

The Irish arms act went into operation last week.

SMALL-POX is raging to an alarming extent in Lexington, Ill.

PARNELL, it is stated, is engaged to marry an American heiress.

BOTH Greece and Turkey are making large preparations for war.

WHEELING, W. Va., was the scene of three incendiary fires last week.

SNOW fell in southern Ohio on the 29th ult., to the depth of ten inches.

STEADY rains in California insure the greatest yield of grain this season.

NEBRASKA as a state is still in her infancy. She was only 14 years old the 1st of last month.

MRS. MARIA BERNER, of Milwaukee, aged 30, cut her throat the other day with a case knife.

THE Emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia will probably meet at Ems in midsummer.

It has been definitely decided that there will be no extra session of congress at the present time.

THE President has nominated Charles F. Chandler receiver of public moneys at Oberlin, Kan.

KALLOCH, the murderer of Charles De Young, of San Francisco, has been acquitted of the crime.

The police authorities of Berlin have issued orders for the execution of eighteen socialists.

THE newspapers of Austria oppose the scheme for an international union against political assassins.

THE working men of New York were asking last week an advance of fifty cents all round in their pay.

THE resignation of Hon. R. B. Harrington, State Senator 19th dist., has been accepted by the Governor.

ONE hundred and twelve failures have been reported in the United States and Canada during the past week.

R. M. MONTGOMERY of Bloomington, Neb., has been nominated by the President receiver of public money.

THE Spirit of the Times says there is now upon the ocean a large shipment of thoroughbred horses for America.

THE snow storm on the 31st at Pittsburg, was pronounced the most severe of the season. Trains were all laid up.

H. J. JEWETT has been appointed president of the World's Fair, but for want of time to perform the duties, declines.

ONE hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in gold was taken from the German market last week for New York.

It is now reported that there were only two hundred and twenty persons in the theatre at Nice at the time of the fire.

SOLICITOR-GEN. PHILLIPS has declined the judgeship of the court of claims to which he was nominated by the President.

THE city council of Chicago passed one evening last week; an appropriation bill amounting in the aggregate to \$2,340,000.

JAMES WELSH, of Brooklyn, who killed his sweetheart, Barbara Greenhalgh, has been sentenced to be hanged May 20th.

The plague has appeared at Kufa, ninety miles south of Bagdad. The fatal character of the disease in Fejib is increasing.

It is stated that Turkey now has 80,000 troops on the frontier. This indicates great activity with her military preparations.

It is rumored the President has decided to recall General Longstreet, minister to Turkey, and appoint him U. S. marshal for Georgia.

THE city of Richmond arrived at New York the other day brought \$502,000 in specie. The Arizona brought \$500,000 in gold dust.

It is claimed that the alarming increase in emigration from Germany is on account of the compulsory military service and excessive taxes.

LORD BEACONFIELD was on the 29th ult. reported dangerously ill. Judging from the reports of his condition his death may be looked for hourly.

THE Board of Trade and Transportation of New York has passed resolutions earnestly depreciating the proposed removal of Collector Merritt.

AFTER a hard fight the Boers captured Potchefstroom, 3,000 pounds of ammunition and two guns, and killed eighteen British soldiers and wounded ninety.

RATES have been reduced from Chicago to New York on grain, provisions and live hogs, five cents a hundred, making the first 30 cts., the others 35 cts.

It is reported that a lady obtained a private interview with the pope at Rome and warned him the hour had been fixed for the murder of himself and Cardinal Pecci.

THE fruit raisers of Delaware and Maryland say the cold weather has not only endangered the peach crop but the orchards as well. One man reports he cannot find a live peach bud among ten thousand trees.

THE New York Spirit of the Times claims the only correct compilation of the popular vote in the late Presidential election, which gives Garfield 3,552 majority.

WM. POWELL, the inventor of the first machinery for the manufacture of lace, was found dead in his bed in Cincinnati. He was 91 years old, and had had an eventful life.

GUSTAVE FREDRICH, of Sioux City, shot and instantly killed the other day a girl named Helen Eberhardt and then shot himself twice, the last shot tearing away his heart.

