

The Bloomington Guard does not expect to be saved by Faith alone. Mr. Baxter is the junior publisher, he observes.

The legislature of Nebraska is now organized for work. We hope none of our solons shall prove afraid of it—we mean good, honest work for the commonwealth's best interests.

The London Star says, "Grover Cleveland is worth a quarter of a million dollars, and he will settle down in New York at the close of his presidential term." This seems to be authoritative.

St. Paul has her ice palace. Sioux City her corn palace and New Orleans her cotton palace. It would be appropriate for New York to erect a gin palace, and have Governor Hill lay the cornerstone.

ALREADY certificates of election to the next House of Representatives have been issued to 164 republican—two more than a majority—and to 159 democrats. There are still two certificates to be filled.

"PEACE on earth to men of good will" is a new but not improved rendering of the celestial chorus at the advent of Christendom takes more delight in the prophetic announcement of the old version, "On earth peace; good will to men."

WILL S. KING, lately of the Bartley Inter-Ocean, has leased the Trenton Torpedo; and, bringing as he does, ability and experience to that paper, it may be expected that noticeable improvements will appear on the same at once.

THREE young women of Rapid City, Dak., at a dinner last December, it is said, declared their intention never to marry, and agreed to dine together on the 23d of each December. Since then three honorary members have been added to the "club." They are the girls' husbands, and all six met at dinner on the 23d inst.

A SINGLE house in Boston drew drafts for \$60,000 for Christmas gifts sent to Irish homes by American residents from "the Green Isle." It tells a better story of the condition of American laborers than all the oratory. What Boston did was done by every city of the land, not only to Ireland, but to Germany, Sweden, and other lands.

MAYOR HEWITT of New York stepped out of office Tuesday, and his successor, Hugh J. Grant, was given possession of the keys and seal. The incoming of a new mayor in New York city is one of the important days in the metropolis. The mayorality of that city is a more important office, in a financial sense, than the presidency of the United States.

AN Eastern Democratic paper is growling about the little presents General Harrison has been receiving. If the editor will agree to pay charges we will guarantee that the General will gladly forward a black bear, two or three jack rabbits, an eagle, a porcupine, and other beauties. The fact is that the people are trying to make up to the General for the wear and tear of carpets and other furniture, and the destruction of fences and lawns during the summer, but have not done so yet.

A WRITER gives, in a late Century, an account of a visit to Nazareth in Palestine, where it is related that Jesus followed the occupation of a carpenter. From his description of the place, with its squalor, its dirt, its poverty, its beggars, and its lepers, the question asked over 1,800 years ago would be pertinent now: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Certainly, from the picture of the ancient village, it is not in a condition to-day to invite immigration.

DURING the last year the new high-license law went into operation in Pennsylvania, and the result already is a very large reduction in the number of saloons in the State. In 1887 there were 14,553 applicants for license. The number of applications last year under the more rigid conditions of the new law was 11,590, and of these only 7,724 were granted. Within a year the number of saloons in Pennsylvania has been reduced almost exactly half. But Third Party prohibitionists insist that such results are a great crime.

In the January number of the North American Review, Allen Thorndike Rice has a thoughtful article on the reform of American suffrage which is worthy the attention of all who are interested in seeing the best results of government achieved through the elective franchise. He declares that a reform of election methods is the pressing national question of the hour, and that it should enter into the next national campaign. There is no question but the ballot, both North and South, is and has been for years, persistently and flagrantly debauched. Good citizens are in favor of having this outrage come to an end.

SEVERAL hundred statesmen are doubtless either on the way to call on the president-elect or intend calling upon him some time between now and the closing days of February, and several hundred other statesmen have already called. All this, of course, was to be expected, and is no more of a surprise to the object of their visits than it is to the average person who reads about them. All our chief magistrates—at least all since Jackson—have been obliged to undergo a similar experience in the two or three months immediately preceding their inauguration. Never, however, in the extent to which it has grown into an abuse, which it demands a statement.

The legislature of Vermont has passed a law which it is safe to predict will make trouble. It provides that "it shall be the duty of any sheriff or his deputy or any constable to search, without warrant, any wagon, carriage, cart, sleigh, sled, trunk, box, hand bag, satchel, bundle or clothing, conveyed or worn along any road or street in the state, for intoxicating liquor, if he thinks there is a chance of finding any by so doing. If the sheriff or one of his deputies can find any of the contraband article he is entitled to one fourth of the fine inflicted upon the owner or keeper of the whisky, beer, wine or like beverage. Under this law deputy sheriffs may search men or women at any time or place, and under the sanction thereof may inflict all manner of indignities. Commenting upon this extraordinary legislation the New York World says: "One may search in vain among Russian statutes or edicts for an instance where the principle of personal liberty is more directly violated than right here, or where authority is given more completely the form and spirit of despotic tyranny."

