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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1887.

THE Central bank of Canada has sus-

pended payment. Fast freight and passenger lines se to be the order of the day.

Wonderful reports continue about the very rich gold ledge in Arizona.

COAL is reported to be getting very scarce in Philadelphia, Pa., and unless there is change, soon, for the better, a famine will result.

ing near Alton, Ill., and prairie fires are causing great damage to farms in the vicinity of Vandalia. In the southern part of Pike county, Missouri, it is reported that a party of

farmers lynched two tramps who assaulted two ladies last week. THE last report from Tampa, Florida gives three new cases of yellow fever on

thirteen cases in the hospital. A DESTRUCTIVE fire visited Central City, Col., one day last week, which nearly destroyed the business portion of

of the town. Loss of property \$30,000. A REPORT from Canton, China, says that the steamer Wah-Young was burn-400 passengers are supposed to be lost.

The Wahoo Wasp respectfully refers to Mr. Gilkeson as a pattern of popuran about 700 ahead of his ticket in Dodge county.

CHAS, CANAVAN, a porter who was bitten in New York by a dog sometime in October last, died one day last week of hydrophobia after a night of most hor-

JOHANN MOST has been released on \$1,500 bail. Ida Hoffman, the wife of a physician who was present, proposed to set for the 22d inst.

J. L. Truman, supervisor for Monroe twp., was in the city Thursday. There were three ties in the late election in Monroe, and it is not yet known who the supervisor will be for next term.

THE coroner's jury in the case of Lingg's death says: "It was brought about by the explosion of a bomb about two inches in diameter, and filled with his own hand."

TYPHOID fever is so prevelent in A bany, N. Y., that the mayor has issued a proclamation asking all citizens before using the water obtained from the river

S. M. Burdette, of Lancaster, Ky., lessly and honestly.—[Lincoln correspondence Omaha Bee. has been appointed a revenue agent, and assigned to temporary duty at Peoria, Ill. Burdette is a well known newspa per man, and was lately connected with the Louisville Courier-Journal.

L. F. STEPHENS of Booneville, Mo., has been appointed receiver of the Fifth National bank at St. Louis, Mo. There is a report that the grand jury had found an indictment against Cashier Crecilius for making false entries

AT a meeting of the Plymouth church. Brooklyn, the other day a call was extended to the Rev. Charles Berry, of Wolverhampton, England, to fill the Ward Beecher. The salary is \$10,000.

THE official list of the next House of Representatives shows that the mem bers will number 168 democrats, 153 re publicans and four independents. The independents are Anderson, of Iowa, Nichols, of North Carolina, Hopkins, of Virginia, and Smith, of Wisconsin.

JOHN BRIGHT Writes a long letter protesting against any land-purchase act for Ireland. He contends that the Ashserve all purposes for the gradual transfer of land to tenants, when such is

THE scaffold at the power house of the new railroad on the Fifth avenue in Pittsburg, Pa., gave way the other afternoon and threw a number of men to the ing his rounds, and started to give the crushed; the others sustained painful cuts and bruises, but were not fatally injured.

A RECEIVER has been appointed in the county court at Pittsburg, Pa., to wind up the affairs of the Badger gas company. The bill alleges that the company is insolvent, and that its indebtedness will reach \$100,000. The assets are thirty-one miles of pipe lines and 3,000 acres of gas territory in Beaver

MISS CARRIE BUNYAN, a wealthy and beautiful Cooperstown, Pa., lady, was married to James D. Ball on October 22. The couple started south with the godspeeds of the three hundred guests present at the wedding. The bride was taken ill at Washington, Del., where she died. The remains reached Cooperstown the other day. The town is in

HERB Most, the New York socialist. was arrested on the 17th for making incendiary speeches. The grand jury found an indictment against him. The indictment is based on section 451 of the penal code, affecting unlawful assemblies and incitement to riot to kill. The evidence consists of notes of his Saturday night speech taken by police-man Roth and Sechs. cago anarchists with the Savior.

AN IMPORTANT SUIT.

Which May Result in Good to Columbus and Platte County.

A very important suit is about to be brought against the B. & M. road growing out of its consolidation with the Atchison & Nebraska road several years ago. The parties plaintiff in the case base their action on the statute, which prohibits the consolidation of competing lines of railroad in the state.