It is stated the Irish prisoners in Kilmalham jail have resolved to accept the prison diet, owing to its liberal nature, instead of the meals furnished by the land league.

MRS. ALBRIGHT, living near Youngstown, Ohio, a widow for four years, hung herself last week with a clothes line. Grief at the loss of her husband was the cause.

ANOTHER female nihilist, a friend of Russakoff and Hartmann, has been arrested. Owing to this arrest the indictments against the other assassins will have to be recast.

SOME one has said if a celestial railway could be imagined, the journey to the sun, even if trains ran 60 miles an hour, day and night without a stop, would require 175 years.

JAMES SINCLAIR, Earl of Caithness, died at the Fifth Avenue hotel New York on the 28th ult. He died of paralysis of the heart. His remains will be sent to Scotland for interment.

THE war eagle, which was carried at the head of the Eighth Wisconsin regiment, and known as "Old Abe," died Saturday week. He was much thought of by the soldiers of Wisconsin.

HATTIE DEWELL, a foolishly infatuated woman of Iowa City, is trying to live without food and literally starving herself to death. Trying, in some way, to make herself believe that she will live forever.

S. P. ROUNDS, a well known printer of Chicago, is being strongly urged by his friends for the position of government printer. Who knows but what the printers in the west may yet pick up a few political crumbs.

"DEAN" JOHN BUCHANAN, of Philadelphia, has made a full confession of his operations in the bogus medical diploma line. He says that over 20,000 bogus diplomas are in use in this country, and over 40,000 in Europe.

HORSE OWNERS in Belmont county, Ohio, are greatly excited over a horse epidemic raging there that has been pronounced glanders, a disease that is incurable and contagious. There is great fear that the disease will spread.

MRS. HENRY WARD BECHER was taken very ill in church on the 28th ult. When she was taken from the church to her home she was entirely unconscious. From the first she was unable to speak. At last reports she had greatly improved in health.

THE State Journal says that Salt Creek at Lincoln during a wind storm runs "white caps" the same as appear on the sea shore, but not so large. Salt Creek is a very curious stream anyhow. Where, and how does its water obtain the salty qualities?

SENATOR VOORHEES the other day in his speech in the senate denounced Senator Mahone as "a democratic renegade, and bargainer." Senator Mahone replied, "I characterize the statement such as no brave or honorable man would make. Take that and wear it."

It is claimed the police of London have traced the Mansion House plot to three Irish-Americans, whose names are Mooney, O'Donnell and Coleman. The last named they say, is now on the steamer Austria, bound for New York. The other two are in Europe.

A snow storm prevailed on the 29th ult. throughout Indiana and Ohio and in many places was accompanied by a high wind. At Dayton, O., the snow storm was about the heaviest of the season, and had continued all day and was still falling in the evening.

JOHN CONNER, an old gentleman, living at Catfish, Pa., was bound and gagged the other night by seven masked men and robbed of \$5,000 in government bonds, and \$5,000 in cash. His wife was also bound and gagged and both handled very roughly and may not survive.

The wife of Captain A. Flagstaff came to Whitehall, Mich., the other day, and going to the Cosmopolitan hotel, called Miss Emma Drake, and threw seven ounces of vitriol into the girl's face, disfiguring her in a bad manner. Miss Drake formerly lived in the captain's family, and Mrs. Flagstaff was jealous of her.

A STATEMENT comes from Dublin which says despite the specious advice of the land league to tenant farmers to maintain their grip on the land and not to leave the country, the emigration returns show that 95,857 persons emigrated last year, an increase of 4,893 over the previous year.

THERE are three women in this state editing newspapers, and we can't discover anything to the contrary but what they make about as good papers as the majority of the men engaged in the business. The Kearney County Bee is edited by Miss Olds. The Osceola Record by Mrs. Bittenbender and the Grand Island Independent by Mrs. Mobley.

