THE DAILY BEE.

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THE present senatorial dead lock is a hard lock to pick.

DURING March 45,125 immigrants landed on our shores. Immigration in March came in like a lion

APROPOS of the season, the Boston *Courier* remarks that even an Easter egg isn't as bad as it is painted.

THE attempt of the *Republican* to head line John Sherman into the democratic party was somewhat of a failure.

SENATOR SHERMAN thinks the new secretary of the treasury will do. Secretary Windom couldn't have a better endorser.

THE old saying that "a thousand probabilities do not make one truth". must have been written especially for Hazen's benefit.

THE Irish *World* has been declared a treasonable publication by the British government. This means thirty or forty thousand more subscribers for the *World*.

EIGHT years in the New York penitentiary was what Jas. O'Brien's connection with the Morey perjury business cost him. Speaking of the Morey letter, who has heard of Bill Barnum lately.

THE U. P. monopoly organ should come right up to the scratch and explain how that Council Bluffs elevator, built by the Union Pacific, to monopolize Nebraska's grain trade, is going to benefit Omaha.

WITH all due deference to the eminent statesmen who constitute the republican half of the United States senate, we must express our unqualified disapproval of the present dead lock. It is indefensible and demoralizing. Since the senate went into executive session, the president has made 297 nominations, only twenty-five of which have been confirmed. There are also three treaties awaiting concurrence by the senate in executive session. An interesting feature of this dead lock is, that the democrats have since March 24th made thirty-nine motions to go into executive session, and the record shows that each motion was voted down by a strict party vote—by the republicans.

While the republican senate is engaged in this apparently hopeless and senseless contest, the supreme court vacancy has on several occasions necessitated an adjournment of that body for want of a quorum. No circuit court can be held in the fifth judicial district, as there is no judge. The business of the court is large and important. There is no marshal of the District of Columbia, and court business at Washington is at a stand with. The court of claims is also closed owing to existing vacancies. Besides this blockade of the courts, important foreign missions and other federal offices remain vacant. The democrats can well afford to hold out. The responsibility of administration rests upon the republican party, and it cannot afford to block the wheels of government for the sake of Mahone or the political barnacles who want to fill positions as door-keepers, messengers and clerks for the senate.

THE RELIEF MEETING.

THE BEE earnestly directs the attention of its readers to the call for a mass meeting of the citizens of Omaha, to take immediate action for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in Northern Nebraska and Dakota. This meeting, which is called by Mayor Boyd at the request of many of our leading citizens, will be held at the court house on Saturday evening, at half-past seven o'clock. The court house should be crowded to overflowing. Omaha is not slow to answer to the appeals of the unfortunate in other states and countries. She will be even less slow to hurry to the rescue of the destitute and dying in her own state and on her own borders. Reports from the inundated region represent over seven thousand people suffering for the necessities of life. Thousands are homeless. Dakota is utterly unable to meet the demands upon her people for shelter and provisions. Northern Nebraska is too poor to be expected to contribute. It is to the wealthier portions of the state and to Omaha particularly that the sufferers from the flood in Dakota and Nebraska have the right to look. Omaha will not belie her splendid record of the past. Let there be a full meeting, one worthy of the present reputation of our city and of her past history.

THE dead Czar had a hard time of it during the last four years of his life. At one time he was prevailed upon to wear a chain breastplate under his tunic, but though one of the lightest kind was made for him he could not bear its weight, so the expedient was adopted of causing his tunic to be padded with cotton wool steeped in a preparation which hardened, and made it, if not bullet-proof, at least knife-proof, and difficult for even a bullet to pierce at a long shot. An attempt was made some time ago to poison the Czar by sending him a petition covered with some obnoxious powder, since which he ceased to receive letters, papers or petitions. For a similar reason he gave up smoking, through he used to like a cigar, and he drank no wine but from bottles uncorked in his presence. In the imperial kitchen the Czar's food was prepared by a French cook, who plied all his avocations under the eyes of two police guards—not that the cook himself could incur any suspicion but because some conspirator might have got at the ingredients he was preparing. The food was always cooked in the simplest way, without sauces, and it was tested by two officials before it was served at the Czar's table. Everything that Alexander II. ate or drank was tasted in his presence and all the attendance in the dining room was performed by servants of tried fidelity.