THERE never was a woman so gifted, wealthy, beautiful or high in social position that she was not married by a cold, distant and supercilious being. There are so many sorrowful lessons in life, there are so many hurts and wounds for all of us, it seems to me that every woman ought to cultivate a sweet manner and a kindly glance for the stranger or the acquaintance. It costs nothing, and like a ray of sunshine, it warms and strengthens many a frost-bitten life whereon it falls. I think some women and girls have the idea that a haughty and proud bearing impresses a stranger with a sense of their importance. This is a mistake. The truly great are never arrogant or cold, but modest and kind in demeanor, while the unworthy and presumptuous often assume an air of supercilious disdain with strangers to hide their natural deficiencies.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN generously permits Peter Jackson, the Australian fighter, to challenge him, but positively refuses to meet him in the ring because Jackson is a colored man. This is a rosebud path by which to sneak out of a hole. There is a growing belief that the colored gentleman in question can come very near placing a mansard roof on the dome of thought of either Kilram or Sullivan, and he should not be barred because he is a brunette. If Col. Sullivan really desires to win the confidence and affection of the public, as he claims, he should go out of business as a dramatic editor and commence fighting.—Topics.

E. O. WOLCOTT was nominated unanimously by the republican legislative caucus of Colorado Wednesday for senator to succeed Senator Bowen. Ex-Senator Taber has for months been making a most determined effort to secure this nomination and to defeat Wolcott, and in this effort he has been aided by a number of the prominent old time politicians of that state. But the work of the kickers has come to naught and the young republicans of the state are jubilant. Mr. Wolcott is one of the "boys" in age, being about forty years old, and his nomination places the young republicans of Colorado at the front.

A QUEER election episode will come before the grand jury when it next meets at Indianapolis. A man in Winchester county was recently arrested on complaint of his wife, who alleges that he did nothing for her support. In his answer he set out various provisions he had made for her, and included in the list was the sum of \$2, which he alleged that he had received for his vote, and had immediately paid over to her. The matter came to the knowledge of the Federal officers, and he will be called to account for either the sale of his vote, or his false oath in saying that he had sold it.

OF all the Christmas presents received by any being, the emperor of China probably carried the choice of the whole lot. His mother, the empress dowager, issued a proclamation just before Christmas, commanding one girl of sixteen to the emperor's "first consort," another of fifteen to be his "second consort" and a third, a girl of thirteen, and a sister of consort No. 2, to be his "concubine of the second rank." The emperor is only eighteen years old and for a young man is pretty tolerably well fixed. It is better to be born with an indulgent mamma than to be born rich.

From foreign correspondents it is learned that the British government is much amazed at the attitude of the government of the United States toward England's failure to send a minister to Washington in place of Sackville West. The omission to send an accredited representative in Sackville's place is a diplomatic insult and ought to have been met by the withdrawal of our own minister at the court of St. James. But this has not been done, neither has Mr. Bayard taken any steps toward expressing his disapproval of the course pursued by the British government.

"TURNING the rascals out" has not been a very great success in the various treasury and sub-treasury buildings belonging to the federal government. There has been more stealing of government funds in the treasury vaults and in the redemption bureau within the last thirty days than there was in the last eight years of republican rule. Perhaps the election of November discouraged the clerks and messengers, and they concluded that honesty is not its own reward, and they must make lay right away while the sign shines.

THERE are many small souls in the world who are the natural enemies and maligners of all men who have made a success in life. The statesman, the scholar, and the millionaire, however just and wise and generous, have to feel the tongue stings of the class of misanthropes whose lives have been a succession of failures.

The legislature convened on Tuesday, organizing in the senate by the election of the Hon. Church Howe as president pro tem, Mr. Wall M. Seely as chief clerk, with J. H. Esterday, 1st assistant clerk; S. L. Roberts, 2nd assistant clerk; H. M. Wells, clerk committee of whole; C. Parkan, sergeant at arms; S. G. Byson, assistant sergeant at arms; E. S. Gillespie, doorkeeper; Rev. J. G. Tate, chaplain; Mr. Hayes, enrolling clerk; Mr. Hustad, engrossing clerk; M. E. Getter, postmaster. In the house, Hon. John C. Watson was chosen speaker; Mr. Brad. Slaughter, chief clerk; Thos. Cooke, 1st assistant; Clyde Barnard, 2d assistant; Nettie Wortham, enrolling clerk; Jennie Holland, engrossing clerk; Rev. S. P. Dillon, chaplain.

