

The new jail at Niobrara received last week its first inmate.

CHARLES WILLET, of York, killed fifteen geese the other day, firing twice.

A PARTY of Antelope county hunters recently killed nine deer and two elk.

The insane asylum has been put in telephonic communication with Lincoln.

ALMONT BARNES of Vermont has been appointed United States consul at Caracas.

Five million francs were withdrawn from the bank at Paris on the 27th of America.

The United States has paid in pensions the last twenty years the sum of \$455,718,505.

EUGENE SCHUYLER will soon enter upon his duties as minister of the United States to Serbia.

The Turners' hall in Niobrara is nearly finished. It will be among the largest in the state.

It is stated that the proposition to vote bonds for a \$25,000 court-house in Lincoln has been defeated.

It is stated that 400 men were engaged last week in the work of putting in the Omaha water-works.

SAM'L E. HARTMAN, father of Ex-Gov. Hartman, of Penn., died on the 23d ult., of pneumonia, aged 75 years.

The English cabinet had decided to summon parliament on the 16th of January, for the dispatching of business.

Prof. J. C. WATSON, the eminent astronomer, died at his residence at the State University, Wisconsin, on the 23d ult.

Four railroad accidents occurred on the 27th ult. near Buffalo, N. Y., resulting in the probable death of six persons.

CHARLES R. WHITPLE, Southern correspondent of the Louisville Commercial, died at Nashville on the 24th ult.

SOME one in Lincoln is still administering poison to the dogs. Many valuable sporting dogs have been killed.

A TABLE made from the ship "Resolute" was received at the White House last week, a present from Queen Victoria.

BALMED TIMOTHY hay is worth \$18 per ton in Cleveland, O. Loose hay is scarce there, and firm at an advance of these figures.

News from London says the new Irish land bill will be beyond question a genuine and practical effort to settle the controversy.

A RIOT was reported at Robison's camp, Colorado, on the 28th, and that Lieut. Governor-elect Robison had been shot and killed.

TWO men were killed at the Harlem railroad bridge, N. Y., and three others seriously injured, by the falling of a scaffold, on the 26th.

A RECENT dispatch from Teheran says it is reported that Abdulhah, Kardest chief, with a part of his men has crossed into Turkey.

INDIAN AGENT BERRY at Denver on the 26th ult. filed a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance for trial on the 27th of next April.

The Grand Island Times says "Give us coal or we perish." We thought men needed something for their stomachs, to keep them alive.

LORD COLERIDGE, chief justice of common pleas, has been appointed chief justice of the Queen's bench, vice Sir Alex. Cockburn, deceased.

The building in New York city occupied by the London and Liverpool clothing company, was burned last week, loss estimated at \$500,000.

Among the men arrested the other day at Cork for practicing in the Fenian procession was a soldier. They have all been committed for trial.

The government last week purchased silver bullion for the Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco mints, about 236,000 ounces.

FOURTEEN men were arrested at Cork on the 24th for participating in a Fenian procession from which shots were fired, directed toward the police.

A FEARFUL storm prevailed on the 26th ult., on the Scottish coast. Vessels in the Clyde were dragging their anchors. A terrible loss of life is feared.

Carlet Widge, living near Platte Center, this county, lost last week a large, sorrel horse, with white above the hoofs, on all his legs, and blind of one eye.

THERE seems now to be no further question concerning the discovery of a vein of coal 4 1/2 feet thick, near Ponca, this State, at a depth of 580 feet.

At Minneapolis, Minn., the millers have discarded the use of the old millstone and use instead the Hungarian steel rollers, which crush the grain to powder.

THOS. L. KIMBALL was appointed last week assistant general manager of the U. P. Mr. Kimball will practically become the general manager, as Mr. Clark expects to be absent for some time to come, with the hope of regaining his health.

At a reception tendered Joel Hewaree at the residence of the bride's father, Col. Dail, near Kingston, Tenn., arsenic was used by mistake for soda. Five persons have died from the effects, and about thirty others are dangerously ill.

