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CONGRESS will probably adjourn Thursday for a holiday recess and several men who are on the anxious seat will fly to the arms of their dear constituents.

ACCORDING to DeLesseps the Panama canal will be open in 1888 and Cape Horn will be abolished. DeLesseps may have to reconstruct his calculations. Uncle Sam will put in a word or two before that ditch is dug.

SENATOR PLUMB is as good as buried. His opponents are scattering broadcast through Kansas copies of Jay Gould's telegram asking him to vote for the confirmation of Stanley Matthews' nomination as judge of the supreme court—which he did.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN is coming home from Spain for a rest. It is not so much the warm weather in Madrid that he objects to as to the amount of hard labor he has to do. The claw-hammer coat that he wears winter and summer, rain or shine, is also threadbare, and he probably wants to come home to get a ready made swallow tail.

THE attempt to suppress gambling hells or bucket shops at Chicago, by depriving them of telegraphic facilities, calls forth the following comment from the Kansas City *Journal*:

The Chicago board of trade has had an alleged virtuous spasm, and demanded of the Western Union Telegraph company that no more quotations from the Chicago board shall be sent out to bucket shops. As this effectually suppresses bucket shops, suspicion is aroused, and it is believed the Chicago board intends to monopolizing the grain robbing business.

NEBRASKA is not the only state that will be torn up next month over the choice of United States Senator. The tight in Colorado will be bitter, desperate and costly. Senator Hill and the Walcott faction are arrayed against Chaffee, Bowen, Tabor and other bonanza kings. Down in Kansas the contest will be red hot. Combinations are forming to beat Plumb for re-election, and keep out any railroad man. It is even an open secret that republicans and democrats are combining to elect Glick, the new democratic governor, who is a prominent anti-monopolist, which would promote the lieutenant governor, and give the republicans the chief executive.

THE republicans of Nebraska demand a republican caucus for the nomination of a United States senator. They also demand the nomination of an anti-monopolist.—*Falls City Journal.*

If the republicans of Nebraska demand the election of an anti-monopoly republican to the senate they cannot get him through the caucus. It is a fact nobody can gainsay that a majority of the straight republican members of the legislature are more or less under the control of the monopolies. They would control the caucus and compel the minority to vote for a man of their choice. Could any true anti monopolist who is a republican be justified in becoming a party to a compact that binds him to support a man who is not in accord with his own principles and would not be satisfactory to his constituents.

ALECK STEPHENS has distinguished himself as governor of Georgia by pardoning out of the penitentiary nearly every criminal that had any influence outside of the prison walls. Considerable indignation is manifested over his pardon of a murderer by the name of Cox who was under sentence for life. Governor Stephens says that he pardoned Cox on "numerous petitions, numbering hundreds in all, embracing many eminent citizens, lawyers, jurists, merchants, bankers, ministers of the gospel, journalists, mechanics, and farmers, and including a majority of the house of representatives and two-thirds of the senate, of the present general assembly, asking executive clemency in his behalf." He ought to publish their names and reasons, those of "the ministers of the gospel" especially. According to every account of the affair in the local papers, the killing of Alston was as brutal a homicide as ever was perpetrated; and if the eminent citizens of Georgia—lawyers, jurists, merchant's bankers, and divines—think three years' imprisonment sufficient punishment for it, they must have highly original notions about the duty of the state in the matter of protecting life.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The condition of trade in many branches still remains decidedly dull and no change for the better can be hoped for until it is definitely known what changes congress will make in the tariff and revenue system. With the close of the year we also record an increased number of failures which on the one hand have been caused by overproduction, and on the other by shrinkage in values of certain commodities. In the main the business of the country is settling down to a safe and sound basis. Our foreign trade continues to show marked improvement as compared with last year. The excess of merchandise imports over exports amounted to $19,278,000 in October, and there was an excess of gold imports footing up $3,720,704. Last week's reports exhibited cotton exports since the first of September 338,000 bales in excess of the same period last year.

The export of provisions has began again and is steadily growing. There is a healthy demand for our food products in Europe and our grains and meats are moving forward freely. Railroad earnings continue to show large gains in comparison with last year, which affords the very best proof that there is a large increase in the exchange of farm products and an active movement of merchandise.

