

The Democrats of the California Legislature have nominated Judge W. F. Wallace for the U. S. Senate.

A heavy storm was raging at Salt Lake and on the Pacific coast yesterday.

The Banking House of Tootle Hanna & Clark will be closed at 12 o'clock on Christmas day.

All persons having business with the Bank on that day will please notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Stadelman has just received bills from New York for a large stock of Musical Instruments, purchased by him while in Europe recently. They will arrive in a few days. Wait and see them.

Prof. L. F. Johnson has a few pieces of choice holiday music left.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Washington Territory, for "An act to prevent the increase of crime, by the introduction of raffle, crabbing, wheels of fortune, and other chance games, at fairs, tea parties and societies, under the heading of applying the same to payment of debt of churches, and creating a fund to advance other private interests."

The impeachment of Gov. Scott, by the S. C. Legislature, has been defeated, and the Legislature has adjourned until the 5th of January.

There seems little doubt now that there will be a short session of the Legislature, commencing on the 9th of January. The members generally are so inclined.

The average depth of snow in this vicinity is about eight inches, and it lays remarkably well for this windy country.

The Brownville Advertiser, published at Senator Tipton's home, says the Senator does not claim to be a Republican any more, but has expressed a willingness, to the editor of that paper, to vote for a Democratic President as against General Grant. He seems very much "soured" against the Republican party since they saw fit to defeat General Thayer for the Senate and impeach Governor Butler. But, then the Senator should not go over to the enemy so soon. Perhaps President Grant will decline a re-nomination, and then he will be compelled to either turn Republican or vote for Grant on the Democratic ticket.

Col. Geo. Gillespie of Ottumwa, has shown some specimens of coal taken from the bank of the National Coal Co., Ottumwa, Iowa, which is in our opinion, very much superior to any Iowa coal ever delivered in our city. We would suggest that our coal dealers look after it, and introduce it among their many customers. The Col. informs us that it is very superior for the manufacture of Gas and Coke, and believes it equal to the best Pennsylvania coal, being very clear of sulphur, iron, or other foreign substance.

The Sup't of Immigration proposes to submit a proposition to the Legislature for an Act authorizing the County Commissioners to set apart a certain sum of money each year, for the purpose of subscribing for, say 100 copies of their County newspapers, to be used as an Immigration document.

Hereafter a branch office of the Chicago Railway Review will be kept at St. Louis, with Mr. N. H. Parker in charge.

The principal Christmas festivities in our city consisted of a supper given to the children of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Saturday evening; a Christmas tree at the M. E. Church Sunday evening; a reunion supper at the M. E. Church Monday evening; a Christmas tree for the children of the Episcopal Church Sunday School at Fitzgerald's Hall, and one at Spiers' Hall for the children of the Lutheran Church Sunday School, Monday evening.

All were well attended, and gave much satisfaction to the participants. A free supper was dispensed at the Lutheran Christmas tree, which was partaken of by a large number. The tree at Fitzgerald's Hall was most magnificent, being twenty feet in height, beautifully ornamented, lighted with colored wax tapers, and well filled with appropriate presents.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Plattsmouth, held this afternoon Mr. Thomas Evans was elected Assistant Cashier. The Board has made a wise selection, as Mr. Evans is one of the best accountants and book-keepers in the west, and has had many years' experience. The corner room of Fitzgerald's Block was leased for a term of five years, and will at once be fitted up with vault, etc. The new bank will be ready to commence business about the first of January, and will occupy the old stand of Tootle, Hanna & Clark, (to whose business it succeeds) until the new room is ready.

Oliver Logan is married, to Wm. Wirt Sykes. The telegram announces the fact and says: "Both are ultra progressivists, and have been living as husband and wife for the last two years." Another paragraph says: "Many distinguished persons offered their congratulations, and letters and telegrams of regret were received from all parts of the country." This may be eastern civilization, but a couple were to "live as husband and wife for two years" and then be publicly married, we doubt if many very "distinguished" people would offer congratulations, or send telegrams of regret.

The sleighing has been excellent for the past few days—better than usual for Nebraska.