Fortnightly: For some time past the fashionable tendency has been largely in the direction of a conscious, not to say wilful, thinness of narrative material. The old merits of fullness and "body"—virtues apparently hereditary in that lineage of robust minds which can be traced backward without a break from George Eliot to Fielding—have been growing rarer and rarer. In their place the art of making a very little go a very long way has been carefully cultivated by undoubtedly dexterous hands. Fiction has almost reached the point of sheer bravado in some developments of the "society" novel, notably a species grown in American soil, or rather in New York conservatories and forcing beds, and distinguished by an elaborateness which no amount of cleverness can render other than rapid. Such a fashion can never in the nature of things be long lived. Those miracles of inextricable nothingness, in which the tiniest rivulet of incident just trickles across a continent of dialogue, cannot long be interesting, even as miracles, in an age to which the miraculous does not make a permanently successful appeal.

If there be any possible danger to life and property that cannot be overcome by man's ingenuity it has yet to show itself. The deadly elevator has at last been rendered innocuous by means of an air cushion. If it breaks loose at the tenth story, or the fifth, it is received on the cushion so safely that no harm can be done. The Scientific American tells of an experiment where an elevator, weighing 2,300 pounds, equipped with plate glass mirrors and loaded with baskets of eggs and goblets of water was cut loose and allowed to shoot down eighty feet. The air cushion received the elevator with so much ease that not a drop of water was spilled nor an egg broken. The pressure at the point of concussion was 60,000 pounds.

While talking to John Wise, Robert Ingersoll came in sight, and Wise said: "I would not much like to play Ingersoll's role in this country. I said to him not long ago: 'Ingersoll, you go into a house where the little children are playing with their dolls. You jump on the doll babies and smash them all up. They begin to cry, and when they are all crying for the loss of their dolls you turn around and say, Good morning. I have given you a great deal of common sense.'"

The people of Dakota have won a substantial victory in the decision of Judge Ross, of the territorial supreme court, who affirmed the right of the counties of the territory to levy taxes on railroad lands and to sell the same where the taxes were not paid. The principle involved holds good in other sections of the country than Dakota where railroads shirk paying taxes on their lands.

This nation needs two volumes like the "Compendium of the Tenth Census." More than that is a waste of time and money. More than that is undemocratic, and conduces only to the engrossing and forestalling of products by second-hands. To be printing the census of 1880 in 1885 disgraces the most ignorant inhabitant. It should make the intelligent legislator turn scarlet to think of it.

UNCLE SAM—Officer Luce, what's the charge against Hayti? Officer Luce—Disrespectful conduct, sir. Uncle Sam—Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars fine. Hayti—Sacre! Me finds me in z'vat you call, ze gambou.

The word is delicate and Philadelphia is slowly but surely becoming synonymous. The Philadelphia mind turns naturally to the syndicate idea, and it is a fact which is a recent comment that Philadelphia appears to be present running some of the biggest enterprises in New York city. There seems to be a boundless amount of ready cash in the Quaker City. The thing to railroads mainly, though they occasionally wake up and bet money, they did on Harrison. They have tremendous interests in New York street railroads, are building the Poughkeepsie bridge and a lot of connecting lines, own the entire cable system of cars in Chicago, and have a strong hold in Boston, Washington and Baltimore. The old thing about it all, according to financial men is that though the Philadelphians have a great reputation for conservatism and caution, they come up like a shot when a syndicate scheme that promises great profits is placed before them.

CIVILITY is a fortune in itself, for a courteous man usually succeeds in life, and that even when persons of ability sometimes fail. To man civility is, in fact, what beauty is to woman—it is a general passport to favor, a letter of recommendation written in a language that every stranger understands. The best of men have often injured themselves by irritability and consequent rudeness, as the greatest soundness have frequently succeeded by their plausible manners. Of two men, equal in all other respects, the courteous one has twice the chance for fortune that the discourteous one has.

A woman has entered the race for United States senator in Delaware, and she has frightened all the other aspirants for Uncle Eli Sullivany's seat. She is working for her husband, Allen E. Richards, a member of the state senate, who will not work for himself. He is rich as a big business, and is old enough to care more for rest than for politics, but his wife thinks he is the biggest man in the state and he has fitted to represent the republicans of Delaware. She is apparently causing a great many other people to think just as she does.