The transportation to the seacoast of a large amount of grain has been contracted for and the demand for ocean freight room is lively. Vessels that will not arrive till March are already chartered. The general facts of the situation tend in the direction of another large flow of gold to this country from Europe. We are, in short, beginning at last to realize the benefit of our great crops, and the year closes with the country richer and all its affairs in better shape than at any former time.

The west in particular has a very bright future before it. Our granaries are full and the cattle on our plains continue to thrive and multiply. The only drawback is the question of transportation, and that will be settled both by voluntary concessions and restrictive laws.

THE contest for United States senator in Nebraska promises to be an interesting one. Upon a joint ballot in the legislature, the republicans have 71 votes and the democrats and anti-monopolists combined have 62 votes. This would apparently give the republican members the power to elect a senator. But some of the republican members refuse to attend a republican senatorial caucus, and therefore cannot be bound to support any special republican candidate. It is probable that the democrats and anti-monopolists will seek to divide the republicans by voting for some republican who sympathizes with the anti-monopoly party.—*Chicago Tribune.*

The Tribune is in the main correct concerning the probable outcome of the senatorial contest in Nebraska, but it is misinformed about the political division of the legislature. It has been given out by parties who are interested in the caucus scheme, that on joint ballot the republicans would cast 71 votes against 62 opposition, when in fact, the number of members who hold certificates of election as straight republicans is only 68, about 3 majority on joint ballot.

A large number of these republicans were elected on anti-monopoly pledges, and are in honor bound to support only candidates who are pronounced in sympathy with anti-monopoly principles. There are also quite a number of seats contested, and the decisions in these cases may materially change the complexion of the legislature. One thing appears certain, and that is that only a man of sound anti-monopoly principles can hope to be the next senator from Nebraska.

THE business of smuggling is carried on all the year round by several hundred people who make their home at Buffalo. Detectives have recently made public the fact that hundreds of well-dressed men and women procure all their dry goods and clothing from Canada without the payment of one cent of duty, and that scores of saloon keepers obtain the liquors they sell from the same quarter and in like manner. Silks, clothing, jewelry, whisky, tobacco, butter and many other articles cross the border without the payment of duties and become a source of great profit to the Buffalonians. During the summer months the goods are smuggled across the Niagara river in skiffs, and in winter, when the river is frozen over, the same parties resort to sledging. The business is also helped on small lake vessels, which stop at Canadian ports and take on board contrabond goods consigned to parties in Buffalo. Such an extended system of smuggling could hardly be carried on without the connivance of the customs officers, and it strikes us that civil service reform is very necessary in that quarter.

THE debate over civil service reform in the senate develops the fact that Pendleton's bill, which is really not his own, but was gotten up by Dorman B. Eaton, is liable to get more votes from the republican side of the house than from the democrats. The assault upon this sham made by Senator Brown, of Georgia, has been followed up by Voorhees, who did not mince matters, but exposed the weak points of the proposed reform in a manner that was decidedly sensational. The debate will of course be continued from day to day until a final vote is reached, but every day only renders the passage of Pendleton's pet more doubtful. The people who read the debates cannot fail to distinguish between the real civil service reform and the sham. They begin to see the difference between an honest effort to give the country better government administered by responsible men in the most practical common sense business method, and the hypocritical humbug that seeks under false pretenses to continue the worst abuses of the existing system, while it prunes the most inoffensive branches. It is all bosh to organize commissions that will control the method of appointing poor clerks and messengers and minor officials, while the high salaried positions in every branch of the civil service are to remain at the disposal of the party leaders that happen to be in power.

CONGRESSMAN GODLOVE S. ORTH died after a severe illness at his home at La Fayette, Indiana, Sunday. Mr. Orth was one of the most prominent members of the present house, and one of its recognized leaders on the republican side. He is the sixth member of the present congress whose death we chronicle since the beginning of the session. Mr. Orth was a native of Pennsylvania, born at Lebanon in 1817. He was educated near at Pennsylvania college, graduated at the age of 22 at Gettysburg. Indiana where he removed to practice of law, and soon became quite prominent in the politics of the state. He was for six years a member of the Indiana state senate, of which he was one year president. In 1848 he was one of the whig presidential electors. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted and became captain of the troops on the United States ram Horner in the Ohio and Tennessee river fleet. He was elected to congress in 1863, serving several successive terms. He was appointed by President Grant minister to Austria in 1875, and was succeeded in that position in 1877 by John A. Kasson. Two years ago he was re-elected to Congress, and was one of the prominent candidates for speaker. He was chairman of the house committee on reform in the civil service, an ranked second on the committee on foreign affairs.

