

It is stated that Moody and Sankey are coming back to America.

PETER F. PETERSON has been appointed postmaster at Tekamah, Neb. A destructive fire prevailed the other day in the vicinity of Wisner.

OVER 5,000,000 forest trees have been planted by the people of Nebraska this spring.

TEN thousand people attended the Grand Army's "Concert of War Songs" at Boston.

A POST of the Grand Army of the Republic is about to be organized by ex-soldiers of Madison.

THE latest news from Des Moines is that the saloon keepers still refuse to pay \$1,000 license and open up.

THAT famous chestnut tree on Mount Zion measures 210 feet at its base. Its age is at least 800 years.

DEFAULTING ex-treasurer Polk has executed the required \$35,000 bond, and has been released from custody.

THE corner-stone of the Masonic temple at Lincoln was laid one day last week with appropriate ceremonies.

THE steambot Fannie Freeze was sunk the other morning to the boiler deck, three miles above Madison, Indiana.

FIRE at North Fairfield, Maine, the other night, destroyed nine stores and shops, and rendered several families homeless.

WRITTEN a short time sixteen fat cows have been stolen in Omaha. It is strange the owners cannot catch the thieves.

SALLIE COLLINS brings suit against Plattsmouth for \$10,000 damages, caused by falling from a sidewalk into a cellar.

IN two days of last week Louisville shipped 1,069,257 pounds of manufactured tobacco. There is great activity in the trade.

IN the case of Myra Clark Gaines against the city of New Orleans has resulted in a judgment against the city for \$1,925,667.

FIVE million worth of stock of the Chicago Elevated Railroad has been subscribed, and the company is ready to begin building.

COAL mining in Austria cost in 1881, 167 lives and 294 men seriously injured. Two-thirds of the deaths were due to falls of rock.

NEWS from Dresden, Ont., reports the death of Rev. Joseph Hanson, Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom." He died on the 5th, aged 94 years.

THE steamer Grappler, plying between Puget Sound and Alaska, burned the other morning. Sixty lives are reported lost.

IT is stated that a counterfeit \$5 note is in circulation on the First National bank of Milwaukee, Wis., letter B, charter No. 2715.

BY the tests being made at the Lincoln city well, it has been ascertained that it has a flow of ten thousand gallons in thirty-eight minutes.

THESE were tidal waves in Chicago harbor the other day which created surprise and consternation, and caused some damage to shipping.

GLASS images of Hindoo deities are manufactured in Birmingham and shipped to India for worship by the devout idolaters of that country.

O. F. SMITH, the New England paper manufacturers' agent at New York, has fled, defrauding the mill out of between \$15,000 and \$50,000.

A BILL prohibiting free passes being granted to any one except railroad employes and officers, was passed by the New York assembly on the 4th.

JOSHUA GIFFORD, aged seventy-seven, charged with murdering his wife at Oswego, N. Y., was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged June 22d.

NEAR Gowan, Mich., the other day a train struck a wagon containing one man and three women, killing all of them. The bodies were shockingly mangled.

THE grand jury at Dublin have also found two bills against Edward O'Brien and Edward McCaffrey for participation in the murders of Cavendish and Burke.

AN English correspondent at Gibraltar telegraphs that slaves are sold publicly in the streets, a few yards from the English Legion at Tangier, for from \$25 to \$40.

THE M. E. church of America will doubtless celebrate its centenary next year. For one hundred years it has been one of the leading churches of the United States.

A CYCLONE struck Kansas City Sunday evening, causing great damage to property, roughly estimated at \$300,000, and considerable loss of life. Full particulars next week.

THE latest news from the saloon keepers at Des Moines is to the effect that twenty of them have concluded to comply with the new city law and have taken out license.

NEW YORK bankers and others were warned the other day against taking stolen Bank of England notes for \$1,000 each. The numbers include 75,180 to 75,190.

ABOUT 250 eastern editors intend visiting the west this month, and will reach Omaha by the 23d. Measures are being adopted to give the visitors a grand public reception.

THE Free Thinkers of the United States and Canada are invited to a general convention to be held at Rochester, N. Y., beginning August 29th and lasting five days.

