## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

A CROOKED NEBRASKAN OVERHAULED .- The arrest in Canada a few days ago of J. Robert Williams, the David City (Neb.) forger, says the Omaha Herald, was the result of a remarkably clever piece of work by an amateur detective. Williams left David City early in Oc tober last, after raising about \$30,000 on forged drafts. Among his victims was S. H. Still, a lawyer at Bloomfield, Iowa, who was caught for a considerable sum and determined to spend a little time and money in looking for the swindler. Still went to David City and made a thorough search of Williams' effects The only thing of interest found was a piece of blotting paper, scarred all over with a network of ink marks. Thinking that the soiled plotter might furnish a clue to Williams whereabouts, Mr. Still inspected it very closely, and discovered that it had been used by Williams to dry a letter written to a friend just before his flight, in which he said that he was going to Woodstock, Ontario, Mr. Still wrote to the authorities at Woodstock, giving a detailed description of Wildams, a ne received a reply stating that the swindler was there, pretending to be a capita got'a ing for some real estate. This settled all doubts in Mr. Still's mind and he started at once for Canada. Arriving at Woodstook he secured the services of the chief of police and visited the Commercial hotel where Williams was stopping under the name of "E. E. J. Williams." The offender was found in bed and at once taken into custody and locked up. No money was found in his possession. Wil-liams made no attempt to conceal his identity, but refused to return to Nebraska unless sent here by the Canadian courts. His lawyers, Mesers. Macdougall and kobertson, will make a hard fight to prevent his extradition. At the preliminary examination the judge decided that there was reasonable cause for holding the prisoner until proper evidence could be procured and remanded him to jail. Mr. Still has made applications to the authorities at Washington for extradition papers, and returned to David City to get the necessary legal proofs of Williams' guilt. Williams is a sallow, pale-faced man, with long hair, who made a record in David City on his religious professions. Since the exposure of his rascality good evidence has been obtained showing that he was sentenced some years ago to seven years' imprisonment in California for similar crimes. He takes the affair very coolly, and does not seem to worry any over his situation.

ICSTATE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT .- The December school apportionment has just been made. The whole number of children of school age is shown to be 208,436, and the amount of the apportionment \$164,804.85. The amount of the June apportionment was \$303,-412.19, making a total for the year of \$468,-217.04. This does not include the payments on school land leases, which will come in on Pebruary, and which properly belong to 1884. The amount derived from school land leases was \$150,800.65.

The apportionment by counties was as follows: Commence of the comment

Name of	Number of	Amount
County.	Scholars.	Die
Antelope	3,003	\$ 2,283 06
Adams	4.248	3,342 75
Boone	2,190	1,730 39
Buffalo	4,505	3,544 98
Brown		1,011 95
Burt	3,653	2,874 54
Butler	5,292	3,377 37
Chorus		5,200 32
Cherry Sio		240 00
Cedar		1,179 56
Clay		3,514 09
Colfax		2,633 75
Cuming		2,479 52
Custer	2,145	1,687 90
Dawson	1,484	1.167 75
Dakota	1,645	1.294 45
Dixon		1,778 39
Dodge	4,977	3.816 40
Douglas		10,516 12
Fillmore	4,417	3,475 73
Franklin		1,639 11
Frontier		278 55
Gage	7 695	1,506 91 6,007 98
Greeley		973 39
Gosper		635 81
Hall		3,230 22
Hamilton	3,842	3,023 26
Harlan		1,620 22
Hitchcock	266	209 31
Holt	3,375	2,655 78
Howard	2,388	1,879 11
Jefferson		3,007 53
Johnson		3,109 82
Keith	26	20 45
Kearney	2,148	1,690 26
Knox		1,592 68
Lancaster		8,018 51 807 35
Lincoln	1,026	163 67
Madison		2,497 62
Merrick	2,415	1,900 36
Nance		793 98
Nemaha	4.678	3,681 90
Nuckolls		1,858 65
Otoe	6,574	5,173 08
Pawnee		2,527 52
Phelps		1,120 54
Pierce		686 17
Platte		3,224 65
Polk		2,572 37 893 13
Red Willow		5,366 65
Saline		5,044 81
Sarpy	2,024	1,592 68
Saunders		5,513 80
Seward	5,074	3,992 73
Sherman	1,339	1,053 65
Stanton		803 42
Thayer	3,185	2,506 27
Valley		1,341 66
Washington		3,443 47
Wayne		718 43
Webster		2,473 37 339 94
York		3,954 95
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STATE HORTICULTURAL MEETING .- The annual meeting of the Nebraska state horticaltural society will be held in the capitol at Lincoln on Wednesday, January 21, 1885, at 4 p. m. Farmers, fruit growers, nurserymen, gardners and all who are interested in horticul-tural progress, in this and neighboring states, are invited to attend and take part in the discussion. The information gained at these meetings is of more value to a practical man than years of experiment. Those expecting to attend should send to the secretary for certificates allowing the purchase of tickets on the B. & M. and U. P. railways at one and onefourth fare for the round trip. J. T. ALLAN, Secretary.