AN exchange says that the coinage of nickels has been suspended. With the recent action of the State Banks to create a panic and to control the legislation of the country, presents a time when the Republican party should take a forward movement on this question and perfect a system under the exclusive control of the government to remedy this defect in the law creating the state banks by which the people can have a currency backed by the credit of the government in the shape of legal tender greenbacks and a fractional currency to take the place of the bank issues. Public men, and especially political leaders, are slow in taking a forward movement on any new question, but this is a country ruled by the people, and when they determine to act, leaders and political parties have to get out of their way or fall in line and march with them. The late action of the banks has opened the eyes of the people to the dangerous power the banks possess in bringing about a depression in business, and causing a financial panic, when no occasion in the business of the country exists to warrant it. The Republicans now have an opportunity to at once take their stand on this question, remedy this defect in the present system, and give the people a good system of currency backed by the government, which the people will approve.

THE rise of last week in the waters of the Missouri river west of Sioux City, in connection with the ice gorges, caused fearful destruction of property. The gorges in places flooded the bottom from five to fifteen miles. The town of Green Island, Neb., opposite Yankton was swept away. The inhabitants could be seen from Yankton, clinging to their houses as they floated off; a large amount of stock is supposed to have been drowned. All the bottom lands were flooded. At the town of Vermillion, the water was ten feet deep in the principal streets. The inhabitants took to the bluff back of the town. Several boats were destroyed in the harbor at Yankton, and others damaged by the floating ice. The town of Madden, opposite Bismarck, was entirely inundated, but it is believed the citizens all reached the bluffs in safety, though their suffering must have been intense. There was from four to five feet of water and floating ice in the streets. Railroads and government warehouses at the levee are considerably damaged. Over two hundred head of cattle on the bottom in the vicinity perished. Great apprehensions were felt for the safety of the town below, and it was feared that Sioux City was in danger of being deluged by the rising waters.

HARPER'S Weekly contains some curious and amusing cuts. One of them in the last number a lesson of instruction when properly appreciated by those who carefully inspect and read it. A wind mill in the distance with Senator Mahone mounted on a donkey, with a sack of grain divided in the middle, instead of the grain in one end and a heavy stone in the other as used to be the custom in former days among the Bourbons. This way of dividing the grain instead of using a big stone at one end of the sack, Mahone thinks is the right way, but Senator Ben Hill is represented as meeting him on the way to the mill, and shaking his big cane at him, as much as to say, you must not carry your sack of grain in that way, you must put the grain in one end and the heavy stone in the other—that the old way was the only way. Hill is representing a solid Bourbon opposition to the North.

NEBRASKA V. M. C. A. Convention. The State Executive Committee has arranged, at the invitation of the Lincoln association, to hold their State Convention at Lincoln April 15th, 16th and 17th. Circulars of invitation have been sent throughout the State asking Churches and Sabbath Schools to send delegates. Any person interested has a cordial invitation to attend and take part. A number of prominent workers from abroad will be present. Those who will attend are desirous of securing reduced rates on the railroads should send to the secretary, George T. Rowser, Omaha, their names, as soon as possible. The friends of the Lincoln association will furnish entertainment for the delegates.

SENATOR MAHONE of Virginia the other day replied to the several assaults made upon him by his colleagues Johnson, Voorhees, Bayard and Senator Brown, making an able explanation and in many respects eloquent defence in relation to his course and action in the senate. In his concluding remarks he said, "I am here to assert that Virginia, the mother of the union, renews her old-time devotion to the government her honored sons aided to construct, and in furtherance thereof I propose to give my best abilities and to exert my every energy."

It is predicted by one who has visited the mountain country tributary to the Platte river that the high waters in May or June in the Platte river will be unprecedented. He believes but for the absence of ice in the stream at that time the probability is that the flood would be far more disastrous than the late flood.

W. H. MICHAEL, an attorney of Cheyenne, formerly editor of the Sidney Plaindealer, escaped assassination on the 31st ult., at the hands of a desperate character named Ryan whose conviction for a crime Michael was recently instrumental in procuring. Michael carries an ugly cut on his head. The would-be murderer escaped on his own horse (which he had in waiting) before any attempt was made to arrest him.

What is Republicanism? EN. JOURNAL: The Omaha Republican, in answer to my comments on his definition of republicanism says that I refer to what I think republicanism will be, whilst he referred to what it is, that he took the platforms for his basis, and asks is the party devoted to that ambiguous thing, progress; then admits that the party has been known as the party of progress and winds up by saying that telegrams about as cheap as posts and transportation at cost will not come under republican rule, for that would be nihilism.

