

PETITIONS are being sent into Gov. ... for a special session of the legislature to redistrict the state. This seems to be unwise, and we doubt very much whether His Excellency will pay any attention to the call.

An Omaha Bee correspondent writing from Bloomington says that S. W. Switzer is a candidate for representative, and that he can be counted on as a Van Wyck man in case of his election. That statement would kill him if nothing else came up.

The state of Nebraska should at the next meeting of the legislature pass or amend the present law giving more power to the sanitary commission and State Veterinarian. At present these officials are handicapped by cumbersome laws which are inoperative. The State Veterinarian should have power to stamp out all contagious diseases, and the State should back him. He should also have power to appoint district agents, and condemn animals without being compelled to have the sanitary commission follow him up at a great expense to the state.

The suspended republican office holders are sending numerous applications to U. S. Senators asking for information in regard to why charges were preferred against them, and why they were ousted from office without even a hearing. Many of them are at loss to know the reason therefore. They have no objection to being fired if a democrat must have the office, but to have trumped up charges preferred against them, and then to be denied the privilege of what they are too much. Grover has got his foot into it and there's a chance for some fun ere long. If the president is honest in the matter he should divulge the facts. The people are entitled to them.

The annual meeting of the Grand Army of this state will be held in Red Cloud next week for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and to make selection of the place for holding the reunion next fall. For the position of commander, Gen. John M. Thayer is being very generally named, and probably no election could be made that would give such general satisfaction. Gen. Thayer is one of the pioneers of our state, has contributed to make a large part of her history, and served with distinction during the war. He would not be more honored by the choice than they would be by his election. Let the old veteran lead the other veterans in peace as he so worthily led on the fields of strife.—Omaha Republican.

**Death of Gen. Hancock.**  
The sudden death of Winfield Scott Hancock at Governor's Island Tuesday removes one of the three major generals of our army to the retired list of eternity, where so many of the distinguished commanders of our armies during the rebellion are already enrolled. While so many perished in the struggle and so many more passed away soon after its close, it has been Gen. Hancock's good fortune to live until the fullest reunion of our warring sections had occurred, and the blessings of profound peace and unbounded prosperity everywhere prevailed. Gen. Hancock was a brave and skillful soldier, and the taking of Richmond was at one time within his grasp. In June, 1864, the Eighteenth army corps under Gen. Baldy Smith, during Grant's movement to the James river, advanced upon Petersburg. When at nightfall it stormed and carried the heights about the city, Hancock came up with his second corps, and seeing the advantage urged Smith to advance upon the city, offering to waive all question of rank, as Warren did at Bunker Hill, and place himself and troops under Smith's orders. But the latter declined on the ground that his men had fought enough for one day. Petersburg lay at their mercy then, and with its capture Richmond would have fallen. Grant held Smith responsible and renounced him from his command, and that ended his career. In the reconstruction Gen. Hancock commanded one of the five military divisions of the south, with headquarters at New Orleans. His policy and theories at that time led to his nomination by the democratic party for president in 1880. Through a heated political campaign he bore himself without reproach, and died honored and respected by all his countrymen.—Omaha Republican.

**JUDSON.**  
This has been a cold winter. Water has frozen in a 30 foot well 1 1/2 inches thick, but at the close of the week the weather began to moderate some so that farmers can begin to travel the roads again. Some of the roads have not been traveled since the storm. The mail comes to Judson regularly now. E. Wagner had a dance at his house on Wednesday night. All had a good time. Preaching is played out. Sid. something good to eat at Hacker's. Evaporated fruits at City Pharmacy.