"Is the resignation of the first assistant clerk of the senate?" says the London Daily Call "Joe Esterday will be the man."



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DISTRICT COURT. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADJOURNED DECEMBER TERM.

Court convened Tuesday morning and up to the time of our going to press the following cases were disposed of in the manner described:

The people ex rel. vs. Boyer & Gillen; injunction made perpetual. Margaret Wilhelm vs. George Wilhelm, divorce granted. August M. Penner vs. Peter Penner, same. Joseph H. Bickford vs. Elizabeth Bickford, same. Exchange National Bank, Hastings, et al. vs. W. H. Ingersoll vs. Wise & Stoop, judgment \$700. Fees & Hocknell vs. Allan Bartley, judgment \$1,148.50. Same vs. J. S. LeHew. R. W. Ingersoll vs. Wise & Stoop, judgment \$700. G. Johnson vs. A. H. Cowles et al., judgment \$1,412. F. Babcock vs. L. J. Starbuck, judgment \$1,000. C. P. Rinker vs. R. H. Neill, continued. Alice Bird vs. W. O. Saylor, D. Kendall, W. O. Russell, dismissed, plaintiff pay costs.

"There," said a neighbor, pointing to a village carpenter, "there is a man who has done more good, I truly believe, in this community than any other person who ever lived in it. He cannot talk very much in public, and he does not try. He is not worth \$200 and it is very little he can put down on subscription papers, but a new family never moves into the village but he does not find it out, and give them a neighborly welcome and offer them some service. He is on the lookout to give strangers a seat in his pew at church. He is always ready to watch with a sick neighbor and look after his affairs for him. I believe he and his wife keep houseplants in winter mainly that they may be able to send little bouquets to friends and invalids. He finds time for a pleasant word to every child he meets, and you'll always see them climbing into his one-horse wagon when he has no other load. He has a genius for helping folks, and it does me good to meet him in the streets."

The democratic members of the house of representatives are laying their plans for a very vigorous campaign against the senate tariff bill. This is entirely unnecessary. The democrats can defeat the bill on first ballot, so what's the use of wasting time? Everyone of them has said all he knows about the tariff and more too, and any further fooling away of time is an injustice to the people. The next congress will fix the business on short notice and with very little fuss.

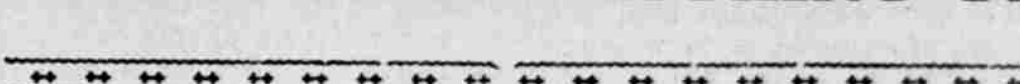
WILLIAM SWINTON proposes to write a book to obliterate the fame of Grant. Gen. Grant once ordered Swinton to be hanged as a spy, and the gentleman never recovered from the restraint. But Swinton will not particularly change the public estimate of Grant. A fly might start toward the sun with full purpose of capturing it with a speck. The sun would shine on, and as to the fly, its fate would be of no particular interest.

"A SOUL—I like the old word—a soul that is rightly developing is always growing itself into shapes, into houses, trees, gardens, stores, families, as well as charities and friendships. So we get the ideal character, the ideal life, and the ideal good. If our ideals are defective our work follows of the same sort. A man may work without ideals; he can not work ahead of them."

A NATIONAL historical association has been organized with headquarters at Washington. This is a good movement for preserving historical data. If it would become all that it should be, it should have a branch in every city and county in the Union. In this way it would become the universal historical treasury of the nation.

The Philadelphia Press suggests that in the years to come Secretary Whitney will doubtless preface the stories he tells to his grandchildren with: "The year our war with Hayti broke out," or "the mild crises that followed the restoration of peace between the United States and Hayti."

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LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., December 11, 1888. 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 register or receiver at McCook, Neb., on Saturday, January 20th, 1889, viz: THOMAS F. ROWELL, who made H. E. No. 7,229, for the E 1/4 S 1/4 of sec. 14, in Town 5 N. of Range 22 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Thomas W. Ritchey, Edgar E. Gause, John A. Williamson and Michael Houlihan, all of McCook, Neb. S. P. HART, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., November 21, 1888. 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 register or receiver at McCook, Neb., on Thursday, January 22, 1889, viz: PEBE WHELAN, H. E. No. 7,229, for the N. E. 1/4 Sec. 14, Town 5 N., R. 20, W. 4 P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Paul Hippenweiser, Harry Turner, Samuel Ginnaman and Joseph Hart, all of McCook, Neb. S. P. HART, Register.

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