

THE JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1878.

SENATOR PADDOCK is one of the Senate committee on the yellow fever investigation.

WM. FLETCHER has been appointed chief of the loan division of the treasury department.

At Chicago on the 14th inst., snow fell to the depth of one foot, and the storm was yet in blast.

Heavy rains last week were again flooding some portions of New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

PLUME, BURDETT & BARNARD'S bolt and nut works were burned at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 11th inst. Loss \$50,000.

News had been received at Madrid on the 10th inst., from Mogador that a terrible famine prevails there. Many deaths occur daily.

PETER ANDERSON was murdered on the 9th inst. in Kearney county by Dick Richardson. The murderer was committed for money.

Last week heavy snows fell at St. Joseph, Mo., Kansas City, Leavenworth, Kas., at the latter place to the depth of fifteen inches on a level.

In the contest in the Senate on the Butler-Corbin contest the committee decides in favor of the legality of the election of Corbin from South Carolina.

GOV. ANDREW G. CURTIN, Democrat, of Pa., has served notice of contest upon Seth Yocum, Greenback Republican, for a seat in the 46th Congress.

J. G. BURKE was tried last week at Omaha, found guilty of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for twelve years.

SENATOR EDMUNDS on the 11th inst., succeeded in holding the Senate to consideration of his electoral bill. Mr. Morgan spoke at length in support of the bill.

It is stated in the Foreign news that the Russians have decided to leave 50,000 men in Bulgaria, and concentrate all troops in excess of that number at Adrianople until a definite treaty is concluded.

SHORT & FOSMAN'S extensive job printing and stationery establishment at Cleveland, Ohio, was badly damaged by fire on the 14th inst. The loss will reach \$50,000 but it is claimed to be fully insured.

A LADY being examined in court was asked her age, replied that she didn't know; she couldn't remember the exact hour when she was born, and could only depend on hearsay. Hearsay is not evidence, and the matter was ruled out.

C. W. LANE, wife and two children, living four miles below Sabula, Iowa, on the Mississippi, were drowned last week while out on the ice on a hand sled. The ice broke so suddenly that none could save themselves or be rescued.

The river at Pittsburg, Pa., on the 11th was twenty-two feet eight inches high, and still rising. Trains on most of the roads were delayed by the storm, and the telegraph lines east and west were prostrated by the wind and heavy fall of snow.

JUDGE BLONDET, of Chicago, has taken the proper steps to have his official conduct thoroughly investigated. Some of his enemies at Chicago have threatened him with impeachment, but have for a long time, failed to make any move in that direction.

SENATOR PADDOCK has introduced a bill to amend the *posse comitatus* clause of the army appropriation bill for the present fiscal year, so as to provide that it shall not apply to any part of the army employed in the States or territories subject to Indian incursions.

THE recent storm in the east was more severe than the first accounts stated, lasting forty hours and fearful in violence, destroying an immense amount of property, and causing three fearful railroad accidents, with serious injury to many passengers and the loss of life.

RARUS trotted on the 12th inst., at Stockton, California, with Sweetzer for \$500 and \$500 added if he beat Goldsmith Maid's time 2:14½, the best time ever made in the state. Rarus trotted the first mile in 2:10½. A running horse went with him on the second heat, which he made in 2:14¾.

Noah Martin, of York county, Neb., was murdered last week. His skull was mashed in and his body left in his wagon. He had just sold a load of grain, and it is supposed he was murdered for his money. No arrests have been made, but there is strong suspicion as to the guilty party.

It appears that the express companies doing business between New York and the west have agreed upon a new schedule of reduced rates on west-bound freight, to take effect January 1st. They range about as follows: To Chicago, new rate, \$2.50, present rate \$4.00; St. Louis, new rate \$3, present \$5.

The grand duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, Princess Alice of England, died Dec. 14, at 7:30 in the morning of diphtheria. She was born April 25, 1843, and was the third child and second daughter of Queen Victoria. We believe this is the first death among the Queen's children. Prince Albert, the father of the deceased, died on Dec. 14th.

JAMES McCLEARY committed suicide on the train last week coming east from San Francisco, by cutting his throat.

A RESOLUTION passed the House on the 10th inst., to pay the widow of the late congressman Welch, of Nebraska, the pay of a member to the close of this congress.

