

SENATOR MANDESON will please accept thanks for a copy of the Congressional Record for 1886, prepared by Ben Perley Poore. It is highly valuable for reference.

THE chairman, C. E. Yost, Esq., has issued a call for a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee at the Millard Hotel, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 29th, at 7.30 p. m. This is the first step in opening the fall campaign.

VAN WYCK is preparing to make his annual pilgrimage among the fairs, making agricultural addresses. We will bet our old hat against a last year's bird's nest that he won't say a word about farming.

J. W. RIDGEWAY, formerly a well known resident of Lincoln county, is a candidate for representative from Frontier county. Mr. R. would make a good representative for Frontier county, if sound politically.

ON THE basis of persons returned by the assessors for personal property assessments, Hastings claims a population of over 10,000, an increase of over 2,500 during the year. Poor old Grand Island has not been heard from yet. Won't the Independent howl when it hears the news?

J. STERLING MORTON, the cap-sheaf of B. & M. coppers, is very severe in his strictures against the bill allowing the Union Pacific to use its surplus earnings to build branch lines. Certainly, but the next time the "Governor" runs for office he will forget all about such a small matter.

D. W. SIMPSON, the defaulting treasurer of Otoe county, has been arrested and placed in jail. Recent developments indicate that the defalcation is fifty thousand dollars. While it was fifteen or twenty, his bondsmen were willing to save him, but fifty thousand is more than they can stand and they have evidently made up their minds to prosecute. They will have to "ante up" all the same, however.

IS IT not about time the Republicans of this county began to cast about for a suitable candidate for representative? We have a number of excellent men, but whether any of them can be induced to run is a question. While we would like to have a good man, one who would be a credit to the county and state, we can favor a man only who is a straight republican and will pledge himself in electing a United States senator, to vote for the caucus nominee as long as there is a reasonable show of election. There is no impropriety in making such a pledge and in fact it is eminently proper. In these times when so many are masquerading in the garb of reformers, farmers' friends, communists (alias greenbackers) who are apparently willing to lay down their lives fighting to restore to the dear people the liberties which have been filched from them and trampled in the dust, we hope and expect that every man will show his true colors. No one can afford to be looked upon with suspicion. Every true republican is on the side of law, order and good government. As such let us work with a will and triumphantly vindicate our principles in the election of such men as will carry them into effect.

THE bill repealing the pre-emption, timber culture and desert land laws has passed the house and it is believed will speedily pass the senate, there being no serious opposition to the measure this year, nearly everybody having made up their minds it is best for the country. With only the homestead law by which you can acquire title to government land, the business of the land offices will be greatly reduced, and the occupation of land attorneys and others who thrive by making out papers and locating will, to a very large extent, go "where the woodbine twineth." We will then have an era of peace and Jeffersonian simplicity pleasant to behold.

UNION PACIFIC LANDS.

Leavitt Burnham, who has been land commissioner of the Union Pacific Railway Company for the past eight years, has retired from the service of the company, being succeeded by Mr. George M. Cumming, of Duluth, recently assistant general land commissioner of the Northern Pacific. In his new position he will have charge of the Union Pacific lands in Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah, the Kansas

Pacific lands in Kansas and Colorado, and the Denver Pacific lands in Colorado. Heretofore there has been a commissioner for each of these, but they are now consolidated into one bureau with Mr. Cumming at the head.

Anent this change, Mr. Burnham recently gave the Omaha Republican some interesting information.

"What is the amount of lands now remaining unsold?" was asked. "Between two and three million acres I should judge, in round numbers. The original grant of the Union Pacific was about 11,200,000 acres, lying mostly in Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah. Of this about 8,500,000 acres have been sold. About two million acres of surveyed lands remain unsold in Wyoming and Utah, and some seven or eight hundred thousand acres of unsurveyed lands are still in the possession of the company. The latter body of land lies in eastern Utah and is very rough and is not very desirable."

"What is the character generally of the lands in the old grant?" queried the scribe.

"In Nebraska," responded Mr. Burnham, "the lands are all good, nearly all agricultural. In the extreme western portion of the state there is of course some doubt as yet about its agricultural qualities, but good crops have been raised. One thing is certain, it is a good grazing country. Of the four million acres formerly owned in this state by the Union Pacific nearly every acre has been sold at prices ranging from \$3 to \$10 an acre. Some small bodies of land, for instance near towns, have sold at higher prices—from \$15 to \$20 an acre."