A lengthy letter covering all the legal points in the case has been furnished Attorney General Leese, and it is understood that a demand will be made that that official institute quo warranto proceedings. The author of the letter to the attorney general takes the position that this road by entering a combination to stifle competition, against the express words of the constitution has broken faith with the state to such an extent as to render it liable to a forfeiture of its corporate franchise. A glance at the history of the Atchison & Nebraska road will add light to the fact that it was a competing line and was consolidated with the B. & M. railroad to destroy competition. The Atchison & Nebraska was built from Atchison to Lincoln in 1872 and from that time until 1880 was a parallel and competing line with the B. & M. railroad on local business in the state south of Lincoln and in Lincoln on through and local freight east. In the state before the consolidation took place, there was a brisk competition existing between the roads for the trade of the country extending as far north as Columbus, to which the Atchison & Ne braska had been built. In the year 1880 the Burlington road became the owner and assumed control of this road. The It is reported that forest fires are rag-

stock of the Atchison & Nebraska at this time was \$3,500,000. Of this stock the B. & M., through William Endicott, jr. and W. J. Ladd as trustees, acquired \$3,347,000, leaving only \$3,000 of stock to be held by private individuals for the purpose of keeping up a nominal organ-ization for the Atchison & Nebraska. Of these thirty remaining shares five are held by E. E. Pratt, five by A. G. Stanwood, five by George W. Holdrege and five by Henry Parkham. Four per cent bonds of the B. & M., payable in 1910, were issued to the amount of \$3,347,000 to furnish the money for this illegal absorption of the Atchison & Nebraska stock. At present the B. & M. railroad exercises complete control over the operating and freight department of the road making rates, contracts and assuming all the rights of ownership. All competition existing between the roads prior to their merging has been destroythe 15th, but no deaths. There were ed. The present constitution of Ne braska, adopted five years before this consolidation took place, reads as follows on the subject of the consolidation of competing lines: "No railroad corporation or telegraph company shall consoli date its stock, property, franchise or other railroad corporation or telegraph of the boiler. It made a terrible noise company owning a parallel or competing and was heard in many parts of the city. line." The letter calls attention to the tions to do indirectly what the law forwas a consolidation in fact if not in name; that it is the effect and not the larity, the fact that Judge Marshall only form upon which courts enter judgment. question is from an Ohio decision in the case of a consolidation, which was modest as compared with the one in question. was killed by quo warranto, upon a

It is learned indirectly in connection with working up the facts in this case of this character has withdrawn from its offices in this state as much as possible go his bail, was accepted, and the trial of the record of this conspiring transaction, and to get at the facts has been the work of weeks. There is not a town on the line of the old Atchison & Nebraska road from Columbus to the southern state line that has not been robbed and filched from by this consolidation by which the B. & M. road destroyed competition. Many of the counties voted bonds to get the competition and from such places there should come appeals at once to the attorney general to prosecute the case, to destroy the illegal and unlawful consolidation and have the old Atchison & Nebraska road placed by the dynamite, said bomb being exploded by courts in the hands of a commission to sell the road, pay its bonds, declare its tranchise in the B. & M. forfeited and again as a competing line from Columbus on the north across the state to the south, thus saving \$1,000,000 to the district traversed. Attorney General Leese to boil it, as the seeds of disease are has proved himself a man not to be bought or bulldozed by the corporations and when he prosecutes he does it fear-

statutory law while the same statute

law exists in Nebraska and a like prohi-

Barnum's Show Burned Up. main building of Barnum & Bailey's "greatest show on earth" was destroyed by fire this morning at 10:20. The alarm was sounded and in less than thirty minutes the building, which was 600 by 200 feet and two stories in height, was entirely consumed. The fire originated by the explosion of a lantern carried by watchman in the horse building, setting fire to the hay and straw. Before the first alarm quit sounding the whole building was enveloped in flames and no one dared approach it, being fearful by the crazed animals. Three elephants were burned up and thirty-six broke from their fastenings and dashed vacancy caused by the death of Henry through the sides of the burning structure, roaring and trumpeting in a terrific manner. Six elephants and a large African hippopotamus rushed about the streets presenting a sickening appearance. Their sides were burned and great pieces of flesh a foot square fell off. Thirty elephants and a large lion have started across the country toward Fairfield and Eaton. Great excitement has