On the 10th inst. navigation was reported closed at Keokuk, Iowa, on the upper river, and that the government canal around the rapids was also closed for the season.

On the 10th Gov. Hampton's leg was amputated. His condition is not thought to be dangerous. On the same day he was elected by the legislature United States Senator.

The First National Bank at Sargent suspended on the 13th inst., owing to the defalcation of Mr. Wright, County Treasurer. A run was also made on the Commercial bank, and the doors closed.

MITCHELL & KETCHUM, charged with shooting Henry A. Stevens, of Custer county, Neb., were recently arrested, and great doubt expressed by certain parties whether they had killed the man who shot Stevens.

HON. H. P. GAGE, of Findley, O., ex-president of the Hancock savings bank, shot himself in the right temple on the night of the 10th inst., on account, it is believed, of bank troubles. There is little chance of his recovery.

News from London under date of the 10th states that it is being reported that Jejilabah has been evacuated, but Gen. Roberts having "butted" a part of his force, Piekar is feeling his way cautiously for fear of an ambuscade, in the direction of the Shutergarden Pass. The mountains are now snow-capped, and winter is settling down in the valleys. The British troops are moving around and the Afghans flying in disorder.

DR. MARY WALKER was arrested the other day in New York city while walking the streets dressed in pantaloons, and taken before the proper officer who expounded the law in this wise: As her pants were not worn for the purpose of disguise in order to commit a felony, he ruled that her wearing them did not come within the Statute prohibiting women from attiring themselves as though they were men. So she was discharged, and the officer warned not to arrest her again. She threatened the officer with a prosecution for illegal arrest.

At the announcement on the morning of the 11th inst. that Senator Blaine would speak on his resolution relative to the southern election frauds, a dense crowd of spectators filled the Senate chamber.

Nearly all the members of the House were present. Every vacant place on the floor was occupied by them. The cloak rooms of the senate were filled with ladies. The speech of the great statesman was brief, candid, firm, and abounded with strong arguments that something must be done to prevent a repetition of the frauds.

Two Men Tied to a Tree and Burned.

Some weeks since a man by the name of Stephens was killed under circumstances, which, we believe, are substantially given below. A. W. Ketchum and Luther Mitchell were arrested on a charge of murder, and taken to Kearney for imprisonment. Mitchell was an old man, sixty-three years of age, and was one of the first settlers in the Loup country. While on his way to Custer county, in charge of an officer, a mob of twenty-five masked men took the prisoners, tied them to a tree and burned them. A late Omaha Herald has the following:

"A conversation last evening with a stock man who is familiar with the circumstances out of which this matter has grown, says that last summer a well-known stock man came up from Texas with 5,000 or 6,000 cattle and selected a ranch. The man was universally unpopular with the stock men. He states also that Mitchell was an elderly man and generally respected, and that the affair which resulted in Stephens' death really occurred as follows:

Stephens' employer (or brother) had for a long time only a 'road brand' on his cattle, and has been in constant trouble on that account. It was growing out of some trouble of this kind that Stephens and some of the Texan herdsmen on the ranch went to Mitchell's to arrest Mitchell and Ketchum, a young man who was stopping there. Stephens rode up to Ketchum and told him he had come to arrest him, and the latter not instantly giving up his arms without question, Stephens began firing his revolver at Ketchum in the elbow, before the latter returned the fire. He then fired on Stephens, mortally wounding him. Stephens died.

The officers, tied them to a tree, and burned them to death. Murderers and cattle thieves are meeting with terrible punishment at the hands of judge lynch in this State. It is most certainly not the best condition of society, as it takes too many risks that some of its victims may be innocent, which a proper legal trial would fully establish to the entire satisfaction of the community.

The A. & N.

As some interest is felt here in this company, and the proposed extension of its lines, the following from an exchange will not be out of place:

"A reporter of the Atchison Globe has been interviewing Superintendent Towne, of the A. & N. railway company, in regard to the rumor that his road was about to fall into the hands of the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Towne authorized the statement that no such arrangement is contemplated at present, and that he has heard nothing about it, but he thinks that no doubt the A. & N.

will become a feeder to some great line of railway. Whether it will be the Missouri Pacific, the Pacific, or the C. B. & Q. cannot now be foreseen. All of these roads have an eye to the importance of the A. & N. and the connections it would offer, but none have yet entered into negotiations."

The Kearney Co. Butchery.

