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CONGRESSMAN DORSEY carved bis Christmas turkey at home.

THE French national assembly to-day elects a president of the republic. M. Grevy's chances are very good for election. There are no other candidates in

Boston will spend \$650,000 on street improvements next year. Boston is not so slow as not to have learned that public improvements pay heavy returns on the investment.

Sr. Louis has named its delegation to the Missouri river improvement convention which is to be held in Kansas City on the 29th. The gentlemen who will represent St. Louis are all leading merchants and rivermen headed by ex-Congressman E. O. Stannard. JOHN BIGELOW, of New York, the only

nominee of President Cleveland which has been confirmed by the senate, declines the office of assistant treasurer. This leaves only 24,199 nominations to be acted upon until Mr. Cleveland forwards another batch for the action of the senate. A MOVEMENT has been started in Wash-

ington to induce congress to pass a bill providing for the erection of a new execntive mansion. If successful; the real estate syndicate interested in the scheme would no doubt feel like painting the old white house red.

According to our dispatches from Washington President Cleveland does not propose to feel unhappy if the senate does reject some of his unfit appointments. He intimates that the congressmen who have recommended unfit men for positions must bear the responsibility.

A YOUNG New Yorker started in to make a record as a sleeper, but after sleeping for five days he awoke. This is considered by New York papers as a very long nap, but when compared to that of Miss Minnie Dishner, of Columbus, Neb., who has been asleep for over two months, it is not worth mentioning.

THE Burlington's extensions in the North Platte country have already becam and dirt and gravel are flying sunwards north from Grand Island in spite of the cold weather. Outside of the paper railroads, Nebraska will have the heaviest railroad boom in the next twelve months which she has seen for years.

To suppress polygamy is one thing; to confiscate private and church property is quite another. Public sentiment throughout the country, as voiced by its best journals, condemns that part of Senator Edmunds bill which proposes to imitate the policy of Henry VIII. of England by seizing upon the lands and property of the Mormon church.

SUPT. JAMES was agreeably surprised by a very handsome Christmas gift purchased by the teachers of our public schools. Mr. James is one of the few school superintendents who is thoroughly popular both with this corps of teachers hundred thousand population. There and with the public. Since his advent to | may be a little hardship as the result of Omaha harmony in the schools has been Mr. Spark's order, among a few pregreatly promoted, with the result of a emptors, but the bulk of homesteaders steady advance in their efficiency. The teachers have felt that the superintendent was a co-worker with them, as well as a been gigantic frauds in Nebraska land endirector of the educational interests of tries. He is the last man to denounce inthe city, and that he has been always spectors as spies and seoundrels. If ready to further their individual wel- the inspectors were as vulnerable fare where such advancement did not as conflict with the public interests, It has been a great source of satisfaction to the people of Omaha to note the disappearance of the constant clashing in our | Baldwin, and other tools to make bogus schools and between the board of education and the superintendent which was so much the order of the day before Mr. fourths of his undelivered speech to Mr. James' arrival. The factional quarrels, which degenerated into political wrangles, and ward wire-pulling for the removal of one superintendent or teacher or the election of another are fortunately past. Much of this result is due to the excellent material of which our board of education changed. If such a change would only has been composed, but still more is owng to the tact, ability and hard labors of Superintendent James.

THE advertising columns of the press generally show that Christmas is over. It is the mistaken philosophy of holiday advertisers to till the columns of newspapers with their announcements in the Christmas season when everybody wants to purchase and then to abstain from advertising on the theory that nothing further is to be gained by publicity. This idea will not stand the test of examination. Large buyers and judicious buyers who do not want toys and trinkets keep away from the stores in the holiday season. They know that they can do better after the holidays are over. Advertisers who understand their business advertise more heavily in the season of trade, They have sense enough to know that it is the slow horse that needs the lash and not the fast one. Another point which keen advertisers look at, is that newspapers as a rule do not sell so well and are not as thoroughly read during the distractions of the holidays as they are before and afterwards. The advertiser depends upon the circulation of the paper and the holiday sasson