barred the windows and doors of their houses. In the horse-room were all the ring animals, trained stallions, ponies, etc., and all were burned. In the catroom were birds, monkeys, rhinoceroses, hyenas, tigers, lions and all the menagerie, which also fell a prey to the flames. A great deal of valuable tent and other property was also burned. The total loss is estimated at not less than \$700,000, with but \$100,000 insurance. LATER.-It is now learned that the watchman discovered the fire while mak-

of the three elephants burned was the "Sacred White Elephant." Post and Marshall.

him on the head with some blunt in-

strument, felling him to the ground. One

Judge Marshall of this city has re ceived returns from this judicial district, the 4th, to show his overwhelming victory. The amount of his majority is somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000. Mr. Post of Columbus has also received an endorsement similar to this. These gentlemen have good reason to feel proud of their magnificent victory. The people of this district have assured them by their ballots that they are also proud of their judges. Post and Marshall have been tried and found reliable and competent. With such men on the bench the judiciary will be kept pure and justice will do her perfect work .-

Fremont Tribune. A PETITION was circulated the other day at Hartford, Conn., and freely sign- Gazette, shot and killed Lew Baldwin, ed by the members of the Unity church, of Nicholasville, Ky., one morning last calling a special meeting to take action | week. They had a controversy about in relation to the Rev. J. C. Kimball, the | the reports sent out about the election, pastor, who created contempt in his in which Baldwin and others were statement furnished by a person who

No DOUBT exists among intelligent people as to what has often been charged, that English capitalists have time and again tried to work the politics of this country so that results would be beneficial to themselves. England don't like the United States to have a tariff, more or less protective of American interests as against English, and hence has always allied herself with the enemies of this country (to divide), or with those of our own people who tend towards absolute free trade, and direct taxation for the support of the govern ment. Of the present state of affairs a

New York banker says: "The British manufacturers spend mi trade. The administration, too, is helpfree traders. And what is the Look at the balance of trade, or the difference in the totals of our exports and imports for the last three years. In 1885 the difference was \$148,-00,000 in our favor. In 1886 it was \$44,000,000, and in 1887 it had become reduced to \$24,000,000. The gold i traders in this city demand the distribu tion of the surplus, and the breaking down of the tariff system. What will be the result of such action, if consummat-Only to send more gold out of the country, and soon the government will need to negotiate a loan in Europe to pay its ordinary expenses, as was done under James Buchanan."

COMMUNITIES along the line of the Union Pacific railroad are rejoicing ove the evidences of thrift and prosperity that the management is showing. Everybody has confidence in "Tom Potter." as he is familiarly called; even outsiders. who can only judge by results that are noticeable, know that there is a different power at the helm. By better management than of old time, the Union Pacific can redeem herself from discredit, pay off her indebtedness to the government. make more money and do more good for the communities through which the line passes. Mr. Potter has already done a ought to be done, and the Journal, for one, would like to see him move along in the same direction until all the causes for just grievances of the people along this great thoroughfare have been re moved. "The right wrongs no man."

A BOMB was exploded the other night at the Iowa iron works at Dubuque. They run a night force and some twenty of them were employed on a large boiler in the boiler shop. They were startled by a sudden explosion on the other side The bomb, which was picked up, wa made of inch and a half gas pipe about bids their doing directly, and that this two feet long. The pipe was split in several places. Fortunately the explosion was all in one direction, away from A citation in the presentation of the the men. The flooring and parts of the building were set on fire which, however, was extinguished by the men. No wither damage was dond. It is a wonder that there was not a great loss of life.

bition is contained in the constitution THE sooner workingmen learn that the ballot is the only dynamite they have a right to use in this country, the better that the railroad, as if fearing something it will be for them. Every man's rights leave off just where another man's rights begin. Every man has a right to his opinion, but he has no right to force his opinion on anybody else. The only opinions which prevail in the government of this country are those that are held by the majority of its citizens, and the ballot is the only means by which it can be ascertained what opinions are in the majority. Let the workingmen vote as they believe, and right will prevail. Norfolk News.