HENRY MERRITT and Mary Fox were arrested the other day at New York on the charge of stealing \$75,000 worth of diamonds from Franz Kramer, a jeweler of Paris.

DEFAULTING treasurer E. T. Polk of Tennessee has been ordered to give additional bond in the sum of \$35,000, and failing to give the same, was committed to jail by Judge Allen.

GENIUS and a high order of talent are always admirable in and of themselves, but the mortal casket in which they are vouchsafed a temporary abode is often a very frail tenement.

EMERSON'S "Conduct of Life," "Behavior," "Culture and Beauty" are proposed by Boston educators as a winter's work in a morality department, to be established in the public schools.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire broke out one night last week in Union City, Ind., which is reported to have nearly destroyed the whole western portion of the town. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

JOHN D. WATSON, recently convicted of bribing Ohio legislators, was refused permission by the supreme court of the state to file a writ of error, and must go to the penitentiary for one year.

CHAS. W. REES, of Friendville, Neb., committed suicide on the 5th by shooting himself through the heart. The cause is believed to be financial and domestic trouble. His relatives reside at Erie, Pa.

JOSEPH BOLE, formerly city treasurer of Buffalo, N. Y., and recently convicted of misappropriation of the city bonds, was the other day sentenced to five years at hard labor at the Auburn state prison.

A PLAN for the education of women by the same course of instruction as that afforded the male students, but at a different place and time, is being considered by the trustees of the Pennsylvania University.

BRADLAUGH asks permission to take the oath in the Commons, and was permitted to appear at the bar of the House and speak in his own behalf, but a motion is carried precluding him from taking the oath.

MRS. MARY E. JONES left Paw Paw, Mich., the other day on her walk to San Francisco, where she expects to arrive Sept. 1. She will lecture on the way, and undertake the walk to show what a woman can do.

THE corner stone of the colored Methodist church at Terre Haute, Ind., was pulled out of the building the other night, and four or five dollars in coin and script and other contents stolen. No clue to the robbers.

THE flag which Commodore Perry carried from the St. Lawrence to the Niagara and flew at the time of his victory on Lake Erie is now in the possession of the Hungerford Collegiate Institute, at Adams, N. Y.

A DISPATCH was received the other day at London from Tabreez, Persia, reporting that the city had been visited by an earthquake, destroying a great many houses and causing the death of a large number of persons.

A CONTINUOUS line of railroad now extends from Chicago to Salt Lake City via the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Burlington & Missouri and Denver & Rio Grande roads, making connections at Lincoln and Denver.

IT is stated that there are only seven women in Boston who are worth more than \$500,000. These facts are furnished by the assessor's returns, and show over seventy women in Boston whose wealth exceeds \$100,000.

THE borers of an arbutus well in San Bernardino, Cal., have encountered at the depth of 290 feet a tree which stands perpendicularly. Great pieces of the wood, which appears to be sycamore, are brought up in the pipes.

ONE hundred and forty-nine thousand pounds of soap were awarded by the Indian agency contracts last week. An exchange pertinently remarks, "What the soap is to be used for no one but the Indian agents can discover."

THREE little daughters of Jacob Morourz, playing in the street under an umbrella at Winona, Minn., the other day, were struck by lightning and two of them instantly killed. The younger one was badly paralyzed but will recover.

AN earthquake shock was felt the other morning in Helena, Montana. It produced a rocking motion in the public school building, causing for a few moments, some alarm. Houses in different parts of the city experienced shocks.

FROM Dublin we learn that the grand jury have returned true bills against Tynar, Walsh and Sheridan for murder, and against Fitzharris as accessory after the fact. It is understood the government will demand their extradition.

THE United States steamer Adams arrived one day last week at Fort Townsend, W. T., from Alaska, bringing news of the wreck of the steamer Eureka in Peril Straits while on the way to Markiaburg, Alaska. All the passengers were saved.

A GANG of tramps found an unoccupied house in Minnesota not long ago with comfortable beds, cooking utensils and a stove. They took lawless possession, and it was not until the end of a week that they learned they were in a small-pox pest-house.

