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The business failures in New York city the last week number 208.

Some of the southern papers have nominated Jeff. Davis for president in 1884.

The holiday recess of congress extends from December 22d till January 2d.

Gov. Cleveland, of New York, has appointed S. J. Tilden, jr., aid de camp on his staff.

Our thanks are due to Senator Van Wyck for a copy of the testimony taken by the Tariff Commission.

Nicholas Rinke, a German, was run over and instantly killed the other day by a freight train at Grand Island.

Three vessels have recently been wrecked on the coast of Scotland, resulting in the drowning of the crews.

Mrs. Jones, of Vincennes, Ind., on her way the other day to a son's funeral, was thrown from a train and killed.

Fortress Monroe is the largest single fortification in the world, and said to have already cost more than \$3,000,000.

Jersey City has recently been visited by flocks of owls, and they have begun the work of exterminating the English sparrows.

The cotton factory at Brownsville, Tenn., burned on the 22d. Loss \$75,000. One hundred hands are thrown out of employment.

Hon. G. W. Lambertson, of Lincoln, has been appointed by the President U. S. district attorney for the district of Nebraska.

The house made a very sudden change and reconsidered its action and adopted resolutions providing for the usual holiday recess.

A very large number of petitions have been presented in the senate for the increase of pensions to one-armed and one-legged soldiers.

Later news from Washington states that the President has withdrawn the nomination of G. M. Lambertson for district attorney of Nebraska.

The majority for Beagle for Governor of Michigan is 4571. The Republican state ticket, except governor, was elected by 6000 majority.

In one of his high rhetorical flights the editor of the Omaha Herald says that the democratic party is like Providence. Oh God, what a god.

A very high tide, which followed the recent furious tempest, has caused much damage to railroads on the shores of Conception Bay, Newfoundland.

Secretary Folger has decided that Sandwich Islands sugar is manufactured according to the terms of the treaty, and entitled to entry free of duty.

The British bark Langrigg Hall struck on the Turkey rock off the coast of Wexford; twenty-four of the crew were drowned and only two saved.

According to recent reports they have a very bad man at Lincoln by the name of Barnell, now under arrest for an unnatural assault upon his own daughter.

"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN IN AMERICA, FOR ANY IMPORTANT PERIOD OF TIME, AND THERE NEVER CAN BE SUCH A THING AS A RAILROAD MONOPOLY."—Omaha Republican.

R. J. ALEXANDER has been nominated for congress by the democrats of the Seventeenth Ohio district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. F. Updegraff.

THOS. DOYLE and Katie A. Morgan, elopers, blew out the gas in a Rochester, New York hotel the other night, and were suffocated to death. Ignorance is not always bliss.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has nominated Rev. C. C. Pierce, of Illinois, to be chaplain of the Ninth regiment of cavalry, and J. C. Bancroft Davis to be judge of the court of claims.

CLAUDE MCCLYTER, son of the auditor elect of Howard county, Ind., is a fugitive, charged with the forgery of notes to the amount of \$3,000. The money was used in speculations.

For the first time we saw last Saturday a living mountain owl. His eyes were large and attractive, and his feathers nearly white. It wasn't the editor of the Omaha Republican.

As the clerk at N. K. Fairbank & Co.'s lard refinery, St. Louis, was crossing the street in the evening to pay off the workmen he was set upon by four men and robbed of \$1,300.

The Supreme Court at Washington the other day denied habeas corpus in the political assessment case of Curtis, and affirmed the constitutionality of the law under which he was convicted.

At Parkville, Kansas, J. D. Hastings, professor of languages in Park college, was found dead in his room having committed suicide by strangling with a cord fastened to the bedstead.

A big fire broke out the other evening in Jas. D. Warren's building, in Buffalo, N. Y., destroying the building, which cost \$75,000. Other valuable buildings and furniture were destroyed, estimated at \$175,000.

ALFRED CLOCK, aged 70, an old resident of New York, was taken in hand by banko men Thursday last week, and forced out of \$8,578. This makes a strong case in favor of the fact that all the "old fools" are not dead.

