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EX-GOVERNOR LOT M. MORRILL, of Maine, was reported dangerously ill last week.

THE Boone County News has "flopped" over to the anti-monopolists. Rather late in "flopping."

THERE were twenty cases of small-pox under treatment in the Louisville post house last week.

QUEEN VICTORIA reviewed last Saturday 15,000 returned troops. Gen. Wolseley was in command.

A SIX-year old boy broke his neck the other day in Orange county, Mo., in trying to turn a somersault.

JUDGE S. W. WILSON'S residence in San Francisco was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$100,000.

A. E. TOULALIN, for fifteen years an officer of the Burlington road, has resigned on account of failing health.

It is said that there will be fifty contested election cases for the house of representatives in the next congress.

The steamer Angelina, which was supposed to have foundered in the North sea has been signalled as being safe.

RECENT news from London reports five pilots drowned while attempting to reach a distressed vessel on the Firth of Forth.

A SNOW storm accompanied by a fierce wind raged in England one day last week, causing many shipwrecks and loss of life.

F. N. BARNETT, stenographer to Postmaster General Howe, has been appointed chief clerk of the post-office department.

TYPHOID fever prevails at Providence, R. I., to an alarming extent. There are about two thousand cases reported in the city.

TICKETS now by rail from Chicago to Council Bluffs are only \$16. The occasional war on rates has again commenced east of the Missouri.

THE steamer Hankow sailed the other day from New Orleans for Liverpool with a cargo of 5,713 bales of cotton, the largest that ever left that port.

AN unknown man was killed by an express train near Ft. Wayne, Ind., one day last week. The body was cut into very small fragments by the wheels.

The grand jury at Washington returned five more indictments last week against B. F. Bigelow, late teller at the Bank of the Republic of that city.

AT the Coal Spring powder works, Pa., the other day an explosion occurred in a nitro vault. H. C. Welch, superintendent, is missing, and is supposed killed.

IN the police court at Washington the other morning Theo. R. Foote, alleged state route jury briber, gave bail in \$2,000 for his appearance when the case is called.

THERE is a most remarkable sameness about the roosters that fill our democratic exchanges—it is getting entirely too monotonous. Bring out some new roosters or about the old ones.

It is estimated in New York that the estate of the son of Alexander Hamilton, lately deceased, is about \$1,000,000. The heirs have settled their differences and there will be no contest.

MR. PARNELL, a furniture dealer at Pawnee, while stepping from the car the other evening, missed his footing and fell on the track, the wheels of the car passing over his foot, smashing it badly.

MASKED robbers last week entered the store of Merrill & Wagner, at an early hour, gagged and bound the clerk, blew open the safe, and departed with \$400 in money and stamps and seven watches.

IT snowed at Buffalo, Albany and Boston on the 17th, and covered the ground in the two latter cities several inches deep. It was snowing the same day along the Hudson river and in the Catskill mountains.

THE Prussian diet was opened on the 14th, by a speech from the throne. The emperor says the relations of Germany with foreign governments justify the conviction that the benefits of peace are assured.

PROCEEDINGS were in progress last week by the attorney general for the appointment of a receiver of the New York life insurance company. Certain names were proposed, but no agreement had been reached.

It is reported in recent foreign news that Gladstone will resign the chancellorship of the exchequer; also that Sir Hugh Childers will leave the war office for the exchequer, the Earl of Northbrook taking the war office.

A FIRE at Riverton, Neb., one day last week destroyed fifteen buildings in the heart of the business portion of the town. Loss about \$50,000. The fire was supposed to be incendiary, and one fire bug had been arrested.

RECENT reports say the crew of the missing boat from the steamship Westphalia landed at New Haven, and reports the other steamer with which the Westphalia was in collision went to the bottom with all on board.

FROM Dublin we have the news that the jury in the case of Patrick Casey charged with the murder of the Joyce family returned a verdict in court of guilty. Judge Barry sentenced the prisoner to be hanged December 15th.