TO THE BEEKEEPERS OF NEBRASKA.-The next annual meeting of the Nebraska State Beekeepers' association will be held in the court house at Tecumseh, Neb. commencing at 3 o'clock p. m., January 14th 1885, and continuing until 12 m., January 161 Certificates entitling the holder to reduced rates on the railroads can be had by addressing the secretary, M. L. Trester. Lincoln, Neb. Action upon the subject of foul brood is imperatively demanded if we would preserve our industry and no beckeeper can afford to be absent Other matters of great importance will be pre-T. L. VAN DORN President N. S. B. K. A.

# THE STATE IN BRIEF.

Several Almaites have already gone to the exposition.

Hastings has the electric light and uses sixty-four burners. Crete nurseries paid \$12,000 for labor during

the past season. The Nebraska legislature will begin opera-

tions on the 6th of January. A medical society ie about to be organized

in Thayer county. The ice harvest is now being energetically

pushed all along the line.

circulatio . in several towns.

Omaha did a wholesale and retail trade the past year of about \$25,000,000.

A fine building, to be used as a machine shop, is going up at Orleans. At Lodge Pole last week four cats were found frozen to death in a barn.

The contract has been let for grading fiftytwo miles of railroad west from Gordon. Diptheria has appeared at Alma and in one

nstance thus far reported has proved fatal. The broom factory at Beatrice now employs eight hands and is turning out 200 brooms a

Pender is the name of a new town on the Omaha reservation and is said to be growing

The city steam laundry works of Wilkins & Evans, at Omaha, were partially destroyed by fire last week.

Near Lodge Pole, the other night, a train of cars ran into a drove of cattle, killing seventeen head of them.

On and after January 1st, 1885, daily mail service will be rendered between Broken Bow and New Helena.

Pass it along- the line that Nebraska's exhibit at the New Orleans exposition is "simply immense.

: Plainview talks of valuable improvements to be made the coming year.

John O'Brien, of Fontanelle, Iowa, arrived in Omaha last week with both hands frozen. A man named Kady has been indicted by the grand jury of Kearney for abusing his

The ice gatherers are busy securing an excellent crop of the summer luxury. An unusual quantity will be stored.

Some of Tecumseh's business men who had their goods destroyed by the recent fire will open out again at an early day.

The ravages of diphtheria and scarlet fever brought sorrow to a good many Nebraska homes during the holiday season.

A dozen frame residences are now in different stages of completion in Kearney. The

cold weather has put a stop to operations. The fall term of the Arapahoe public schools closed with good results, notwithstand,

ng the crowded condition of the school rooms. The B. & M. R. R. made Gage county acceptable Christmas gift by passing over to the treasurer its taxes for the year. The amount paid was \$18,353.86.

A desperate fight occurred in a West Point saloon, in which one of the contestants was badly cut on the head with a hatchet. The new Baptist church at Fairfield was

dedicated on Sunday last. Rev. Harris, of Omaha, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Polla Adamson, of Pierce, while oiling ma, chinery in the mill at that place, caught his hand in the gearing and had it badly crushed.

