

THE JOURNAL.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1879.

OMAHA pork packers up to last week had killed 46,000 hogs.

FRANK HATTON, has been appointed postmaster, at Burlington, Iowa.

The packing houses in Chicago were running short handed last week.

MINING stocks at Deadwood are very active, with a strong upward tendency.

The Ohio river at Cincinnati on the 24th went up nine feet in twenty-four hours.

It is reported that hunters find plenty of elk and deer in the vicinity of Okadale.

HEAVY rains have recently fallen on both sides of the Ohio river, and a flood is anticipated.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, they say in Boston, don't belong to Jay Gould.

The recent very severe weather at Paris has caused several deaths in the streets from cold and privation.

WOOLMER'S distillery at Peoria, Ill., was totally destroyed by fire on the 24th. The loss will reach \$25,000.

GEN. ROBERTS has ordered Gough forward in light order to his relief. He says that he can then take care of Cuba.

ROBT. A. COY, a letter carrier, was arrested recently at Chicago, in the act of rifling letters. He was held in \$5,000 bail.

The Afghans were fleeing last week before the British advance, and Gen. Roberts had no doubt of relief in a short time.

The strike of the butchers at Chicago was to stop on Friday last week. The union men all agreeing to resume work.

A SUDDEN change in the weather along the Ohio river, from moderate to cold, will keep back the anticipated disastrous flood.

JUDGE LOCHRANE, of Georgia, who claims to be a democrat, expresses himself in favor of the re-election of Gen. Grant to the presidency.

Two young men in New York, who intended to steal Gen. Grant's Arabian horses and hold them for a large reward, have been arrested.

The wires on the Lake Shore road eastward for seventy-four miles were weighted down by the sleet and wind on the evening of the 23d.

A MAN supposed to be S. A. Sikes, of Lennedysville, N. Y., jumped one day last week from the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls into the river below.

THERE is a movement in New York City to remove the Philadelphia mint to the former city in order to save the transportation of bullion.

The vote in the Spanish senate abolishing slavery in Cuba was 134 to 14. It is stated that none of the members from the West Indies voted with the majority.

A MAN named C. M. Chambers recently eloped with the wife of L. W. Copelen, of Saline county, this State. The runaway wife leaves three children behind her.

We learn from London that the grand jury have indicted Killen, Davitt and Daily for sedition. The Crown proposes to remove the trials by change of venue to Dublin.

The Senate committee on Territories has agreed favorably upon the bill of Senator Saunders extending the Northern boundary of Nebraska over twelve townships in Dakota.

A DISGRACEFUL and terrific fight occurred among the members of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church at Pittsburg, on the 22d, with chairs and pokers, at the service, about the pastor Woodside.

LESTER C. TERNER, a merchant of Sioux Falls, was set upon by two men near the hotel, who knocked him down and robbed him of \$1,500, which he had just realized by the sale of his business. The men were traced a short distance by railroad and then lost.

NOAH SMITH, an old citizen of Steubenville, Ohio, was struck by a passenger car on the Pan Handle railroad Christmas morning, at the Adams street crossing, cutting off both his legs, crushing in his side, and badly bruising his head. He died in three hours.

MRS. MATILDA H. FISK, of Providence, R. I., a widow lady about 40 years of age, well known as an exemplary Christian woman, while speaking one evening last week in a prayer meeting at the Baptist Church was seen to reel, and then fall to the floor dead.

MAY CROOK, of Forest City, a noted frontiersman, was terribly beaten, a large cut made in the back of his head, and his face bruised and pounded almost beyond recognition, the other night at Millard, Neb. Four men are now under arrest for assault with intent to kill.

SEVERAL members of the Universal Peace Union were received by Gen. Grant at Philadelphia on the 20th. The Gen. made a brief speech in which he said he looked forward to a time when all international disputes would be settled by a great court. Later, seventy-five Methodist ministers called on him and were introduced by Bishop Simpson.

HON. E. K. VALENTINE is spending the holidays at home in West Point.

JAS. GLEASON'S house burned at Ayerstown, N. J., on the 23d, and three children perished in the flames.

An old clothes bureau has been opened by the American consul at Constantinople for the benefit of the poor of Turkey.

The republican members of the Tennessee legislature have passed resolutions in favor of Gen. Grant for the next president.

SENATOR DAVES has introduced a bill to regulate divorce in the territories. Utah, as a matter of course, is included in its provisions.

HON. R. E. LITTLE, a prominent lawyer of Louisville, was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, James H. Arnold on the 19th. They quarreled about land which they held jointly.

MR. WADDY, the Liberal candidate at Sheffield, was elected, after a severe, test struggle, and at an expense, it is said, of \$125,000. It is regarded as a signal victory for Gladstone and his party.

The Board of Aldermen of New York city are about to take action for the suppression of exhibitions of female predestination within their jurisdiction, as offensive to the sense of propriety and decency.

J. S. EDMONS, a heretofore highly respected citizen of Newton, Mass., was sent the other day to state prison, for five years, for forging his former partner's name to notes representing upwards of \$50,000.