The Omaha Bee gives the following particulars of the murder of Mrs. Harlson and her three children:

"It is believed that this family were murdered by a man named S. D. Richards in order to obtain possession of a span of mules, some grain and a homestead claim."

The Grand Island Independent says that J. C. Lee, of the Valley County Herald, is about to move his printing office to Grand Island and commence the publication of a democratic paper.

Butter County Republican: Mr. Paxton's youngest child was seriously burned the other day. The chair on which it was sitting was overturned throwing the child against the stove and burning its face terribly.

Schuyler Democrat: A man by the name of Johnson narrowly escaped being run over by the train on Wednesday. He was full of bad whisky and drove across the track in the face of the train, the team started and ran quite a distance, the man fell under the seat and the last we saw of him was asleep in the wagon and in the custody of the city marshal.

The Lincoln Journal of the 14th says: "The snow storm of night before last and yesterday must have been the tail end of the snow storm that visited Kansas City and St. Joseph Thursday night. Our dispatches of this morning from Kansas City speak of it as the heaviest storm ever known in that locality. At 9 o'clock the storm had abated, and the fall of snow was estimated at nearly three feet, with drifts of eight feet. At St. Joseph about one foot of snow had fallen. Many of the trains due at both places are fast in snow drifts."

The fire at Schuyler on the 8th destroyed \$6,000 worth of property. Defective flue, and a pretty high price to pay for a piece of poor workmanship. The Sun says: "The fire, though an expensive experience, has clearly demonstrated some things that will prove of incalculable benefit in the future. We have learned that however elaborate and efficient may be the first extinguishing machinery, it is of little value without organized and thoroughly disciplined companies. It was demonstrated that the man of muscle can do much more efficient service than the man of ideas."

Butler County.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Our rising City is still growing, some forty buildings now completed, and more to be erected. It hardly yet looks natural to see the iron horse speed its way, as I can from my window, and a thriving business centre spring into existence as if by magic, on a section of land, when a few years back a neighbor and myself got lost coming home from Schuyler; but so it is. As our merchants get ready to display their merchandise of all kinds, a heavy trade will be done at this point. During the first eight days of buying, Cars & Co., and Morrissey Bros. shipped forty car loads of grain. We now have another buyer, Folker & Co., and all three buyers are busy. J. C. Paxton from Summit was the first merchant to have his store completed; his stock is groceries and shelf hardware, he is also our accommodating post master. We now have the following business houses either already doing business, or will be in a few days: Cars & Co. grain, coal and hogs; Morrissey Bros. grain, and hogs; Paxton, as above; Hurd & Cash, groceries, clothing and dry goods; Angel & Cook, general merchandise; J. B. Delsman, groceries; J. J. Fox, furniture; Dr. Elgarde, drugs, etc.; Burgess & Barmore, a large livery and stable; Maloy & French, lumber, lime and mixed paints; Woodman, lumber; Hawes & Smith, harness makers; J. H. Comes, shoe shop; and last but not least, A. P. Day proprietor of the Commercial hotel. All the carpenters are busy, from the 'boss' contractor to the one who can merely lay a shingle, or nail on a board. We need, and very badly too, a first-class hardware store, we see by your last issue that Krause & Son were out to spy the land, and if they will give us a good one, their trade will be heavy. So we grow, dear JOURNAL, and soon we may expect to see all the land now vacant, cultivated and also poor its wealth of produce into our busy, busy, little city.

We see by your last issue that many farmers in your county are losing stock, supposed cause of death, eating smut on corn-stalks. We would suggest to J. H. Reed and others that they forward per express, to the Veterinary Dr. Detmers, editor of the Chicago Tribune, a manifesto through a subscriber of that paper as we believe from his large knowledge and practice as a Veterinarian, valuable knowledge might be received. One farmer in this county has lost fifteen head.

WHY NOT.

Homestead Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 6th, 1878.

COMPLAINT having been entered at this office by Robert Linn against John C. Rogers for abandoning his homestead, filed in the office of the Surveyor General, on the 10th of April 4th, 1878, upon the south 1/4 of section 16, township 20, north of Range 1 west, in Platte county, Nebraska, to cancel the same, and to re-enter the same, is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 16th day of January, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish documentary evidence of his abandonment. Deposits to be made in said case will be taken January 8th, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of Speese & North, Columbus, Neb.

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