet ignorance is no excuse for violating their provisions. These laws should be made public through the press, but it will never be done without adequate compensation established by the legislature.—*Omaha Republican.*

What Jay Gould Came to Lincoln for.

Articles of incorporation of the Missouri Pacific in Nebraska, were filed Tuesday with the Secretary of State. The incorporaters are Jay Gould, N. A. Talmage, B. F. Drake, S. M. Smith, and Jno. L. Webster. The authorized capital is three million dollars, issued in shares of $100 each. The road will run from Omaha to Atchison, and the company will have its principal place of transacting busines at the former place.

Jay Gould is after the southern Nebraska trade and this move is made with the purpose of getting it. Branches will be built from this new road westward into the state and a revolution in freights and passenger rates may be expected when the new line begins running.—*Globe.*

SMOKED SEED CORN.

Although the season may be late for a suggestion on the subject of seed corn, yet the many complaints about seed corn brings up to memory the experiences of a prominent citizen of the city, who in years gone by was a homesteader in the little county of Burt in this state, and who was much annoyed by cut-worms; they came out of the corn hills by platoons and cut down the corn as evenly as though they did it for wages. The Gentleman in question sought far and wide for seed corn with which to replant and finally came upon a homesteader who had a small amount in the garret in his house where the smoke from a disjointed pipe had colored it as black as a hat. With many misgivings as to the growing qualities of the smoke-begrimmed mess reluctantly accepted it as the only thing left, and planted it alongside a patch re-planted the same day with corn not smoked. A week later the smoked corn came through the ground and grew without interruption, whilst that which was not put through the smoky ordeal was entirely destroyed. Thereafter he always smoked his seed corn for a few days before planting, and was never afterward annoyed by the cut-worms. The smoke absorbed by the corn no doubt penetrated the soil all about the corn hill, and effectually banished Mr. Worm from that vicinity. The destructiveness of the cut-worm this spring brings up these matters with great force.—*Nebraska Farmer.*

Some fellows who desired a change of riding animals, we suppose, exchanged horses with A. B. Peebles on Sunday night last, taking with him an animal valued at $85 and leaving in its stead a pony that would sell for about three cents. Mr. Peebles' animal was lariatted near the barn, and was untied from the rope, the thief keeping the halter. At daylight Monday morning P. and his men were out in search of the stolen property, and about nine o'clock one of the searchers came in sight of a man on horseback. He gave chase, but the pursued party, finding that he was being overtaken, abandoned the horse near the residence of John Gould, and hied himself to the woods. It is to be hoped that some of these fellows may be caught and an example made of them, as it is becoming a frequent occurrence for horses to be stolen.—*Franklin Journal.*

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON June 11, 1881.

The all absorbing theme that has pressed upon the attention of politicians here at the Capital is the probable outcome of the contest at Albany. The most astute have forecast a signal defeat of Lord Roscoe. None are willing to admit after nearly a century of Presidents and precedents it would be wise to supplant the executive and pass over his prerogatives to any one or all of seventy-six Senators. The State of New York is truly fortunate in this that the last great act of Senator Conkling will be written down as the most distinguished service he ever rendered the commonwealth. Peace there could not be, under his dictatorial reign. The division in the Republican party extended in to every city, village and hamlet. With new men brought to the front the old machine will be laid aside to rust and rot, and none will be so poor as the great actor in this drama when he has no offices to give or favors to grant.

Thousands of lone maidens in this broad land are living in perpetual widowhood, mourning the loss of brave lovers killed in the late war. One of these in her anguish writes to an attorney in this city: "I cannot give my husband's name nor describe him. He was killed in the army; else where is he, and why so long gone? Of all the brave boys who left home and friends to fight for our country one must have been my husband. For the sake of that unnamed, unknown grave where my dear brave boy is silently sleeping his last long sleep, I have never married. I have told you all you will care to know, as you are only interested in pensions, and I am not a pensioner. I have always said my husband died in the army. You won't forget the poor little unknown widow, will you? Yours most sincerely.

Few of the men, women and children of this great nation have any conception of the value of the property they own within the limits of this fair Capital, with its 180,000 living souls. Uncle Sam is the general manager of this vast estate and every owner receives his dividends from day to day in the begining and kindly influences of peace and the right guarantee to follow any and every rightful calling or pursuit with none to molest or make afraid. The residents of this city owe in fee $77,420,200 in real estate which is taxable, but Uncle Sam in his noble generosity divides the burden of tax and pays one half the amount of all our municipal expenses. As the custodian or business manager of the $50,000,000 outside the Capital, he owns within the District in addition to that owned by residents, real estate including reservations, valued at $82,156,574 which is free from taxation. Some idea of the value of the property in this Capital which Reavis proposes to hoist over to St. Louis may be gained from the following items of cost. The Capital grounds cost $7,907.565. and the building $15,099,656. The Treasury building cost $7,085,454. The State War and Navy (partially completed) $6,211,161. The grounds of the Smithonian $2,553,378, and the buildings including the National Museum, $742,651. The grounds of the Washington Monument cost $1,815,781, and the shaft (with present appropriations) about $500,000. Patent Office, grounds $906,105, building $2,848,778. Presidential Mansion &c., $782,080. Post-Office Department, grounds $321,495 and building $2,124,500. Navy Yard, grounds $1,413,000 improvements $3,614,808. Aqueduct water pipes &c., $4,019,823. Value of circles and intersections of streets $4,684,642. Arsenal buildings and grounds $1,476,631. Armory building and grounds $1,495,050. Judiciary Square and City Hall $1,389,713. Every year adds provisions for new public buildings called for by the expansion of business incident to the growth of the country. A new building for a Pension Office was provided for by the last Congress, also a re-cast and addition to the City Hall. A new Presidential Mansion, Naval Observatary, and National Library building will be provided for by the next Congress. All the present public buildings are over-crowded and the Government is paying $200,000 per year for the rent of private property where public records are used and stored in structures that would be little better than tinder boxes in case of fire.