A DANGEROUS INNOVATION.

The report that the European monarchies are moving to curtail the right of asylum for refugees may well be received with alarm by all lovers of liberty and adherents of a republican form of government. For many years past, in England and Switzerland, and in France since the fall of the empire, that right has been construed to mean practical protection for all political offences committed in another country. It had a parallel in ancient times in the cities of refuge where safety was guaranteed to the refugee from the vengeance of his pursuers. It has been in practical operation in our own country since the foundation of the Republic.

Under the right of asylum, as heretofore construed, political refugees were assured of complete security from arrest and annoyance on demand of the nation from which they had fled. The security guaranteed by this construction has been responsible for the addition to the United States of thousands of her most valuable citizens who came here as political exiles. Through a like construction of the law, Russian conspirators have found shelter in both England and France. The arrest of the editor of a socialistic newspaper in London, on complaint of the Russian government, for publishing opinions in justification of assassination as a proper means of ridding the world of tyrants, indicates that there is a disposition to define the range within which political refugees may act. The endeavor to overturn governments by the death of the rulers and by means of a conspiracy of the governed has heretofore been regarded strictly as a political offense. It will be found a very dangerous experiment to attempt to define too closely the dividing line at which such strokes for liberty shall make political refugees common criminals. The difficulty in each case will be the determination of the nature and amount of evidence required to secure the surrender of an accused political refugee. Charges can easily be trumped up and surrounded by a show of proof, in order to secure possession of an enemy to tyranny. Had any such limitation been placed on the sacred right of asylum, Kossuth would to-day be rotting in a felon's grave, Garabaldi would long since have perished on the scaffold, Mazzini would have paid the penalty of his love for liberty with his life blood, and Carl Schurz would have suffered death at the hands of King John's executioners. Had the right of asylum been curtailed, every Fenian prisoner in this country would have been sent back to England under trumped up charges of conspiring against her Majesty's life, and Rochefort, who never shed anything except red ink, would have been captured on his way across our continent and hurried back to France and the guillotine.

Free governments should refuse to constitute themselves policemen for despots. They should refuse to raise the hue and cry after every poor wretch, who, failing to secure the freedom of his country or the removal of the enemies of liberty and escaping the clutches of some continental tyrant, seeks safety on friendly shores. America especially should forcibly and emphatically decline to join in any agreement looking to the curtailment of the sacred right of asylum and should use her every effort to influence other nations to a like decision.

THE *Herald* dubs Omaha the Gate City. That may be "original" with the editor of that wide-awake sheet, and he would be entitled to a copyright were it not for the fact that Keokuk, Iowa, has been known far and wide as the Gate City for more than twenty-five years.

IF Major Max Boehmer were in Omaha his opinion upon the rip rap fraud on the river front would be interesting reading.

The policy of the conductors of SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY in having a number of short novels to accompany their historical serial of "Peter the Great" has proved a fortunate one. The publication of "Peter the Great" has materially increased the circulation of the magazine, and has resulted in a large sales of back volumes (there have been one thousand copies of last year's volumes sold in England alone during the past few months), and the printing of these bright novelettes has appealed to even a wider constituency, and has been an excellent balance to the heavier material of the history. Of those already published, Mrs. Schayer's "Tiger-Lily" at once established her reputation as a writer of capital short stories, while nothing of Mrs. Burnett's yet issued have been more widely read and enjoyed than "A Fair Barbarian." In May begins Mr. Cable's "Madame Delphine." The author of "The Grandissimes" has already scored so great a success as a writer of short stories and as a novelist that there can be but little doubt as to the quality of "Madame Delphine." Every one knows Mr. Howells, and the announcement that he, too, will contribute a a novelette, to begin in the June Scribner, with the taking title of "A Fearful Responsibility," has been received with not a little satisfaction by his large constituency of readers. Later there will be printed a short serial by H. H. Boyesen, and another by the author of "An Earnest Trifler," whose long silence since her first success augurs well for the new story. It is expected that these last two will begin in the "Midsummer" Scribner.