FREDERICK KEES, a confidential clerk of Preston, Keas & Co., of Chicago, who fled last January, having \$50,000 of the bank's funds in his possession, was arrested last month at Lima, Peru, and has been turned over to the American authorities.

THE recent test made of the water supply from the city well at Lincoln, Neb., did not prove so satisfactory for an "abundant supply" of water from the city well as was anticipated, and it appears now to be an open question. Further tests will be made.

THE third trial of Timothy Kelly at Dublin, charged with participation in the Cavendish and Burke murders, was concluded the other day. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to hang the 9th of July. Kelly declares he is innocent.

"American Aristocracy."

The thoughtful student of American politics will find in the *Radical Review* of May 5th, a summary of M. M. Trumbull's lecture on American Aristocracy that is indeed interesting, not so much for anything new, as for the effective manner in which the attention is fixed on the fundamental principles involved in our system of government, the tendencies of political thought and action, and the dangers to which we are exposed.

The structure of our government is likened to a pyramid, and a contrast drawn between the historical changes in administrative government here, and in England, whence our fundamental doctrines were derived.

Among the effects and disappearing features of our American system are: the property qualification which was attached to the right of suffrage in nearly all the states of the union when the constitution was adopted; the withholding of the right to vote to foreigners who have not yet become naturalized citizens under the national laws; the obliteration of the negro as a constituent part of political society; the appointment of most state officials by the governor; the exclusion of women from a voice in government.

The retrospect is instructive, as, judging by the past, some conjecture may be reasonably ventured of the future.

"The American senate," says Mr. Trumbull, "is to-day the most important and the most powerful political aristocracy that has existed on this earth since the downfall of the Roman empire." "Think of the vast interests of the United States under the legislative control in one house of seventy-six men, not one of them elected by the people; think of the vast interests of the state of Illinois represented in one branch of the national legislature by only two persons responsible to nobody. Reflect for a moment that the members of the United States senate will in personal wealth average more than a million of dollars each; think how the most of that wealth has been acquired, and then say if such an important aristocracy was ever before seen upon this earth."

Considering that senators are not elected by the people, but by a very small body of representatives, that their term is a long one, and that they are responsible to nobody, the American senate is the rock against which the surging waves of reform must dash, and over which they must leap.

Mr. Trumbull thinks that when "the real conflict between the antagonistic forces of the government" comes, it will be "when the president and the senate, banded together in defense of prerogative, shall resist a house of representatives fresh from the people, and bearing from the people a message of reform," and that in that contest the stopping of the supplies will be the conquering weapon used in the House.

THE JOURNAL thinks that such a contest is remote. Mr. Trumbull's assumption of the identical similarity of our house, senate and president to the English parliament, house of lords and king is a grave mistake, and our political history, more especially recent events, have shown that the president and senate are as quickly responsive to the popular will as our house of representatives. A term of four years or a term of six years is not like a life tenure of office for stiffening the backbone of "prerogative," and it is pretty safe to say that no "prerogatives" will long hold here against the wish of the electors, because, when public sentiment is aroused every member of the state legislature will be elected on the exciting issue, and they in turn will elect the U. S. senators, and the presidential contest turning on the same, what is to hinder the full away of the people, if they will it?

THE citizens of Pawnee county are justly indignant at the failure of the last Legislature to pass laws for the relief of the people, and are earnestly calling upon "all persons who are in favor of the regulation of railroads by the State; to avoid unjust charges for transportation; all in favor of wealth bearing its just proportion of taxation and the election of president, vice-president and United States senators by the people to meet, etc." The foregoing are undoubtedly the issues of the next campaign in Nebraska. That the persistent folly, and willful curtness of the last legislature, was the straw which broke the camel's back, is plainly manifest on all sides; and if the republican party is wise it will heed the signs of the times, and profit by past experience. A very large majority of the people in this state earnestly desire the enactment of laws called for in the foregoing declaration of principles; and the party which shows a willingness to comply with the demand, and a desire to bring about the needed reform, is the party which will carry the next election. The cry of "half breed" and "boiler" have lost their terrors, and nothing will hold the republican party together in the future, but honest merit, a quality possessed in a very limited degree by its leaders in Nebraska during the past two years.—*Tekamah Democrat.*