JASPER SPAULDING, a well-to-do farmer, living near Raub, Ind., the other day, first knocked senseless his little son and wife with a whiffle-tree, then cut their throats with a razor, after which he cut his own throat, causing insanity.

The sixteenth session of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry was held at Indianapolis one day last week. The National Grange is composed of masters, with their wives, of state granges. About two hundred were in attendance.

A NEW map of the United States is being prepared under the direction of Mr. Keeser, of the general land office. It is now in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for distribution. It contains over four thousand places not on the old map.

GREENVILLE, Vandalia, Collinsville, Salem, Centralia and Pana, in Illinois, were disturbed by earthquake shocks one morning last week. The vibrations were distinctly felt, and in some instances were accompanied by brilliant electrical discharges.

BEAVER, the Sioux Indian, who murdered Joseph Johnson, near Fort Sully, in 1879, was hanged at Yankton on the 15th. The execution was private. He left a request to his relatives not to avenge his death, and to omit the usual mourning.

The superintendent of the railway service decided the other day that the postal car on the 5 p. m. train must be transferred to the 3 a. m. train from Baltimore via Washington to Chicago. This will make mails five hours earlier east of Cumberland.

COL. F. LOWRY, late postmaster at Dayton, Ohio, committed suicide one day last week by cutting the carotid artery. The cause of his action was inability to meet a deficiency of \$4,324 in his account with the postoffice department. The deficit is secured.

ARCHIBALD SCOTT, a farmer, while driving across the Michigan Central railroad near Dexter, Mich., the other afternoon with his team, was struck by the engine of the express and instantly killed. One of his horses was killed and the other fatally injured.

The employes of Kuhn's tobacco factory at Davenport, Iowa, struck the other day because of the reduced wages paid forty girls, assistant cigar-makers. The reduction was from \$2 to \$1.50 per thousand bunches. The number of men engaged in the strike is 280.

CLERKS sent out from the Indian office at Washington to the Pacific coast to purchase and award Indian supplies, returned last week. Supplies to the weight of 498,872 pounds and costing over \$75,000 were purchased, being an increase over last year in weight of \$4,475 pounds.

The German people will present the Crown Prince Frederick William and his consort, Victoria, at their approaching silver wedding, January 25th, with a complete set for dining room, together with furniture for the table and accessories. The whole present will cost half a million marks.

A NEW way of making the boy-toe mark comes to light in the Maine Reform School investigation. A boy testifies whenever he used a "wear word" the officers put red pepper in his mouth. Superintendent Farrington says that he adopted this kind of punishment on account of its novelty.

A CALIFORNIA woman, who confessed to her husband on her dying bed that she loved another, was forgiven. Then she got well and he is now suing for divorce. She pleads that he condoned the offense, and he answers that it was only on condition of her dying, and she broke the contract.

LAST week an accident occurred on the Alton railroad at Grain Valley, Kansas, by running the train into a hand car which the workmen failed to get off the track before it was struck by the engine. Three men were killed and several others badly injured and some of them probably fatally.

It is stated at Ottawa, that the customs department is considering a large number of cases where false invoices were made by exporters, to use to defraud the dominion government when entered for duty at Canadian ports. Several invoices are from New York and several from Chicago.

MRS. JOHN BROWN had quite a reception the other day at Topeka. The attendance was large, including many colored people. Gov. St. John presided and delivered an address. Several other distinguished gentlemen made speeches. Mrs. Brown will receive a testimonial from the citizens of Topeka.

GEN. GLANT'S recent magazine article reviews his former "Undesired Stigma" in the case of Gen. Fitz John Porter, giving the ground for his former belief in Porter's guilt and his present conviction of his entire innocence. He appeals to the government and the country for prompt action in Porter's behalf.

OPERATORS and representatives of coal mines in Massillon, Akron and Mahoning districts, Ohio, will not concede the advance demanded by the miners. They say there is plenty of coal on hand; that prices are too high now, and a large proportion of the mines are about to shut down for the winter anyway.