Cold as the weather has been, there are numerous peddlers in the state trying to take in the unwary. The best plan is to give them 6 The governor's message will soon be along

telling of affairs of the state, and this will be followed by doings of the legislature which is about to convene. The well-known and long-established busi-

ness house of John L. McConnell, of Lincoln, has closed its doors. Cause, difficulties of making collections. Fort Mitchell is becoming a great feeding

post. Immense sheds are being erected, with a view to feeding bulls and poor cattle during the inclement weather. Messrs. William F. McMillan and J. A. Grif-

fiths have been appointed assistant general freight agents of the Union Pacific railroad. with headquarters at Omaha. A petition has been circulated at Aurora for

to submit a prohibition amendment to the people of the state of Nebraska. The new Methodist church of Pleasant Hill. eight miles north from Kearney, was dedicated last week. An indebtedness of \$600 was

cleared up at the dedicatory service. The low price of grain and losses in hogs makes it utterly impossible for some farmers to pay their taxes this year. The legislature is expected to furnish some sort of relief.

The eighth annual session of the department encampment, G. A. R., will be held at Beatrice, January 28th and 29th. Headquarters will be established at the Randall house.

The C., B. & Q. cars come through from Chicago to Lincoln now. Heretofore they have been set off at Pacific Junction, which caused a change of cars in order to reach Lincoln.

A special election will be held in Cedar county January 20th for the purpose of allowing the electors to decide whether or not the county seat shall be removed from St. Helena

The Indian industrial school at Genoa now numbers 157 pupils. Of these 24 are Winnebagoes, three Poncas, one Omaha, and the remainder are Sioux from Yankton, Pine Ridge

Fire broke out in the large dry goods establishment of Grunebaum Bros., Omaha, the other night, and although the flames were soon quenched, great damage resulted from

water, aggregating \$25,000. The fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Farmers' Alliance will be held at the Academy of Music in Lincoln, commencing Tuesday evening, January 7th, 1885, and con-

tinuing four days. The police of Schuyler have the names of about forty boys who have been stealing coal from the railroad company, and it is probable that their parents will be called upon to pay

for their depredations. Indians have recently been encamped near Alexandria, where they busied themselves in drying and smoking the carcasses of three or four cattle presented them by farmers, the

same having died from smut. J. P. Curry, living northwest of Shelton, made an attempt to commit suicide by taking about two-thirds of an ounce of laudanum and a teaspoonful of aconite. He was saved by the timely arrival of a physician. Domes-

Two Omaha policemen, while on duty, met in a saloon at 4 o'clock in the morning and had a regular set-to of several rounds which was desperate and damaging to the participants. Both of the cops have been suspended pending an investigation.

On account of the terrible opidemic of diphtheria and scariet fever Christmas festivities at the churches in Fullerton were suspended. In that town in one week death entered the homes of five citizens and carried off seven children.

The crossing of the Missouri river between Nebraska City and Eastport, which has been difficult to maintain during each winter, is now to be spanned by an ice bridge, which the Burlington road is building. Part of the material is on the ground and the driving of the piles will begin at once.

Representative Laird met with a severe ac cident while out riding in Washington New Year's day. His horse slipped on the pave ment and fell, throwing him to the ground and falling upon him, breaking his right leg above the ankle. Physicians say he sustained a compound fracture.

The members of the German Luthern church on Elk Creek, three miles west of the town of the same name, will erect, in the spring, a new Petitions from would-be postmasters are in house of worship of large proportions. The main building will be 20x80 feet, and a school

house will be put up adjoining which will be 24x30 feet in dimensions. The building will be

Postoffice changes in Nebraska during the week ending December 27th: Established-Peake, Buffalo county, Jennie Peake, postmaster. Postmasters appointed-Ainsworth, Brown county, O. B. Rippey; Leigh, Colfax county, Frank J. Smith; Lillian, Custer coun ty, James O. Bates; Logan, Sloux county,

Wilson Smee. A "thousand scorpion tails," says the Pul lerton Journal, would come very handy just now to use on the man who hitches his team out in the cold, while he toasts his shins for an indefinite leugth of time by some grocery fire. No man has any business to hitch his team out of doors more than ten minutes at a time

when the mercury is below zero. A Lincoln judge married a couple a few weeks ago who returned the other day and asked the official to put aside the decree and set them free again. The judge informed them that while he had the power to bind he had no power to urbind, and as far as he was concerned they must remain as they were, at

which they went away sorrowing. The Cedar Rapids Era says that last week as the mail arrier between Scotia and Cummingsville was crossing the Cedar river between Moran and Middleport, the heavy flow of ice then an swept the horse and mail cart down the stream into deep water, and but for the timely arrival of some farmers near, the mail carrier would have been drowned. The mail pouch was saved, but the horse and cart

Sealed proposals for locating the Nebraska state fair for five years will be received and considered by the state board of agriculture at its coming annual meeting, Lincoln, on the third Tuesday (20th) in January, 1885. The board, in considering propositions presented. will reserve the right to award the most advantageous, all things considered, or to reject any or all.

