

The New York city debt is about \$86,000,000.

There are four Browns in the Nebraska state senate.

Diphtheria is taking off its youthful victims at Mattoon, Ill.

The public debt reduction for December will be \$13,000,000.

The U. S. patent office received this year over a million dollars.

A new banking firm has recently been formed at West Point.

During the year 1887, 6,476 vessels from foreign ports arrived in New York.

The past year, Peoria's production of whisky amounted to 12,000,000 gallons.

Red Cloud recently visited his grand children in Hampton Normal school.

The London police force now consists of 12,000 men, not counting special officers.

The number of farms in the United States has increased 51 per cent. in the past ten years.

President Arthur moved last week into the White House from the soldiers' home.

On the 1st of January '83, the standard silver dollar in circulation amounted to \$38,908,238.

A railroad laborer was run over the other night by the cars and killed near Tecumseh, Neb.

The President has nominated Andrew W. Brazee, U. S. attorney for the Colorado district.

Major Calley, whose term of office expired the other day, hanged himself at Salem, Mass.

The President has nominated John P. Ward, of Oregon, appraiser of merchandise at Portland.

Birds-eye maple that is used for fire-wood in Michigan is sold in Liverpool for \$160 a thousand.

President Arthur has refused to pardon Dick Liddle, in jail at Huntsville, Ala., for mail robbery.

Richmond and Petersburg, Va., were visited last week by snow storms; snow fell several inches deep.

Secretary Chandler has ordered commanders of navy yards to reduce the working force 30 per cent.

The dykes on both sides of the Rhine, at Worms burst last week. The low districts were flooded.

A San Francisco steamer has been found guilty of pilfering \$5,000 worth of silks from a freight car.

The appropriation for the state house building at Lincoln fell short \$7,000 of meeting the indebtedness.

The mills owned by Wm. Martingale, in Coffey county, Kansas, burned the other day. Loss about \$35,000.

Capt. Hooper, formerly delegate in congress from Utah, died at Salt Lake, on the 3d inst., in his 70th year.

It is stated that the Omaha Indians are giving entertainments in this state at which they exhibit the war dances.

A new Episcopal church in Oakland, this state, will be consecrated sometime this month by Bishop Clarkson.

Some cases of small-pox have recently appeared in Chicago, but it is hoped that it will not be so bad as last winter.

Herbert Thayer, a son of General Thayer, of Nebraska, died at Bellingham, Mass., last week from a sudden attack of fever.

Breaker No. 10 of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, near Pittsburg, burned the other morning, causing a loss of \$150,000.

The language of the gambler is fit expression for the conscienceless politician who acknowledges no principle but plunder.

The German press, commenting on the death of Gambetta, considers that the event insures greater security to the peace of Europe.

A farmer from Firth was dragged, taken into an alley and robbed in Lincoln, on Tuesday night of last week. The thief got \$50.

A tramp was run over by the cars at Leeward, Neb., the other night and cut to pieces. There was nothing left to identify the remains.

In the case of Dickson, at Washington City, Bowen failed to appear in the police court the other day, and forfeited his bond of \$1,000.

The wind at the summit of Mount Washington the other day blew at the rate of 144 miles per hour, and the thermometer marked zero.

The canal at Kearney for water-works from the Platte river will be sixteen miles long and will end in a reservoir sixty-five feet above the city.

The wife of Lieut.-Gov. Tabor, of Denver, Col., has obtained a divorce from her husband. Tabor has given her city property valued at \$300,000.

Minister Morton telegraphs from Paris that the American Legation feels keenly the death of Gambetta, who was a devoted friend of the United States.

The other night a shock of earthquake was felt throughout the city and vicinity of Rockland, Me., followed by a storm of thunder and lightning.

Anti-monopoly republicans claim that it will be impossible for the railroads to elect a U. S. senator this time. It will, if the members know who it is.

The Nebraska Senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of C. J. N. Gardner of the penitentiary and B. E. Kennedy as fish commissioner.

Miss Sara Hollowell, whose work in the management of the art department of the Chicago exposition is well known, has gone abroad to pursue her art study.

JAMES McCORMY, a convict in the Ohio penitentiary, hung himself the other night by tying a small tow rope to the gas burner, and around his neck, choking to death.

A blind man in Newark, N. J., carries on a retail cigar business without the aid of a clerk. He makes change perfectly, and keeps track of the various kinds of stock.