"What is the character of the lands further west?" inquired the reporter.

"It is mostly used for grazing purposes, though timber exists in good quantities in some portions of Wyoming and Utah. In a few places lumbering is carried on to some extent, and in many parts of Wyoming and Utah mineral lands exist within the grant. The company, however, was not allowed to acquire any lands having minerals, other than iron or coal; and wherever other minerals existed the grant did not apply. There are plenty of coal lands within the grant, and the company has a number of mines in Wyoming."

"What do you think of Wyoming as a coal country?" ventured the scribe.

"It is as fine a coal region as there is anywhere, although it is as yet comparatively undeveloped. I believe it has a great future before it as a coal country. Outside of the mineral regions the lands will always be valuable for grazing and have been readily sold. In Utah the land lying within the grant is much broken, and will not be fit for much of anything unless it turns out mineral."

"What was the largest single sale of land ever made by the Union Pacific?"

"The largest sale was made in 1884 to the Wyoming Central Land and Improvement company, of Laramie. They bought 600,000 acres at \$1 an acre, the company being composed of farmers and ranchmen who had settled in the immediate vicinity of the land in question and desired to buy them. A sort of a co-operative company was formed and the land purchased at the figures named. To-day the lands are paid for and a small dividend besides has been realized on the investment. The farm lands are of course irrigated."

Mr. Burnham then spoke of the wonderful progress made by Nebraska and the northwest since his first view of it in 1867. He was then connected with the government land survey at a time when most of Nebraska was in a wild condition and farming was not dreamed of further west than 150 miles from the Missouri river. "Now," said Mr. Burnham, "agriculture is successfully practiced 400 miles from here and time can only tell the possibilities of the country beyond."

Mr. Burnham will retire from office to-morrow evening, but will remain in Omaha where he has made his home for years, and is now interested. What he will do in the future he has not yet determined, but he will probably engage in business here.

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LAWN MOWERS. Conway & Keith's is the place to buy them cheap. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY. WASHINGTON, May 1st, 1886. WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH PLATTE," in the town of North Platte, Nebraska, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking...

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., May 13, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., on June 15th, 1886, viz: John Campbell, who filed pre-emption declaratory statement No. 288 for lot 1 and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter section 19 and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter section 2, township 9, range 29 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Farnum, Harry Owen, Mart Landay and Cassar Bohish, all of Medicine, Lincoln county, Nebraska. WM. NEVILLE, Register.

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PROCLAMATION.

Additional Reward. WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit: on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1885, a Proclamation was issued by me, offering a reward of two hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who, on the night of April 24, A. D. 1885, in the County of Lincoln and State of Nebraska, committed murder upon one Richard Bascomb, and upon one Emily Bascomb, his wife, and a sworn statement of facts in support of, and asking that additional reward be offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons...

By the Governor: JAMES W. DAWES, Secretary of State.

Lost between North Platte and Ogallala, one sorrel colt, one year old, white spot in forehead, two hind feet slightly white. One brown mare colt, one year old, spot in forehead. One brown Indian pony seven years old; branded mule shoe on flanks; shot mark on right shoulder.

The above animals got away about eleven miles east of Ogallala. Finder will please notify A. H. CHURCH, NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned, May 23, 1886, on section 22, town 9, range 29, in Fox Creek Precinct, Lincoln county, Neb., two horses, one black mare and tail, branded SYP on left hip. The other roan color, white face, and legs branded SYP on left hip and IK on right shoulder. Also one large dark brown mule. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take the animals away. WM. CARSON.

CITY APPROPRIATIONS.

I, C. C. Hawkins, clerk of the city of North Platte, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the council of said city, held May 17th, 1886, there was appropriated from the taxes to be collected upon the assessment of the year 1886, the following amounts, for the following purposes, to-wit: For Salaries \$2,570. Work on streets 4,200. Police court expenses 400. Incidentals 260. Total \$7,230. Witness my hand and seal of said city of North Platte this 18th day of May, 1886. C. C. HAWKINS, City Clerk.

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