

The Illinois Central and Sioux City roads are again blocked with snow.

ISAAC LETSON has been appointed postmaster at Albion, Boone county, Nebraska.

SIXTEEN steamers and 203 sailing vessels were lost during the month of December.

It is claimed that 500 men and women of Chicago are in the habit of smoking opium.

The secretary of the treasury has called in \$25,000,000 of the 5-per-cent bonds of 1881.

It is claimed on good authority that Robert T. Lincoln is to be Gen. Garfield's Secretary of war.

MISS BETTIE ADAMS of Indianapolis, committed suicide last week by shooting herself. Cause unknown.

The mortality among horses in New York this winter has been very great averaging twenty-five daily.

HON. SIMON CAMERON and party have arrived at Nassau, where they will remain a short time, and then go to Cuba.

It is claimed that the King of Ashantee can put 90,000 men in the field against England.

ABOUT nineteen of the prisoners arrested for conspiring to murder the European residents of Kalapore, have been found guilty.

The national banks at Cooperstown, N. Y., will not withdraw their circulation, but intend to take \$200,000 of the new 3-per-cent bonds.

F. E. GRABE and Frank Miller both of Chicago, committed suicide last week. The first named by shooting and the latter by hanging.

CONGRESS attended to business on the 22d ult., and did not adjourn. An unusual event for congress to remain in session on Washington's Birthday.

GLADSTONE announced in the British House of Commons the other day that steps had been taken to promote a satisfactory settlement with the Boers.

It is stated that over \$2,000,000 in national bank currency, has already been withdrawn from circulation, as a result of the action of the Senate on the refunding bill.

PETER COOPER'S 90th birthday was celebrated the other day in New York. On the same day he filled up and signed a check in favor of the Cooper Institute for \$10,000.

A fire at Nebraska City last week burned L. Levy's livery stable, thirty horses, ten buggies and three carriages and two men, John Jackson and Frank Otto. The origin of the fire is unknown.

HON. M. H. CARPENTER, Senator from Wisconsin, died at his residence in Washington City on the 24th ult., at 9:30 in the morning. His death was caused by Bright's disease of the kidneys.

A. R. STRUTHERS, a wealthy stock man of Ennis, Texas, was murdered last week in Dallas. Four shots were heard, and the crowd that gathered found the dead body. No clue to the murderers.

PRESIDENT HAYES attended the celebration of Washington's birthday at Alexandria, Va., and while on the stand erected for the speakers it broke down. No one was seriously injured by the accident.

MRS. MAGGIE CLARKSON, of Chicago, has been arrested, and locked up, charged with throwing vitriol the other day in the face of her husband, nearly ruining his eyes and disfiguring his face in a horrible manner.

SOME of the National Banks of Boston are considering the question of withdrawing their circulation. Only two or three came to an actual decision. The merchants' National will withdraw \$50,000 of its currency.

JONATHAN KERNS, a farmer living near Plattsmouth, Neb., who was about seventy-five years old, committed suicide last week by putting the muzzle of a large pistol in his mouth, and discharging it, causing almost instant death.

FOREPAUGH'S great circus and menagerie spent the winter in Philadelphia. This great showman is now preparing to leave his winter quarters in the early part of April, first giving a grand parade and entertainment in that city.

The recent shocks of earthquake in Arizona proved quite disastrous. They numbered thirty-six shocks, and a church and two hundred houses were thrown to the ground. Several people were killed. The people are now living in tents outside of the city.

HON. JOHN I. MITCHELL, was elected United States senator by the Pennsylvania legislature on the thirty-fifth ballot. The vote was Mitchell, 150; Wallace, 92; Mac Veigh, 1; Brewster, 1. Mr. Mitchell is at present a representative in Congress from that state.

The funeral of Hon. Fernando Wood was the most largely attended of any in Washington since that of President Lincoln. His remains were taken to New York and arrived in that city at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, and were at once conveyed to Trinity Cemetery and deposited in the family vault.

FRANCE has prohibited the importation of American pork. It is stated that the British Government does not intend to follow the example of France, as such a course would inflict great suffering upon the poor and would be no protection against trichinosis, which exists in other countries than America.

Prohibition. The prohibition bill failed to become a law, but what is known as the high license bill, passed both houses and is now the law of the state. Several amendments were made to the bill before its passage, and we cannot now give its provisions, but will do so as soon as obtained.

The story about Royal T. Riggins, recently published in the Journal, who committed suicide on a Union Pacific train, near North Platte, and his remains as claimed, having been removed from the casket, and sand substituted, turns out to be a pure canard, manufactured and published by some smart, would be detective, of Missouri.