tisers. They build up great businesses

great deal of money in his day out of a lecture entitled "The Babes in the Woods." It was the habit of Mr. Ward to refer to his text only twice during his discourse. He opened his lecture by announcing that he was about to devote considerable discussion to "The Babes in the Woods." Then he launched out into a string of humor and sarcasm on other subjects, and after talking an hour and a half about every thing else under the sun, he wound up by saying, "The Baoes in the Woods." Pulling out his watch, he exclaimed in affected surprise: "But I regret to notice that I have already exceeded my time, and will take pleasure in resuming the discussion of this interesting subject when I meet you again at

some future day." Our eloquent congressman from the Second district has just delivered a speech formed on the same model. This great speech appears in the back end of the Congressional Record of December 22. It is of those thundering efforts that are never | the employment of lawyers in the proheard in the halls of congress, but are written for home consumption among gullible grangers and filed in the Record for the free use of Uncle Sam's mails. The house having under consideration the revision of rules in which Randall was worsted, the Hon. James Laird asked leave to print a few remarks in the Record. with regard to his views on the house rules. Like Mr. Ward's "Babes in the to Wood's' lecture, Laird's remarks open with a few sentences about the appropriations, fortified by some statistics elipped out of a political almanae. With this interesting prelude, our dramatic congressman boldly raises his right arm and launches a terrific blow between the eyes of Land Commissioner Sparks for almost every crime in the calendar, and makes tearful appeals on behalf of the poor downtrodden settlers, who are suffering from the effects of the land commissioner's rulings. Planting himself high up on an anti-monopoly platform Mr. Laird, who for years has made his living as a railroad attorney, and in the last campaign distributed bushels of railroad passes to his political strikers and henchmen, ex-

claims: No one from the west, that region which has suffered most from the aggressions of the landed corporations, but will sympathize with the commissioner in his effort to protect the public domain from the encroachments of the corporations of all kinds, whether cattle kings, so called, or railroads.

And then as a clincher, Mr. Laird, talking of the order of the commissioner, says: This order makes it impossible for an honest settler to raise a dollar on his final receipt; failing in this he must abandon the land or stay on the land and starve. The result is plain, he is compelled to sell, to sacrifice for almost nothing what has cost him the torture of long toll to get; his claim is "gobbled" by the land shark, the cattle syndicates, and he is sacrificed to a special agent who rides through the region of "suspected lands" in a palace car and writes lurid reports of crimes and shames that smack of the sensational, that ought no more to be received as evidence of the character of the homeseekers than the illustrations in the Police Gazette ought to be received as evidence of the forensic morality of New York.

Mr. Speaker, these men are poor; good proof they are not rascals-for the rascal seldom goes in rags. They are not prepared for a singer much less can they withstand for years the fire of all the official batteries. They have some rights as human beings; they are not wholesale liars. Men do not commit perjury by the hundred thousand. This order half a continent. Men do not sin by the continent. They do not attempt to take an empire by perjury. Men are not punished geographically, or condemned by the million without their day in court. The reasonable doubt which saves the wretch trembling for his life, "the presumption of innocence" which guards us all, speaks for these men and demands that the heel of the department of the interior be taken from the neck of these