MISS or rather Mrs. Lucy Stone has favored THE BEE with a copy of the last number of the *Woman's Journal*, published in Boston, with a marginal note in red ink, "Please notice and quote." The two inside pages of the paper are profusely decorated with red ochre to attract attention to articles concerning the late woman's suffrage campaign in Nebraska. Now, we would advise Lucy Stone to sweep a little nearer her front door. Let her attend to the women of Boston instead of wasting so much valuable time and space on Nebraska. The number of women voters registered in Boston has steadily decreased every year since the passage of the law, there being now only 567, against 748 in 1881, 772 in 1880, and 989 in 1879. Their names are printed in one of the city papers this year. Only 567 women in Boston willing to take the trouble of having their names registered as voters in a city election. Is Boston degenerating into a center of ignorance and vice or have the Yankees all moved away and given up the city to the ignorant foreigners?

ACCORDING to our California exchanges Arizona is enjoying a season of peace and prosperity for the first time in her history. The difference between the present peace and good order in Arizona and the disturbed condition of affairs which existed about a year ago is a matter of general congratulation. Then there was a feeling of insecurity of life and property which was damaging to every business in the territory. The advent of Gen. Crook has put an end to outlawry and wanton murder. The United States courts are in active operation against lawlessness, and the Territorial courts "are displaying more vigor in dealing with crime and criminals. Robbery and murder have ceased to be safe pastimes; those convicted are given the extremity of the law. Arizona is no longer the outlaw's paradise, but a territory where the law is enforced and where property is as secure as in the more favored sections of the Union.

A TELEGRAM from Richmond announces the death of Robert Ould, who will be remembered by many survivors of the rebellion as a chief agent of Jeff Davis for the exchange and parole of prisoners of war. Ould has held numerous high positions in public life in Virginia and was also way up among the pious in the synod of Virginia in the Presbyterian general assembly.

Boiler Explosion.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—This afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a boiler burst at the Globe Rolling mills, No. 413 West Front street. Thomas Mallory was instantly killed, Lon Hargrave fatally injured and several were seriously injured.

Book and Literary Notes.

POEMS OF PATRIOTISM. Chosen by J. Brander Matthews. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons; Omaha, J. S. Caulfield.

A very appropriate book for the holidays or any occasion is the above. It consists of the finest selections of American poets, and the topics range from the revolutionary days of Boston in 1773 to Decoration Day ceremonies in Mississippi in 1867. Each poem is preceded by a note briefly reciting the event commemorated in verse and to the boy or girl studying United States history the book will be valuable as an aid in fixing in the memory dates, names, etc. Older persons will find in its pages the pleasure incident to a recital of the brave deeds of our country's defenders. To all this is a good work, and of a kind that the people of the United States can not have too much. From the dawn of antiquity nations have rung with praises of their heroes and no age tires of it. As Lowell says in the Biglow papers, America has much prefatory written and sung, and if that can be the beginning of the end, this book is dead have served a good mission.

"The Still Hunter" by Theodore S. Van Dyke, published by Theodore Howard & Hull, New York, attempts to give instruction to the lovers of that kind of forest sport. The work is carefully written, and is apparently the result of actual experience. The ways to find good hunting fields, the class of ammunition to use and the seasons of the year best adapted for hunting are conscientiously dwelt upon. More in the nature of a scientific treatise on the subject under consideration than a connected narrative, the book will recommend itself to all hunters as a manual for their guidance and instruction. The mechanical part is well done in every particular, the paper being first class and the printing plain and legible.

"Ruth Elliott's Dream," a story for girls, by Mary Lakeman, from the publishing house of Lee & Shepard, Boston, has been received. Covering the space of 270 pages, the story is a bright and entertaining piece of work done in colloquial style. The moral is good and the plot, though light, is sufficiently interesting to hold the reader's attention. The binding and typography are durable and excellent.

The 1883 calender just issued by the Michigan Central railroad, "The Niagara Falls route," for free distribution among friends and patrons, is probably the most useful one that has ever been printed. It being half the size, is particularly adapted to office use, and the card, printed in three harmonious tints, with an artistic view of Niagara falls wrought in the lettering, makes quite an office ornament.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1883 is finely gotten up, and is the same welcome visitor that it has been in the past. Numerous illustrations fill its pages, and altogether it is the best of publications issued on the subject of flowers.