The Earl gang of burglars, thieves and highway robbers were sentenced the other day at Syracuse, N. Y., by Judge Heighel. Leonard and Charles Earl, each sixty-five years in the states prison. Emory Earl, fifteen years; other members of the gang—Thos. Jaques, forty years; Frank Richards, twenty years; and Anna Sterling, five years.

WILBER, NEB., was visited by a fire of the 25th ult., destroying the buildings of S. J. Hellman & Co., Shackleton & Co., Saline County Bank, Juonchek Bros., Joseph Holub and Chas. Dogny. The lodge rooms of the Bohemian Benevolent Society, with the contents, were also destroyed. The total loss will reach \$25,000. Several persons were hurt, none seriously.

One of the strongest reasons why the Lincoln people and those counties interested in keeping the capitol at Lincoln were so furiously in favor of the appropriation for another wing was that under the new apportionment their strength in future legislatures will be considerably less than now. The new law, as a matter of course, increases the relative power of northern and western Nebraska.

The present legislature seems to abound in "Strickland's majorities." The suffrage bill passed the house by one vote; the prohibition amendment has one majority upon some side, but nobody can yet tell which; there is one more vote against the 3-cent railroad bill than for it; the chaplain of the senate was elected by one majority; the immigration bill was defeated in the house last evening by one vote.—Lincoln Globe.

Here is another record. The motion was made to postpone the consideration of the bill, to limit passenger fare on railroads to three cents a mile, until Thursday afternoon, thus virtually defeating the bill. The vote stood as follows:

For killing the bill, Senators Barentine, Coon, Daily, Dinsmore, Doane, Ervin, Gere, Morse, Myers, Perkins, Pierce, Powers, Smith and Zehrung.

For the people, Senators Cady, Graham, Harrington, Taylor, Teft, Turner, Walls, Wherry, White, Burns of York, Baker, Evans and Howe.

Burns of Dodge, Turk and Van Wyck were absent.—Lincoln Globe.

Hathaway of the State Journal and Eaton of the Daily Globe, were arrested the other day by the sergeant-at-arms of the senate and were at last advised held by that officer under arrest, charged with contempt in refusing to answer certain questions by the joint committee on investigation of the letting of the printing contracts. Harry Gibson of the Omaha Herald, is another member of the craft that is charged with contempt, and whom the officer of the senate has been unable to find. It is a pity if editors can't tell what they know, and if they refuse to do so in all legitimate and lawful cases, we don't have much sympathy for them when placed in duress.

A FIRE at East Liverpool, Ohio, on the morning of the 23d ult., burned a four-story building occupied as a drug store, feed store, grocery and dwelling. The proprietor of the drug store, Wm. Sloan, with his family, lived in the upper portion. When Mr. Sloan awoke, their escape was cut off from below, the entire building being on fire. He caught up a little daughter and told the other members of the family to follow him, and leaped from the window. From some cause the other members did not follow, and eight persons were burned to death. The father and daughter are the only persons left out of a family of ten. The fire originated in the drug store and is believed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Record on the Prohibition Amendment. Fifty-one votes were necessary to secure the passage of the bill. It received but forty-nine. The men who voted in the affirmative were: Abbott, Babcock, Baldwin, Brown,

Case, Cantlin, Carman, Cook, Cole, Correll, Daily, Dew, Dowty, Filley, Graham, Gray, Hall, Hancock, Hostetter, Howe, Jackson, of Pawnee, Jensen, Johnson, Jones, Kaley, Kempton, King, Laughlin, Linn, McClun, McDougall, McKinnon, Mickey, Moore of York, Montgomery, Palmer, Putney, Reed, Root, Reyman, Schick, Scott, Silver, Slocumb, Walling, Wells, Wilcox, Windham and Mr. Speaker.

Those voting in the negative were—Ayer, Bailey, Bartlett, Bick, Bollin, Broatch, France, Frederick, Fried, Gates, Helms, Herman, Hollman, Jackson of Douglas, Kloepfel, Lamb, Lehman, McShane, Mullen, Overton, Paxton, Peterson, Ransom, Sears, Sill, Wheeler, and Ziegler.

Absent—Kyrer, McClure, Moore of Otoe, Parry, Roberts, Sprick, Watts and Wyatt.