A PROMINENT business getleman of this city advocates leaving the tariff about as it, and distributing the surplus the treasury among the several states to be applied to the payment of current state expenses, thereby securing in the coming campaign. a reduction of state taxes. A measure of this kind could, he thinks, be passed at the next session of congress, and

ATTORNEY GEN'L LEESE seems to be always either doing or contemplating some pretty effective work for the state. In public officials there isn't anything so refreshing to the people as a firm determination to see that the public interests, so far as entrusted to officials, is sacredly cared for and protected. The attorney-general is a good railroad commission within himself. Elsewhere we print an account of the relations between the B. & M. and the old A. & N. R. R. companies that may prove to be of

SPARKS, the Land Commissioner at Washington City, in person delivered to the President a letter defining his course in the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & seized many residents and they have Omaha railway land grant cases. He refers to Secretary Lamar's letter of the 11th inst., and cites the cases in question which were adjusted by him in September. The letter was a spirited and vig orous one, defending himself against the allegations of his department chief, intimating that his decision and action was n accordance with the spirit of his in-

> THE St. Paul Free Press (deni.) urg the democratic party of Nebraska to begin now the campaign for next year and make it very vigorous. Undoubtedly the democracy can make it vigorous. With the presidential ticket, state ticket three congressmen, state legislators and U. S. senator to follow, the campaign should be a very interesting one, indeed Among republicans set down by the Free Press as probable candidates for U S. senator are Manderson, Thurston, O. P. Mason and Rosewater.

> Boone county now has three murder ers in its jail. Two of these murders were out and out, the result of whisky The third is simply the act of an insanc man, and is therefore out of the count as to cause and effect on the liquor question. Has Boone county made anything out of high license?-[Fullerton

Telescope. THOMAS GREEN, who is a correspond ent of the Cincinnati Commercial election in Jessamine county.

JUDICIAL.

For Judges of the Fourth Judicial District COUNTIES

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Patents granted to citizens of Kansas and Nebraska during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opp. U. S. ions of dollars in efforts to further free Patent Office, Washington, D. C.: W. R. Archer, Greene, Kan., sulky harrow; C. W. Hale, Eureka, Kan., wrench: L. B. Hopkins, Council Grove, Kan., bed slat fastener; A. J. Shaw, Conway, Kans., cane or corn harvester; H. J. Bell. Lincoln, Neb., gas meter; M. Lester, Inavale, Neb., fish hook attachment; E. W. Wall. going out of the country every year in larger volume, and yet the British free harness.

THE other morning a large bomb was found in the city hall leading to the police station in St. Joseph, Mo. An hour later another was found back of a large wholesale grocery house. Both were taken to a point above the city on the river bank and exploded by the chief of police. They were both of dynamite and evidently constructed by an expert bomb maker. The anarchists number about 150 and are of the most rabid character. The feeling against them is intense.

WM. McLaughlin, a section man in the employ of the U. P. road at Council Bluffs, while going to his work last Saturday morning, was struck by a train of freight cars, which came up behind him, and instantly killed him. His left arm was cut off near the shoulder and his head was frightfully mangled. He had been in the employ of the company for a number of years. The train was backed good deal; he evidently knows what yet and no brakesman on the rear end to give him notice of its approach.

LAMAR replies to Sparks and says: President Cleveland is the actual author of the land reforms which have been inaugurated by this administration, and as for Sparks taking credit for these great achievements Lamar only laughed. "The work will go on just the same when the change is made in the head of the general land office," he said with vigor: "No man is absolutely essential in this government.' 'The President accepted the resignation of Commissioner Sparks. to take effect on the 16th inst.

News from London of the 20th states that the Dutch steamer, W. A. Scholton, Captain Teat, which left Rotterdam on the 19th for New York, was sunk by a collision with the steamer Ross Mary, of Hartlepool, at 11 o'clock at night, ten miles off Dover. She carried a complement of 230 passengers and crew. The steamer Ebro of Sutherland, rescued ninety of the crew and passengers. One hundred and thirty-two of the passes gers and crew drowned or missing.