The Republican party, divested of its third-termers and bosses, its dead beats and robbers, its machine politics and ringers (and it is getting rid of them as fast as time can move) will be found to possess vital resources and to be moving in the right direction.—Cincinnati Commercial.

THE Rochester, N. Y., City Bank closed its doors the other morning. There is said to be a deficiency of \$50,000. C. E. Upton, president of the bank, it is said has been using the funds to carry on all speculations.

GREENWALD, Rosenber and Myers, Philadelphia jewelers, are in prison charged with defrauding New York firms out of \$28,000, by purchasing goods, disposing of them, feigning bankruptcy, and settling at 10 cents on the dollar.

JUDGE BLODGET sentenced Sims, the Indianapolis pension-crook, to five years in the penitentiary. Now if the fraudulent pensioners are stirred up, Uncle Sam may save some money to increase the pension of the true and deserving soldier.

J. A. WILSON, treasurer of De Witt county, Ill., committed suicide the other day by hanging himself with a halter. He had been speculating largely on grain, and his losses are supposed to be heavy. He was regarded as worth \$50,000.

The following sentiment of Ben. Butler is commended to the prayerful consideration of the editors of the Lincoln Journal and Omaha Republican: "It is impossible for the press to successfully antagonize a conscientious public sentiment."

The case of Mrs. Scoville, adjudged insane recently at Chicago and then granted a new trial, has been stricken from the docket by agreement. It is believed by counsel that this action would end the domestic troubles of the Scovilles in the courts.

Last week three days continuous rain caused great floods in Washington, Ty and Oregon; mills, houses and bridges were carried away. The Pendleton river rose so rapidly that dwellers in some districts were forced to take refuge in the trees.

At a dance-house the other morning in Leadville, two men named Miller and Cummings began firing at each other, the latter and a spectator named Reark, whose home is at Victoria, Ill., receiving mortal wounds, Miller escaping without a scratch.

R. D. WHITEHEAD, who came to this state to look after Maggie Hencken, telegraphed the other day to the father of the missing girl that nothing could be learned in Hastings and that Brown, who claims to have found the three abductors, has gone to Iowa.

WHILE the civil service bill was pending, Senator Van Wyck's amendment was agreed to, striking out the words "as far as possible," so as to require that the appointment of offices among the states and territories shall be made absolutely on the basis of population.

CHANGES in the English cabinet are completed, and the following ministers have taken the oath of office: Lord Derby, secretary of state for the colonies; Kimberly, secretary for India; Hartington, for war; Childers, chancellor of the exchequer.

The chairman of the congressional committee on public buildings does not think any new bills will be introduced for the construction of public buildings. Right again. Lower the expenses, watch the leaks, catch the thieves, punish the rogues, and save the people's money.

THE Omaha Republican says "Senator Saunders has introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs. We are in favor of a high board fence." Some people would not take the remark of the Republican as favorable to a spirit of public improvement.

Boston has a case believed to be genuine leprosy, developed in the slms house at Salem. Chas. Derby, the victim, arrived from San Francisco a week ago. Derby is well educated, and for some years was chief botanist at Honolulu to Queen Emma. He has been isolated, and his clothing burned.

A. A. KENDALL of St. Paul declares himself in favor of Judge Dundy of Falls City for U. S. Senator. While some of the Valentine post-masters are urging the necessity of uniting upon a north Platte candidate, this one supports a south Platte man. Does it all mean Mason on the "round up"?

WEST POINT is represented on Uncle Sam's pay rolls as follows: E. K. Valentine, Uriah Bruner, N. Forbes, H. H. Freeze, Dr. Rawlins, Laurence Bruner and Eugene Moore. In addition, Gov. James, Dr. Schwenk and E. N. Sweet have been there inside of the last two years, says the Progress.—Fremont Herald.

R. D. MERRICK, one of the counsel for the government in the star route cases, had his law office set on fire the other night for the purpose, he thinks, of destroying important papers in the star route cases, which were known to be in his office. The fire was extinguished with the loss of a few hundred dollars, but all important papers saved.

The Grand Island Times seems considerably worried over the new paper, the Anti-Monopolist. Saint Michael will probably realize that there is such a thing as the union of profession and practice, and that his masquerading as an anti-monopolist is too ethereal for Nebraska farmers, who are developing unusual shrewdness in knowing their real friends.