Mrs. FRED. CHATEAU and Miss Amanda Gregorie, of Dubuque, Ia., started on the 23d ult. to cross the river on the ice from the Dubuque side, where they had been shopping. It was dark, they missed their course, fell into an air-hole and were drowned.

The dogs in eastern Ohio are very fond of mutton, and are killing the sheep at a fearful rate, when we take into the account that the sheep are of an extra quality.

A RECENT dispatch from Dublin states that merchants and other citizens refuse to serve on juries in the state trials for fear of injury to their business, and of murder.

Mrs. ESTELLA ANNA LEWIS, the authoress of "Sappo" and other poems under the non de plume of "Stella," died at London on the 23d very suddenly of heart disease.

The bodies of the two ladies drowned at Dubuque in the Mississippi river the other day, Mrs. Choteau and Miss Gregorie were both recovered on the 26th ult.

The estimate of the amount of appropriations required for the public services of the government during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1882, will reach \$298,202,722.

THIRTY-FIVE buildings were burned at Coleville, Pa., an oil town ten miles southeast of Bradford, on the 24th. The buildings burned embrace the principal hotels and stores.

The "Passion play" will not be produced in New York. Public opinion is against the play, and manager Abbey of Booth's theatre acquiesces in that opinion and will not produce it.

An unknown woman was found in the back yard of a house in Chicago on the 26th, frozen stiff. She was unknown to the police, but it was evident that she was a disappointed character.

PRESIDENT HAYES, it is understood, will not allow the use of his name as a candidate for the Ohio senatorship. He is much annoyed by the proposal to connect his name with the office.

On the 24th ult. among a batch of indictments returned by the grand jury, sitting in New York was one against James O'Brien, alias Lindsey, for perjury, for swearing falsely in the Chinese letter case.

The colored voters of New York petition Gen. Garfield for a cabinet position, and say, that had it not been for the colored vote of 30,000 in the state of New York, he could not have been elected president.

The weather throughout Canada was unprecedentedly cold last week for this season of the year. The sleighing was good in Montreal, and the thermometer ranged from 12 to 14 degrees below the freezing point.

COL. M. D. BROWN, a citizen of Pembroke, Ky., and a member of the last legislature of Kentucky, was shot on the 26th, and instantly killed by Cass Wilkins, clerk in a livery stable. The shooting was the result of a quarrel about the keeping of Brown's horses.

It is stated that there is now about \$85,000,000 in gold bullion standing to the credit of the United States treasury, out of which it has been decided to coin monthly \$10,000,000 of denominations of \$5 and \$10. No gold coins of a less denomination than \$5 will be coined at present.

On the 26th ult., at Chicago, a trunk belonging to John Morrow, salesman for a Philadelphia jewelry firm, was stolen by unknown parties while awaiting transportation to the depot in front of the Clifton house. It contained six to seven thousand dollars' worth of jewelry.

An item of news from New York states that the United States court has decided that national banks cannot be taxed by the state, because the state law authorizing such taxes is invalid. The city banks will at once proceed to relieve themselves of taxation which aggregate \$1,500,000.

The Leadville Chronicle on the 25th ult. says 60 laborers were buried in a snow slide near Chalk creek on the Kokomo extension of the Denver & Rio Grande road. John Dine was killed, ten others badly injured and eleven others slightly. The slide carried the track over the heads of the men.

Mr. KING, of East Orange, N. J., purchased the other day a box of grapes, from which two of his children ate one bunch and were poisoned. The physician pronounced the effects that of arsenic, treated them accordingly, and barely saved their lives. It is thought the poison got into the box accidentally.

