

Scarlet fever is reported to still prevail about Lincoln.

The snow storm at Baltimore, Md., the other day left four inches of snow.

The state fish commission have 400,000 young white fish and 2,000 German carp.

The other night three horses were stolen from Liberty precinct, near Plattsmouth.

President Arthur appointed John L. Parrish, of Illinois, consul at Chemnitz, Saxony.

The President has suspended Soren Listo, register of the land office, Ferguson Falls, Minn.

The Lincoln driving park association will have races from May 15 to 18, with \$3,000 in purses.

MARY SAFFORD has taken 200 acres of land near Tarpon, Florida, where she intends to plant a colony.

THOS. H. HENDON, member-elect of congress from the First district in Alabama, died on the 18th ult.

JOHN SYDNER was arrested the other day at Philadelphia, Pa., charged with murdering his wife Alice.

The estate of Charles Sumner, purchased by the class of '84 of Bates college, was unveiled the other night.

At Springfield, Ill., the legislature is about to pass a law permitting the three towns of Chicago to consolidate.

Last week the heaviest snow storm of the season visited the northwestern part of Michigan, followed by a real blizzard.

RECENT news from London reports the arrest of two men at Dover who had in their possession a quantity of gun cotton.

J. B. MARSTON, a clerk in the office of the Equitable Trust Co. N. Y., proves to be a defaulter to the extent of about \$80,000.

PETER WARD, a farmer living near Scranton, Pa., killed his mother-in-law the other day because she "made his life miserable."

JO. TRSOWSKI, of Washington, has been appointed chief of the mineral division of the general land office, vice Sicklers, resigned.

HARRISON, the boy evangelist, who has been laboring at Decatur, Ill., for seventeen weeks, has effected more than 1,700 conversions.

BUSINESS was suspended in the executive offices in Washington City between 2 and 5 on the 27th ult., as a mark of respect to Postmaster-General Howe.

Flags on all the government buildings at Washington were placed at half-mast on the 26th ult. as a mark of respect to the memory of the postmaster-general.

MISS ANNA OLIVER has resigned her connection with the Willoughby Avenue M. E. Church, Boston. Miss Oliver has successfully carried on the church for four years.

The Central City Courier makes the remark that the votes of Hon. W. A. McAllister in the recent session of the legislature were on the right side, first and all the time.

SPECIAL CAP "Pennsylvania," owned and run in the service of the United States fish commission, arrived the other day in Omaha with half a million fish for Nebraska waters.

News from the Wilcox Indian agent at San Carlos, confirms the report of the killing of nine citizens by savages from Old Mexico, near the line between Arizona and New Mexico.

HEAVY snow storms were reported last week from sections of the Carolinas and Virginia. The snow was two feet deep in some places, and houses have been crushed under its weight.

Mrs. JAS. H. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, of Glen Beach, Wis., shot herself and infant child the other afternoon. She had been sick for some time, and it is thought her mind had become affected.

An examination of the corn in a number of cribs and about Lincoln shows the seed germs generally in a bad way. They look dead and musty, and experts say that they won't sprout.

The new Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Second and Venango streets, Philadelphia, was destroyed the other night by a large body of men, alleged to be acting under orders of the Reading road.

It is claimed that Nebraska justices have jurisdiction in civil cases where the matter in controversy does not exceed \$1,000. If this is true, it is another surprise created by the late legislature.

WM. MURPHY, A. J. Woolen, Jas. Wolfelt and Wm. Armstrong were killed the other day at Clark camp, Huachuca mountains, A. T., by a band of Apaches from Sonora. One Indian was killed.

A FIRE the other night in Omaha destroyed the building and contents occupied by Miss Rogers as a millinery and notion store on 16th street. The loss of Miss Rogers' stock of goods will amount to \$2,000.

A CASE recently decided in the Supreme Court of Nebraska holds railroad companies liable for stock killed upon their tracks while running at large in the night time at points where the track is not fenced.

We will answer to inquirers by saying that so soon as the journals of the recent legislature are published we will give an epitome of the record of the different members in whom our readers have a special interest.

REV. HICKS, of Washington City, Guiteau's spiritual advisor, has entered suit against the American, published at Baltimore, for \$35,000 damage for a publication asserting that Hicks disposed of Guiteau's bones for a money consideration.

The officers and employes of the postoffice department held a meeting and adopted resolutions of sympathy with the family of the late Postmaster-General Howe, and of respect to the memory of the deceased as a man and as their late superior officer.

THE ACTION OF THE LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LAST YEAR IN MANIPULATING THE PRIMARY MEETINGS AND FIXING CONVENTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PLANS ARRANGED BY THE BOSSES AND LEADERS IN THE COUNTY AND STATE CONVENTIONS, WHICH DEVELOPED A STRONG INCLINATION IN THE LIGHT OF A POWERFUL ORGANIZATION TO SET AT DEFANCE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND FORCE NOMINATIONS UPON THEM BY TRICKERY AND OTHER DEVICES THAT INFLUENCED HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF GOOD REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE TO WITHHOLD THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE PARTY.