settlers. The buncombe which represents our homesteaders in Nebraska as actually starving is a libel on the state. Nobody in Nebraska, even on the frontier, is allowed to starve. There is less of destitution and want in this state, with its threequarters of a million people, than there will be found in any eastern city of a are in no way affected. Nobody knows better than Mr. Laird that there have he makes them out his great scheme to gobble up the lands along Stinking Water creek for a cattle ranch by hiring Kelly, entries would never have been blocked by Inspector Green. Having devoted three-Spark's, Mr. Laird suddenly remembered his time had pretty nearly run out, and he concludes his remarks with one sentence, declaring it as his conviction that the rules of the house, as well as the rules of the interior department, ought to be prevent the filing of bogus speeches, it is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Bankrupt Laws. Now that the appropriation committee has been shorn of its power to obstruct all general business of the house, there is reason to believe that some of the important legislation which failed in the last session will receive consideration at the hands of congress. The bill for a uniform law of bankruptey has again been introduced and its framers propose to push it with all reasonable haste to a time, provided fair rates are given, passage. The matter is one that vitally interests the whole business community, and legislation concerning it will affect private and public interests of the largest moment. The sole object of a bankrupt law is to provide for the speedy and equitable distribution of the estates of bankduil trade than in the season of lively | rupts among their creditors and for the | ern has been prevailed upon to accord to discharge of innocent bankrupts from the our jobbers fairer treatment, there is no obligations which they cannot meet, in order that they may be free to begin again the work of building up their personal fortunes. A wise bankrupt law must provide for these ends and must exclude whatever tends to defeat them. In order to secure these objects the law must be so whole value of an advertisement to the | framed that proceedings under it may be perfectly simple. Complicated provisions generally result in the distribution of gives no greater advantage in this res- assets among lawyers and court poet than other times in the year. The officers. This was the fault with steady goers are the successful adver- the last law and it was so recognized by the business men who by keeping themselves before the public | frequently declined to participate in pro- | the corporations. This is the usual prosummer and winter and whether it rains | ceedings for the adjustment of the affairs | gramme at every session where any legis-

"Jim Laird's Babes in the Woods." charge the whole of the amounts due The immortal Artemus Ward coined a them to the account of profit and loss rather than to engage in the wasteful worrying and usually fruitless effort to seenre their share of the assets. In like manner a bankruptcy law will be worse than useless unless it provides for the prompt completion of the process and the speedy discharge of the bankrupt. Delay in the settlement of such matters is in itself loss, and the fact is so well understood that business men are almost their claims if they can thereby secure a speedy adjustment of affairs. To the bankrupt himself delay means disaster, for he has need to get to work again as soon as may be in order that bread may be won for those who are dependent upon

The three essential conditions of a good law on this subject are: simplicity of procedure, promptitude of settlement and extreme moderation in the court charges allowed. There should be as little occasion or necessity as possible for the ceedings, and the pickings incidents to the process should be reduced to a minimum. It is the opinion of nearly all business men that a bankruptcy law might be framed that would accomplish all that law can accomplish for right in this matter, without entailing much expense upon creditors or subjecting them to undue delay; but in its former attempts deal with the subject concertainly has not sue ceeded in devising such a statute. The bankrupt laws we have had bave afford ed dishonest debtors the opportunity they desired and have been so costly and tedious in application as to be of very little worth to creditors. They were repealed because their existence was generally felt to involve more harm than good. It will be a mistake to enact another statute of that kind. Unless congress can devise a bankrupt law under which justice can be done more surely, more speedily and less expensively than is possible without any national law on the subject, it will do better to let the whole matter alone.

The Death of Ex-Mayor Murphy. The announcement of the death of Hon, P. F. Murphy has shocked the community. A few days ago he was among us in robust health. Stricken down with a fatal disease which bailled the skill of physicians, he passed away almost before his illness was known outside of his family circle. This sudden ending of a career full of promise is a sad commentary on the uncertainty of life. From an humble beginning as a hard-working mechanie. Mr. Murphy has gained prominence in public life and wielded a large influence among the popular masses. His popularity was attested by the handsome vote he received for mayor last spring against a man who was regarded as invincible, and who had behind him the support of the business men and capitalists. In his capacity as councilman and as acting mayor Mr. Murphy enjoyed the confidence of our citizens and the esteem of his colleagues and subordinates. The workingmen of Omaha, who always found him in active sympathy with their cause, will feel Mr, Murphy's death as a personal loss.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat presents an interesting study of crime. It published, of Lincoln, in his moonshine, lishes a record, fourteen colums long, of money-handlers now serving sentences in the penitentiaries of fifteen states. The list includes eashiers and other officers of banks and corporations, agents of financial institutions, defaulters in federal, state, county and municipal offices, now in the various penitentiaries. The majority of the convicts referred to in this record are men who had money to start with, had good social positions, enjoyed high reputations, belonged to the church and were trusted. In nearly every case in the list, ranging from the embezzlement of \$2,000,000 down to the most trifling sum, there was no excuse for the deed, as there was no stress of necessity to drive the person to crime. The sentences of these convicts vary in length, their duration, however, bearing little or no relation to the enormity of the crime. The terms range from one to twelve years. Not one woman armears on the long list of embezzlers. This is indeed creditable to the fair sex. No report appears from the Nebraska penitentiary and we know of no embezzlers, of the class referred to by the Globe-Democrat, that are serving a term in our state prison. While the Globe-Democrat's list of such criminals now in prison is indeed a long one, the list of those who are now in Canada would be much larger and much more interesting.