His first definition said "nationalism, hard moneyism, protectionism, and the principle of equal rights, outside of this there is no republicanism."

I claim that not only has the party been known as the party of progress, as he admits, not only will it be the party of progress as I predict, but that it is the party of progress, and does progress, though he cry nihilism, and ambiguity, never so loud.

But he cries, "our platform." Take any platform without progress and where would you be? When the platform said no extension of slavery, with progress, that embodied freedom and enfranchisement. Can the Omaha Republican see that had he then stood up to claim that, outside of prohibiting slavery in the territories there was no republicanism, he would now be able to see his own folly? Did we arrive at sound currency without progress? Is not the platform frequently the expression of the steps already determined as next in progress? Statesmen realize that when a question once fairly comes before our people they must be ready to grapple it, for republicanism to-day means progress, and that is no ambiguous thing to the average republican. Russia has nationalism, nihilism, Mexico hard money, etc., but we hope that we are on the road towards filling the perfect measure of a government of mutual interests, administered by a political party, liberal enough to progress with the progressing world, and strong enough to embody some conscience in its acts, at least occasionally.

After accusing me of a confusion of terms, etc., he goes on to ask, Does the republican party embrace the principles of to-day? as though I were seeking to limit the party, instead of he. I do not expect the party to stand still whilst civil service reform, prohibition, female suffrage, cheap transportation, cheap telegraphy or any other mutual public interest is settled, but I think he had better stop and sum up his definitions; having defined republicanism, he next proceeds to characterize progress as—ambiguity—cheap transportation as—nihilism. To show the value of such defining, I might add to his list thus: free homesteads; murder; cheap postage; assassination; free schools; robbery; free speech; highway robbery; railroad extortion, as the milk of human kindness.

Respectfully, E. A. GERRARD.

THE Sioux City Journal says more hogs are raised in Iowa to the acre than in any other state in the Union.

TO an Iowa hog is a bonanza, and carries around on his four feet the possibilities of every luxury. There is richness in him from his nose to the end of his tail. His bristles make brushes; his hide, leather; his sides bacon; his quarters, shoulders and hams; his fat, lard, butterine, oleomargarine, suine, wagon grease, &c.; and his lean makes sausage; and three parts of him that beats guano as a fertilizer. But without enumerating the advantages of the hog dead it is enough to say that the Iowa hog is the living grunting embodiment of all the possibilities there are in the hog of the most excellent type.

A new monster passenger engine has been constructed at Philadelphia, Pa., which is expected to make a revolution in railroad travel. This engine is 62 feet long, weighs 97,000 pounds, and is equipped with 18-inch cylinders and four 6 1/2 feet driving wheels. This engine did its first work on the road the other day, bringing the Pacific express from Altoona to Harrisburg. The run from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, 110 miles, was made in two hours and fifty-two minutes. The engineers who saw her run were greatly pleased with her speed, and others believe that this engine will make the fastest time ever known.

It is stated that the west of Ireland are busy working on their lands, but manifest great anxiety to know the terms of the government bill lately passed by parliament. We do not know what provisions the bill contains, but learn it requires the large landowners to sell to tenants at reasonable rates 30 acres of land, which if properly improved and cultivated might barely save its owner and family from starvation.

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THE Pittsburg an Ft. Wayne and Chicago, the Chicago and Alton and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads have filed a grand jury indictment against Chicago, which is pronounced the finest in this country, not excepting the Providence depot in Boston. There are three main buildings built of Philadelphia pressed brick, and all trackage is rooted with iron and glass, under which twenty trains can arrive and depart at the same time. The passenger building is finished in marble and black walnut, and the ceilings are finely frescoed. The cost of the depot was about \$2,000,000.

A LADY was arrested the other day in New York by a detective from Chicago charged with stealing \$12,000 worth of diamonds from Charles Perkins, of Chicago. The detective declined to give her real name, but said she was the wife of a wealthy physician of Chicago worth \$30,000 and that her family connections were the best in the state. She is a handsome woman about 25 years old and dressed in the height of the fashion in bright and costly clothing and jewelry and expensive diamonds. The officer has taken her back to Chicago.

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