GEN. GRANT visited the home of his mother in Jersey City, on the 25th, where he received an affectionate welcome. Sixty years ago this mother was Hanna Simpson, the prettiest girl in Bucks county, Pa.

MISS JULIA JACKSON, a daughter of Stonewall Jackson, was presented with a massive silver pitcher on the evening of the 24th at Baltimore, by a party of ex-confederates. She is a girl of sixteen and attending school in Maryland.

D. A. RUDOLPH, a real estate dealer of Topeka, Kas., was arrested on the 19th on a charge of forgery, and after his arrest obtained leave to consult with his counsel; before completing the consultation he went to his office and shot himself.

MR. MOODY says he has had but one conversation with Dan. Rice, and that that one gave no evidence of conversation. Mr. Rice claims that he has spent two fortunes by drinking and intemperance, and that he is determined now to quit it.

COL. TOM SCOTT announces the fact that he has accepted the proposition of the city of San Diego to deed to the Atchison & Santa Fe road 4500 acres of his land on the bay. The Topeka road thus gets a mile of water-front, and a square mile for terminal facilities.

It is stated in the Chicago Times that President Nickerson, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad denies the statement that Jay Gould has made arrangements to control that road. He says the company has an understanding with him relative to the future, but what it will amount to he is unable to predict.

An accident occurred on the night of the 25th on the Chicago & Alton railroad, near Berdan station, by the breaking of a rail and throwing the train from the track, instantly killing Geo. Paine, of Chicago, and Col. Bond, of Auburn, Ill. A number of passengers were hurt, but none seriously. Two coaches were burned and the whole train badly wrecked.

The cold weather has been unprecedented through the Pacific slope. The harbor of Victoria, Vancouver Island, was frozen over, and a great deal of floating ice in Puget sound. At St. Paul the cold was intense, and at St. Vincent, near the British line, the regular spirit thermometer standing at 58 degrees below zero; at Crookston, Minn., 26 below; at Grand Forks, 50.

The secretary of the interior has recently decided that lands located by private entry and which afterwards turn out to contain mineral, that the entry must be cancelled, and the land reserved for entry under laws specially applicable to mining lands. The decision may be strictly in accordance with existing laws, but it strikes our comprehension of right as being very unfair to the purchaser who originally makes the entry.

The recent outrage perpetrated upon the citizens of Maine by the governor and council in setting aside and throwing out the vote of whole cities, which was neither according to law nor justice, but performed solely in the interest of party and to accomplish partisan purposes, has aroused the just indignation of all honest citizens of Maine, which will not be put down at the command of the men who participated in such bare faced fraud and outrage.

The Bucyrus Journal, Crawford county, O., recently published the death of David Misenhalter, of Whitestone Township, who was struck by a meteor, and instantly killed. The greater part of his body seemed to have been crushed into the earth beneath the terrible acrolite, which was about the size of a common water bucket. It struck the man on or under the shoulder, passing clear through him obliquely from the right shoulder to the left hip, and buried itself about two feet in the ground.

Our winter school, which has been successfully conducted by a resident teacher, Miss Maria Miles, has just closed, to the regret of the scholars, who would be glad if it lasted nine months instead of three.

Our farmers who are interested in timber claims are desirous of knowing the truth of the articles copied

A Proposed Race.

Business men of Columbus, directly interested in the welfare of the city, in its increase in population and wealth, are still considering the immense advantages to accrue from the establishment of manufactures, and are more and more solicitous that the matter should come to a practical demonstration shortly. In the multitude of council there is said to be wisdom, and we purpose utilizing whatever comes to us in the shape of information that may tend to the accomplishment of the grand result. Every reasonable man is now fully satisfied that the manufacture of certain products here would richly pay, under experienced management, and with cheap and ample power. The practical question now is, How can this power be furnished? In this connection we may outline, in brief, the plan of a civil engineer who has ascertained the fall of the Loupe, and knows what he is talking about. We premise these facts: the fall of the Loupe is not less than six feet to the mile; the general trend of the valley and the bluffs north are the same as the river; the perpendicular light of the bluffs north of Columbus is, say, twenty-five feet; the valley between river and bluffs is such that the expense of a race or canal would be a trifle, compared with the vast benefits; one foot fall to the mile would be sufficient to carry the water along the race or canal. Taking these figures as accurate (and they are virtually so) the supposed canal, running diagonally from the Loupe to the top of the bluffs north of Columbus, would, for every mile, carry the water five feet higher than it would be in the bed of the river. The fall at the end of the race would be sufficient to run all the machinery that Columbus will ever want to make use of.

Let our active, enterprising, business men keep this subject under lively discussion until a permanent business basis is reached, broad enough to sustain and perpetuate the business prosperity of one of the best cities in Nebraska.

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Yours truly, N. S.

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Christmas at Postville.

It was certainly a grand affair, and in every particular a success. In the evening there was a tree, planted at the school-house near Mr. Elliott's, which was enjoyed by old and young, large and small. The programme of the evening consisted of instrumental and vocal music, remarks and addresses. It was opened with singing by Mr. John Edwards, accompanied by a number of friends, followed with vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Bloedorn and P. W. Henrich.

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