THE remains of Mabel Patterson were found the other morning lying in a shallow pool of water just outside of Youngstown, Ohio. The night before she visited several saloons with a stranger, but when seen last she was not intoxicated. The condition of the girl's body indicated a struggle and that she had been choked to death. A searching investigation was being made by the

that Grover Cleveland will be the next democratic candidate for the presidency. That settled, it becomes a question of the very first importance to republicans Whom shall we nominate against him? for on the answer to this undoubtedly hangs the success or failure of the party

have to pay the taxes. The political ment and will soon report to the manaparty inaugurating and successfully gers. The rates agreed upon will avercarrying out such a plan would, he age 25 per cent lower than at present BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 20.- The thinks, receive the approbation of the and will make a difference of about

hundred pounds to the square inch.

THE G. A. R., at a meeting of the na ional pension committee, have decided disability bill, equalization of disabiliseverely maimed veterans.

P. H. C. HILL, a prominent broker in Philadelphia, Pa., has suspended. He was a bear on the market, and was short 10,000 shares of the Reading and 3,000 shares of St. Paul. He was a member of the New York stock exchange, but sold his seat a week ago.

Hon. Hugh J. Jewett, ex-president o the Erie railroad, is very seriously ill He is still at his son's country place at Glenville, Hartford county. Dr. Parker structions, and then follows his resig- of New York is attending physician, and fears Mr. Jewett's injuries may prove

> Hancock chemical company's packing house for dynamite was blown up one day last week, at Hancock, Mich. and six men killed. There were 1,500 pounds of dynamite in the building.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

The President has appointed Jones C. Ecker postmaster at Mineola, and Peter Cockerill postmaster at South Omaha. Governor John M. Thayer was given a banquet last week by company C of the Nebraska national guards, at Nebraska

coln, 2,564 feet deep, has cost \$22,000 and nothing of commercial interest was 268 horses have been killed in the

The test well at the salt basin, Lin-

state by the state live stock commission since April 1-condemnation momey up-Two inmates of the state hospital for

the insane died recently-Rosina Sim-

mons from Buffalo county, and Amelia Grandel from Madison. The shooting of R. E. Brewer at

Friday night blew down a two story building in course of construction in the southern part of the city. No other damage of any extent is reported.

It was reported last week that the U. P. was distributing telegraph poles between here and Albion. It now turns out that the only grounds for the report is that a car load to be used for repairs have been unloaded at Albion.

General Van Wyck, wife and little daughter. Happy, are in Washington. The general is looking after pension matters for his friends. He has leased his residence on Massachusetts avenue and gives posession December 1st. Union Pacific engine No. 5 ran into and killed an unknown man the other

evening three miles beyond Millard. The stranger was walking across the bridge and failed to notice the coming train. He was thrown a distance of On the afternoon of the 20th, Charles, the 12 years old son of Frank Kendall was drowned while skating on Wahoo

was recovered in a short time. The O'Neill mail carrier brings the report that the prairie fire of Saturday and Sunday did immense damage in southern Holt county, destroying hay, corn in the field and a large number of farm the northern part of Garfield county by vocate.

hunters. - | Wheeler Co. Gazette. Mrs. Wm. Harley, of Nebraska City ommitted suicide the other day by taking morphine. She had some trouble with her husband about a charge of infidelity preferred against her by her husband's sister, which was the cause of her taking her life. The parties were recently residents of Rulo.

city, leave this week for Washington. They will live, as during the past two seasons, at the Riggs house. Mr. Dorsey goes early to do some preliminary work before Congress convenes. He is an active worker in the departments and his constituents thoroughly monopolize his time with pension, land and other business. | Fremont Tribune.

E. H. S. Jones, of Osceola, who ha had the reputation "of keeping a tem perance drug store" at the post office was arrested the other morning for sell ing liquor without a license or permit. He waived examination (on three counts) the district court. Max E. Bittner was

A dynamite bomb was found the other morning on the front steps of the City National bank, at Hastings. It was an nch and a half gaspipe about a foot long and securely closed at both ends. It had hole about half way between the ends from which protruded a fuse nearly a foot long. The fuse was saturated with oil and had been set on fire, but from some cause failed to burn.