PublicLand Thieves.

Chicago Telegraph.

For some time past the air has been full of reports of land swindles perpetrated in the districts to the west where settlemets are being made, and it is reported that Secretary Kirkwood is about taking vigorous measures to stop this wholesale thieving and protect the bona fide settlers who have been in a great many cases helpless against the most bare faced attacks upon their property.

The land-grabbers have a thousand tricks of their own, but to illustrate one of their methods the case of Neilson, a settler in Beadle county, Dakota, is instanced. Neilson had lived on a track of land for two years, complied with all the requirements of law, built a comfortable house and made many improvements, but by accident he found a handbill on which was printed a notice showing that a stranger was proving his claim to the very same tract. Further examination showed that several of his neighbors were about to be robbed in a similar way by a scoundrel who had planned to make oath under several aliases that he had lived three years upon the property owned by them, when he would have received patents for the property and the settlers would have been left practically without remedy.

A prompt application to the local land office prevented the consummation of this fraud, but a great many other honest men have been less fortunate in discovering the attempts of sharks and have lost everything. It is thought that nearly one quarter of the public domain along the line of the Northern Pacific has been illegally captured through trickery and perjury. Secretary Schurz commenced a war upon the sharks last fall by sending out a detective who procured the indictment of one of the principle offenders, J. D. Cameron, of Sioux Falls, who had grown rich from the business; and now Secretary Kirkwood is making a special effort to put men in charge of the government interests who will be vigilant and faithful in this business.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

California.

San Diego is to have a telephone system.

Hay-making commenced last week in Kern county.

This is to be a very prosperous year for Southern California.

The farmers are rejoicing over a copious rainfall, insuring an abundant harvest.

Opium sellers in San Francisco are being vigorously prosecuted by the authorities.

Articles of incorporation were filed last week by the Stockton and Amador railroad company.

Strong Anti-Monopoly leagues are being formed in several towns. Ladies are also joining the movement.

The people of Santa Barbara proudly claim that the Mission there was established on December 4, 1786.

A competent authority puts the value of the crops of the cereals raised in Los Angeles last year at fully $3,000,000.

The San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria Valley railroad will be extended about thirty miles, to the Santa Maria river.

Col. Baker, of the Laguna ranch, made $35,000 last year from his sheep, one buck yielding 40 pounds at the two clippings of the season.

The superior court has decided, in the case of Burke vs. Flood, of Bonanza fame, in favor of the former, assessing damages at one million dollars.

The bark "J. M. Clerk," with 1,100 tons of wheat, cleared from Wilmington for Cork, Ireland, March 30. The wheat was grown on the Newhall ranch.

G. W. Ware, a farmer of Colusa, has already planted 300 acres of his Cortina farm to cotton, and before the season is over will have added enough to make the total area 500 acres.

Last year the state exported $40,000,000 worth of cereals. The output of the placer fields was $20,000,000, and the importations amounted to $20,000,000. The bullion crop was no less than $20,000,000.

On a farm in the lower San Pedro valley, the Apache chief, Es-kim-in-zin, has settled down and employs fourteen Indians and Mexicans. He has 150 head of cattle, a number of fine horses, some sheep, wagons and agricuitural implements.

Crop reports show that nearly everywhere in the state the prospects are favorable for good average yield. On some of the flooded lands no attempt will be made to raise crops, and a majority of the larger wheat growing counties report decreased acreage, although a number have seeded an increased area.

A new canning establishment has just been started in San Francisco, $55,000 being expended in buildings and machinery. The establishment is one of the largest on the coast, and when running at its full capacity will give employment to about 1200 persons; the expected output for the year is estimated at 1,500,000 cans or 30,000 cases. Salmon, fruits of all kinds, jellies, jams, pickles and honey will be prepared for market.

Land-owners in San Bernardino valley grow their own firewood by enclosing their tracts with close lines of cottonwood trees, which are topped every three or four years at a distance of about eight feet from the ground without injury to the trees. The branches thus secured are large and numerous and burn well when properly seasoned.