Laing Bros., near Sidney, lost a thoroughbred Kentucky stallion last week and the supposition is that he was killed by a mountain lion which has been seen twice near their ranch. The ground about where the horse lay when found was covered with blood and torn up, showing that there had been a terrible struggle between the animals.

A suit for \$40,000 damages for slander has been brought by J. E. Brown and wife, of Johnson county, against Thomas Wright, W. 3. & Wm. Holden, and John Carroll, all parties to the suit being resident neighbors in the Helena precinct, the same county. The suit rows out of the "Stink Finger Magazine," which was circulated in that precinct and dicinity some months ago.

A fatal accident occurred at Hastings last week in Oliver's elevator. Mr. Guyer looks after the machinery and while stooping over tumbling rod to fix a grain chute, his clothes were caught by the rod and he was jerked forward and under the rod, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. His head was badly crushed and arms bruised, but no bone broken. His coat was torn clear off.

The Philadelphia Press thus speaks of Dr. Miller, of the Omaha Herald: "Western papers generally have regarded as a joke the candidacy of Dr. George L. Miller, of Omaha, for a cabinet position, but in New York state have treated Dr. Miller's candidacy in all seriousness. Miller's intimacy with Mr. Tilden, Governor Seymour and other prominent democrats of New York is said to have given him special claims for consideration at the hands of the jucoming administration.

Another victim of the careless haudling of a gun, says the Schuyler Herald, happened to be a boy named Marohn, living about eight miles northwest of Schuyler, near C. Marohn's signers, petitioning the incoming legislature the victim's uncle, On Wednesday an older brother loaded a shotgun and while in the act of putting a cap on it, it was discharged, the entire charge entering his bowels. He lived until the next day when death ended his suf-

The Fairfield Herald notes that times are brightening up wonderfully since the advance in the price of corn, and any day after ten o'clock from fifteen to twenty-five loaded wagons await their turn to unload at the elevators in that place.

The Indian industrial school at Genoa now numbers 167 pupils. Of these twenty-four are Winnebagos, eight Poncas, one Omaha and the remainder Sioux from the Yankton, Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies. Seven boys are taught carpenter work, a regular detail of boys work the farm of 320 acres. The girls are taught sewing and laundry, besides keepng the dining room, kitchen, dormitories and nalls in order. The products of the farm last year was 100 bushels of vegetables, 1,600 of its and 5,000 cf corn.

Henry Cordis, well known in Platte county as a real estate agent and for some time of the irm of Cordis & Hammond, of Columbus, was found the other night at the bottom of the stairs leading into the coal cellar of their office in an insensible condition, with a deep gash in the back part of the head at the base of the brain, evidently caused by contact with large lumps of coal on which his head was resting when found. Cordis died in a very short time after being found. It is supposed e fell down stairs.

The year 1884 has been one of the most sucessful Omaha has ever experienced. The buildings erected and the business done are far in excess of any previous year. The amount expended in street improvements approximates nearly a million dollars. Her outlay for buildings, public and private, is away beyond any previous year. A late number of the Omaha Excelsior shows illustrations of some of the res dences erected the past year, which exhibit architectural skill of a high order. The cost is put down at from

Mrs. McDougall, mother of Alexander and John McDougall, says the Schuyler Herald was fou d deal in her bed about Monday noon. The old lady since coming to town has lived alone in a small house near E. E. Greenman's, and on Monday, seeing no signs of life about the house, after waiting until near noon. Mr. Greenman knocked at both doors and receiving no answer he looked through the window and saw that she was still in bed-The door was then broken open and it was found she was dead. Everything seemed to indicate that she had passed away while asieep. The deceased was 86 years old.

The "Rebet Spy's" Daughter Married.