L. S. COFFIN took his place in the railway commission of Iowa, the other day. The Iowa board have never been able to get a report from the Union Pacific road regarding the business done over the bridge between Council Bluffs and Omaha, and the commission recently brought suit at Council Bluffs against the Company. Since then, part of the board's questions have been answered, but the Company evaded answering others, including tonnage received and forwarded over the bridge, claiming the figures could not be obtained. The Company's object that it is a national, not a state corporation, and that the Company's printed report ought to satisfy the board.

THE recent terrible cyclone in Mississippi has been taken advantage of by a shrewd old negro woman named Martha Hughes, who says she is called by the Lord to announce the coming of the end of the world in the wreck of matter and loss of souls not enrolled in the churches of the Lord, to all of which the Wescon cyclone was a forerunner. The colored preachers have closed their churches to her, and she delivers her harangues in the open air by the side of camp-fires, where she is surrounded by thousands of followers. All the negroes around Jackson are demoralized. They are quitting work and getting ready the garments in which they are to ascend to glory, under the pilotage of the dusky Martha. This prophesist of evil is about sixty years old, and weighs about fifteen stone. She carries a huge shepherd's staff, and never omits taking up a collection. The regular colored clergy are greatly scandalized, and are talking about causing the woman's arrest.

IT is stated that many years ago a Bermudian was so unfortunate as to be imprisoned for some offense in the jail at York, Pa. One day he planted some seeds he had in his possession in the jail yard. About the time the plants blossomed his sentence expired and he left the town. The jailer's wife was interested in the plants and watched their growth. A small, bright red fruit appeared on the vines, and all persons were cautioned against touching the fruit, as it was considered poisonous. One day the Bermudian returned, and seeing the little apple matured, called for pepper, salt and vinegar, with which he seasoned some of the apples, which he proceeded to eat with a relish. He quieted the woman's fear by explaining the nature of the vegetable. The precious seeds of the remaining tomatoes were carefully distributed among the neighbors, and so the cool, delicious tomato soon became a common garden vegetable.

THE Supreme Court the other day at Washington reached what is called the "granger case" of Neal Ruggles against the people of the State of Illinois, in which the question was raised whether its charter granted the Central Military R. R. Co., now the Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R. by the legislature of Illinois in 1852, or any subsequent amendment thereto, contains such contract between the state and Co. and to authorize the Co. to establish its own rates of fare and freight beyond interference by the state. The court held that the directors of the railroad cannot adopt any by-law fixing rates of fare and freight in conflict with the laws of the state relating to the same subject. Judgment of the Supreme Court of Illinois affirmed.

AN accident occurred the other day four miles from Norfolk, Neb., on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad by the engine and a portion of the cars being thrown from a bridge and buried in the water and mud. The engineer, Saml. Reed, had his leg badly shattered between timbers which held him for three hours, with his head barely above water. The brakeman, J. Pleasant, was killed. He was found on the top of the boiler, with a freight car over him. Passengers of the coach escaped injury. Cause of the accident, the heavy rain and flood during the night.

A WAGON, frightfully painted in the most gaudy colors and intended to force tardy debtors to pay their bills, is in use in Cleveland. On the sides are painted the words, "Dead Beat Wagon," and the vehicle is halted before a debtor's door, there to remain a month or more, or until the bill is paid. A short time ago the driver stopped a wagon before a large house while he went in search of a horse's lost shoe. The lady, who always promptly pays her bills, was so indignant that she has sued the proprietor of the wagon for \$10,000 damages.—*Ex.*

AN Ohio man has invented a drill which saws the grain upon a surface of the prepared ground in a row six inches broad and covers it by shovels which throw the surface soil over it, leaving an open furrow between the rows of wheat. His drill tubes are one foot apart, so that half the land is occupied with grain and half with furrows between. By this method he deepens the soil by placing the seed at the surface and then putting the surface soil from between the rows on top of it.—*State Journal.*

DUDLEY, commissioner of pensions, has notified Mr. Bonds, the government printer, that the list of pensioners of the United States is ready, and it may be expected that the printing of this document will soon commence and being something of a job will require some time to complete it. It is claimed that the work will make forty-eight volumes of 600 pages each will be required to fill the law. It will give a complete list of all the names on the pension rolls.