The Temperance movement has lost none of its interest here at the Capital. The Women's Temperance Union, the various kindred organizations and societies with Christian men and women in the churches have banded together and covenanted that they will never cease their efforts till this Capital shall be a city of refuge to the tempted and enslaved by drink. Christian men and women of America set yourselves at once to work and let petitions to Congress come from every city, town, hamlet and home, asking them to enact a law preventing forever the sale of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia. God speed the day.

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A Black Walnut Forest.

Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

SAN ANTONIA, June 3.—The smartest Texan, and in fact the smartest farmer I have ever met, is old Sim Graves, who lives on a one thousand acre farm west of Waxahatchie, in central Texas. After Mr. Graves had shown me his cattle and cotton he took me over to see his woods.

"Well; what of it," I said, as he pointed to a ten-acre forest.

"What of it? Why, them's black-walnuts, sir. Ten acres of 'em. Planted 'em myself ten years ago. See, they're nine inches through. Good trees, eh?"

And sure enough there were ten acres of hand planted black walnut trees. They stood about twelve feet apart, 200 to the acre,—in all, 2,000 trees.

"Well, how do you get your money back?" I asked.

"Black walnuts are worth $2.50 a bushel, 'aint they? I'll get 400 bushels this year. That's $1,000. A hundred dollars an acre is good rent for land worth $15 an acre, 'aint it?"

"Well, what else?" I inquired, growing interested.

"The trees," continued Mr. Graves, "are growing an inch a year. When they are twenty years old they will be nineteen inches through. A black-walnut tree nineteen inches through is worth $25. My 2000 trees ten years from now will be worth $50,000. If I don't want to cut them all, I can cut half of them, and then raise a bushel of walnuts to the tree—that is, get $2,500 a year for the crop. Two hundred and fifty dollars an acre is a fair rent for $15 land, 'aint it?"

Now, any farmer who has ten acres of overflow land on the Illinois bottom can do just what this smart Texan has done. He can make it worth more than ten acres in the suburbs of Chicago inside of ten years. Any Chicago man can buy fifty acres of low black prairie within fifty miles of Chicago at $25 an acre, plant it to black walnut, and make it pay him $15,000 a year.

The more I examine into the possibilities and probabilities of ten acres of black-walnut trees, the more astounded I become. There is no crop on earth that will come within fifty miles of it. Calculate it any way you may; ten acres of black-walnut trees will pay $250 annually an acre for the first forty years. Ten acres of black-walnut trees fifty years old would be worth $100,000. There is no fruit that will pay $2.50 a bushel, the market price of black-walnuts. Ten acres of black-walnut trees, at any age, would always find a market, like a marble quarry or coal mine. It could always be sold. Mr. Graves says he has never seen a time since his black-walnut farm was two years old that he couldn't have sold it for more than that many crops of wheat.

News Items From all over the State.

Republican City wants a butcher.

A doctor and druggist is wanted at Pierce.

Culbertson will celebrate the fourth in great style.

Hastings is engaged in erecting five brick blocks.

Pierce county's real estate has advanced fifty per cent in value.

A number of Colfax county teachers are paid $40 per month.

A Catholic church is to be built at Plum Creek. Citizens subscribed $702.

The contest between the clerk and treasurer of York county is growing hot.

J. F. Kelley of Republican City, lost a $125 horse, by being gored by a bull Sunday.

Our state exchanges do not mention any specimens of rye that are less than six feet high.

The track has been completed to Creighton, and cars will soon be running to that place.

Grandpa Burnell, a Harlan county youth of seventy-one summers, raised 1200 bushels of corn last year.

A man successfully navigated the Niobrara, last week, in a skiff, receiving a ducking or two and losing a gun.

A son of Cornelius Ryan, seventeen years of age, was drowned at Timberville, seven or eight miles west of Fremont, Sunday morning.

The farmer boys of West Mission creek, Pawnee county, got their spunk up at a church fair and outvoted the town boys for the prettiest girl.

A package was recently received at the Plum Creek post-office directed to the "President of the Recognized Church of Christ at Plum Creek.

The Plum Creek *Press* says that reliable advices from the round-up state the losses among the cows and yearlings will be rather heavy, while the steers and older cattle are doing well.

The farmers south of Fremont are a little agitated over the toll levied upon them by the bridge contractors who have not yet given up the bridge. It was supposed that the bridge was to be free.

Mr. Ballon, of Juniata, has two acres of ground planted to strawberries, from which he will raise this year about 2,000 quarts of berries, for which he is now getting twenty-five cents per quart—which will make him $500.

Mrs. Brenneh met with an accident Sunday while on her way to Overton with her ox team, by a bull belonging to Matt Wilson attacking the team, causing them to upset the wagon, with herself and two small boys. But with the exception of slight bruises and the smashing of a pail of egg, none were injured.

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