

The subscriptions to the world's fair aggregate now \$900,000.

Five counterfeiters were arrested in New York the other day.

Three small-pox patients died the other day in the Chicago hospital.

One hundred and ninety deaths were reported in Chicago last week.

John Sriver, of Utica, N. Y., shot his wife and then shot himself.

It is stated that the Prince of Wales will attend the funeral of the czar.

Italy has accepted the invitation to participate in the monetary conference.

A female suffrage bill is under consideration in the New York legislature.

The body of the late czar has been embalmed and placed in the chapel of the palace.

It is stated that all the European nations will be represented at the czar's funeral.

An order has been issued for the withdrawal of the British troops from Candahar.

The parliamentary labors and cares of Gladstone are beginning to tell upon his health.

Mr. Chas. S. Sweet, of Chicago, has been appointed private secretary to Secretary Lincoln.

The British government has assented to the continuance of the armistice with the Boers.

Col. A. G. Hodges, of Louisville, Ky., one of the oldest editors and Masons in the South, is dead.

Carl Schurz was given a reception and banquet the other day by the German-Americans of Baltimore.

The glass-halt shooting match in London, for three days score, resulted, Scott 2,883, and Dr. Carver 2,882.

The senate of Indiana has passed a bill imposing a two per cent. tax on the gross earnings of sleeping-car companies.

At Ternel, Spain, thirty persons have been arrested, for demonstrations in favor of a republican form of government.

The other night Senator Mahone was kept up until 2 o'clock receiving congratulatory telegrams from all parts of the country.

The bonds which were withdrawn from the treasury are being rapidly re-deposited for the purpose of taking out new circulation.

The Grand Duke Vladimir has been appointed to the command of the imperial guard and the military district of St. Petersburg.

Four colored men implicated in the murder of Miss Mattie Ishmael, near Jonesboro, Ark., have been lynched by a band of masked men.

The Emperor of Russia returns thanks to the President and Senate of the United States for their expression of sympathy in the death of his father.

Tony Baldwin and Frank Thompson, while gambling at Hazel Green, Wis., became engaged in a quarrel, which ended in Thompson shooting Baldwin dead.

The U. S. Senate passed resolutions expressing the most profound sympathy, on account of the assassination of the czar of Russia, for the bereaved people.

The Tribune's Sante Fe special says Indians made an attack on a wagon train near Pinta de Chocolate, N. M., killed thirty men and burned the wagons.

Twenty-six national banks have deposited \$2,325,000 United States bonds as security for circulation notes, a half a million of which was issued the other day.

The diplomatic corps and members of the cabinet with their wives and families were received the other day at the White House by the President and Mrs. Garfield.

Gen. A. J. Edgerton has been appointed U. S. senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Senator Windom, who was appointed secretary of the treasury.

Mrs. Athey, who murdered Mary Scent, at New Philadelphia, O., with an axe in a fit of jealousy, has had her trial, and was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

Justice Bradley, of the U. S. Supreme Court, was very much indisposed last week. His presence was necessary to make a quorum, and the court was adjourned for a stated period.

E. S. Memcrott of New York, the other day shot Emil Fauly fatally, and then blew his own brains out. Mr. M. implicated his wife and Paul in some improprieties, which resulted in the shooting.

A cotton mill will be built at Charleston, S. C., immediately, with a capital of \$400,000. That looks like business, and will certainly develop a material interest that has long been idle in the south.

The Boers terms for peace seem to be nothing short of complete independence of South Africa. The news from London reports the terms of peace so dictatorial that peace is impossible on the part of England.

A. C. Brens of Edinburgh, Clarion county, and H. R. McClellan, a notary of Pittsburgh, Pa., have been arrested at the instance of United States Land Commissioner Jewell, of St. Louis, charged with forgery of land titles in Missouri.

President Garfield has nominated Stanley Matthews of Ohio, associate justice of the U. S. supreme court; John A. Pardee of Louisiana, U. S. circuit judge of the fifth judicial circuit; John W. Powell of Illinois, director of the U. S. geological survey.

Last week Conkling, Arthur, Logan, Morton, Cameron, Beck, Thurman, Lamar, and Ben. Hill all called at the White House, and had pleasant interviews with the President. Friendly relations now appear to exist between these distinguished gentlemen and President Garfield.

Transportation.

We are in receipt of Senator Saunders's speech in the U. S. Senate Feb. 21st, on Missouri river improvement, the resolution submitted by him being:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to amend the river and harbor bill so as to increase the amount to be appropriated for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri river between its mouth and Yankton, Dakota, to the sum of \$1,138,000, that being the sum recommended by the Chief Engineer of the War Dept's as necessary to be expended for the improvement of the navigation of that part of said river, during the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1882."