The Great Western Telegraph Co. have their line completed to Lincoln.

The clerks in the Omaha post-office made a Christmas present to post-office Griffin.

J. Dan Lauer, formerly of the Nebraska City Times, and lady, are passing the holidays in our city.

The mercury was down to zero this morning, and yet it was very pleasant, there being no breath of air stirring.

We learn from Mr. R. A. Young, of Three Groves, that a large number of hogs have died recently in that vicinity, from what they suppose to be hog cholera. Mr. Wiley has lost 50 out of 70 fat hogs, all within a few days.

Prof. Wise, County Supt. of Schools, informs us that the amount apportioned to this county for schools, by the State Superintendent, amounts to \$8,196. This amount has been received by the Treasurer and will be immediately apportioned. This is nearly double the amount of the last apportionment.

Senator Tipton passed up on the train Sunday morning, probably going to Omaha.

A party of Japanese passed up on the R. C. St. Joe. & C. B. railroad last Sunday morning.

The New York "Committee of Security" has perfected a new charter for the city, to be presented for action at the next session of the Legislature. It provides for various reforms.

A man named Strathair was badly frozen last Friday night near Omaha. He had too heavy a load of benzine, and fell by the wayside, where he was found by his friends who went to search for him. His recovery is doubtful.

Sam. Boyd, the supposed seducer of Miss Oliver, has been held for trial, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$8,000, promptly furnished by his brothers.

Mr. & Mrs. Seth P. Mobley of the Platte Valley Independent send out their new business card on tinted paper, some times called "colored paper."

Coal is selling at Crete for \$10.50 per ton. This is quite a revelation, since two and a half years ago, when "the place where now Crete is was a howling wilderness" seventy-five miles in the interior, and coal could not have been delivered for five times ten dollars per ton. Railroads did it.

The Mayor of Brownville has offered a reward of two hundred dollars for the body of Mr. Wm. M. Cliffe, a prominent citizen of that place, who left home on the 12th of December for Toledo, on business, and has not since been heard from. It is supposed that he was drowned by falling through the ice of the river, or fatally dealt with in the woods between Brownville and Phelps-station. One hundred dollars is offered for evidences of his death.

The winter term of Plattsmouth Academy will commence on Tuesday, the 23d day of January.

C. H. Walker, Esq. of Ashland, called at the HERALD sanctum to day, and simply remarked that the newspapers had slandered him. It is too bad Charley. Indeed it is.

Friend work initiated. Among the curiosities of recent scientific discovery, may be instance the one made by M. Berthel, and turned to practical account by M. Kuhlmann, the celebrated chemist. M. Berthel has found that Epsom's salt, or sulphate of magnesium, when mixed together with a small quantity of borax, or artificial glass, applied to a pane of glass with a brush, will, on crystallizing produce a transparent design formed on glass by frost in cold weather, with this improvement, that the liquid may receive any color whatever, at the option of the operator. M. Kuhlmann, however, conceived the idea of going a step further, and transferring those fairy-like creations to stuffs and papers. By means of a powerful hydraulic press, the minutest and most intricate designs, in no way daily imparted on the soft material, and a copy of them in relief was then obtained by galvanoplasty. But in the impression of cotton stuffs the process is of great importance, when in M. Kuhlmann's plates the lines at one end would fail to coincide with those at the other, causing disagreeable interruptions in the printed designs. To obviate this he ingeniously effected the crystallization of the cylindrical surface of a roller. A slight rotary motion imparted to it prevents the liquid from accumulating at any particular point before it has evaporated.