The millennium does not seem to be very near at hand. The reform of our civil service, to be effectual, must divorce from politics, those functions of the government which are purely of a business nature, which should be exercised in a purely business way, in the interests of the whole people, and not, in any sense, for partisan purposes; but the party which is in, at any given moment of our history, could not "see this in that light," and so the ideal government remains far removed from view.

Why the Difference? To mankind in general, one of the most satisfactory attributes of the Deity is that he is no respecter of persons. To resemble Deity in any of his attributes is certainly commendable in mankind. If men were judged of by their fellows, not according to their surroundings and trappings, but according to their real character, what a very different world this would be, and how many of the race would be hunting among the poor and lowly for the true hero and heart-ruler? Then, too, how many who occupy a nominal eminence among men would be debased?

An ordinary man, your casual acquaintance, perhaps, is charged with stealing a horse worth \$50. A poor man may be, whose family (lacking his support), may come to want; his temptation may have been very great, and his opportunity to do an illegal act too enticing for his weak will. The proof being reasonably good, your \$50 thief is generally sent to the penitentiary, on a verdict of his peers.

How does it happen that perhaps the same jury, on testimony more strong, would return a verdict of "not guilty" in favor of a man who had stolen his thousands of dollars, and who reveled in his ill-gotten money? One goes back to his family, mingles with mankind, is free to go and come, wears good clothes, smokes fine-scented cigars, and while he knows he is a thief, consoles himself with the Devil's doctrine that every man has his price; that all will steal if they have a chance, and that so long as you are not convicted and punished by the authorities it is all right.

The other, the \$50 thief, takes sad leave of his family; goes with the sheriff to the State's prison; is there confined with other thieves, swindlers and murderers; is kept at hard labor, under close guard; lives on coarse fare, and is lost to old friends, to family and home, while within his breast rankles the thought of injustice as compared with the condition of the greater thief.

If the scales of justice were more evenly balanced humanity would be nearer divinity, as less respecters of person.

WHENEVER Senator Van Wyck moves to have a railroad company made amenable to law, the ogre that runs the Omaha Republican rises and makes some remark about "Nebraska's eminent demagogue in the senate." The trouble with General Van Wyck, in the eyes of the railroad organs, is that he is voicing the will of the people, understands their wants, and has enough independence of spirit to go in the direction they point. This is the reason why every thought of the General in the United States senate gives Nye and Gere the political jim jams.

The largest cattle sale ever made in America was concluded the other day by the live-stock companies of Swan Brothers, Swan & Frank and Swan & Anthony, all of Wyoming. The herds, including 37,000 head of cattle, with the ranches, buildings and grazing privileges, were sold to a Scotch capitalist for the sum of \$2,500,000. Mr. A. H. Swan retains an interest in the new firm. Ten years ago A. F. Swan and brother started in the cattle business in Wyoming with about \$60,000 and now it is said are worth about a million each.

JUSTICE advocates the policy of organizing a political party to hold the balance of power, and throw to one side or another just as the corporations throw their influence, and thus make all political parties live up to their professions and serve the public interests, just as the corporations in the past have made both parties to a greater or less extent serve monopoly interests. If this lead is followed in Nebraska, both the republicans and democrats must select anti-monopoly candidates if they hope to succeed.

If the railroad forces cannot secure a well-known, outspoken, downright agent of theirs as next U. S. Senator from Nebraska (and it doesn't now look as though they could), they will in all probability select as candidates men who have never taken a decided public stand either way, and who can be relied on to do their bidding, while at the same time seeming to be with the people. Any man occupying such a position is devoid of good sense and political manhood, and will, soon or later be discarded by the people.

CAPT. A. C. NUTT, cashier of the Pennsylvania state treasury, was shot on the 23d inst., in his room in the Jennings hotel at Norrisville, Pa., the ball passing through his head and killing him instantly, by N. L. Duke, a well known member of the Fayette county bar and member elect of the state legislature. The trouble originated by Duke writing, as it is charged, some infamous letters to Nutt. Duke was arrested. The affair created great excitement, but what was in the letters is not known.