ROBERT SANDERSON, a young man who has been employed on the Pennsylvania railroad as night operator at Schenck's Station, by close application to business, and in his attempts to produce a railway danger signal, being the great object of his labors and studies for many weeks, day and night was too great a tax and strain upon his mental powers, and they gave way and are now a total wreck; he believes he is "a son of Jesus Christ, sent here to preach." Of his invention a railroad man says "it is as near perfection as any contrivance for that purpose could be."

HORACE WHITE and F. W. White, a delegation from the independent Republican association of New York, called on Gen. Garfield at his residence in Washington the other day and presented him a paper on civil service reform. The general, after receiving the paper, entered into a discussion of the subject and among other things said that he hoped to have the co-operation of congress in establishing a legal basis for all routine appointments, so that it should not be in the power of anybody, even the president, to remove any capable and faithful officer, whether the term be long or short.

INDICATIONS point to a very exciting contest in this state before the next legislature. We are inclined to believe, as the republicans have to perform the work, that they will do it with clean hands and pure ballots, and, as the subject of electing a U. S. Senator has heretofore occupied a great deal of time that should have been devoted to the legitimate business of legislation, we suggest to members disposing of the senatorial question at once, and thus be enabled to devote the greater part of the session to legislation in the interest of the citizens of the state. Politicians usually, on such occasions, want a good deal of time to present the peculiar qualifications and fitness of their candidate, and to form certain alliances to bring about a favorable result. Everybody should understand at the outset that the coming legislature is republican, and is expected on all hands to do its work openly and above board. No dark tricks, no combinations, no alliances and no corrupting influences to be used to accomplish dark ends against the will of the people. Those who make politics a trade will learn, if they have not already learned, that fair, square dealing, truth and honesty are better weapons to use, even in politics, than falsehood, forgery, subornation of perjury and other corrupting influences. The party or individuals of a party who resort to such things to accomplish their wicked purpose do not deserve, and should not be trusted to perform the duties of the smallest office in the gift of the people. We hope to learn that the coming legislature will perform the important duty of electing a U. S. Senator at the earliest possible moment in the session, and spend the remainder of its short time in legislating for the people.

The case of the State of Nebraska against Saml. P. Moser, Jacob Moser and James Swezey for the murder of Wm. P. Miller, which has created no little excitement in the vicinity where it occurred, the citizens believing it was a case of murder without the least justification, came up for trial at Alma, Harlan county, this State last week. The case was ably conducted and in the same manner defended, and after a twenty-four hours deliberation by the jury they returned into court with a verdict of not guilty for S. P. Moser, and guilty of manslaughter against Jacob Moser and James Swezey. The plea of the statutes of limitation was presented on the part of the defense by counsel, the crime having been committed 12 years ago last July. Judge Gaslin in summing up the case regarded the plea of limitation as valid under the law, said the defendants must be discharged and go free.

It is understood that the democratic senators will raise a quibble on the 4th of next March on the admission of a senator from Ohio in Garfield's place. It will be claimed that no senator can resign his seat until he has taken the oath of office as senator, and thus delay the admission of members until the organization is completed. It will hardly be doubted that if Gen. Garfield returns his certificate of election to the Governor of Ohio and declines the honor of serving as senator, that the proper authorities of the state could provide for representation. If the accredited representative comes at the proper time, what business has the U. S. Senate in the matter, except to admit him to his seat?

ONE important duty the coming Nebraska legislature has to perform will be to provide a new apportionment of State representative and senatorial districts. Under the new constitution it is made the duty of the legislature to take such action at the first session after the taking of the enumeration of the State. This enumeration is taken every five years, and will aid very much in obtaining a fair representation in the house and senate of the Nebraska legislature.

A RECENT dispatch from our government commissioner at Pekin states that two treaties were signed on the 17th ult., one of commerce and the other concerning immigration. It is understood that the immigration treaty secures to this country control and regulation of the introduction of Chinese laborers by our own legislation. If that is the case it will not in the future be necessary to forge any more Morey-Garfield-Chinese letters.

