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The proposition to renew the franking privilege to congressmen and senators has been laid under the table by the senate.

Mrs. LINCOLN is said to be a monomaniac on the subject of her poverty. She has \$55,000 in government bonds, \$15,000 in cash and a pension of \$5,000 a year.

The people of Arizona are entitled to our sympathy. Robbins, the Inter Ocean wash-stand man, is being pushed for the surveyor generalship of Arizona.

If a recount was ordered by the census bureau of the inhabitants of Dakota, they would show a marked decrease in population.

The locking up of thousands of bushels of grain and corn by speculators has diminished exports to such a degree that the shipment of gold to Europe from this country has begun.

The persistent efforts of Senator Saunders to straighten the northern boundary of Nebraska has at last been successful. Now that the northern boundary line has passed the senate there is a very fair prospect that it will become a law before the end of the present session.

It is claimed that the census for 1880 represents fifty times the labor bestowed upon that of 1870. The entire report will make 20,000 quarto pages, comprising a vast amount of statistical information relative to the industries, labor, products and development of the country.

Rev. HENRY W. BELLOWS who died on Monday in New York was the president of the sanitary commission during the war, and attended to the disbursement of over \$3,000,000 in money, and enormous amounts of clothing and supplies.

Omaha does not share in the crusade against the Mormons which is running riot over the land. Omaha is no doubt influenced by numerous bills of lading from her wholesale houses to the land of saints.

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For the reason that conviction under them cannot be procured. The parties guilty of polygamy cannot be induced to turn state's evidence and their wives refuse to testify against them, and the magistrates that license such marriages cannot be forced to give testimony that would criminate them, and renders them liable to prosecution as accessories.

FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION.

Political economy is usually considered too dry a subject for the general reader. The facts and figures with which advocates of free trade or protection usually fortify their arguments convey little practical knowledge to the ordinary reading public who have been content to catch such dribbles as fall from newspaper discussion or were heard in one sided political harangues from the stump.

The chief merit of this work is the easy and graceful narrative style in which he presents his clearly defined views. There is pith and point in every story. The interest of the reader never flags from beginning to end.

What to do with the arrested members of parliament now in prison is a very serious problem which has been puzzling the British ministry. It is stated that Mr. Parnell will give no pledges, and if he were let out on the eve of the parliamentary meeting, it is feared that he would have a series of orations, and would preach the "No Rent" gospel afresh, before setting out for London.

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Among the no-worthy facts to which attention has been recently called is the marked change which immigration to this country from the British islands is undergoing. While the exodus from England, Scotland and Wales is increasing, the number of immigrants from Ireland is decreasing.

A vast religious gathering has recently been held in Allahabad, at the junction of the Jumna with the Ganges. It is known as the Magh Mela, and this being the twelfth year of its holding, the attendance has been unusually large.

Returns of the recent census in France give the following populations for the cities named: Lyons, 332,894; Bordeaux, 221,500; Nantes, 121,965; Rouen, 104,790; Alger, 103,063; Douai, 72,900; Havre, 714,714; Grenoble, 50,967.

The nihilists in Russia are more active than ever and the strongest precautions have been adopted to increase the safety of the Annitdtkhoff palace, the favorite residence of the czar in St. Petersburg. All around the palace a subterranean passage has been constructed which can be patrolled by sentinels, and be placed under water at will from a neighboring stream.

Baron Von Scholzer, Bismarck's emissary to the Vatican has set out on his momentous journey to Rome. It is ten years or more since the Vatican has held direct communications with an accredited envoy of Prussia.

The practice of head hunting still exists in Borneo, though dying out in the districts in which the Dutch have any control. No youth is allowed to don the tokens of manhood or pay his addresses to any Malay maid till he has been able to bring in two or three of his enemies' heads.

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The Illinois supreme court has decided that the Quincy board of education had no authority to enforce the rule requiring the colored children of the city to attend one particular school set apart for their use.

The directors of Girard college intend, it is reported, to organize a school of mechanical handicraft like that which is now in successful operation at Spring Garden institute in Philadelphia.

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The General News that Came Over the Cable Last Night

LONDON, February 3.—A great indignation meeting was held to-day at Manchester to remonstrate against Jewish oppression.

The Journal of St. Petersburg to-day, the leading journal of that city, in commenting on the London indignation meeting in behalf of the Jews, makes some stinging retorts. It remarks that England would be surprised if meetings were held in continental cities to denounce English legislation in Ireland and to call the indignation of the world to the reported tyranny which has filled the jails of that country with people who are guilty of no crime than that of expressing a dislike of the policy of the English government.

Mr. Gladstone has conferred the Stewardships of Chiltern Hundreds on Mr. A. M. Sullivan, member of parliament for Louth, Stewardship of Chiltern Hundreds is a fiction which is used to effect the resignation of a member.

St. Petersburg, February 3.—The Russian government has expressed regret to Count Kalknoff at certain words used by Schokoffs in a speech on the occasion of the fall of Geok Tepe.

Fires

INDIANAPOLIS, February 3.—A fire last night destroyed J. M. Huber's drug store and damaged other buildings. Total loss, about \$14,000, of which Mr. Huber lost \$12,000, with insurance of \$7,000.

BUFFALO, February 3.—The Commercial elevator, belonging to the Western Elevating association, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon, together with 15,000 bushels of rye, wheat and oats, and \$6,000 worth of cement stored in the building.

The Week's Failures National Associated Press. NEW YORK, February 3.—There were 199 failures throughout the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the past week, a decrease of 11 from the preceding week and an increase of 34 over the corresponding week last year.

In Good Spirits

T. Walker, Cleveland, O., writes: "For the last twelve months I have suffered with lumbago and general debility. I commenced taking Burdock Blood Bitters about six weeks ago, and now have great pleasure in stating that I have recovered my appetite, my complexion has grown ruddy, and feel better altogether. Price \$1.00, trial size 50 cents."

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No. 254, Lot on Center street, near 6th street, \$650. No. 253, Two lots on Seward, near King street, \$850.

No. 252, Lot on Farnham, near 11th street, \$350. No. 251, Four beautiful residence lots, near Creighton College (or will sell in parcels), \$8,000.

No. 250, Two lots on Charles, near Cumming street, \$400 each. No. 249, Lot on Idaho, near Cumming street, \$100.

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