Miss Grace Harding Hammond, the daugher of Belle Boyd, known as the "Rebel Spy," was married at Dallas, Texas, on the 30th, to Ray Charteris, a young Englishman about 21 years of age, who claims to be the earl of Kenwwood. For nearly a year past Charteris has been employed in that city as an instruc-tor in elecution. The bride is the daughter of Belle Boyd by her first husband, her mother having recently obtained a divorce from her second husband, John S. Hammond

## Congressional Antagonism.

The Washington Star says: The feeling of antagonism, for it amounts to that, between the house and senate seems to increase rather than diminish. It has reached a point in which party sentiment and affiliation are sunk in the opposition of one house to the other. The democrats and republicans of the house join in conderning the senate for what they term a despotism to usurp the entire legislative functions of congress

### BRIEFLY TOLD.

The cattle growers of Cuba show much dissatisfaction regarding the treaty stipulations referring to American cattle, beef and meat of all classes.

The Warm Springs hotel at Warm Springs, N. C., was burned. It was one of the largest hotels in the south. Nothing was saved. Loss \$100,000; insurance, \$50,000.

Dr. William H. Thorndike, one of the best known and most skillful surgeons in the country, died suddenly of pneumonia at his home in Boston, at the age of 60 years.

The principal clearing houses of the United States report that the gross exchanges for the week ended December 27th were \$629,156,877, a decrease of 24.1 per cent compared with the corresponding week of a year ago. Mrs. Mary E. Cady, stepdaughter of Sol

White, a prominent Canadian member of parlament, was arrested at Detroit for forging her mother's name to a note for \$200 and getting money thereon from the First National Owen Skinner, of New York, alias H. M.

Scudder, who, it is alleged, swindled a large

number of people, including James G. Blaine, out of money, has been arrested in an action begun by H. M. Munsell. C. B. Simmons, local treasurer of the Louis ville and Nashville railroad, has disappeared. His accounts are \$31,000 short. It is supposed

that he has gone to Canada. The company is thought to be secured by his bond. Near Miles City, Montana, while a sheriff's osse was seeking to arrest Slayer Sullivan. Doe Charlin and a 3-year old child were shot dead at the cabin door. Sullivan was subse-

quently jailed and lynching is probable. It is estimated there has been a decrease of nearly \$400,000 in the public debt during De cember. Receipts have been light and the disbursements heavier than usual. Payments

on account of pensions amounted to \$8,000,600 Mrs. Williams, near Dahlgren, Hamilton county, Ill., while in a fit of mental depression, threw one of her children, a little girl, into a well and attaching another still younger to her dress jumped in herself and all three were drowned.

Advices from northern Texas say very little lamage was done to stock by the recent cold veather and severe storms. Some herds drifted southward for nearly two hundred mi'es, but they are being gathered up and

driven back to the points where they belong. John Thompson and Henry Couch, young farmers living three miles from Richmond. Mo., quarrelled about the horses of the former breaking into the latter's field, when Thompson struck Couch with a fence rail, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death in a few

John Hockaday, a farmer residing in Andrew county, Mo., left home at noon to chop wood a short distance from his residence. The sound of his ax not being heard, his little girl went after him at four o'clock, when he was tound lying dead by the side of a tree he had been chopping.

The inauguration committee decided to send an invitation to General Hancock to act asgrand marshal of the inauguration parade. colonel Berrett, chairman of the committee, informed the committee that he had an interview with General Sheridan in which the lat, ter stated that if General Hancock would accept the invitation he would be given every opportunity to attend to the duties of the of-

It is reported in Washington that Jay Gould s to stop in Washington three or four days on his way to Florida. His object is to present arguments to senators for passing the Pacific railroad debt extension bill. Some of the shrewder railroad agents are urging him not to do so, as they think any active show of interest on his part will harm the roads much more than it will help them.

The state conference of Illinois prohibitionists at Decatur listened to an address of two hours' length by St. John and appointed a committee of five with instructions to prepare an address to the people of the state on a prohibition amendment. A committee was also appointed to prepare a plan of better organization to be submitted to the executive committee of the state organization.

The charges preferred against Sergeant Holtnorth, of the signal service, growing out of the alleged rifling by Holtnorth of Lieutenant Greeley's desk, were forwarded by General Hazen to Lieutent General Sheridan. In an interview General spoke in terms of commendation of Sergeant Holtnorth, and said if a court martial is ordered in the case he (Hazen) hopes he will be called as a witness for the defense.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

Samuel J. Randall arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on the 30th. Replying to a speech of welcome, Mr. Randall said: "It gives me great pleasure to be here. I know but one country and one brotherhood. I am proud to be with you."