This country excels all others in the perfection to which wood-working machinery of all kinds has been wrought. The growing variety of timber is therefore, one of our great industrial interests, and any means of avoiding any further decadence in this respect has a close bearing upon more than one branch of our commerce. The matter is of more than ordinary importance on the Pacific coast, but the views expressed by the scientific press concerning the feasibility of creating forests by planting and culture are worthy of consideration in the East. With a small expenditure of labor, or says our occidental contemporary, California might secure abundant timber for future wants. In our rich lands certain kinds of forest trees grow with astonishing rapidity. In the Sacramento Valley, where thousands of acres of suitable lands are lying waste, we might have a quantity of great industrial interest, fringing the river and spreading over the lowlands, and which would be of untold wealth to the State. We have seen that it is not unusual for cotton-trees of ten years' growth to yield two and three cords of wood. We have ourselves seen pine trees attain a height of sixty feet and a diameter of eighteen inches in ten years. Some trees we read of a cottonwood tree in Colusa, which after fifteen years' growth, was cut down in 1870, and yielded seven cords of wood.

We have no doubt that the cultivation of timber might be made more profitable than the usual farm productions. Of course the results would not be reached immediately, but we have seen estimates made by reliable agriculturists which show that the profits of timber culture in the course of twenty years would exceed the value of the wheat crop in that period nearly fifty per cent.—Pittsburgh Real Estate Register.

Twenty specimens of meteoric iron, one of them weighing nearly twenty one tons, were brought from Greenland by the See-Idis Arctic expedition.

BURNING OF A MILL. ROCK BLUFFS, Dec. 23, 1871. EDITOR HERALD.—About 9 o'clock last evening our usually quiet little town was startled by the cry of fire; and on turning in the direction of Naomi we were astonished to see this institution apparently doomed to destruction.

From the south window in the east end of the building the lurid flames were issuing, and then we knew that "fire do burn." A light coating of snow, which is then put upon it for inside facing, and of Portland cement for outside facing. By this means surfaces are made impervious to moisture, smooth, and easily washed with water, thus saving the expense of repeated lime washings. It is formed into slabs in iron frames, which are put together and closely and securely fastened with bolts. The slabs are from one to one and a half inches thick—They are found to serve as panning for dividing walls and partitions. Where space is of importance, it has the advantage, perhaps, over cement, being in enabling a wall to be made of not more than one and a half to two inches in thickness, and yet its quality is said to greatly exceed that of the latter.

A gentleman from Italy, with a board of elegantly painted babies, and hoops with only one pair of breeches between three of them, and nice little goddesses and angels, and statuettes, is in town—no doubt he is driving business, for we saw him driven out of three door yards.—Danbury News.

A curious instance of the effect of nervous shocks is to be seen in one of the hospitals of Dresden, in the case of a soldier who lay on the field after the battle of St. Privat. He is not wounded, but in a state of extreme prostration. He sees nothing, feels nothing, and perceives nothing. The article has so shaken his nerves that he has even lost the power of speech entirely. There is another in the hospital at Bantzen who presents much the same appearance of insensibility, but his mind and powers about as if knitting. His state is attributed to depression of the skull caused by the splinter of a shell.

An enterprising dentist thus advertises: "Get your sweetest a new set of teeth as a Christmas present."

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic and Odd Fellow Lodges, at their Hall in Masonic Block, on Tuesday evening, 26th inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m., sharp. Business of importance to transact.

By order of the President of the Joint Board of Trustees. Dec. 27, 1871.

An old manuscript has recently been discovered in Western New York containing the following anecdote of the famous Indian chief Red Jacket, which is new: He was on a visit to a house in Canada and not arriving until after dinner, the girl was ordered to make preparations for the night. The chief, however, thinking it would do well enough for an Indian, placed on the table a dish of meat that had been visited by the flies. Red Jacket advanced to the table, and with his knife busily engaged in the meat, took the dish and placed it on the sill of the door, stepped back, took his rifle, deliberately took aim and discharged the contents through the window, and the chief was annihilated in the house. They ran to inquire the cause Red Jacket replied that he was skinned his meat before he ate it. The J. K. held his breath.