THERE is one thing that can be honestly said of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company, and that is that it doesn't build any of its extensions on paper. Its push is well illustrated in its Nebraska extensions, particularly the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missonri Valley line. It has recently let the contract for one hundred miles of this road, from Chadron to Fort Fetterman, the work to be completed by September 1, 1886. This is taken as convincing evidence that the road will be pushed to Ogden to connect with the Central Pacific as rapidly as men and money can do it. The Ogden line is surveyed for 150 miles west of Fort Fetterman, and the surveyors are moving toward Salt Lake at a rapid rate. The Northwestern, with its Ogden line and the Black Hills branch, and its Nebraska system, will certainly command a vast extent of territory. At the same it opens to Omaha merchants a wide field, but with an unjust discrimination, such as that which has until recently been complained of, these extensions will shut us out from a country that is naturally tributary to this city While it may be true that the Northwesttelling how long it will continue, as railroad managers are sometimes very uncertain. The only way to hold the Northwestern and other roads in check is to build an Omaha road to the northwest, and if this cannot be done by our home capitalists, the next best thing is to have such a road constructed by any parties who will do it and make Omaha the actual terminus. -

DISPATCHES from Washington Intimate that the house committee on Pacific railroads will be packed in the interest of of their insolvent debtors, preferring to lation likely to affect the land grant roads back talk from congress.

is projected. In the present congress, aside from the bills compelling the companies to take out patents on their unsurveyed lands, the Hear sixty year bending bill will be pushed by the railroad lobby for all that it is worth. The senate committee on railroads may be expected to report it favorably, and the strong corporation lobby in that body will use every effort to secure the passage. The monopoly managers know where they are weakest and are accordingly laying always ready to sacrifice some part of their wires to capture the committees in the lower house, before they begin their active labors with congressmen in the hotels and lobbies.

SENATOR BLAIR'S educational bill would take about seventy million dollars from the treasury during the next eight years. This, says the Philadelphia Record, accounts largely for the favor with which the measure is regarded by many members of congress.

PERSONALITIES.

Chang, the Chinese giant, is going to try roller skating. When he falls he may bring

down the house. Bradlaugh, the non-juror, is a widower, and lives with his two good looking daughters, who are as atheistic as their father.

The cost of King Milan's dagger and bulletproof case was \$250. He would like to trade it off for a cat and then shoot the animal. The new minister to Japan, ex-Governor

Hubbard, of Texas, gets roaring mad when the Mikado forgets to call him "Governor." Bismarck, says a French publisher, charges \$20 for his autograph. Just think of it! The price of 400 glasses of beer for a scratch of the

Mr. Gladstone is addicted to the use of postal cards, but he doesn't waste his time in trying to see how many thousand words he can write on one.