LAST week near Milton, N. C., an eagle swooped down upon William Daniels, through an open window while the boy was at breakfast, and attempted to take a fish from his hand which he was about to put in his mouth. Quickly dropping the fish, the bird attacked the lad, tearing the flesh from his back and neck in a fearful manner. The boy attempted to defend himself, but was no match for the eagle. The eagle succeeded in dragging the boy out of the door into the yard, where the fight was renewed with beak and talons. The lad called loudly for help. His father answered his calls, but believing it was the devil who was fighting his boy, took to his heels and ran away. The eagle would have killed the boy had he not been fatally wounded in the neck by a sharp stick that stood in the ground in the yard. Several persons across the river witnessed the fight but could render no assistance.

The Panic. The excitement in the money market in New York on the morning of the 25th ult. has not been so great since the panic of 1873. When the exchange opened, stocks fell to yesterday's prices from six to eight cents, and money one-half cent, and news was anxiously awaited from Washington. Money was worth at 12 o'clock one-half per cent. People could not get the money to buy stocks, and holders are compelled to sell. The cause of the trouble is attributed to the banks calling for money, and to the three per cent. funding bill. During the trouble it is stated that Jay Gould was all day in his private office and refused to be seen, but his brokers were buying and selling during the day at a profit. The first great break of money was in the price of stock, and was followed by a lull, consequent upon the announcement that Secretary Sherman had determined to sell \$10,000,000 of bonds, but banks and private banking firms and brokers made a rush on the sub-treasury as soon as the bullion was deposited, and so great was the demand for cash that within three hours over \$300,000 had been paid over the counter. Brokers and speculators were almost frantic, but the day closed without any failures being reported. Every panic caused by the withdrawal of the money in circulation shows the necessity and importance of the government controlling exclusively the monetary affairs of this country, and should teach our wise legislators that proper action should be taken in time to perfect a system so as to prevent these hurtful contractions made either to control legislation or business.

Legislature. Both houses were in session on the 22d ult., and did a rushing business. A large number of bills have been carried to an advanced place on the files, and a like number have been passed.

The midnight and all night sessions of the legislature and the passing of bills from one house to the other, makes it impossible at the distance of ninety or one hundred miles away from the Capital to tell what measures have become laws or what bills have been defeated, but in the midst of this mix and confusion we can only guess at facts, and must wait for reliable information.

The House had a lively time in discussing and managing the prohibition bill, but the vote passing the bill to a third reading would indicate that the bill may pass in the House.

The bill appropriating \$25,000 for the relief of the destitute of the western counties was defeated in the Senate.

The bill appropriating \$100,000 for the completion of the Capital building has passed the house.

The senate, with little opposition, passed the following bills:

To regulate the practice of medicine in Nebraska.

Prohibiting the adulteration of food.

Transferring the "grasshopper fund" money to the general fund.

Regulating insurance companies. Directing counties to furnish suitable rooms and buildings for county officers.

In committee of the whole, the senate considered and reported for passage, the sewerage bill, which has occupied public attention to a great extent in Omaha. The object of this bill is to authorize or rather compel that city to levy a tax of 1 1/2 mills to pay for sewers heretofore constructed.

The sewers were contracted for by the city at a cost of about \$60,000. They were built, the warrants issued, and a tax levied for their payment, but the supreme court decided that the manner of levying this tax was unconstitutional, and so this bill was introduced to enable the city to levy the tax and pay the claims.

Senators Doane, Gere, Myers and Taylor favored the bill and Senator Howe opposed it.

Senate File No. 52 was called up and was made the special order for 3 p. m. on Thursday.

The house advanced matters by killing off about a score of bills and relieving the general file to that extent.

A message was received from the

telligence, there appears no good reason why the right to vote should be withheld from them. The genius of our institutions is opposed to taxation without representation; opposed to government without the consent of the governed, and therefore I vote yes.

The measure having before passed the house, it only awaits the signature of the governor to be effective as a submitted question.

On the vote on capitol appropriation in the house Wednesday night, Lehman of Platte and Wyatt of Madison were absent. It is due to the latter to say that it is reported he was sick. G. W. Brown of Boone, for some unaccountable reason, voted for the capitol appropriation, and it is reported that Senator Smith will do the same.

It is certainly "strange" that representatives whose constituents are utterly opposed to this unnecessary expenditure should come here and vote the other way; time, probably, will tell what is now unaccountable.

An amateur troupe composed almost entirely of Lincoln citizens has been playing a piece entitled the Color Guard, every night during the week. The entertainments are given under the auspices of the Farragut Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and bring vividly to mind incidents and scenes of 1861 to '65. After all, what equals the drama in the portrayal of life and character!

WAMPUM.