VAN WYCK was so unmanageable in the U. S. Senate (according to the Omaha Republican) that he could not be trusted by his fellow republicans with the chairmanship of a committee, and now that he has been so trusted, the O. R. is not at all happy. Nye's sagacious comments as close to the truth as his alleged political facts; and his insolent attitude toward the Senator is on a par with his wretched attempts to dictate the policy of the republican party in this state.

MATHIAS SIMMERMAN, the murderer of Jack Wood at Minden, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and sentenced by Judge Gaslin to be hanged on the 21st day of April next. A very large crowd was in attendance at the trial, but all was quiet. The prisoner was taken from Kearney to Lincoln, for safe keeping until the day of his execution.

A PLAN is proposed to publish a list of the parties now receiving pensions from Uncle Sam, with a view to showing up the fraudulent claims, and seems to be quite favorably received. The pension agents at Washington, of course, are opposing the scheme with all the energy at their command, but this fact seems to be a pretty good argument in favor of the plan. There has been so much hue and cry about fraudulent pensions that it is time something was done to prove or disprove the charges, and the publishing plan is about as good a one for hunting the supposed scalliwags up, as has yet been proposed. Let their names and the nature of their cases be published, say we, that the people may read as they run.—Norfolk Journal.

Of course such publication would be opposed by pension frauds of all kinds, but the true and worthy soldiers who are entitled to more than all they receive, will be doubly thankful for exposing the fraudulent pensioners.

It is claimed that the state printing contracts have been let this year at a saving of about \$10,000, which makes it evident that the State Journal Company didn't get much of the work to do. The little talk and work for "reform" during the last two years have not been without their effect. Now if that proposed state-capital-half-a-million-or-less appropriation can be cut down or scared off, and the penitentiary and other perfectu-ry job-work can be cut down to "the lowest living rates" for lobbyists it will be well for the tax-payers. Let the good work proceed without let, stay or hindrance. After awhile, it may be, the public will not be a goose to be plucked.

The House the other day passed two appropriation bills, the agricultural, and military academy. Mr. Valentine, chairman of the agricultural committee reported the bill, and at the proper time it was taken up and discussed and passed by a vote of 218 to 1. This bill appropriates \$406,820, or \$20,460 less than the bill of last year. It is claimed that by the provisions of this bill much valuable information and instruction will be annually distributed to the agriculturists of the United States. How many farmers in Platte county have ever received any of this distributed information?

The several earthquake shocks ever felt at Concord, N. H., occurred on the 19th. They were also felt in Pittsfield, Great Falls, Manchester and other places. The shocks lasted about eight seconds. The buildings shook so badly that people in their fright rushed into the streets. The concussion was so great in some buildings as to extinguish the gas lights.

MR. JOYCE of the house and Mr. Logan of the senate have introduced bills which require every telegraph and cable company to receive and forward the business of any other company whether it relates to business of the company offering it, or otherwise. It also makes it a misdemeanor for any other person transmitting to send and examine the same.

A MAN giving his name as W. F. Watson forged a draft for \$5,679.48 which was cashed the other day in the Buffalo Trader's bank. This daring forgery was perpetrated primarily on the National Bank of Commerce of Cleveland, Ohio, causes a loss to the Manhattan bank of New Orleans. As soon as the draft was paid Watson fled.

ALL we know about corners is that we hate to get into one.—Omaha Republican.

The Republican's answer to the question, Who is the Republican's candidate for United States senator? shows you are in a terribly close corner.

NOTICE OF CONTEST. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., December 23d, 1882.

COMPLAINT having been filed in this office, by S. J. Johnson against Andrew P. Johnson for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 904, dated Nov. 10, 1882, in favor of his claim, and that said entry is in Township 19 north, Range 4 west, in Platte county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 15th day of February, 1883, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. Depositions in support of his claim may be taken before J. J. Hudson at his office in Columbus, Neb., on the 31st day of January, 1883, at 10 a. m., and continued until completed. M. B. HOXIE, Register.

NOTICE OF CONTEST. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 21, 1882.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 15, 1882.

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