The Chicago Daily News prints a fac simile of the forged talley sheet of the Eighteenth ward election returns, together with the numerous fac similes of Wm. J. Gallagher's handwriting, and the charge is made that the prima facia case against the accused, by this showing alone, will require strong evidence

to shake the conclusion of his wuilt, A conference of democrats has been called to meet at Des Moines, Iowa, January 8, at which time the Hawkeye club, a young men's democratic organization, will give them a banquet. The conference is called to confer about the next state campaign and the policy to be adopted, and to decide whether to call an early or late convention.

Mr. Randall has gone on a southern trip. A

friend says he goes south at the earnest request of a number of iron manufacturers, and it is expected to teach Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia protection after the Pennsylvania plan. "And," said this gentleman, "that is all. He is the only tariff man that has ever been invited into a special section of the country." United States Supervisors Rowe, of Trenton, N. Y., is in dispute with Attorney General Brewster respecting the pay of United States marshals and supervisors at the recent election in New York state. Rowe says the marshals and supervisors should be paid for six and a half and seven days' work. The attornev general has written Marshal Decon declining to pay for more than three days' work. The matter will probably be taken to the court

of claims by some supervisors. A Washington dispatch says: Within the past few days there has been considerable talk among democrats about ex-Senator Thurman being selected for a place in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. This revival in behalf of Mr. Thurman has doubtless been start d by the report that the president-elect has made numerous inquiries about the ex-senator of the gentlemen who have recently visited him. It seems to be generally accepted that Mr. Bayard will be given the treasury department, as from Savannah with \$5,500 of government be is believed to have indicated preference for that place, and that the state department will go to Ohio, the claim lying between Pendleton and Thurman.

## FOREIGN NOTES.

A severe earthquake shock was experience ! in Corinthia. Considerable damage was done to many buildings. An earthquake was also felt in Wales, and many houses were injured. ington an , report to the paymenter gen re

Official sovices from Tonquin report that the French have made an advance from Tuyenquan and met the Chinese forces and engaged and defeated them, inflicting severe

losses. The French loss was trifling. General Briere de Lisle telegraphs that he has been fighting pirates near Hong Yeu for several days and kiled three hundred and captured two guns. The French troops are in excellent health and spirits.

Sentence was pronounced at Leinsic in the cases of the anarchists tried for an attempt to assassinate Emperor William at Nelderwaldt. Reinsdorf, Rupsch and Kurthler were sentenced to death. Hotzchaner and Bachman were condemned to ten years penal servitude.

The negotiations with France for the neuralization of the territory of the African International association have been renewed at Paris. Bismarck sent a special communication to Prime Minister Ferry urging him to withdraw his opposition to the scheme.

Religious riots attended with bloodshed are reported from the Sicilian town of Cottale. The priesthood has abused its power over the common people to such an extent that a mob of nearly one thousand persons, armed with clubs, scythes and stones, entered the cathedral and utterly demolished the interior.

A manifesto has been issued by the Austro-Hungarian democrats of Paris and circulated in Vienna and Pesth warning workmen against anarchist agitation and advising that combined action be taken to break the coalition between the clericals and aristocrats. The people are also urged to ref, ain from persecuting the Jews.

Fresh details received from the districts in which the earthquake shock was the severest add new horror to the calamity. At Nerja, a town of 5,000 people, in the province of Malega, the earthquake was followed by a hurricane. This finished the destruction of many houses that had already been brought to the brink of rain. The inhabitants fled in terror from their houses outside of town. Much suffering was caused by the scarcity of provisions. The alarm in Malaga is now subsiding and affairs will soon resume their ordinary

### CAPITAL BRIEFS.

Mr. John Gilmer Speed will spend some time in Washington in the interest of the American exhibition, to be held in London, commencing in May, 1886, and continuing several months. This is to be exclusively a di-play of arts, manufacturers' products and resources of the United States.

The house committee on coinage, weights and measure will consider Buckner's bill to stop the coinage of silver dollars, shortly after the reassembling of congress. Bland, chairman of the committee, says he will oppose the Buckner bill and favor a measure providing for a free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold.