Don't sell your pork until you have seen E. G. DOWDY. dec4d4w1m

Avert the Evil. If mothers would give Mrs. White's Syrup to their children when sick, mortality would be less among them. It costs only twenty-five cents. dec2d4w1m

If you want your Family Photographed on your watch dial, go to Carruth's. dec4d4w1m

A Texas Wedding. The following marriage notice is from a Texas paper: "I am married, on the 4th instant, by early candle-light, to the daughter of the bride in the town of Mason, Mason county, Texas, by James M. Hunter, presiding Justice of the county. Senior Robert Gardner, of the Republic of Texas, and Miss Amy Perryman, of the renowned tribe of Seminole Indians and one of the few followers of the noted chief, Will Cat. Quite a number of guests were present to witness the ceremony, which together and partake of the magnificent preparations that were supplied for the entertainment which would have done honor to the royal lodges of the proudest chieftain."

Surprise parties are very pleasant things, if properly understood. But if they are not understood, they are the cause of much trouble and expense. The Nebraska City News says Gov. James has consented to issue a call for a session as soon as the members assemble and determine upon what subjects it is desirable to legislate.

B. S. Ramsey, Esq., has our thanks for a full history of the fire at Naomi.

Senator Hitchcock has arrived in Omaha.

Messrs. W. R. Bartlett, of Douglas county, T. H. Robinson of Sarpy county, and T. Tobias Castor, of Saline county, Commissioners on behalf of the State to examine the O. & S. W. R. R., from Omaha to Beatrice report that in an excellent condition, and constructed of first class material. The B. & M. folks had a hand in the building of that line, and they always do the thing right.

Blank Deeds, Mortgages, Bonds and a full line of Justices' Banks for sale at the HERALD Office. d&w1

A nice Holiday present, a fine Photograph and frame! Go to Carruth's Gallery and examine specimens. dec4d4w1m

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All persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle immediately or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. P. MAXWELL. dec15d4w1m

A new kind of wall is coming into use in England, the advantages claimed for which are the very important ones of non-absorbence of moisture, non-conduction of heat, economy of space, washable surface, and wial cheapness. Over a framework of strong cross pieces, consisting of iron rods, is a fabric of wire, woven by a powerful pressure, fibrous matter, which is saturated with a solution which renders it fire-proof. It is thus made into building paper, and is used in a light coating of Portland cement is then put upon it for inside facing, and of Portland cement for outside facing. By this means surfaces are made impervious to moisture, smooth, and easily washed with water, thus saving the expense of repeated lime washings. It is formed into slabs in iron frames, which are put together and closely and securely fastened with bolts. The slabs are from one to one and a half inches thick—They are found to serve as panning for dividing walls and partitions. Where space is of importance, it has the advantage, perhaps, over cement, being in enabling a wall to be made of not more than one and a half to two inches in thickness, and yet its quality is said to greatly exceed that of the latter.

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"AFTER THE FIRE" Office St. Joseph, Mo., November 15, 1871. To the Public.—In another column we present to our policy holders and the public in general, a special statement showing the condition of this company on the 15th day of November, 1871.—As considerable doubt still exists as to the solvency of many of the leading companies, we refer to the subjoined statement with pride, and ask a preferential regard of the same. The fact of our having a handsome surplus over and above all liabilities before the great fire, is being generally known, that our losses were small, business commenced pouring in from a majority of our agents, immediately after the Chicago fire, and the month of October has closed, giving us over fifteen thousand dollars in premiums, or over three times as much as the same month last year. This large increase in premiums for October, over the same month in the last year, shows the volume and credit of the company, and shows the value placed upon our policies, both at home and abroad, in such times of doubt as the present.

It is now definitely stated that fifty-seven (heretofore sound and reliable) insurance companies have suspended, and the insurance journals speak in a manner that leaves no doubt that they are not yet. Many of the leading companies at the east are by this great calamity reduced to an even footing with a number of the medium companies at the west, and we present our claims as being in every respect as worthy of your confidence, as those companies at the east.

With the present adequate rates, economical management, and handsome surplus over and above all liabilities, we enter the contest with the full assurance that the "St. Joseph" stands second to no company in the West.

GEO. W. SAMUEL, President. H. E. PALMER, Agt., Plattsmouth, Nebraska. dec4d4w1m

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The day was observed in our city quite generally. The various churches held appropriate services, the Christmas trees were well filled, and everything passed off as becomes a civilized and Christian people. There was a time when Christmas was spent in the west in drinking and