The recent heavy rains have renewed the floods in various parts of France. Several streets in Lyons are submerged; Besancon is much damaged, and Lisleux inundated.

Red Cloud interviewed secretary Teller the other day, complaining that Gov. Crook six years ago took 100 of his horses. He asked \$10,000 damages. He will probably have several interviews on that estimate.

Twelve young ladies assumed the other day at St. Louis the white and black veils and joined the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, whose object is the reclamation of fallen women.

Tax Baltimore and Ohio Railway repair shops at Mount Clear, Md., burned the other night with a number of coaches, and the tools of the employes. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

News comes from Capetown which states that during the past two months 9,000 people have been stricken with small-pox, and 2,400 died. Colored people object to vaccination.

County commissioner Waldron shot and killed a man named Plummer the other day at Grand Lake, Colorado, because he remonstrated with Waldron while beating his wife.

A. H. ALLEN, Hawaiian minister, was taken suddenly ill the other evening at the President's reception and died shortly thereafter in one of the ante-rooms of the executive mansion.

A train landed a goat at Lincoln the other night which had been picked up by the cow-catcher at Atkinson. The goat was safe and all right. It must have been an anti-monopoly goat.

A woman living at Kingston, New Mexico, is entitled to the credit of erecting a log cabin without help. She cut the logs, hauled them, made the shingles for the roof, and put the structure together.

Gen. Grant and Gen. Porter are at Washington to favor the passage of the Porter reestablishing bill. A reception was given Gen. and Mrs. Grant. Gen. Porter listened to Logan's argument of his case.

A recent telegram received at Madrid from the Spanish consul at Sees says that twenty-one pilgrims have died of cholera between Mecca and Medina. Ten deaths occur daily from the disease at Medina.

It is stated in a London trade journal that No. 2 American red winter wheat will be the world's standard this year, and intimates that British millers, for the present at least, are independent of American supplies.

Mrs. MARY E. DANA has presented the fine portrait of the late Hon. Richard H. Dana, executed by Miss Skilling of Arlington, to the Boston Marine Society, 53 State street, whose walls it now most appropriately adorns.

The Indian Commissioner has ordered the agent at Muscogee in S. E. Indian Territory to warn white herders to remove their stock from the reservation inside of twenty days. After that the military will be invoked.

The citizens of Baltimore are suffering badly from small-pox. Seventy-six deaths occurred last week. Upon the appearance of a case in the jail the other day, 300 prisoners charged with petty offences were given their liberty.

A recent dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., reports the election of J. D. Taylor, republican, over J. R. Alexander, democrat, by a majority of 1,500 to 2,000 to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of congressman Updegraff.

A banquet was given the other day in honor of Frederick Douglas and the anniversary of the emancipation proclamation, at which ex-Senator Bruce presided. A number of prominent colored citizens were in attendance.

A METEOR burst in the heavens over Elkhat, Ind., the other morning with a rumbling sound, and left a fiery track which remained visible for half an hour. The phenomenon was also observed at Bloomington, Ill., and other points.

A MEETING of the university regents was held the other day in Lincoln. An exchange says it is understood that they will recommend that the \$25,000 in the treasury be released to make necessary repairs about the university buildings.

While night watch services were proceeding in a number of the churches at Halifax, N. B., a shock of earthquake was felt, lasting many seconds. Many buildings were shaken, and in several crowded churches almost a panic was created.

The house occupied by James Griffin, of Chicago, who was discharged the other day charged with killing John Mangin, was set on fire the other morning and burned to the ground. It is believed that Mangin's friends did the deed.

Miss JOSEPHINE C. MECKER, daughter of N. C. Mecker, who was killed by the Ute Indians in the massacre of 1879, died in Washington City, on the morning of the 30th ult., of pneumonia. She had been a clerk in the office of the secretary of the interior.

MERRITT SEYMOUR was captured at Boutou the other day, charged with robbing the safety vault of \$30,000 government bonds and \$14,000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad bonds, has been sent to New York to answer the charges of robbery and forgery.

IS IT COMING?

