

Two wife-beaters are in jail in St. Joe.

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette is about half filled with notices of sheriff's sales.

Another snow storm at St. Louis on the 6th, and the weather at that point getting colder.

Thirteen cars of tea passed down the road the other day. They go east by the Union Pacific.

COUNCIL BLUFFS notifies the outside world that the total mileage of the railroads terminating there is over 140,000.

PRESIDENT HAYES has nominated Nathan Goff, jr., of West Virginia, secretary of the navy. The senate confirmed his nomination.

GEN. GARFIELD has declined to act as senator for Ohio, and his declination has passed to the legislature of Ohio through Gov. Foster.

FRANK N. BROWN, aged 21, was shot by his father, C. A. Brown, in New York on the 6th inst., while protecting his mother from the latter's violence.

J. M. POLK, an extensive stock dealer, and a respectable citizen living near Bruceville, Ind., committed suicide by shooting himself in the head on the 5th.

HON. OTTO DRESSEL, a leading and wealthy German lawyer, of Columbus, Ohio, committed suicide on the 4th by shooting himself. He leaves a wife and several children.

It is understood that the forthcoming speech of Queen Victoria will recommend a bill for establishing county boards on an elective basis in Ireland. This is regarded as a very important measure.

The clothes of Miss Davis, at Covalva, Kansas, caught fire, and her mother, attempting to extinguish the flame, her clothes caught fire, and resulted in the death of both.

ELIUS SPERRY of New Haven, Ct., was robbed the other night of \$42,000 in bonds, a gold snuff-box, and one hundred dollars in gold and silver coin. Charles Hartland, a nephew of Sperry was suspected, and has been arrested.

The British parliament opened on the 5th and the Queen's speech was read from the throne. As anticipated she will submit a measure for establishing a county government in Ireland, and founded upon representative principles.

THERE ARE NOW sixteen legislatures in session. Ohio, North Carolina, Missouri, Michigan, Massachusetts, Maine, Illinois, Colorado, Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Delaware, Texas, Tennessee, Nevada and Nebraska.

THERE HAS recently been found in New Jersey chipped stone implements in an ancient bed of gravel. The discovery is now being investigated by scientific gentlemen, who are trying to discover the existence of a race of men prior to the glacial period.

MR. TIDROW, a merchant of Aspinwall, Nemaha county, this state, committed suicide last week by hanging. The entire surrounding country was very much shocked by the sad event. The only cause assigned for the rash act was his financial difficulties.

LORD BRACONFORD is reported as once saying in Parliament: "Irish members are too much in the habit of clanking their chains." But the chains of every down-trodden people should be clanked until the ear of greed and oppression hears and heeds the cry, or is itself put under bondage.

The Lincoln Globe purposes being a power in the State. It enlarged its borders Monday, and will keep on enlarging and improving, and branching out, until its leaves will be scattered over all the land. Easton & Conlee are just getting down to business, and will be found in the front ranks.

The new Journal building at Lincoln will be one of the finest newspaper establishments in all the west. The Journal's theory and practice of conducting a newspaper seems to have been correct, so far, at least. It makes few, if any, mistakes; is never abusive, sticks to its knitting, and—makes money.

A TERRIBLY fatal fire occurred in New York on the morning of the 4th, in a tenement house. One woman, a boy and five babies were burned and suffocated, and four more are reported dead and burned, making eleven victims in all. The cause of the fire was the explosion of a gasoline machine which two plumbers were using to thaw out frozen water pipes directly under the stairway. The plumbers are missing.

WHATEVER may be the outcome, it now seems evident that the two great railroad corporations of this State, or either of them, will not have it all their own way. Below the surface (which looks smooth and agreeable to these corporations), all is a molten, seething mass, and when the man appears who can pierce the surface, there will be such an awakening as will be long remembered. Pompeii and Herculaneum will be overwhelmed.

Lincoln Correspondence.