Dr. Mary Walker has reappeared at Washington in a high silk hat and a masculine ulster. Those who do not know her think she is a giddy "masher." May Endicott, Secretary Endicott's only

daughter, drives a drag with a London coach man in the front seat, and dresses in a close fitting suit of blue flannel. John Lochrane, of Atlanta, to show the be able to receive on New Years.

genuineness of his reformation, poured all his large private stock of wines and brandles into the streets of the cities. Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, Quebec,

is the cattle king of the dominion. He owned the Tenth Duchess of Airdrie, fifteen of whose caives were sold by him for \$175,000, Representative Romeis (at whose name the girls look twice, thinking it Romeo) began

life as a cabin boy. He polished up the handle quite earefully, and so got a good start-Gen. Lew Wallace is said to have made \$30,000 by his flying trip to Constantinople, and has put the money in a Crawfordsville, Ind., bank. He did it with that Patrick tor-

Judge David Davis, alded by his accomplished young wife, is writing his reminiscences. He will probably not relate the eirconstances connected with his popping the

M. de Lesseps is one of the best known figures in Paris. His tightly buttoned black trock coat, with a ribbon in the button-hole, black hat jauntily tilted a little to one side, square shoulders and brisk walk give him a military bearing and make him appear many years younger than he really is,

A Diability.

Wisner Times.
It is rumored that Church Howe will be a candidate for congress in the First district next year. He is liable to find Allen W.

A Wistful Eye. New York Journal Tobias Castor is the name of a Nebraska

republican who is said to have a wistful eye

on the seat of Senator Van Wyck. He ought

to have no trouble in swinging round the Very Adroit. Crete Vidette,
Bro. Gere defends the acts of the railroad

commission with all the advoltness of a connoiseur. He has furnished abundant proof that he would make a most excellent. lawver. The Poorest Stick.

Papillion Times.

With the exception of Ajnx Weaver, all members of the Nebraska delegation in congress are hard at work on legislation of some sort of interest to their constituents. Weaver is the poorest stick this state ever shipped to Washington.

It Is Nauscating.

It is a trifle amusing to notice the grimaces made by the monopoly organs of the state, alluding to articles of praise in behalf of Van Wyck which are to be seen in two-thirds of the state papers. It is as nauscating to their stomachs as a dose of wormwood and as piercing to their hides as a cambrie needle in the hands of a truant boy.

Rather Touching. York Republican.

There is a tenderness among the rural dem ocratic press of the state toward Senator Van Wyck that is touching. Even our own Democrat rushes into the misty mazes of political enthusiasm, and pours out its soul in praises. It can't be that Van's new bill for another land office in Nebraska, to be filled by some desiring democrat, has anything to do with this exuberant gush.

No Better Than Weaver.

Papillian Times, The latest is to the effect that G. M. Hum phrey, of Pawnee, is an anxious candidate for congress from this district. Humphrey is no better than Weaver, and if the republican party of this district can't furnish better ma terial it's time to quit. Only the best man should be put forward while the party has a majority sufficient to elect over any demoerat; therefore, the Times is in favor of some such man as John C. Cowin.

Gives Them a Great Deal of Trouble.

Troumsel Journal.

It seems to give the solid monopoly repub lican organs a great deal of trouble because a few of the honest democratic papers-like the Journal-persist in giving Senator Van Wyck full credit for the good he has done, and is endeavoring to do, for the people of Nebraska and the west. However, any man who is opposed to monopoly and dishonest practices will be abused by nearly all the little, scabby republican papers in the state.

Plucked a Political Persimmon.

Papillion Times, Van Wyck has incurred the entity of Manderson's friends by his bill for a new land office in northwest Nebraska. Mander son's crowd claims Van Vyck had no business to father any legislation of interest only to the people who reside north of the Platte, which territory is conceded to be under charge of the Omaha senator. But Van don't care much for sectional, territorial party or any other kind of lines, and when he sees an opportunity to pluck a persimmon from Manderson's political forest he is liable to do it without much ceremony.

There never were more mayriages in the history of Dakota than during the present season. This is a state which the Dakotaian can secure without any aid or

gathered in the chase, ran down the housebreakers and marched them back to STATE AND TERRITORY. Nebraska Jottings,

The new Christian church at Wake-

field was formally dedicated last Sunday.

of bonding the town for gas and water

The butcher shop of Herman Busch in

cribner was destroyed by tire Christmas

The value of hogs lost in the state from

Clearwater, Antelope county, will

tilize its superb water power for a flour

mill early next season.

