

SENATOR HASSELL.

Several of the anti-Butler organs—so intensely anti-Butler that they are unwilling to do simple justice to him or any man who is not already against him, have seen fit to censure Senator Hassell, for his motion to adjourn the Congress in event of war until the 30th of May. These unreasonable fault finders are all wrong in this. They would have censured Senator Hassell much more severely had the vote had been pressed at that time, and he had voted his honest sentiments—to acquit Gov. Butler—as we have every reason to believe he would have done had the vote been pressed.

COAL.

It is the right, by those who claim to know, that Nebraska abounds in coal, Prof. Heggen or "any other man," to the contrary. We had a conversation with a gentleman to-day, from southern Iowa, who has been traveling over our State pretty extensively for the past few weeks, and it is his impression that coal will be found in abundance in Nebraska in the course of time and that before very long, he stated that southern Iowa, for along time was believed to contain no coal but that now it abounds in mines of the very best quality; so it will be in Nebraska which it becomes more extensively populated by men who understand the discovery of this almost indispensable fuel.

REDUCTION OF FARE.

The B. & M. in Nebraska have reduced the passenger tariff to five cents a mile, taking effect Monday, April 10th. We look upon this reduction of fare as a very generous action on the part of the company, considering the fact that they have no opposition. But it is a peculiarity of this company that in all their dealings with individuals and with the public, they never take undue advantages simply because they have the power to do so. There is a common prejudice in the public mind against railroad companies, which is to a certain extent justified by the action of a great many of railroad corporations; but the B. & M. in Nebraska, under the management of Col. Hayes, assisted by such worthy gentlemen as Mr. Hollister, Brown, Christensen, Hill, and others, are doing much to create a more healthy public sentiment in regard to these matters. The present reduction of fare on the part of this company, without a cause aside from their own desire to make passenger and freight tariffs as low as possible, is another evidence of their favor.

LINCOLN, Nebraska, April 5, '71.

EDTOR PLATTSBURGH HERALD.—In looking over the columns of the "Dakota City Mail," under the heading of "Land Office Buzz," we see the following report of the business done in the Land Office located in that place, for the month of March:

Warrants No. acres..... 960

Homesteads..... 3,208

Cash Entries..... 1,004

Preemptions..... 50

No. Final Entries..... 1

Total Receipts \$2,937.30

Which report "computes favorably" with one day's business, in the Land Office located in this city. The following is the report as taken from the records of the office, for the month of March:

Homesteads, 276. No. acres 32,457.56

Preemptions, 427. " 60,800

Cash Entries, 2,497

Final Entries 17. " 2,632

Total..... 9,150.656

Receipts..... \$10,552.43

"Life is the time to serve the Lord," and if the thousands who are cultivating large fields of *stumps* and *stones* on acre tracts, in the Eastern States, wish to secure homes in a country where the soil is so rich that it requires only to be tilled with a hoe to laugh with a harvest.—They had better fall in with the current, and move westward with the star of empire to the fertile plains of Nebraska.—"Procrastination is the thief of time," and if the tide of emigration now pouring into the counties of Fillmore, Clay, and Adams, along the line of the B. & M. R. R. is an indication of the future, the chances are that the population of Nebraska will compare favorably, in one year's time with our older sister States.

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The Omaha *Herald* calls Gov. Butler "the dead Governor of Nebraska." It is very noticeable, however, that even the "dead Governor" causes the aforementioned *Herald* a vast amount of uneasiness. Art afraid of ghosts, Dr. 2.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet copy of Gov. Butler's Bi-annual Message sent to the Legislature at its recent session. The work was done at Des Moines, Iowa, and it is a new job. We see no reason why this work should go out of our State; even if a five cent piece can be saved thereby. The work should be done in our own State, and our newspaper interests fostered thereby.

A DISTINGUISHED VIEW.

Gov. Butler has done an intelligent and disinterested service to our State. One of the strongest arguments against it is that every screwy politician in that State is bounding him down.—*Gloucester Opinion*.

The above is indicative of the way all disinterested outsiders look upon the recent "unpleasantness" created by a few of our uneasy politicians who wished to distinguish themselves, and were successful in doing so.

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Yours Respectfully,

GLENWOOD, April 5, 1871.
MR. EDITOR:—Your love of what is useful and beneficial, especially to Nebraska, will cause you not to take offense at my calling your attention to an event of much importance to the "Great West." I allude to the assumption of the directorship of the Great Northern, as well as the Chillicothe Railroads by J. F. Joy. Esq. This event merits the mutual congratulations of our people, all along the line where these roads run.

It is well known that Mr. Joy possesses an intellect of great calibre, and is a gentleman of corresponding culture. Moreover, to render these advantages complete, he is backed by life-long "testimonials" of honesty, integrity, magnanimity, and disinterestedness. He is, in short, what the old Romans represented in the following words: "Intellige vite seculorum parsus." The shareholders may therefore safely count upon the success of these roads. Under such auspices the shares must rise in value.

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AN ACT

To Provide for Calling a Convention to Revise, Alter or Amend the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

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