A very destructive fire occurred at Bloomington one day last week. It was liscovered in the rear of the post office and soon six large stores and the buildings occupying the north side of the Court house square were burned to the post office and but little from any of the tion. There is something remarkable buildings. The loss will reach from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The fire is believed shoulders, thin face with full beard, and It seems to be a foregone conclusion to be the work of an incendiary.

her 11 years old stepdaughter. The father had previously been tried at Nebraska City and found guilty of murder, and was afterwards taken from the prison by a mob and hanged. Mrs. Shellenberger asked, and obtained a change of THE railroad committee appointed to venue to Lincoln. The first trial rearrange a reduced tariff of freight rates sulted in the non-agreement of the jury, would certainly please the people who to Illinois points has reached an agree- the second ended Saturday night in her

A very destructive fire visited Stuart, Holt county, last Friday, destroying an entire block, including two valuable \$3,000,000 a year in the revenues of buildings of J. F. Haight, with the stock of hardware and groceries, J. C. a flat car loaded with thirty tons of pig On the farm of Louis Strong, near Jordan's blacksmith and agricultural Cheviot, Ohio, gas was struck the other store, Wood's livery barn, Chambers's Cheviot, Ohio, gas was struck the other evening at the depth of 335 feet. The well flows at the rate of 5,000,000 cubic butcher shop, Dr. Roysberry's office and will be subjected to the severest test and feet daily, with a pressure of several dwelling, Harvey's law office and Murphey's residence. The statement does wide world. The gas will be piped to Cincinnati, not show how the fire originated. The loss will reach \$30,000.

Two Pinkerton detectives were in Omaha the other day in search of clues upon a pension measure, to be presented to aid them in the capture of the Rev. to the next congress, which includes a D. B. Brown, who swindled the First National bank of Central City out of ties, pensions for veterans' widows and \$1.500. The detectives believe he committed this fraud under an assumed name, and that his real name is James Stevens, and an all-round swindler of extraordinary cunning. The detectives just what the republicans have claimed are said to have obtained important clues which will soon lead to the appre- who have been most shamefully outraghension of the forger.

morning of the 19th inst., in the western | dug up. part of Grand Island, destroying the barn of J. H. Wiley, in which were five passed "an act to restrict the ownership of real estate in the territories to Ameri Mr. Norris. Owing to the prevailing high wind and the shell-like structure of Columbia is also included. This will of the barn, the flames spread with preclude even foreign legations from partment responded and worked hard less by the crafty politician who drew the bill. Several Congressmen have to prevent the spread of the fire, but been interviewed, who express their en be less than \$3,000.

The sale of the Mercer lot at the coryears ago Mr. Mercer paid \$30,000 for it, and the price then was considered very 000,000 less than last year. Other figsteep. There is no more valuable cor- ures are being tabulated at the departner in the city, and none that has been a greater eyesore. The old rookery now occupying it is to be pulled down to settle beyond a doubt the renomination give place to a ten story block, built by of President Cleveland, but how it will Philadelphia capital—a very promising beginning to next year's building operations.-[Omaha Republican.

O yes! the New York election settles it of course. Still it does not settle it quite so much as it was settled on the stands the best chance, and the one eve of the presidential election of 1884. most likely to carry that state will win The fall before that campaign New York Cedar Rapids, by a man named Wolf a went democratic by 200,000 majority, short time since, turns out now, from a Ohio by 10,000, Pennsylvania by 40,000, Connecticut by 23,000, New Jersey by Sunday sermon by comparing the Chi- charged with unlawfully conducting the was present, to have been entirely un. 10,000 and the republicans carried Illinois and Michigan by a mere scratch.

Nevertheless an honest count would have elected a republican president in 1884. Things are settled in this country quite frequently and then they are usually unsettled the next year. It is the man who carries the most electoral votes in 1888 that will be elected, whatever the settlement of 1887 said about it State Journal.