**FROM SAN FRANCISCO.**

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 31, 1886.  
**FRIEND HOSMER:** Leaving Salt Lake City and Ogden Jan. 24, we skirt along the shores of Great Salt Lake, perhaps the most wonderful body of water in the world. Nearly 1000 miles from any other body of salt water, having no visible outlet its waters are intensely salt, although 32 fresh streams constantly pour into it. Nevada, as we see it, is a desert until near the western part we find some stock is kept. We descend the Humboldt Valley for near 300 miles. This river is noted for having no mouth. Although it becomes quite a large stream, it finally sinks away from the face of the earth. Monday night we cross the Sierra Nevada range, the dividing line between Nevada and California. Were it day we could see but little mountain scenery on account of snow sheds, one of which is 45 miles long. We awake Tuesday morning in the wonderful state of California of which it has been said that "every brook is a river, every pond is a lake, every tree is a forest, and every man is a har." It has rained incessantly lately, and California looks too us like a drowned rat. The low lands of the Sacramento Valley are under water, and as we glide along but for the noise of the train we might imagine we were traveling by boat. Travel south to Los Angeles is interrupted by washouts, and we go on to San Francisco, 833 miles from Ogden and 1977 miles from Red Cloud. I cannot do justice to this wonderful city, and the many objects of interest in and about it, in the limits of this letter, and will only add a few remarks about climate and products. Since July, 1849, only 132 days the mercury went below 32° above, the lowest 29°, 198 days it went to 80°, highest, 98°. At present the average temperature is about 45°. Geraniums, fuchsias, callas, etc. are in bloom in the open air. Nearly all trees are evergreen and in full leaf. The grass is as green as June in Nebraska. The market is full of green vegetables all the year, one crop following close upon the another. Strawberries are in the market always. From June to November, cherries, plums, pears, peaches, and grapes abound, and from December until late in the spring the market is filled with citrus fruits such as oranges, lemons, walnuts, almonds, pecans and Italian chestnuts are largely raised here. The citron fair of North California is now in progress, and shows conclusively that citron fruits can be raised here as far north as Philadelphia and New York. Some of the finest specimens on exhibition came from Shasta county, which is 150 miles north of here. The weather is far from nice—is warm, but damp and foggy—a poor time for sight-seeing, and an excellent time to take cold, which we lost no time in doing. Shipping and business in general seems fairly lively. Tuesday, February 2, we leave for Los Angeles, having spent just a week in "Frisco," and a very interesting week it has been.  
Yours truly,  
A. F. ORMSBY.

**FROM ARKANSAW.**

**EDITOR CHIEF:** We left Red Cloud on the 27th of last month for our new home in the South. Nothing of any importance occurred until we reached Kansas City one hour late. My wife had a fearful sick headache which lasted for several hours, but by the time we reached our destination she was about as well as ever. We took the Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Ry for Hoxie, Ark. The word was given, and we are on our way at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The train men on the road treated us very kindly, rendering every assistance to make us comfortable and our journey pleasant for four hundred miles in the same car. From Kansas City to Hoxie we journeyed with pleasure. At Hoxie we changed cars and took the St. L., I. M. & S. to Grand Glaize, our journey's end, where we arrived at 2:25 p. m. the 29th. We stayed here until morning, then my three oldest girls, my boy Robbie and myself, walked a distance of four miles out to the farm where we met my other two boys, William and Albert, who have been here for some time. Albert had killed a fine deer the night before our arrival and we were treated to a very fine dinner of venison, the first I had eaten in 18 years. Monday we finished moving to the farm, and are now living at home, boarding at the same place. My family are all well pleased so far. I would further state that there is somewhat of a change in the climate between here and Red Cloud. There was plenty of snow all along the road until we reached Springfield, Mo., where there was but little snow, and at Hoxie scarcely any at all, and none at all at our place until today, when it is snowing from the north-east. Today finds us sitting around the old fashioned fireplace, some eating apples, some cracking hickory nuts and walnuts, etc. I have a very beautiful farm. In my next article I will try and give a description of it. I am undecided what name to give to my farm. I expect to go to rebuilding fences in a few days. In the old of the moon in this month I shall plant two or three acres of Irish potatoes, which best wishes to all inquiring friends.  
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Given under my hand this 19th day of February, 1886.  
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Articles of Incorporation of the Farmers' and Merchants' Banking Company.  
I, the undersigned, do hereby give and all persons who may hereafter be admitted to the membership of the state of Nebraska, and the corporation shall be deemed necessary. To such officers the directors shall delegate the ordinary and necessary functions inherent in the position to which they are assigned, and all meetings of stockholders shall be held at such place and on such day as shall be determined by the board of directors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of January A. D. 1886.  
SEAN GARRETT,  
E. R. SMITH,  
J. O. Y. DEER,  
L. O. HOLLAND,  
W. S. GARDNER.  
On the 14th day of January, A. D. 1886, before me, W. F. Overman, a Notary Public, personally appeared Sean Garrett, E. R. Smith, J. O. Y. Deer, L. O. Holland and W. S. Gardner, all of whom are known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above writing and acknowledged the execution of the same for the purposes and purposes stated therein.  
Witness my hand and notarial seal this 14th day of January A. D. 1886.  
W. F. OVERMAN, Notary Public.

**Attention Teachers.**  
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