This action on the part of the people will continue to be repeated every time the same cause exists to produce it. It would it not be better for the Republican party to act straight and square in the primaries, county and state conventions, doing nothing that would admit of a reasonable objection to their action? It would be well if all political movements taken by Republicans in the state with a view to making nominations should be taken early, giving ample time to candidates and their friends to make a fair and full canvass of the campaign. Often the state conventions are held but a few weeks previous to the election, giving no time for a vigorous canvass. This action on the part of the leaders lays the foundation for the charge that the people are not given time to investigate the character and qualifications of candidates, and the leaders, fully understanding the love of party ties, rely upon this fact to carry men through in the contest who are sometimes not qualified to fill the position and who may have secured their nomination through trickery and fraud, two things a very large number of the Republican party have become disgusted with and will not, if known, approve or sustain. Give us in the future, primaries controlled by open and fair proceedings expressing the wish of the people, and then the conventions carrying out the will of the people will place in nomination for office good and qualified men accompanied with an open, honest expression of political sentiments that are intended to be fully executed—this done and the Republican craft of Nebraska will sail port with a healthy and reliable majority for future reformatory work.

The news came on Friday last that R. N. Pearce living alone six miles north of town had taken his own life by administering a dose of strychnine. Mr. Pearce was a citizen well known to most of our people and his death is one which creates much comment on the part of his friends and neighbors. He came here some years ago and has since lived alone having a family in Saline county whom he expected to follow after he had settled here. But time has gone on, and it seems that his family for some reasons have not come. It seems that domestic troubles at home had been the cause of his coming here and the reasons also why his family did not follow him. They remained behind as it is claimed because they thought they could get along better at this world goes, without him.—Oscoda Record.

The postoffice department has placed the following names on the lists of frauds: W. M. Clinton & Co. and the Comet publishing company, Bloomington, Ill.; Western card company, Normal, Ill.; Union novelty company, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; Star publishing company, Atlanta, Ill.; Agents' Guide and Guide publishing company, Lincoln, Ill. Postmasters at the places mentioned have been directed to discontinue delivery to these addresses. These addresses are said to be aliases of the same person who operated under the name of C. A. Williams & Co., Springfield, Ill., heretofore blacklisted. The fraud consists in advertising to send "The New American Watch" for \$1, the article furnished being a small sun dial costing about five cents.

SENATOR VAN WYCK'S arraignment of the extravagance of the attorney-general's office is still agitating Washington. Official returns just made public show that since January 1st, 1882, the government has paid \$115,854 as fees to special counsel in the state route cases. Of this sum George Bliss received for fees and personal expenses the handsome allowance of \$59,069. Merrick and Kerr together drew \$44,000 additional. It must be borne in mind that this sum is exclusive of court expenses, pay of jurors, mileage, witnesses and a host of other items. How much Mr. Brewster would require to send an ordinary thief to the penitentiary becomes an interesting question.—Omaha Bee.

FREDERICK THORPE, who lives in Flushing, R. I., says I am proud of my wife and owe my prosperity mainly to her providence. In eleven years she has not gone out at the front door of our house. We have been married thirty-three years and I have never put on a shirt that had a button off, and have never drawn on a pair of stockings with holes in them, other than the holes into which the feet must go. She receives no visitors and never visits. A newspaper reporter gives this remarkable case from a reliable source and adds that Mrs. Thorpe was regarded as one of the wisest women in the village.

The dead bodies buried in the horrible grave at Braidwood, Ill., were not reached until last week, and some of the bodies recovered. The report that the bodies had been reached brought together over 2,000 people who gathered about the shaft, discussing the probability of identification of the bodies.

Tax vigilantes at Greenhorn, Montana, have removed the democratic postmaster by hanging. He was caught bare burning. This was a special dispatch sent to the governor of Montana to the postoffice department announcing a vacancy in the office at that place.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Opening Session. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—The association was called to order by State Supt. W. W. Jones. Prayer was then offered by Rev. John Gray of Columbus, which was followed by a song by the Columbus Mennerchor. A warm address of welcome was given by G. G. Bowman, Esq., of Columbus. The address was responded to by Edward Healey, Supt. city schools, Crete. A piece of instrumental music was then rendered by Miss Lottie Metz. The lecture of the evening by J. B. Merwin, editor of American Journal of Education, St. Louis, was entertaining and very instructive. The principal ideas, perhaps, were: the meager implements with which teachers have to work, and the grand results so far attained; the responsibility of teachers teaching more than the knowledge of books, thus laying the foundation of man's moral nature; the liberty-giving element of all civilization; and each and every teacher has a work to perform, no one else being able to perform it for him.

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We were next entertained with a methodical lecture on "Cultivation of the Thinking Faculties" by J. M. Greenwood. The lecture lasted one hour and seldom are so many good things said in a short time. We quote: "Thinking is carried on by an immutable law, as unmistakable as any law of nature." "The true teacher will develop these faculties in their natural order." "If pupils fail to think, the fault generally is found in the method of instruction." "To cultivate the thinking faculties, learn one thing thoroughly, and compare the known with the unknown."

Two very good musical selections were then rendered by the Columbus Mennerchor, followed by two beautiful solos by Miss Mary Turner, accompanied by Mrs. E. Jenkins at the piano, and a fine instrumental solo by Miss Millie Metz.

study of arithmetic should not be introduced so early in life as it is at present." "Technical grammar should not be valued so much, but language." "Language can be learned earlier in life than anything else." "The first years of the pupil's study should be devoted to language, reading and composition."

A paper on "Industrial Education" was next read by W. V. Miller, Supt. of Pub. Ins., Washington Co., Blair. Among the main ideas of the paper were: "The state should supply industrial education, as well as mental." "We want less of the ornamental and more of the useful."

A resolution was then adopted, "That the president appoint a committee of three whose duty shall be to examine into the various methods and modes of industrial education, and recommend such (at our next association) as they think practical to be introduced into the Nebraska schools at this date. The committee consists of J. A. Smith, W. V. Miller and S. R. Thompson."

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