LINCOLN, Jan. 7, 1881. Most of the members arrived Monday last week, and ever since the mill has been grinding. The Commercial bill is the headquarters of the crowd and has been very fully called "the anti-bill," and "the smoke house," from the restless, and seemingly aimless movements of the human insects, and from the smoke of their torment, which ascends continually. There seems to be less of drinking among the throng, this time but the cigars have to suffer, in consequence.

The organization of the houses, appointment of committees, etc., of course you get from the dailies. The Inter-Ocean's article will give those who read it a fair idea of the personnel of the legislature, but no person can give an adequate idea of what is known in Nebraska as "the third house," otherwise, "the lobby," or (borrowing a phrase from national politics) "the slippy" for the phrase "the slippy statesmen." I believe that the present legislature will be found to be less under the influence of the lobby than is usually the case, though the air is literally filled with all sorts of rumors on all sorts of subjects, and members spoken of by lobbyists as though they were so many cattle to be bought and sold, or so many hogs to be driven to the market. They take it for granted that every man has a set price, and can be swayed by proper motives for the offer of money, or promise of some lucrative office, or something of the sort. All that represents the people in this seething cauldron of individual and corporate interests, is the far-off recollection that the member has of his friends and people, and whatever of integrity and public spirit he happens naturally to possess and exercise.

The meeting of two hundred farmers in this city Wednesday last, in convention as a farmers' alliance, has had a good influence on members. The idea uppermost with them is legislation on railroad and kindred subjects, under the constitution. They purpose circulating petitions, and personally appealing to the members of their several districts, in behalf of farmers' interests—after doing their best in this way, they express a determination to closely watch the result, and mark the men who forget their interests.

The election of Shedd as speaker of the house may be taken as an index of the temper of that body on the railroad issue, because the two candidates (but notably Church Howe) were regarded as railroad candidates. The strenuous fight, however, on the part of the railroads, was made in the senate, upon the adoption of rules of 1879, for the government of the senate of 1881; one of these gave the authority of appointment to the Lieut. Governor, E. C. Carns. A motion to amend this, by giving the appointment to the senate, was lost.

For several good reasons, the senators in favor of railroad legislation do not consider this a test of strength; however, their constituents will regard it in a different light, until further action convinces them otherwise. It would not be classified as a political prophet, but I venture to express the opinion that when the due time comes the majority in the senate, in favor of monopoly rule, will be small, if indeed, it be anything, and all members will be put on the record.

I learn that Senator Turner of the 14th district expressed the following views on this subject—I don't pretend to give his language: "It is the correct rule for a legislator to determine each question before him upon its merits. The committees of the senate are its organs, because it is through these or by these that the legislative functions are exercised. Considered as an entirety, the committees should be of like mind with the senate. It might very readily happen that the Lieut. Governor would not represent the will of the senate, but the contrary. The Lieut. Governor cannot, under the constitution vote upon a law, and is therefore not responsible, in any sense to the people as a law maker. Why, then, should he name the committees—the most important act in the organization of the senate? It is not a question of mere personal like or dislike for him whom the constitution makes the presiding officer, but it is a question as to whether the senate should abrogate an inherent right, and establish or continue a bad precedent. The principle would be the same no matter who occupied the chair."

WAMPUM.

Gov. ALBINUS NANCE appeared before the two Houses of the Nebraska legislature in joint session on the 5th inst., and delivered his annual message. He discusses a variety of subjects in his message, including a favorable statement of the condition of the State treasury, giving a full summary of the report of the State Superintendent of public instruction, and the management of the various state institutions, including the State University, Normal School, Penitentiary, hospital for the Insane, Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Institute for the Blind and Reform School. All of which the Governor is pleased to say have been managed very satisfactorily. The governor recommends legislation on the subject of organizing military companies in the state. Also in regard to re-districting the state for congressional purposes,—as the state will, under the present census returns, be entitled to three congressmen,—as well as for legislative and judicial purposes. The message occupies nearly five columns in the State Journal, quite to lengthily for publication in this week's JOURNAL. State affairs are fairly and ably presented by the governor.