Tax Massachusetts House the other day again voted the vetoed \$90,000 for the Tewksbury almshouse expense. To a visiting committee Gov. Butler said he would run the place for \$70,000, and if any money remained he would turn it over to the state, while he would meet any excess out of his own means. The new feature in the case is that Superintendent Marsh has been holding office since last year without giving the requisite bond.

FRANCIS MAHON, a policeman of New York, was shot and killed the other morning by Michael Sullivan, the only provocation being that Sullivan was ordered to move on. The first shot fired was fatal, but when Mahon was down, Sullivan put two more shots into his head. The murderer was promptly arrested.

PAGE of California thinks that Secretary Lincoln's chances for the nomination for president were spoiled by his action on the river and harbor bill of '81 and '82. The honest son of an honest father saw that it contained many indefensible items, and was a fearful waste of money. In this respect, Sec'y Lincoln voiced the sentiment of his fellow citizens generally, and will, of course, be opposed by the strict machine politicians.

FRANK METZKE, of Omaha, the other night turned his wife and four children out doors into the rain and hail and then set fire to his house, which was soon in flames, and finally totally destroyed, at a loss of over \$2,000. Some years ago Mr. Metzke was pronounced insane and confined in the Ohio asylum, and it is believed he was laboring under a returned attack of insanity when he set fire to his house.

LATER reports from the fire at Kearney, Neb., say the loss falls on Henry Gibbons, Ed. Tripp, Mrs. Calkins, Mrs. Cherry and Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Gibbons had two buildings destroyed. Two small store buildings were pulled to pieces to prevent the fire from spreading. The loss will not exceed \$10,000. No clue as to the origin of the fire has been discovered.

COL. PARKER, chief inspector of the post-office department, estimates that the government has been losing about \$1,000 daily by the operation of private letter offices raided in New York the other day. There are similar offices in operation in other large cities, but the government has determined to close them without delay.

RECENT news from El Paso, Texas, states that General Crook crossed into Mexico and has been in the Sierra Madre mountains for several days in pursuit of Apaches. Mexican authorities co-operated by sending two companies on the frontier. Other troops are in the field.

ONE of the severest hail storms ever known in the west occurred at Denver, Col., on the 8th. It was accompanied with terrific thunder and lightning, and lasted fully an hour. Hailstones measuring fully an inch in diameter were piled fully six inches deep in the streets.

A CALL signed by Frederick Douglas, P. H. Carson, John F. Cook and twenty-three others, has been issued for a national convention of colored men, to meet in Washington, Sept. 24th, to consider the various interests and rights of the colored people of the United States.

RECENT reports come from Scranton, Pa., that a terrific rain and hail storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, prevailed the other evening throughout that section. The fall of rain was estimated at five inches. An immense amount of property was damaged.

THE anti-monopolists of the First congressional district have called a convention to be held at Lincoln on the 13th day of June next at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing four delegates to attend the national conference at Chicago on the 4th of July next.

THREE tramps have been arrested charged with robbing Major Wasson, army paymaster, on a Texas Pacific train a few nights ago. Notes of a large denomination and \$900 in gold were found on them. Major Wasson is at Ft. Worth aiding the detectives.

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19th day of May, 1883. at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the court house in the city of Columbus, in said county and State, (that being the building used as a public place for the sale of real estate) I will offer the same for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash, to satisfy said judgment and decree in said court rendered on the 23d day of March, 1883, in favor of Marie A. Kline, plaintiff, and against Wm. Ripp, Jacob Ripp, Theodore Ripp, Henry L. Duguid, A. B. Barnes, John J. Aikin and John J. Duguid, defendants, for the sum of \$149.00, and costs taxed at \$28.50, together with interest, to satisfy said judgment and decree as above stated, and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

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