The things which congress ought to do are not getting done very fast, as yet, viz: "reduce the taxes, revise the tariff, retrench expenditures and cut off jobbery, reform the civil service, secure greater accountability in interstate corporations, bring forward better men and measures." If the republican party expects to retain its hold upon the confidence and affections of the people it must address itself with the vigor of earnestness to the practical, every-day, business interests of the times, and not rely upon past glories and acquisitions. They were excellent in their way, but the world has noticed that the man who boasts too much of his lineage, generally has little else to recommend himself to favor, and it is so of a political party. It was a glorious thing to take up the cudgel against the extension of human slavery and drive it out of existence when it threatened to destroy the government; it was a grand achievement to bring back the "wayward sisters" to their place in the federal government, but the party must not stand idle now, and merely "point with pride" to the glories of the past, however brilliant they may be. The present has its needs, its strong demands, and they must be met.

They must be met in a spirit of fairness, and in a spirit which means effective work. The people at the elections have done all they could to indicate the road in which they wish their public servants to travel, and whichever political party shows itself, heart, soul and mind with the people, is the party that will be trusted with power.

The rank and file of the republican party are hoping that those in power may be imbued with the spirit that is abroad in the land before it is too late to retrieve lost ground, and do the work that is demanded. It looks a little as though, if this chance to retrieve is not utilized, the rank and file will vote another lack of confidence that may "close the shop for repairs."

For the first time in the history of Nebraska, we believe, the late chief executive deemed it expedient to recommend any measure looking to the amelioration of railroad domination over the business interests of the state. The same may be said of the chief executive of the nation.

It remains to be seen whether the present public servants (those who have so recently turned from this question) will give the public something more than lip service. The public, like any other employer, knows very well (or tolerably well) when the public interests are furthered or when officials make an honest, earnest effort to do good work, and public servants are being watched and their individual work measured as never before.

We could hope that the republicans in official station will meet the present demands of the present generation, and replace the party in the full confidence of the intelligent, progressive men of this free land.

Nebraska Legislature.

Both branches of the legislature were organized on the 2d inst., by the election in the senate of Gen. A. H. Connor, president pro tem; George L. Brown, of Butler, secretary; B. S. Ramsey, of Cass, first assistant secretary; Marsh Saville, of Buffalo, second assistant secretary; S. S. Alley, of Saline, sergeant-at-arms; S. B. Crawford, of Douglas, assistant sergeant-at-arms; C. E. Hine, of Lancaster, doorkeeper; Joel Parcell, of Dodge, assistant doorkeeper; Rev. E. Hudson, chaplain; Mrs. Kate Strickland, of Douglas, engrossing clerk; Miss Ada Olmstead, of Seward, enrolling clerk; Wm. Dozobury, of York, mail carrier; W. J. Dodge, of Polk, postmaster; Chas. Scott, of Douglas, janitor.

In the house Mr. Wheeler was elected temporary speaker. The following officers were elected permanently: George M. Humphrey, speaker; Brad Slaughter, chief clerk; J. F. Zediker, first assistant clerk.

The republicans of the house decided in caucus on Frank Wood for second assistant clerk, Miss Maimie Ambrose, of Omaha, for engrossing clerk, and Miss Smith, of Otoe, as enrolling clerk.

In the senate Mr. Reynolds, of Butler, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following named senators be elected as a committee to select the standing committees of the senate: C. H. Brown, J. A. McShane, W. H. Deck, M. Howell and A. T. Conkline.

Under this resolution, the names of committee members were returned.

Our senator, Mr. Brown, appears as chairman of the committee on counties and county boundaries, and a member of the committees on public printing and constitutional amendments. The committee on railroads is McShane, Barker, Dye, Reynolds, Brown of Clay, Canfield, Howell, Dech, Conkline.

January 3d, Gov. Nance delivered his message. The opening paragraphs are devoted to a short review of the past; the treasurer's report shows a balance in the treasury, Nov. 30, 1880, of \$343,081.61, receipts from all sources during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1882, \$1,943,307.64; disbursements during same period \$1,814,211.75, leaving balance on hand \$472,114.50. A very considerable portion of the message is devoted to the land department, state university, normal school and other state institutions. The message recommends judicious legislation to subject railroad corporations to proper legal control, without injustice to the people or the railroads, and cites the commissioner's system of Illinois as having made satisfactory progress. As to the state board of equalization, the message seeks to justify the action of the board in not assessing the value of the franchises of the railroads, by saying that

there is no provision of statute for enforcing that requirement of the constitution.

Other important subjects are referred to, and, all in all, the message of ex-Governor Nance gives a clear insight into the business affairs of the state government.