The State farmer's alliance was organized at Lincoln on the 9th, by the appointment of E. P. Ingersoll, of Johnson county, president; J. Burrows, of Gage county secretary. Strong resolutions were adopted, urging legislation to restrict railroad corporations in discrimination and extortion; also demanding a reduction of the bridge toll at Omaha and Plattsmouth to mileage rates. After closing its business the alliance adjourned.

The Legislature.

SENATE. The morning session of the senate opened Jan. 4th, and was called to order, a quorum of members being present proceeded to business.

Guy Brown was elected secretary pro tem.

Messrs. Coon, Telf, Turner, Wherry and Perkins were appointed a committee on credentials.

On motion the senate adjourned until 4 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The senate on motion proceeded to perfect a permanent organization. J. B. Dismore was elected president pro tem.; Sherwood Burr was elected clerk; F. E. Smith second assistant clerk; C. H. Good sergeant-at-arms; J. W. Rhine assistant sergeant-at-arms; C. E. Hise door-keeper; W. P. Squire assisting door-keeper; Emma Kinney engraving clerk; R. P. Webber enrolling clerk; S. H. Henderson chaplain. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE. Members were called to order by secretary of state Alexander.

Slaughter the former clerk of the House, called the roll, and a quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Howe, Mr. Windham was elected temporary speaker, and being conducted to the speaker's chair, returned thanks for the honor conferred.

On motion Mr. Slaughter was elected clerk pro tem.

Messrs. Howe, Bartlett, Mickey, Roberts and Whedon were appointed a committee on credentials.

House took a recess till 4 p. m.

The rules of the legislature of 1879 were adopted for the government of the present House, until otherwise ordered.

Chief Justice Maxwell administered the oath of office to members, and the House proceeded to complete a permanent organization.

H. H. Shedd of Saunders county was elected Speaker of the House on the first ballot, receiving 74 votes. Mr. Shedd being conducted to the chair, made a very neat and appropriate speech in returning thanks.

B. D. Slaughter was elected chief clerk; Mr. Zediker assistant clerk; Mr. Wood second assistant.

The following names were placed in nomination for enrolling clerk: Nellie Smith, Carrie Outcalt, Tillie Funk, Minnie E. McCaslin and Geo. M. Fox. No one receiving a majority on the first ballot the house adjourned until 9 o'clock next day.

JANUARY 5th, 1881.

After preliminary business the House resumed the regular order of business, the election of enrolling clerk. The names of Miss Funk and Mr. Fox were withdrawn, and Miss Outcalt having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected. C. P. King was elected sergeant-at-arms; Miss Kate Strickland was unanimously elected engraving clerk; Rev. Geo. chaplain; John S. Wood assistant sergeant-at-arms. It was ordered by the house that the balance of the office be left to appointment by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Howe, the Speaker was requested to give the preference in his appointments to the ladies who had the honor of performing the work. Some of the young men were astonished when they were presented with a delicate mitten, which sight caused a great deal of mirth and laughter for those present.

Last evening being New Year's eve, called the people together again at different places to rejoice and be glad, and welcome the approaching New Year.

Sleighing here is very good, and every one seems to enjoy it. A continual jingle of the sleigh bells can be heard from early morning till late at night.

By the way, I hope that the Wattsville enjoyer and debating society still flourishes, and that its members are enjoying themselves beyond description this happy New Year. No doubt the singing school at that place, taught by Miss Pardee has improved wonderfully, and I hope ere long to listen to their gentle voices. Wishing you all a happy New Year, and hoping soon to have the opportunity of seeing you, I sign myself G. C. SMITH.

Our friend G. C. Smith's letter did not reach us in time for the first issue of the JOURNAL in the new year. By a week's delay it loses none of its freshness and interest.

The South Carolina legislature has passed rather a singular anti-whiskey bill. By it the sale of all kinds of intoxicating liquors, including malt liquors and wines is absolutely prohibited outside of the incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Extracts from Ingersoll's "Farming in Illinois."