The Farmers' Union met Saturday,

Nov. 12th at Piepers hall. Holding a grand mass meeting for the purpose of completing arrangements for organizing according to law. The hall was well filled with the best and most wide awake farmers around Leigh, and after a report from the various committees on stock subscription had been received, it was moved to proceed at once and raise thirty more shares of stock so as to enable to organize immediately, which was done by securing thirty shares in as many minutes after which the following named gentlemen were chosen directors for the remainder of the business year V. W. Graves, S. N. Case, L. K. Watters, Henry Wurdeman, I. J. Nichols, J. M. Devine and T. K. Matzen; on motion A. creek, Saunders county. A number of M. Walling was chosen treasurer, and his playmates were present, but could the following named stock holders were not render any assistance. The body appointed a committee on by-laws: R. D. McKee, J. M. Devine, V. W. Graves. A. M. Walling and I. J. Nichols; on motion of J. M. Devine no stock holder shall be entitled to more than two votes, carried, after which the meeting ad journed to meet in one week to hear the houses. It is said the fire was started in reports of the committees. Leigh Ad-

A. C. Records, for a number of years a

resident of Dodge county, but now of

Linwood, Butler county, in the practice of law, is in the city today. Mr. Records with a number of other people were recently looking over the historic battle ground where the great fight between the Sioux Indians on one side. and the Pawnees, Omahas and Otoes on Congressman and Mrs. Dorsey, of this the other, occurred about twenty-five years ago, near where Linwood nov stands, and among other interesting relics, one of the party picked up an old medal which is very interesting. It is of pure silver 11/4 inches in diameter. weighs about twice as much as a silver dollar, and is in a good state of preservation. One side is ornamented with a coat of arms nearly like that of the state of New York, and is inscribed "Erie Canal, Com. 4 July, 1817; Comp. 26 Oct. 1825. Presented by the city of N. York." On the reverse is a mediæval design, rep resenting the union of the coast and inland country, and the inscription: "Union of Erie with the Atlantic" The medal is of excellent workmanship, and he mystery is how it came there. The old Indian battle ground is a grim place to visit; grinning human skulls and bleaching bones are to be seen on all sides, and many valuable relics have been found and preserved by the residents of that vicinity. | Fremont Trib

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.] One of the most notable characters seen nearly every day upon the beautiful drive to the Soldiers' Home, is the historian Bancroft. He is nearly nine ty years of age, but can ride his horse as graceful as a dashing brigadier. Every day he devotes certain hours to labor on his exhausting history of the United States, he then mounts his horse and with his valet a few rods in the rear, ground. Nothing was saved from the goes flying into the country for recreain his personal appearance. Tall and straight, long white hair hanging to his head covered with an ordinary cloth cap Mrs. Miranda Shellenberger was put on trial at Lincoln for the murder of with pride to the great literary achievement of the great old American.

I never knew until the other day how they tested concrete foundation, and was greatly interested in the experiment I witnessed at the new Congressional library site. You know that is to be an mmense structure, and must have a over 20,000 barrels of cement. The ground on which the concrete is laid is required to stand a pressure of 21/2 tons to the square foot. Now in making these tests the process is this: Four short iron pillars are placed on the ground about four feet apart. These tom, and resting on these are two iron rods about a foot in height, on which is when completed will be the finest structure on this continent, if not the

Several weeks ago I alluded to the bitter feeling existing in the Interior department regarding Land Commis sioner Sparks, and predicting his resignation or dismissal. The quarrel has reached the culminating point, and Secretary Lamar says in a long letter that either himself or Sparks must go. It will be Sparks. The Post, the administration organ here, says: "He is probably the most unpopular official in the government, a title which he has earned by strict attention to the business of making himself unpopular,"- which is His dismissal will rejoice thousands of honest land settlers of the great west ed by his unjust decisions and unwise A fire started about 4 o'clock on the the shades; he never should have been

Congress sometimes makes the most egregious blunders. Last winter the such rapidity that it was impossible to owning more real estate in Washington save any of the animals. The fire de- which certainly was never intended uncould do nothing to save the barn or its | tire ignorance of such legislation until contents. The loss of property will not shown the act, which of course will be speedily mended. But then it shows how careless even our law makers are. The department of agriculture has ner of Farnam and Sixteenth streets for gathered some very instructive and sugner of Farnam and Sixteenth streets for gestive statistics. There was planted \$75,000 is a fair indication of the increase in the value of inside property in gave an average yield of twenty bushels this city the past few years. Three fifty-four bushels to the acre, and the ment, and will be itemized in subse-

quent letters.

All concede that the late elections affect the second on the ticket is not quite so clear. Gen. Black's boom has pretty much subsided. That of Gen. Vilas is looking up a little. Southern men say they do not ask for or want it, and are willing it should go to the west,

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We noticed twenty two loads of hogs

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