The C. P. railroad is about to commence work on their large depot at Oakland, to be erected on the mole, or ground work, which has been built out into the bay, and which is 280 feet wide and 800 feet in length, from which the ferry slips will extend 240 feet, making the entire length 1040 feet. The building to be erected will be 990 feet in length and 240 feet in width. The main portion will occupy 650 feet, the sheds, at the Oakland end, extending 300 feet further.

Oregon.

Clackamas county already has wheat twelve inches in height.

The building commissioners of the Oregon Insane Asylum have let the contract for work and material.

Pine logs driven as piles at Astoria more than fifty years ago when examined last week were found to be perfectly sound.

From the assessment returns just filed in the office of the secretary of state, it appears that the total taxable property in the state is $48,494,223. Returns show an increase of $2,071,406 over last year's assessment. The total revenue of the state from taxation is $339,459.25.

Washington.

The Norther Pacific railroad has sixty-five miles built from Ainsworth, and will reach Spokane in June.

There is a complaint of a lack of workingmen at Olympia, as great a demand for them never having been known.

Walla Walla is to have a $20,000 hall. The building will be three stories in height, with four business stores down stairs.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation company's broadguage track is finished to Coyote. Daily trains are running between Walla Walla and the Dalles.

Nevada.

There are 5,423 Chinese in Nevada.

There are 465 colored people in the state.

The fruit trees are in bloom around Reno.

Large crops will be put in in Duck valley this spring.

A ten-stamp mill is to be erected at Aurora, Esmeralda county.

The leading business houses of Virginia City will close on Sunday hereafter.

A Reno stage company have lately lost $1000 worth of horses by the epizootic.

An artesian well now being bored at Battle Mountain, has attained a depth of nearly 500 feet, and there is yet no prospect of water.

Carson has got the Wood river fever bad. Many of her citizens have started for that land of promise, and more are preparing to follow.

It has been found necessary to employ a large force at retimbering and repairing through the heavy ground in the south branch of the Sutro tunnel retarding the putting in of drain boxes.

During the winter season 334 carloads or 6346 head of beef cattle have been shipped from Reno to California. Estimating the cattle to be worth $32 50 per head, the sales aggregate $277,000.

Walker lake is about 29 miles long and 14 miles wide in one place, and is 1900 feet deep. The water is strongly impregnated with soda, and yet the lake at the northern end contains trout in abundance. "At the other end of the lake," as one of the residents remarked, "you might fish until the hair on your chin was a mile long, and you'd never get a bite."

Idaho.

Bay Horse will be a lively place this year.

Fine weather continues, and the snow is rapidly disappearing.

As spring approaches the Wood river fever becomes more violent.

Quartz is being hauled from Florida mountain to the Arastra, at Oxyhee.

Work has been commenced on the new warehouse of the Northwestern forwarding company, at Blackfoot.

The Yankee Fork country promises large developments this season, and a very large addition to its population.

A large amount of fresh beef has been brought down from Custer mountain and put on the market this spring.

A strike was made the other day in the Ebenezar mine, on Canyon creek, that surpasses in richness the very best pockets that have been struck in the mine, and there have been some immensely rich ones. The second grade ore in the new strike is as rich as the first-class that has heretofore been taken out.

Montana.

Placer mining will open up within the next 30 days.

Thirty-five miles of wire fencing is being constructed by the Teton ranchmen.

By August 1st the Utah & Northern railroad will be completed to Butte.

Gardening and tree planting has been progressing the past week in Deer Lodge.

The bullion shipments from Butte for the week ending March 26, aggregate $34,682.26.

The packing house of Bass Bros., & Co., has, during the past winter, slaughtered 1,600 hogs.

The freighting season has fairly opened and it bids fair to be the most extensive one ever experienced.

It is reported that a one-fourth interest in the Mountain Boy mine, Butte, has been sold for $10,000.

The Alice company, of Butte, shipped sixty-three bars of bullion during the month of March, valued at about $100,000.