If you wish to raise a good boy you must give him plenty to eat, and treat him with kindness.

Every farmer who will treat his cattle kindly, and feed them all they want, will, in a few years, have blooded stock on his farm.

Every man should endeavor to be good.

Man needs more manliness, more real independence. We must take care of ourselves. This we can do by labor, and in this way we can preserve our independence. We should try to choose that business or profession the pursuit of which will give the most happiness. Happiness is wealth. We can be happy without being rich—without holding office—without being famous. I am not sure that we can be happy with wealth, with office, or with fame.

It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education, than education without the sense. Boys and girls should be educated to help themselves. They should be taught that it is disgraceful to be idle, and dishonorable to be useless.

People who live much alone become narrow and suspicious. They are apt to be the property of one idea. They begin to think there is no use in anything. They look upon the happiness of others as a kind of folly. They begin to think that because you have a living upon the earth, it is the best medicine upon the earth. There is no such thing as health without plenty of sleep. The man who cannot get a living upon Illinois soil without rising before daylight ought to starve.

It elevates a man to own a home. A man without a home feels like a passenger. Home makes patriots. He who has set his own front door upon his wife and child will defend it. Few men have been patriotic enough to shoulder a musket in defence of a boarding house.

Raise your sons to be independent through labor—to pursue some business for themselves and upon their own account. Do not let them act upon their own responsibility, and to take the consequences like men. Teach them above all things to be good, true and tender husbands—winners of love and builders of homes.

The laboring people should unite and protect themselves against all idlers. You can divide mankind into two classes: the laborers and the idlers, the supporters and the supported, the honest and the dishonest. Every man is dishonest who lives on the wages of others, no matter if he occupies a throne.

Treat your wife and children with infinite kindness. Give your sons and daughters every advantage in a servant. In the air of kindness, they will grow up about you like flowers. They will fill your homes with sunshine and all your years with joy. Do not try to rule by force. A blow from a parent leaves a scar on the soul. I should feel ashamed to be surrounded by children I had whipped. Think of feeling upon your dying lips the kiss of a child you had struck.

See to it that your wife has every convenience. Make her life worth living. Never allow her to become a widow. Whiskers and warts, mothers, wrinkled and bent before their time, fill homes with grief and shame. If you are not able to hire help for your wives, help them yourselves. See that they have the best medical attention.

Do not create things by magic. Have plenty of wood and coal—good cellars and plenty in them. Have good things to cook, and good things to eat. It is just as easy to have things convenient and right as to have them any other way. Good cooking is the basis of civilization.

Treat your children with infinite kindness—treat them as equals. There is no happiness in a home not filled with love. Where the husband hates his wife—where the wife hates her husband—where the children hate their parents and each other—there is a hell upon earth.

Nothing can be noble than to be useful. Idleness should not be respectable. I can imagine no sweeter way to end one's life than in the quiet of the country, out of the mad race for money, place and power—far from the demands of business—out of the dusty highway where fools struggle and strive for the hollow praise of a moment.

Surrounded by pleasant fields and faithful friends, by those I have loved, I hope to end my days. I hope that you, in the country, in houses covered with vines and clothed with flowers, looking from a window upon a garden of fields of corn and wheat, over which will run the sunshine and the shadow, surrounded by those whose lives you have filled with joy, will pass away serenely as the Autumn dies.

For the JOURNAL.

LITERARY SOCIETIES. In continuing the subject from last week, permit me to refer to Franklin: Was he a favorite of fortune? No, far from it. He was a poor mechanic. If the fire of ambition had not been kindled in his breast, he had not read, not studied, if he had not deprived himself of amusement, he would not have become the world's renowned philosopher.