The secretary of the navy has sent the following te egram to all commandants of navy yards: "Discharge all employes who have nitherto been paid under the six months appropriation act except those required to prevent the destruction of property and loss of life, and all such must work without agree-

The inauguration committee desires that organ zations intending to visit Washington on the 4th of March should communicate to the committee the number of persons included in the organization, their intended stopping place, and other particulars, so that positions in the line of the procession may be reserved for them and other necessary arart.gements made.

The director of the mint has estimated the value of the standard coins of the various nations of the world to be proclaimed by the secretary of the treasury January 1, i885. The price of silver for the last three months, com. pared with its price for the corresponding period in 1883, declined from \$1.11413 to \$1.090465 per fine ounce, which give a reduced valuation for the silver coins of countries where silver is the sole standard of value of the actual circulation.

The bill of Representative Tucker, of Virginia, to repeal all internal revenue taxes upon tobacco, provides that all laws and parts of laws which impose internal revenue upon snuff, smoking and manufactured tobacco of every description, and upon cigars, cheroots, cigarettes, in all forms made of tobacco or any substitute therefor, and upon pedlers or dealers therein, or manufacturers thereof, of every description, whether named expressly or included by implication in any law of the United States shall be repealed and ceases to be in force.

## PLAIN TALK FROM BEECHER.

He Touches on the Alleged Disaffection Growing Out of Politics.

New York dispatch: Beecher, after he had concluded his sermon to-day, touched on the alleged disaffection of his congregation owing to his action in the late campaign. He alluded to his forty years pastorate and he said that he had never mixed politics with his theology in the pulpit. He said that he did not know how far the trouble had spread, but only learned it from newspapers. If there were any pew holders offended he did not know them. He had hoped that the republican party, which had done so much for the nation, would get wisd m, but he was bitterly disap-pointed. He would have shed tears of joy if that party had put in its platform a welcome to the south and made one of its great canddates a southern man. That under certain conditions he did everything wisely, he would not say; he made no statements he would not now make in a better light, and his congregation should have had confidence enough in him not to have taken his imp tuous speech making a special plea and distort its application. As far as his political judgment and endeavors were concerned he looked upon them with unfeigned admiration. There were mistakes and errors. He was sorry for them, and apologized. In relation to pew rents, he did not care if they were diminished. He had ived on a salary of \$1.500 when he first became the pastor and if necessary could live upon it no \*. If there was a majority in the church, or a stro g minority who no longer wanted him, he would go If the great majority wished him to stay, be would die with them, and nothing would drive him away. If he stayed, the congregation would have to receive him, not on pitch-forks, but in the paims of their hands.

General Hatch expects to move on Oklahoma early this week. Seven companies of the Ninth cavalry and one company of the Twenty-fourth infantry, and forage stores for a fifty days' campaign, are being concentrated Caldwell, Kans., and sent to the front There is no particular excitement over the matter, as the local boomers have abandoned the idea of invasion. They want congressional action. No couriers have arrived from latest report is that Lieut. Day was close to Crouch's colony, on the Cimarron, and that neither party is strong enough to capture the Child's play will cease when General Hatch strikes the colony if they do not move

### A Paymaster Goes Wrong. Paymaster W. S. Smyth, who disappeared

peaceably.

funds, appeared at the war department on the 2d and voluntarily surrendered to the paymaster general. He turned over \$5,150 of the money he carried off, his pay for De ember (\$250) and \$400 paid for him by a friend maing full the amount embezzled. Smyth say he went on a spree on the simus and know nothing of his accounts till he is and himse in New York. he then to legraphed his cle that he would return immediately, but e-cluded atterwards, however, to go to VaTHE NEW POLITICAL REGIME.