St. LOUIS had in store at the closing of navigation over 27,000,000 bushels of grain, nearly 2,000,000 of which is wheat alone, which is the largest stock of wheat ever carried in the market. The river is about closed to navigation, and will probably continue in that condition for some time. The railroads have raised their tariff on through freight rates, and the elevators are carrying an unprecedented large stock of grain.

Mr. S. B. BROWN, a farmer living seven miles southwest of this city planted forty acres in Irish potatoes last spring, and has just finished picking a little over four thousand bushels as a reward for his labors. We understand that Mr. B. has contracted his entire crop at an average price of 45 cents per bushel, which will bring him in the nice little sum of \$1,800.—Nebraska City News.

A Fuel Press.

Some time since the JOURNAL published a paragraph touching the desirability of a press for putting in compact shape, for fuel, the slough grass, straw, weeds, etc., that otherwise go to waste. A gentleman writes us from Madison, saying: "I have invented and used just that very press spoken of in your paper, so cheap as to be within reach of every one, so simple that a child can work it, and so strong that a man can lay out all his strength on it and not break it. It will press grass, weeds, cornstalks and brush so solid that it can be cut with a saw like cord wood, and I guarantee that it will give satisfaction. I have the papers and drawings all ready to file caveat, but like the majority of inventors am without means to go any further with it. Now, if you can, through your paper, interest some party having means to furnish capital to put the press on the market, you will confer a favor on the subscriber, benefit the public, and I promise that you shall be handsomely compensated yourself. You need not give my name to the public, but let the correspondence be carried on through you and your journal."

SENATOR PADDOCK started for Washington on the 27th ult., and will probably not return until after the 20th, when congress usually adjourns for the holidays. His absence in the discharge of his official duties at the seat of government, will give his enemies an opportunity to put in some uncounted strokes against him as his own successor, but we suggest that the contest be conducted with an eye single to what the people of the State desire in their representatives at Washington, and with that amenity and thorough good-will that should characterize brethren of the same political faith working for the best interests of the country. The republicans of Nebraska should not imitate the tactics of the Democratic National Committee in the late contest, at least in those things for which they have been denounced by the common decency and the common honor of the country.

An accident occurred on the 27th ult. at Banman's station, thirty miles west of Cumberland, the train encountering a broken rail and the engine with the entire train going over an embankment and landing upon its side. Firemen Ruth was instantly killed and the engineer, whose name could not be learned, was badly scalded. The passengers escaped without injury, though badly shaken up.

A. J. TULLIS, Cornelius McGullick and Jacob Vine have been indicted by the grand jury at Cincinnati on the charge of forgery. They have sold several thousand acres of land in Kentucky, Tennessee and Iowa, (which originally belonged to the estate of Jerry Tullis, deceased), by forging deeds in his name, dated before his death, and passing them through several hands before being finally sold.

Under date of the 24th from Leghorn we have the sad news that the steamer Ortigia came in collision with the French steamer Onole Joseph, near Spezia. The Onole Joseph was so badly injured that she sank, with three hundred persons on board, only fifty of whom were saved. The other vessel had arrived at Leghorn badly damaged.

A MAN who quarreled with his wife in Graham county, Michigan, disappeared on Thanksgiving day, threatening to shoot himself, has not been heard of since. A wealthy farmer in Mayfield, same state and same day, hanged himself in a barn. A woman in East Saginaw, same state and same day, hanged herself in a wood-shed.

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Frederick W. Trommler, Homestead No. 5178, for the N. 1/2, S. W. 1/4, Section 22, Township 20 north, Range 1 west, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: George Schwan and John Hopmann, of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb., and Wm. C. Weber, of Humphreys, Platte Co., Neb.

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William Smith, Homestead No. 5885, for the N. 1/2, S. W. 1/4, Section 10, Township 17 north, Range 2 west, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: George Schwan and John Hopmann, of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb., and Wm. C. Weber, of Humphreys, Platte Co., Neb.

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