The North American Review for January opens with a symposium in which three of the most prominent advocates in this country of the "Revision of Church Creeds," namely Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, set forth the grounds upon which such revision is deemed necessary as a defense of revealed religion against the encroachments of skepticism, and as an adjustment of the relations between faith and science. "University Education for Women," a question that just now is being warmly agitated both here and in England, is discussed by Prov. W. Le Conte Stevens, who, though he zealously advocates the measure, commands the attention and respect of its opponents by the eminent fairness with which he states the adverse arguments. Prof. Isaac L. Rice gives a philosophical study of the phases of political evolution, from the earliest Anglo Saxon times to the present day. "American English," by Gilbert M. Tucker, is a spirited defense of our cis Atlantic fashion of English speech against the aspersions of sundry British critics. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas writes an article that can hardly fail to strike a sympathetic chord in many a mind, on "The Responsibilities of Progressive thinkers." "Bigotry in the Medical Profession," by Dr. David Hunt, is a protest, from the pen of of a respected member of the medical profession, against the first commander of medical ethics, which forbids association with any but regular practioners. Finally, Charles T. Congdon, under the singularly apt title of "Adulteration of Intelligence," exposes some of the grave evils to be apprehended from the monopolization of telegraph lines, press associations and influential public journals. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York.

The Century Magazine will print, in an early number, a large portion of Hawthorne's original notes for his posthumous novel, "Dr. Grimshaw's Secret." It is said that these notes constitute probably the most intimate and most interesting revelation yet made, not merely of Hawthorne's method of composition, but of the principles kept in view by him in constructing his romances.

In 1883 Littell's Living Age enters upon its fortieth year. No better proof than this could be asked in support of the claim that it affords the best and cheapest literature. Issued weekly, and giving over three and a quarter thousand well-filled pages of reading matter yearly, it is enabled to present essays and reviews from foreign magazines with a freshness and completeness. The authors represented in its pages include the greatest lights living in science, fiction, poetry, history, politics, theology, criticism, art, etc., and none of the great questions of the day are neglected. It is but $8 a year, or it will be sent with any of the $4 monthlies or weeklies a year for $10.50. As is customary at the approach of a new year, the publishers, Littell & Co., offer to send to all new subscribers for the year 1883, remitting before January 1, the weekly numbers of 1882 issued after the receipt of their subscriptions, gratis.

Nebraska Educational Matters.

OFFICE SUP'T PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 4, 1882.

To County Superintendents:

A great many have signified their desire to have a convention of superintendents, and in order to accommodate as many as possible, I have arranged for three meetings. The first will be at Norfolk, in Madison county, December 20; the second at Hastings, December 28, and the third at Lincoln, January 11. The meetings are at liberty to the superintendents of these conventions to attend any or all educational improvements. Subjects of course, and the importance will be discussed, law will receive attention, working of the school law. Some papers will require particular attention, hope to make a report may be expected. I one or other meeting every superintendent at Put shoulders to these meetings, have given your "thinking caps" and large your ideas in regard to the school well digested.

Arrangements have been made with the B. & M., the U. P., the S. C. & P. and the C., St. P., M. & O. railroads for reduced fare. Those travelling over the B. & M. and U. P. roads must send me word in advance, and receive a certificate from me before starting, to present at their home office. This is absolutely necessary in order to receive the reduction. Certificates from me at the convention will entitle holders to return at one-fourth fare on the S. C. & P. and C., St. P., M. & O. roads. The latter gives the rates to the Norfolk meeting only, so don't delay, but send me word at once over what parts of the U. P. and B. & M. roads you must travel.

Send me a list of what blanks you will need for the next year immediately. Fraternally yours,

W. W. W. JONES.

State papers please copy.

A Knabe in the White House.

From the Baltimore American.

There was seen yesterday at Messrs. Knabe & Co.'s factory a magnificent concert grand, just finished by them for the presidential mansion. President Arthur, who is a thorough connoisseur of music, in selecting a piano for the White House decided in favor of the Knabe Piano as his preference, and ordered accordingly the instrument referred to. It is a concert grand of beautiful finish in a richly carved rosewood case, and of superb action—an instrument worthy in every respect of the place it is to occupy. It was shipped to its destination yesterday.

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