A Letter from President Cleveland in Which

He Discusses Party and Patronage. Following is the letter of Governor Cleveland on civil service reform which has called out such strong endorsements from the press and public men irrespective of party. The letter was written in answer to one from George William Curtis and other members of the National Civil Service Reform League, commending the civil service reform movement to Mr. Cleveland's attention:

DEAR SIR:—Your communication dated De-cember 20th, addressed to me on behalf of the National Civil Service Reform League, has been received. That practical reform in the civil service is demanded is abundantly established by the fact that the statute referred to has been passed in congress with the assent of both political parties; and by the further fact that a sentiment is generally prevalent among patriotic people calling for a fair and honest enforcement of the law which has been thus

I regard myself pledged to this, because my conception of true democratic faith and publie duty requires that this and all other statutes should be, in good faith and without evasion, enforced, and because in many utterances made prior to my election as president, approved by the party to which I belong, and which I have no disposition to disclaim, I have in effect promised the people that this should

I am not unmindful of the fact to which you refer, that many of our citizens fear that the recent party change in the national executive may demonstrate that the aimses which have grown up in the civil service are incradicable. I know they are deeply rooted, and that the spoils system has been supposed to be intimately related to success in the maintenance of party organization, and I am not sure that all those who profess to be friends of this reform will stand firmly among its advocates when they find it obstructing their way to patronage and place. But fully appreciating the trust committed to my charge, no such consideration shall cause a relaxation on my part of

an earnest effort to enforce this law. There is a class of government positions which are not within the letter of the civil service statute, but which are so disconnected with the policy of an administration that a removal therefrom of the present incumbents, in my opinion, should not be made during the terms for which they are appointed, solely on partisan grounds, and for the purpose of putting in their places those who are in political accord with the administrative power.

But many now holding such positions have forfeited all just claim to a retention, because they have used their places for party purposes in disregard of their duty to the people, and because, instead of being decent public servants, they have proved themselves offensive partisans and unscrupulous manipulators of the local party management.

The lessons of the past should be unlearned, and such officials, as well as their successors, should be taught that efficiency, fitness and devotion to public duty are the conditions of their continuance in public place, and that a quiet and unobtrusive exercise of individual political rights is the reasonable measure of their political service.

If I were addressing none but party friends I would deem it entirely proper to remind them that, though the coming administration is to be democratic, a due regard for the people's interest does not permit faithful party work to be always rewarded by appointment to office, and to say to them that, while democrats may expect all proper consideration, selection for office not embraced within the civil service rules will be based upon sufficient inquiry as to atness, instituted by those charged with the duty, rather than upon per sistent importunity or self-solicited recommendation on behalf of the candidates for appoint-

Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

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Hogs-Medium to good...... 3 90 @ 4 35 Chicago review: Wheat is nervous. Country orders are as plenty a- they were scarce a short time age and there is a general belief that strong local operators are peddling out their holdings to fill these and that the deal is working around into weaker hands. Deliveries from armers throughout the northwest are also eported to have doubled since orders for cars received by the railroad companies here causes many to predict that the next visible supply statement will again show

a big increase. Corn appears rather slumpy, but keeps along on a pretty even keel by the sid of the strength in wheat. The pre entievel of prices brings in a steady stream of corn about equal to current requirements for consumption, as 35 cents means a rather severe restriction of the area from which corn can be shipped. Still the general beliefs is that the market will

drag for some time to come. The feeling in provisions is uncertain. Large receipts of hogs are expected to is month and some people thick not far from a million and a half head between this and March 1. Some operators are working with a view to \$9 pork, and many others think it will go as low as \$10 Outside operators are generally opnosed to this view, and hog dealers will probably resist vigorously the attempt to force the market so low, especially when they consider the enormous European demand for stuff at pres-

ent figures. A CHEERLESS NEW YEAR.

That Spent by the Greeley Explorers in the

Far North. The Washington National Republican contains further extracts from the diary of Lieutenant Lockwood, of the Greeley Arctic colony, covering the holiday week and New Year's day spent at Cape Sabine in 1883. These extracts give a continuation of the story of extracts give a continuation of the story of tarvation of the party and tell of virious devices resorted to by them to overcome the pangs of hunger and to while away the tedium of their existence. Beginning with December 26, the day after Christmas, when they breakfasted "late" on soup made of seal blubber and supped on "English meat," the record is carried down to the night of January I.

In the entry for December 26, Licutenant Lockwood says that in addition to the mea-above mentioned be had "a few bread crumbs and some salt water and gunpowder." Long warmed for h m over a lamp. He says: "We spent a good deal of talk to-day on the prospects of getting acros- the straits in the spring and of Rice's preliminary trip and the ch-nges of finding food there, etc. We count 240 rations as certain at Littleton island.