The Grand Island Times, along with the Omaha Republican, is still repeating the pension lie, maliciously concocted during the campaign as coming from M. K. Turner. If you must lie, do it at first hand, and with some show of respectability, so to speak, with a decent effort at intellectual originality, any how.

A FIRE at Phelps, Neb., the other day burned the building of P. O. Hedlund. The fire originated in a rear room occupied by the Nugget newspaper. Hopwood lost his new press and some printing material. Part of the county records were destroyed, the county having rented the front lower room. The wind was blowing strongly from the north, but had it been from the west nothing could have saved the town.

"SOMETHING must be done to equalize the tariff," remarks the Omaha Republican, and adds, "the people will stand a pretty heavy levy on imports." "Protection—simple protection—to all our manufacturing industries is what we want—not the protection which will foster a grasping monopoly," &c., &c. The Republican has come to be one of the most unrelenting papers in the west, not only in the distortion of its "alleged" political news, but also as to the "alleged" sentiment of the country. Take the above as a sample—of "mistaking its own opinion for the popular belief," so to speak. "Protection, simple protection to all our manufacturing industries," in the readjustment of tariff duties? Why more "protection" to manufacturers, than to agriculture, pray tell? Why discriminate in favor of manufactures and say nothing of agriculture, the great industry of the country, and more especially of the west? Does the Republican assume or presume to speak for agricultural Nebraska? The agriculturists of this state have had some experience of the "benefits" to be derived from special "protective" tariffs made to foster "eastern monopolies," and they do not propose to swallow any dose that may be given them—at least not without gagging when it becomes too nauseous. The Republican says it is not in favor of such protection as "will foster a grasping monopoly." It would be interesting, perhaps, to know just what the Republican's present opinion may be of a monopoly, and after that of a "grasping" monopoly. The farmers of Nebraska might then be able to say whether the opinions of this special pleader of the monopolists, would be particularly agreeable to them if put into congressional enactments. The Republican, we believe, is ambitious to be considered the leading "organ" of the republican party in Nebraska. If so, it must "lead" up to the high plane of "equality before the law," "rights for the many against privileges for the few," no discrimination in favor of, or against any particular interest, and quit its masquerading.

We are inclined to the opinion that the town of Madison will very far in the future become a place where a large amount of business will be transacted. This opinion has been formed from the character of the people and the rich and productive farms they own and cultivate for fifteen or twenty miles west and southwest of the town and it is claimed that east a similar people and similar lands extend for the same distance. No better crops could be produced from the soil of any country than those which cover the rich fields this season in a large scope of country southwest of Madison. This large territory of rich agricultural country must of necessity furnish to a clever and liberal set of merchants and business in Madison an enormous amount of trade and business during the year. Nearly every farmer southwest of Madison has his herd of cattle, big crops and big hogs. Mr. Jenkins and his some living ten or twelve miles out have a splendid tract of land of about 800 acres, rich with every product that the soil produces; and it is only one of many others in the same locality that yields their thousands of dollars in the same way. These people have made that a point for trade and dealing and we see no reason why in the future this trade will not grow and increase if the merchants and business men of Madison contribute their best efforts to induce it to come.

**Electric Storm.**  
The Northern Lights on the evening of the 17th produced a grand display of electrical waves of uncommon strength and surpassing brilliancy. What was remarkable in this display of electrical currents was the fact that it took possession of the telegraph wires from New York to Ogden. During the continuance of the storm Omaha worked with Chicago, St. Louis and Cheyenne without any battery on at either end. They simply put the wires at each end of the line in the ground with the instruments on and the earth made the circuit complete. At Chicago the intensity of the heat was so great that the keys of the instrument were melted by the current which continued to pass. The screws were turned up and parted to the utmost limit. Our exchanges pronounced it the most severe storm of the kind ever known in the country.

Or course work for the next legislature is being laid out by the bosses. The sentiments of members elect are being canvassed, and their probable action as to speaker of the house and U. S. senator. It is a little early yet to set down with certainty what will be done by the various members, but if the people who have now done the voting, wish to be heard further in the matter they must make their wants and wishes known in a very unmistakable manner, and this will be just as well to bear in mind continually. Men in public office are generally (as they ought to be) susceptible to influence from their constituents, and it now becomes the constituency to be on hand, and make of themselves an advisory board of more or less influence and consequence.