The general line of the senator's argument is that the improvement of the river is necessary to safe navigation, and he proceeds to show wherein it would be beneficial to the business and commerce of the country; he instances the appropriations made by government in aid of railroads, being, in brief, for 13,722 1/2 miles, \$139,203,585.32, or \$10,144.22 per mile; that, when completed, they belonged to corporations which charged freight for everything transported on them. Comparing this with the rivers, the Senator shows that the total number of miles of the navigable waters of the Mississippi and tributaries, is 16,674; that these waters extend into and can furnish transportation for the products of the states of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri, eighteen states, and the Indian Territory, Dakota and Montana, a territory amounting to 791,879,040 acres of land. Says the senator:

"Here are 16,674 miles of navigable river. If we give to these the same amount which the government has given to railroads, what will be the difference? These rivers will be open to the navigation of every body free. The government upon its vessels, can transport free, and every individual can do the same. They will become national highways, inland seas. Alluding to the barge lines which can be put upon these rivers in case of improvement in the navigation, the senator says: 'Parties who are well acquainted with that line of business say one tug-boat will be sufficient power to transport five of the ordinary-sized barges, which would contain twenty thousand bushels each, or one hundred thousand in the aggregate; and if the larger size barges be used, say those of ten hundred or twelve hundred tons burden, or even one tug would manage three of these having a capacity of at least as much as the five smaller ones. So that it is safe to say that one steam-tug could easily convey to the mouth of the Mississippi one hundred thousand bushels of wheat or corn. Other lines of barges could be started for the purpose of shipping to the seaboard the cattle destined for foreign markets. It would, I think, be apparent to any one that cattle shipped in this way would be in much better condition when conveyed by these comparatively easy lines than when shaken and bruised and fevered by the rough treatment inseparable at present from railroad transit. The fact is there is no transportation known to the busy world that will compare for cheapness with down-stream water navigation. The Almighty made these great thoroughfares for the use of the people. No monopolies can take possession of them and occupy them to the exclusion of others who may want to use them. They are there, and they are to be used. They are to be truly called the 'people's highway.'"

In speaking to the resolution, the senator touches upon the question of railroad rates, a subject of great and growing interest, and Nebraska will feel gratified for the senator's remarks, and will be glad to hear more from him on the same subject. We reproduce some of the sentiments from this part of his speech:

"The railroad rates from the Missouri river to the seaboard are such as to leave too little for the producer, and hence the necessity of devising means for transporting at least the grain and breadstuffs to market at less rates than are now paid, and in no other way can this be done, in my opinion, than by keeping open, as long as possible each year, the great river thoroughfares."

"It is highly probable that if the Missouri and Mississippi rivers were properly improved, railroad managers would be compelled to lower their rates."

"The question of regulating by law interstate commerce is a difficult matter to settle. That such a thing can constitutionally be done, and that it should be done, I have no doubt."

"That railroads and especially the trunk lines can carry freight or passengers or both at less rate than is done at the present, is proved by the fact that the officers at the head of these lines almost invariably become millionaires within a few years after taking charge. A portion of this money ought to have been turned into the hands of the producers."

"If we can improve our rivers and cheapen the rates to the seaboard by water we will very soon see the same effect on railroads in the west and south that we now see on eastern lines which come into competition with the lakes, rivers and canals."

Owing, doubtless, to the selfishness of human nature, public interests are the last to be provided for by legislators, but a great deal can be done by a constant watchfulness on the part of a few, and as Senator Van Wyck expressed it on an occasion during the recent session of the legislature, 'by playing the part of a watchdog upon the wagon, catching at the wheels and howling.' Some attention will be paid to the dog, especially when it seems to be driving of the wagon that the woods

Republicanism and Prohibition.

Republicanism is supposed to embody nationalism, hard-moneyism, protectionism and the principles of equal rights. Democracy either opposes or has at one time opposed all these articles of faith. Outside of this there is no republican and no democracy. The attempt of such journals as the Omaha Herald to make prohibitionism a party question is utter nonsense. A man may be a prohibitionist and a democrat or a prohibitionist and a republican. It is merely necessary that he shall be a fanatic in order that he may be a prohibitionist. His party predilections are of no moment in the discussion of his ideas on the liquor question; the two things are as separate as politics and religion.