Another example you have in the eminent statesman, Daniel Webster, a poor boy. When a humble lad he aimed at excellence. He differed from his companions when very young, and he was not ashamed to differ from them. Do you ask why? Because he was brave. They are cowards that fear ridicule. He was neither frivolous nor absolute. He made study his pleasure, not his necessity. He was discouraged by no difficulties, but was rather stimulated by them to greater effort. He was characterized by a disregard for trifles, and by a steady aim at the most important end.

He had studied the great men of his age, and he had seen the high and the low; and he had seen the eyes of Webster, while among the bleak hills of New Hampshire. Our interest is more intense when we know that the hero or statesman was once humble in his circumstances—had their own sorrows. Their minds were ever soaring

SHERIFF'S SALE.

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The north half of the southwest quarter (N. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4) of section twelve (12), Township seventeen (17), north of range one (1) west, and north of principal meridian, containing eighty acres of land more or less. Also a tract of land described as follows: Beginning at a point forty rods west of the northeast corner of lot number three (3) running east twenty rods, thence north one hundred and sixty rods, thence east twenty rods to the northwest corner of land belonging to Denmark on the 15th day of July, 1874, thence north one hundred and sixty rods to the place of beginning in section fourteen (14), Township seventeen (17), north of range one (1) west, taken as the property of said defendants, John G. Saville and Martin P. Saville, on said order of sale.

Dated this 14th day of Dec., 1880. BENJ. SPIELMAN, Sheriff of Platte County.

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WHEREAS, default has been made in the condition of a chattel mortgage given to me by John G. Compton, Lewis Headburg to secure the payment of his promissory note to said Headburg, dated on the 10th day of November, 1879, with 10 per cent interest thereon from date, which said mortgage was duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Platte county, Nebraska, and contains a power of sale therein and by virtue of said order of sale, I have become the owner of the same, and as the undersigned, on the 15th day of January, 1881, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in front of the post-office in Columbus, Nebraska, will offer for sale at public auction and sell for cash in hand the following described property consisting of one horse mule four years old, about fifteen and one-half hands high, one brown horse mule five years old about fifteen and one-half hands high, for the payment of the balance due on said mortgage, the charges for keeping and transportation of said property and costs of sale. The balance due on said note at date of first publication hereof is \$100.00.

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The east half of the southeast quarter of section number two (2), in Township seventeen (17), north of range one (1) west, in said Platte county, said real estate taken by virtue of said order of sale as the property of said defendants, John G. Compton and Josephine M. Compton. And will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the west door of the court house in Columbus, in said county, Nebraska, the building wherein the last term of said court was held for said county, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., on the 15th day of said day, when and where due attendance will be given the same, by the undersigned.

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Default having been made in the payment of said sum, therefore I will sell at public auction, in front of the west door of the court house in Columbus, Neb., on the 15th day of January, 1881, at two o'clock, p. m., the following described property consisting of one dark gray work horse weighing 1000 pounds, and a dark gray work horse weighing 1100 pounds, at public auction in front of the court house in Columbus, Nebraska, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., on the 15th day of January, 1881, at one o'clock, p. m. of said day.

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FINAL PROOF.

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John Daly, Home-lead No. 6284, for the N. E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 Section 26, Township 20 north, Range 1 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: Ignatz Verth, George Swezey, Julius J. Graves and Mathew Levery, all of Humphrey, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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Oliver Risher, Home-lead No. 5669, for the N. E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4 Section 13, north Range 2 west, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: J. H. Watts, Robert Nicholson, Henry Chapin and Edwin H. Jones, all of Platte county, Nebraska. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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Leith H. Jewell, Home-lead No. 6204, for the S. E. 1/4 N. E. 1/4, N. E. 1/4 S. E. 1/4, Sec. 20, Township 18 north, Range 2 west, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: George Schwann and John Hemphill, of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb., and Julius J. Graves and Ferdinand Fuchs, of Humphrey, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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Paul Filer, Home-lead No. 5667, for the N. W. 1/4, Section 34, Township 29 north, Range 1 west, and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: John Stuyfand and Charles Brandt, of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb., and Julius J. Graves and Ferdinand Fuchs, of Humphrey, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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