HENRY WARD BEECHER has been used on account of his failure to complete the second volume of the "Life of Christ." The case was on trial the other day before Judge Barrett and was closed, the counsel for Beecher moved to dismiss the case upon the ground that there was no date fixed for the closing of the contracts. Judge Barrett held that the plaintiff had failed to make out a case, but he would grant until the next day for the production of evidence to show the limitation of the contract; otherwise he would have to dismiss the case.

News from Panama of a recent date states that a young merchant of Barbaco, named Porter, in company with some friends established himself on the bank of the river Putumayo, among forests which cover every foot of ground. They erected a house, made a clearing and already saw their way to a profitable business, when they were visited by a number of Gevintio Indians, who came to trade. They were received well, and were apparently satisfied, but suddenly they attacked and killed the Columbians and afterwards cooked and ate them.

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**Herbert Spencer on American.**

Herbert Spencer, who has been exceedingly reticent in the presence of newspaper interviewers since his arrival in this country, has given his impressions of America and its institutions to a personal friend who has prepared them for the press. The paper is quite long, and it has been reviewed by Mr. Spencer. It is an authoritative expression of opinion. Mr. Spencer praises the extent, wealth and magnificence of the country, but finds much to criticize. He says in part: "After pondering what I have seen of your vast manufacturing and trading establishments, your gigantic hotels, and Fifth Avenue palaces, I was reminded of the Italian republics of the middle ages, and recalled the fact that, while there was growing up in them great commercial activity and development of arts, their people was losing their freedom. It seems to me you are losing freedom. You retain the forms of freedom; but, so far as I can gather, there has been much loss of the substance. It is true that those who rule you do not do so by means of armed retainers, but they do it through regiments of men armed with voting papers. The political machinery as it is now worked has little resemblance to that contemplated at the outset of your political life. But do not infer, therefore, that I think republican institutions a failure. I have always considered that the Americans got their government by a happy accident, not by normal progress, and that they would have to go back before they could go forward. Events seem to justify my view. America is showing on a larger scale than ever before that paper constitutions will not work as they are intended to work. Within the forms of your constitution there has grown up an organization of professional politicians altogether un contemplated at the outset, which has in a large measure become the ruling power. The fitness of men for free institutions is dependent chiefly upon character, and only in a secondary degree upon education. Are not the men who officer and control your federal, state, and municipal organizations, who manipulate your caucuses and conventions, and run your partisan campaigns all educated men? And has their education prevented them from engaging in or condoning bribes, lobbyings, and corrupt methods which vitiate the actions of your administration? I think not. I account for this by the remoteness of the profit to each individual from political purity, citizens not considering it worth their while to fight against each abuse as it appears. Free institutions can be maintained only by citizens each of whom is instant to oppose every illegitimate act, every assumption of supremacy, every official excess of power, however trivial it may seem. The American pauses to consider whether he can afford the time and trouble, and so abuses creep in. All these lapses from higher to lower forms begin in trifling ways, and it is only by incessant watchfulness that they can be prevented."

**THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY.**  
The factors are too numerous. The world has never before seen social phenomena at all comparable with those presented in the United States. A society spreading over enormous tracts, while still preserving its political continuity, is a new thing. This progressive incorporation of vast bodies of immigrants of different nationalities has never occurred on such a scale before. No one can say how it is all going to work out. Already you have triumphed over one great trouble and may reasonably hope to triumph over others which will doubtless arise in your history. But I think that whatever difficulties Americans may have to surmount, and whatever tribulations they may have to pass through, they may responsibly look forward to a time when they will have produced a civilization grander than any the world has known."

THERE was a terrible rush at the opening of the land office at Huron, Dakota, early last month. No less than 500 attorneys were present and when the office was opened there was such a press and rush that the doors and windows of the office were broken in their eagerness to file applications first, that the receiver was compelled to make the announcement that all applications would be regarded as having been filed simultaneously. Over nine thousand dollars worth of land was sold for cash the first day; 100,000 acres were entered, and being perhaps the largest day's work ever done at any land office in the country.