The inaugural address of the new governor, Mr. Dawes, is in some places, a little disappointing to machine politicians, but gratifying to the body of the people. He believes in encouraging immigration in every way possible by wide and liberal education; that agriculture is the leading industry; that the question of textbooks in public schools is worthy of legislating upon; that there should be ample appropriation made for equipping the militia in a thorough and efficient manner; that the bogus patent-rights vendors should be looked after; that the accepting of railroad passes should be prohibited to certain public officers; that the rights of the public as against corporations should be protected by efficient laws; that the members of the legislature should apply themselves promptly and vigorously to the work before them, and assures them that in all measures calculated to promote the honor, prosperity and general welfare of the state, they will have his earnest co-operation.

Let the Legislature get down to business at once; elect a United States senator who is not owned and controlled by any monopoly; pass some wholesome railroad regulation laws; provide for their strict enforcement and then draw mileage and per diem and go home. It is a sad comment on the integrity of about half the men who go to the capital pledged to anti-monopoly legislation, that they ride back and forth on free passes issued by the railroad companies, but there is not a well-posted politician who doubts the existence of such a state of affairs. The people pay the fare of such shysters over the railroads to the capital in addition to their regular salary of \$3 a day and these pinks of political perfection pocket the small amount and accept the tendered "courtesy" of the corporations. Now, do these men who do this expect to go their full length in securing relief for the people? "No man can serve two masters."—David City Rep.

The gratuitous attempts by the little man of the Omaha Republican to insult the more than seven thousand voters who proposed in the last campaign in the Third district, to no longer submit to the methods of the railroad politicians, will not reach. The republicans who, in that contest, followed the time-honored precedents of party usage, and who opposed the crooked work of some crooked men, by the straight work of straight men, are not to be turned aside by threats or by coaxing. In any future contest of like kind they may be counted upon doing like work, and they will have the help of enough voters to burst the gang that didn't hesitate to use forgery in compassing their designs.

Some difference of opinion exists among correspondents and our exchanges relative to the notes of certain officers of the Nebraska legislature, and the political character of that body. The truth appears to be that Mr. Humphrey, speaker of the house, was elected by only four more votes than a constitutional majority, and Slaughter for clerk had only a majority of two, and it is claimed he was elected by democratic votes. Others claim that his majority was 33.

RECENT news from Dublin says the most terrible thing in Ireland is the distress and misery of the people in the western districts, particularly in places where there are hundreds of evicted families without shelter and starving. This information is derived from Catholic priests, whose own resources are all exhausted, and about whom the most pitiable and unfortunate creatures are gathered, begging piteously for a potato or a pound of corn meal.

LUCY BALDWIN, of San Francisco, a well-known capitalist, was shot by Fannie Baldwin the other morning, in the corridor of the Baldwin hotel. The shot entered the arm. The woman claims to be a cousin of Baldwin. She had been teaching school on Baldwin's ranch in Los Angeles county, and claims that while there Baldwin committed a criminal assault upon her.

A FATAL disease appears to have broken out among the people in Oklahoma, Ia., which has baffled the skill of the most eminent doctors of that city. New cases are occurring constantly. No remedy has been found. Four post-mortem examinations have been made by doctors and the conclusion arrived at that the malady is cerebro spinal meningitis.

Gov. BUTLER'S inaugural address contains some new and singular suggestions, among others a nominal poll tax for state purposes, and then if any citizen chooses to pay it by doing his duty as a citizen and voting, let that act serve as the arm. The act is enclosed in self-sealing envelopes of the same size and quality, to be furnished by the state.

We learn that the defendants in the libel action instituted by Rosewater against the business manager and editor of the Omaha Republican, have given bail in \$300 each for appearance in court. The action has not yet begun for publication of the same libel in the Weekly Republican, and a civil suit has been instituted for \$10,000 damages.

OUR senate has set a good precedent this time in appointing their own committees instead of allowing the Lieut. Governor to do so. If it were possible the Lieut. Governor should have no voice or vote in furthering or thwarting legislation. The vote of Carns, when presiding, indefinitely postponed the three-cent passenger bill.

The Fritz-Richardson case should not stop where it now is. A grave crime has been committed for the purpose of getting the will of the good die, and the perpetrators of that crime should be hunted down. It now looks as though the matter would be sifted to the bottom and we don't want to see a good notion spoiled.—Norfolk News.

"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN IN AMERICA, FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME, A MORE FREE AND OPEN MARKET FOR A RAILROAD MONOPOLY."—Omaha Republican.

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