The whole country for hundreds of miles along the Yellowstone is one immense bed of lignite, commonly known as coal.

The total indebtedness of Missoula county on the first of March, 1881, was $136,180.86—an increase of debt during the year of $4,565.39.

Helena Independent: We learn on good authority that Thomas Cruse has been offered one million dollars for his great Drum Lomord silver and gold lead.

The numerous camps of Indians on the other side of the Tongue river have lately commenced to kill cattle from among the bands over there belonging to stockmen.

Several Musselshell flocks have commenced lambing. The season was never more favorable, and should it continue many flocks will be increased from 100 to 120 per cent.

Stock owners in this valley are feeling in excellent spirits at the advent of spring. A number of stockmen say the losses have been comparatively insignificant, not reaching those of the winter previous.

Marcus Daly has taken the contract to sink a shaft 300 feet deep on the property of the original Butte Mining company. The shaft is to be nineteen feet long, by six and one-half feet wide, with double cage compartments.

The Yellowstone ranges during the past severe winter have been the most favorable for stock of any extensive ranges in Montana. Taking all the cattle herds that range from Glendive to the mouth of the Bear on the upper Yellowstone, the losses will not aggregate over ten per cent.

Wyoming.

The stock growers are getting ready for the round-ups.

The Laramie rolling mill is turning out work in large quantities.

The finishing touches are being put on the new Baptist church at Cheyenne.

Laramie City now has five hose companies, one hook and ladder company and a bucket brigade.

Some fine specimens of silver and copper bearing ore have been brought in from the Laramie Peak region.

North Park mining property is increasing in value and price. Everybody is building and rustling, and money is plenty.

Work is progressing on the new bridge to be built across the Big Laramie at Berg's ranch. The contractors are getting timber from the forest west of Cummins.

Cheyenne asks for proposals for water works. It will require an aqueduct protected from frost, 18,000 feet in length, to conduct water by gravitation to natural reservoirs elevated 100 feet above the city.

An additional force of stone-cutters have recently been added to the force already at work on the Ames's Monument at Sherman. The medallion busts of Oliver and Oakes Ames will be cut of brown stone and shipped out from Boston sometime during the summer.

Utah.

Apricot trees are in full bloom at Salt Lake.

A fine quality of marble has been found near Frisco.

Utah farmers are reckoning on immense crops this year.

There is considerable inquiry now for Utah mining property.

On the Salt Lake Temple there has been expended already over the sum of $1,455,581.45.

Freight trains are now pouring into Ogden over the Union Pacific, and merchants are happy again.

It is 316 miles from Ogden to the Wood River country in Idaho,—178 by rail and 138 by stage.

The Sevier Valley Railroad company has let contracts for grading 160 miles of the road running west from Grand River.

Contracts for the grading of about 200 miles of the Denver & Rio Grande road have been let in Utah, the work to be pushed with the greatest vigor. Other contracts will soon be let. Its engines will soon whistle in the streets of Salt Lake.

If buds are any indications of a fruit crop, then Utah will have the largest crop ever seen in the territory. The peach, apricot, plum and pear trees are as full as they can hold this season, and if frost and bugs keep off the crop will be enormous.

Summer work has been resumed on the Mormon temples in Utah During the winter season only a small force of men were engaged, and most of these in dressing stone, but when the spring opens hundreds of the faithful gather, and the work of laying stones on the walls is prosecuted with energy.

Sandstone so thoroughly impregnated with petroleum has been discovered in southern Utah, a short distance from a railroad, that parties are prospecting the ground with a view to finding the source of the oil and interesting Philadelphia capitalists.

Arizona.

One thousand laborer are wanted on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad.

Cow-boys continue their depredations throughout Southern Arizona.

The new Arizona coal fields, in Deer creek valley, extend for twenty miles.

The legislature freed the mine owners from a bullion tax. It also created the office of state mineralogist.

There are now in the Tombstone district, three ten stamp one five-stamp, two twenty-stamp mills and one of thirty stamps.