California Letter. CERES, Feb. 11th, '81.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Since my last letter we have had great changes in many respects; one that affects us most is the low price of wheat. Some of our farmers are loading ships on their own account. Have had an abundance of rain, and in the counties north of us floods that have had nothing to equal them in this country, and a great amount of crops will be ruined. South of us we hear of no floods. The Sacramento and its branches have fully come up to the flood of 1861-2. The weather is fine now, building going on here all this winter. A very fine grist mill is being built here, and residences going up by several out side farmers. Our large hall is completed and a hotel going up. One more store has just got a going. Have had a small pox scare in the country; some few cases have been reported, and yellow flags have been flying at Modesto and Turlock.

While we read of your cold weather east of the Rockies, the teams are plowing, and I am writing now with all doors open with weather like May and June, east. There is now a good prospect for a good crop in this (Stanislaus) county this season, which I hope may be fully realized.

Respectfully,
CYRUS LEE.

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governor recommending an appropriation for the international exhibition in New York in 1883.

Most of the day was used in discussion of the general appropriation bill for current expenses of state institutions, officers, etc. The bill was recommended for passage with very slight changes from the amounts recommended by the committee.

The sessions of the legislature yesterday were protracted until 2 o'clock this morning in the house, and a motion for a night session in the senate was lost by only one vote.

The senate passed the bills: Amending chapter 42 of the statutes relating to mechanics liens. Amending chapter 58 of the school law.

To protect the elections of voluntary political organizations and prevent frauds in the same.

To levy tax for payment of sewers heretofore constructed in cities of the first class.

To provide for publication of the laws and journals of the present session.

The senate also passed the following house bills: For the organization and powers of cities, introduced by Mr. Fredericks.

To reimburse the state fund for money drawn out on account of University.

To provide for draining swamp lands of the state.

The governor notified the senate that he had signed Senate File No. 7, for the advancement of certain proceedings on the trial docket of the district court.

In committee of the whole the "Omaha City Charter" bill was recommended for passage without amendment.

The bill providing for the furnishing of seed grain to sufferers from the drought was defeated.

The house slaughtered half a dozen unimportant bills and then passed the following:

To amend an act concerning the issuing of school district bonds.

To establish a home for the friendless.

Regulating the manufacture of substitutes for dairy products.

To legalize the incorporation of villages.

To amend laws relating to school laws.

To prevent the importation of diseased cattle.

Providing that common carriers shall not limit their liability by receipts required to be signed by consignors.

These bills were rejected: To establish and maintain a bureau of immigration in Nebraska.

To amend section 34 of the general statutes relating to agriculture. In the afternoon the house had a lively fight over the prohibition amendment bill which was finally ordered to a third reading by a vote of 48 to 30.

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Chattel Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of a note for \$500.00, dated December 31st, 1878, due two years after date, to Peter Matson, signed by August Hanney, the payment of which was secured by chattel mortgage of that date, executed and delivered by said August Hanney to said Peter Matson, upon one bay mare 9 years old, one lumber wagon, one cow, one horse, one reaper and mower, three harnesses, one old stirring plow, one old breaking plow, one fanning mill, and one old harrow, which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Platte county, Nebraska, on December 6th, 1878, and contained a stipulation for costs of every nature incurred in and about the collection of said note, and the power against therein; upon which said note and mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date of this notice the sum of \$500.00 by virtue of which default and non-payment, the said mortgage has become absolute. Now, therefore, the undersigned mortgagee, do hereby give notice that on the 24th day of FEBRUARY, A. D., 1881, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of said Peter Matson, in Lookingshaw Precinct, Platte county, Nebraska, he will receive bids for sale and sell the aforesaid mortgaged property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, for the payment of said note, together with the costs of collecting said note, including the costs of taking, keeping and selling said mortgaged property.

Dated January 31, 1881.
PETER MATSON,
Mortgagee.

LEGAL NOTICE. YOU are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the district court, in and for Platte county, Nebraska, by the Minneapolis Harvester Works, the object and prayer of which said petition is to foreclose a certain mortgage, given by you to said Minneapolis Harvester Works, on the 22d day of June, 1880, on the following described real estate, to wit:

The southwest quarter of section fourteen, in township nineteen north, in range two east of the sixth principal meridian, in Platte county, Nebraska, and to sell said land to pay said mortgage, also to get an execution against your goods and chattels, lands and tenements for any balance remaining due, after the sale of said lands, the amount due on said mortgage being two hundred and sixteen dollars and ninety five cents (\$216.95), and interest thereon from May 27th, 1880, (the date of the accompanying mortgage) at ten per cent. per annum, and also an attorney fee equal to ten per cent. of the