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**POSTMASTER GENERAL HOWE HAS BEEN DEBATING THE PROPRIETY OF RECOMMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POSTOFFICE SAVINGS BANK IN CONNECTION WITH THE MONEY ORDER SYSTEM OF THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, AND HAS FINALLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION NOT TO MAKE SUCH A RECOMMENDATION, BUT TO LEAVE THE MATTER TO CONGRESS.**

For the past two years such success has attended the money order system of the postoffice department, that congress never had much faith in the system of else have neglected to take action upon the subject.

RECENT news from Constantinople says: The Sultan has a letter to celebrate the 1,300th year of the Mahomedan calendar, which according to the prediction of the soothsayers, will give to the world a new prophet of Islam. The new revelation made public by the astrologers assure the sultan that he himself is the Mahdi or new prophet of Islam. The celebration of the mystic solemnities is so universal that business is at a standstill, and the streets are given up to processions and religious festivals.

CHIEF BROOKS, of the secret service of the treasury department, has recently received a sample of counterfeit Biand silver dollars, which are being extensively circulated, especially in the west. The coin is very heavily plated, resists acid tests unless deeply cut before applied, has a ring similar to the genuine, and is of the exact weight. Officers of the department consider the counterfeit one of the most dangerous that has yet appeared.

The Boone County News is getting ready for another "flop." Hear what he says: "It is a choice between a second edition of Van Wyck and a decent Democrat for U. S. Senator, we are in favor of the Democrat; and by the way, he won't need to be a very good Democrat either." True republican principles with the News has never taken much root in that soil. We shall not be surprised if his next "flop" lands him with the democrat.

The coroners jury inquiring into the cause of the death of Col. Reppert and others, killed by the soldiers guarding the prisoners Neal and Craft from Catlesburg to Lexington, Ky., decided the killing by bullets from the guns of the soldiers, and that said firing was not done in the time of their duty; and further the jury hold Mayor Allen, commander of the troops, culpable for ordering and permitting them to fire.

HENRY KUBN, a young man, of 18 Humbolt street, Brooklyn, N. Y., attempted to kiss Barbara Duchlein, the other evening. A dupehian named George Grover, a young man, tried to stop him. Kubn became enraged and struck Grover. They clinched and Kubn was thrown heavily, his head striking the curbstone. Kubn was reported dying. Grover was arrested.

An attempt was made the other day to blow to pieces the International Distillery at Des Moines, Iowa, by placing dynamite in the masher. Notice of the fact was received in time to prevent an explosion and save the inmates from the horrors which would have followed. Some misunderstanding of the owners is supposed to be the cause of the attempt to blow it up. One of the parties has been arrested.

The Boone County Argus arrested "divine notice" upon Col. Harris and M. J. Thompson that the demands of the people upon their representatives must be responded to by them; that their records will be watched; that their work must be such that they will not be ashamed of it. It might be asked by a disinterested spectator where Brainard gets his authority for serving "divine" notice.

INDICTMENTS have recently been found by the United States grand jury sitting at St. Louis against E. D. Carpenter, Wm. Drussell and J. D. Carpenter, brought to St. Louis from Dakota Territory, charged with extensive land frauds. An indictment was also found against Oby E. Ewen, the defaulting teller of the Third National Bank, charging him with embezzling \$160,000.

A CRAZY passenger on the Union Pacific coast bound train near Plum Creek, this state, one day last week jumped out of a window, while the train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, without receiving any serious injury. He was a man about 55 years of age, and was Fred C. Canfield, a passenger from Oregon, bound for Quebec.

JUSTICE, a weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of the workers of the world, has been published in New York since the 1st of December. It is furnished subscribers at one dollar per year. It was devoted to the interests of the anti-monopoly cause in New York during the late election, and claims that the anti-monopolists combined with democratic voters produced the result in that state.

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