Four masked men entered the Lewis Hotel at Florence on the 28th ult., knocked down the proprietor, tied him to the bed post and piled trunks, chairs and other furniture on him, went into the bar-room and took $6000 from the safe. No word was spoken by any one.

Parties in from Sonora state that the surveyors of the Guaymas branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad have failed to find a practicable route up the Sonora river to Deming. It is now believed that the Guaymas branch will be turned over to the Southern Pacific, and that the latter company will start a branch road direct from Tucson, connecting with the former at Hermosillo, two hundred miles south, which will make the distance from New Orleans to Guaymas by rail about 1,500 miles.

New Mexico.

The rush of fortune hunters to the territory is enormous.

The fourth legal execution within ten months has just taken place in Silver City.

The gold and silver mines recently discovered four miles west of Rincon, are attracting a large number of miners.

Another Baca, one of the murderers of Conklin, has been captured in Old Mexico by Texas Rangers and hung to a gate post in Soccorro.

Colorado.

Denver consumes 100,000 glasses of beer per day.

Denver requires about $23,000 to run the municipal mill for a month.

Moody and Sankey are wrestling with the sinners of Denver.

The Denver & New Orleans railroad company has ordered fifty miles of steel rails.

Golden is moving for better water works, a new hotel and lower taxation.

A man named David N. Strand had his back broken by the caving in of a sewer in Denver last week.

The Dunkirk mine is one of the heaviest ore producers on Republican mountain at the present time.

Leadville had a $30,000 fire the first of last week. McDaniel's theatre was the principal building destroyed.

The Texas, Santa Fe and Northern railroad is a new line, projected to run from Santa Fe to Durango. Grading has been begun.

The Denver gas works will be doubled in capacity. The managers have clear grit to do this in the face of the coming electric lights.

Col. Eugene P. Jacobson, state senator from Arapahoe, and a distinguished member of the Colorado bar, died in Denver, April 12.

The Columbia Chief mine, the new strike on Columbia mountain, near Lawson, is reported to be growing bigger and better as developments progress.

A vein of rich ore from five to six inches thick has been struck in the upper adit of the International mine, East Argentine, which was started during the past winter.

Messrs. D. H. and J. A. Sunders have purchased one-half interest in the vast herds of Mrs. L. S. Iliff, of Denver. These cattle yield an annual income of over $1,000,000.

A strike of considerable magnitude has been made in the new workings of the Dolly Varden, Park county. It is said to equal in extent and richness any body previously found in that famous property.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad, Colorado's pet, is reaching out towards the Pacific. The Gunnison extension will reach Gunnison City early in the summer.

Mining matters in and about Leadville give promise of very large bullion returns this year. A new ore body of unprecedented strength and value has been found in the Silver Cord.

It is said that Golden is soon to be connected by telephone with all the leading towns in northern Colorado embracing Boulder, Fort Collins, Longmont and Greeley.

The mammoth brick buildings of Denver continue to tumble with remarkable regularity. The latest addition to the list is the foundation walls of the new Republican office.

The fire fiend followed Kate Claxton to the base of the Rockies. The room adjoining that which she occupied in the Grand Central hotel in Denver, was found to be on fire a few hours after her arrival.

A big strike has been made on Columbia mountain below that place which has been dubbed the Columbia Chief. Prospectors have been hunting for the vein for years. The average assay of the mineral found is 300 ounces to the ton.

In a western paper we observe: Mr. Geo. F. Helderle, of Peru, Ind., says that he had suffered very much with rheumatism and used many remedies without benefit. St. Jacobs Oil gave him the relief sought.

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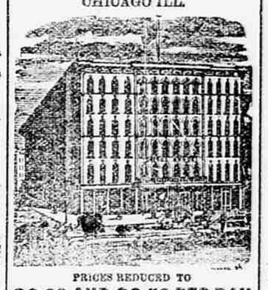

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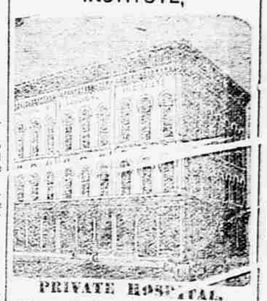

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