Ed. JOURNAL.—The above is from a late copy of the Omaha Republican and I think will be republished by the party. The Republican party is certainly no party of Isms, but is the party of progress. Witness the advance made on every hand during her rule. The spirit of the party is the spirit of progress, the Republican or any other cannot check its advance; cannot tie it to any ism and say there is nothing beyond it. While we develop in other ways we shall also develop in government and laws. So fast as we learn our needs as a people, we shall devise means of supplying them. And this not unadvisedly or hastily, but certainly for we have not the stand-still element. As the practical common sense of to-day was the fanaticism of the past, so will the fanaticism of to-day be the practical common sense of the future, and as we have outgrown the stage coach and wild-cat bank of the past, so may we hope to outgrow the extortion and red tape of to-day, and under republican rule we shall soon see the day when a dispatch can be sent by telegraph as cheap as a postal card; when money will be transmitted by telegraphic orders, and transportation be furnished to the citizens of our country at actual cost, and when the men who imagine that the Republican party is nothing but a few isms, will wake up to find that the brains of the party have progressed until they and their isms are left far in the rear. Respectfully,

E. A. GERBARD.

Warrants for Tree Culture.

COLUMBUS, March 21, 1881. EDITOR JOURNAL.—I understand 'Farmer' to say in the last JOURNAL that one of the county commissioners lied when he says that there was no report made of the six rows of trees on north section lines, and that he knows that one or more assessors made report according to law. I say he did not.

Now I hope you, Mr. Editor, will publish the law as it reads, for the benefit of 'Farmer' and others interested, so that in future they may know how to comply and secure the benefits of the same.

"AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH AND CULTIVATION OF TREES ON THE STATE OF NEBRASKA."

SEC. 1. That when any person shall plant and properly cultivate for the term of five years, six rows of trees, eight feet apart, and the trees four feet apart in the row, along either the north section, or the east or west-half section line, running east and west—said rows to be not nearer to the said north section line, or one-half section line than four feet or more than the south line of any road which may be laid out on said north section line, or one-half section line, or when any person shall fill out to the standard above prescribed and keep the same in a proper state of cultivation for the time above stated, any rows of trees that may previously have been planted along said north section or one-half section line, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to pay to such person by warrant on the county treasurer, a sum of money amounting to three dollars and thirty-three cents per acre, for each acre so planted and cultivated according to the standard above prescribed and kept growing and in a proper state of cultivation, for a period not to exceed the space of five years, and to an extent not to exceed three acres of land.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the assessor of each precinct to make proper examination and report to the county commissioners at the time of his annual report, the condition of all timber so planted and cultivated under the provision of this act.

If 'Farmer' and the assessor have complied with the above, 'Farmer' then is entitled to pay, but I here say there is no such report returned.

JOHN WISE, Ch'mn B'd Co. Com.

SENATOR HILL, of Georgia, the other day made some broad insinuations against Senator Mahone's position in that body. Hill appears to have aroused the wrong member. Senator Mahone replied to the gentleman that he had the manliness and boldness to assert his right in the senate free from the dictation of a democratic caucus; and he wanted the gentleman to know henceforth and forever that he dared to defend his right against Hill and his caucus. The next morning after Senator Mahone had answered Senator Hill's insulting inquiries, the former, on entering the senate found his desk decorated with a handsome basket of flowers.

The democrats appear to have given up the idea of being able to organize the senate. Senator Beck said the other day as the republicans had the president and the house they might as well have the senate and take all the responsibility for bad or good work. He did not wish to hold on to a few privileges, and moved to adjourn. Agreed to and the senate adjourned.

FINAL PROOF.

Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., March 18th, 1881. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Court of Platte County, Neb., at county seat, on April 14th, 1881, viz: James C. Gorton, Homestead No. 10,001, for the W. 1/2, S. 1/2, Sec. 34, Township 19 north, Range 1 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Patrick S. Griffin, Andrew Eickmeyer, Joseph Binning, James Russell, all of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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FINAL PROOF. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 25th, 1881. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before clerk of court of Platte county, Nebraska, at the county seat, on the 7th day of April, 1881, viz: Mabel J. Clark, Homestead No. 6187, for the W. 1/2, N. W. 1/4, Sec. 12, Township 19 north, Range 3 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Ragan, Thomas McPhillips, Henry McCabe, Willard Fortune, all of Postville, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

FINAL PROOF. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 24th, 1881. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before clerk of court of Platte Co., Neb., at the county seat, on April 14th, 1881, viz: Corralis H. Hosker, No. 625, for the E. 1/2, S. W. 1/4, Section 32, Township 20 north, Range 1 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Kieve, George H. Brookhans, Frank Brookhans, Heinrich Wilde, all of Humphrey, Platte Co., Neb. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

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