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The snow storm in the west of England not only stopped the railways but blockaded the wagon roads.

ESTEE still leads in the California senatorial contest, with DeYoung a close follower.

The worst storm of the year struck England yesterday, destroying many vessels and doing great damage along the coast.

The Kansas legislature has adjourned, while the dear people of Nebraska must suffer for two weeks longer.

The democrats held a state convention in New Hampshire yesterday. They must be getting ready for a cool campaign up among the granite hills.

The Nebraska Independents that were organized to perform wonders have taken a hand at everything of an established nature except to amend the Lord's prayer and repeal the ten commandments, and in all their wild visions of upheaval, they thus far have accomplished nothing except to depreciate by their threats and actions the values of half the property interests of the state.

The house has passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a Nebraska blow-out at Chicago in '98. The bulk of this sum will be lost or frittered away without benefitting the state to the amount of a penny. Taxes are already too high, without increasing them by loading away people's money in silly advertising schemes.

The flop of the two independent senators to Palmer in Illinois has made wide breaches in the lines of the new organization. The "flop-pers" are roundly abused by their party associates of farmer-republican proclivities. Served you right, gentlemen, this thing of getting up a party to reform the earth went work. If you want a pure, clean administration of affairs, vote for republicans of known character and the desired end will be accomplished. This wandering after strange gods to deliver the people from bondage is a farce and failure as has been shown by centuries of history.

While the democrats are jabbing with great joy over the election of General Palmer to the United States Senate, we are inclined to take a little comfort too, seeing that Palmer was one of the fathers of the republican party, and was there at its birth. And knowing too, that the old man did not desert the party until it was strong enough to go alone; in fact he was one of us until he got childish from old age. Wherefore, we are constrained to remark that Palmer ought to be honored like Thayer for the good he has done. The simple fact that the old man is a little off now should not be charged against him. We say, hurrah for Palmer!

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FAMINATION AND COLD.

A Terrible Picture of the Privations of Fremont's Fourth Expedition.
In The Century is printed a posthumous account by a survivor of the fourth expedition of Gen. Fremont. The scene is in the neighborhood of the Rio Grande at Fort Santa. The writer, Michael McGeorge, of Michigan, thus described the effect of the cold upon the animals:
The farther we went the more obstacles we had to encounter; difficulties that arose thickly on every hand as we advanced that they threatened to thwart our progress. The snow became deeper and deeper, and to advance was but adding dangers to difficulties. About one-third of the men were already more or less frost bitten every night, some of the mules would freeze to death, and every day as many more would give out from exhaustion and be left on the trail. It seemed like fighting fate to attempt to proceed, but we were bent on our course, and continued to advance.

At one time men were sent ahead to report the progress, and returned stating that they appeared in the distance before them; they supposed that the snow was melting, but on coming up what they saw proved to be the tops of bushes six feet high projecting above the snow; nor did anything appear upon which the animals could subsist. The corn had packed along for them was already consumed. Sometimes we would attempt to move on, and the severity of the weather would force us back into camp. In one of these attempts, before we could beat our way half a mile against the tempest, our guide, Old Bill Williams, was nearly frozen; he dropped down upon his mule in a stupor and was nearly senseless when we got into camp.

A number of the men came in with their noses, ears, faces, fingers and feet partly frozen, and one or two of the mules dropped down and froze to death under their packs. Poor mules! It was pitiable to see them. They would roam about all night, generally on account of their extreme weakness, following back the neck of the previous day, pawing in the snow three or four feet deep for some sign of vegetation to keep them alive. They would fall down every fifty yards under their packs, and we would have to unpack them and lift them up, and that with fingers frozen and lacerated by the cold.

Finally they began eating the ropes and rawhide lariats with which they were tied until there were no more left in camp to tie them with; then they ate the blankets which we tied over them at night; then they came into camp and ate the pads and riata off the pack saddles and ate one another's mules and tails and hoofs, even into the flesh, and would come to us while sleeping and begin to eat the blankets off us; they would even tumble into our fires, over the cooking utensils. But, poor things, little relief could we afford them, for, although they suffered much, we were in no better condition.

From Buff to Necktie.
The necktie, now become a purely ornamental detail of dress, was originally useful. It was intended to protect the throat. Its history may be traced from the time of the Stuarts in England, when immense ruffs, which served as neckcloths and collars, were worn.

Later neckcloths or cravats were adopted, and no doubt were a welcome change from the stiff, uncomfortable ruff. They were of Brussels or Flanders lace, tied in a knot under the chin, the ends being allowed to hang square.

Still later they were worn much longer, the ends being passed through the button holes of the waistcoat.
The lace neckcloth was succeeded by small cambric bands, but was reintroduced in Queen Anne's reign, and did not go out of use entirely until about 1770. Then a broad silk ribbon, tied in a large bow in front, was worn, and this in turn was followed by white cambric neckties buckled in the back, and by muslin cravats, which were tied in front in an immense bow.

In the early part of this century the soft high collar had begun to be worn, and the cravat was passed aside around the collar and tied in a fanciful bow in front.
About 1830 cravats were made very wide in the center and tapered off toward the ends. Thirty years ago stocks and cravats began to disappear, and scarfs began to take their place. From these scarfs, gradually growing smaller, was developed the modern neat necktie.—Youth's Companion.

Superstitious About Eggs.
In olden times, in the French rural districts, the parish priest would, very early on the Easter morning, visit from house to house, and bless each in turn. In payment for his visit and blessing he always received eggs, and sometimes it was a serious question how to dispose of so large a number. Among the French royalty, in a similar period, baskets trimmed with green leaves and filled with golden eggs, after the celebration of high mass on Easter morning, were brought into the king's cabinet and distributed to the court by the chaplain. Indeed it was an article of faith in Normandy that when the church bells ushered in the Easter morn, angels descended to the homes where little children dwelt, and left eggs as an assurance of their visit.—Emma J. Gray in Good House-keeping.

A Pretty Table Scarf.
A very pretty scarf for table or dresser came to my notice lately. Lined of rather fine quality was hemstitched on ends and sides, and grouped in twos and threes with some single flowers were dogwood blossoms without foliage. The edge of each petal was outlined in white silk and then closely darned across the same silk, a single thread of flax being used for the darning and two for the outline. The lines of darning were as close together as could be made and the stitch was taken as short as possible on the wrong side and quite long on the right, so an almost solid silk flower in appearance was the result when finished, which was extremely pretty.—Washington Star.

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