87 car loads were received.

target gun and sling shot.

doors and greased hinges.

January 15.

insurance \$1,200.

and takes life easy.

worth several hundred dollars.

shreds. His recovery is doubtful.

flooding the streets of the town.

The residence of W. R. Livesay, in

Horse thieves are operating in Saline

Lou Vaughan, of Blair, who was crit

cause of his misfortune, for \$15,000 dam-

John Michael of Otoe county was di-

and now they have let "bygones be by

gones," and will be remarried in a short

E. M. Kenner of Pawnee city, was

arrested Tuesday for threatening to take the life of his parents, and after ex-

amination by physicians was pronounced

The ice in the Loup and Platte rivers

broke Tuesday night, taking two spans of the Loup and one of the Plattebridges;

lso three spans of the Atchison & Ne

The great question at the Adams county

metropolis just now is: "Will Hastings have a team next year?" The number of

porsethieves operating in that vicinity

A. W. Yardwide, of Antelops county,

laims to be the champion busker of the

nine hours and Sixteen minutes. His

A subscriber of the Weeping Water

Republican threatens to "stop my paper" unless the editor supports dames B.

tor Van Wyck for vice president in 1888.

hawkers will not build a foot of road

There was a panie in the Morning Mail

office in Platismouth one night last week, owing to the failure of the BEE to reach

the office in time for dissection. A long and diligent search of the town resulted

in finding a copy, and the Mail appeared

as usual next morning. It was a narrow

escape from a calamity, and appeals

The second attempt of the heirs to pro-

bate the Seaulan will, involving the title to the townsite of Wymore, has been de-

ste is valued at \$500,000, and the reopen

ing of the will case would have paralyzed

property owners. The will was or gired

ly probated in 1873 and the land sold in conformity therewith. When the land

ecame valuable the heirs sought to an

nul the action of the probate court, but

The Pratt and Meyers family of Oak-

dale curry horses capable of demolishing

and the speed of the respective mags has been a constant source of dispute. They

met on the high road near town last Tues

when a rut in the track overturned the buggy, throwing Meyers and his wife to the ground. Pratt and his wife were

sailing behind, and before their speed

could be slackened they dashed over the

ers secured a dislocated shoulder, and hi

wife a scalp wound as mementoes of the

event. But the question of the best horse

Des Moines is going to invest in a law

Iowa Falls improvements for the year

Charley Shearer, a Prairie City farmer

shot himself into the kingdom come last

Frank Sheridan, of Audubon, toyed

The residence of D. N. Goodrich, of

Missouri Valley, was destroyed by fire

Dubuque is troubled with while-bodied

young men who wont work, and who de pend on charity for a living.

Many Hardin county farmers handl

capped the cholers by disposing of their

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has

began work again on the proposed cut-off from Glenwood to Council Bloils.

A large agricultural machinery manu

factory has located at Keokuk, and will erect large buildings in the spring.

Bishop Percy, of the Episcopal church,

had a Davenport druggist arrested last week for selling whicky to a minor.

Marshalltown druggists have agreed to go out of the liquor business. Smiles and

before the disease appeared.

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prostrate forms of their opponents.

remains ansettled.

and order league.

Tuesday.

Wednesday.

are figured at \$50,000.

a mile in something less than an hour.

feated in the district court.

strongly to the vigilance of the postal au

The Kansas City, Superior & North-

state, with a record of 213; bush

braska railroad bridge.

will soon solve the question.

claim will bear measurement.

the line.

thorities.

Hebron, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 20th, causing a loss of \$2,100,

cholera during the past two years is placed at \$4,500,000.

McCook has a surplus of gambling Oskaloosa improvements during the east year foot up to over \$318,000. Twenpast year foot up to over \$318,000. Twen-ty-nine brick and eleven frame buildings Albion is agitating water works for fire A \$1,000 opera house has been com-

Henry county has not had a saloon open within its borders since the prohibitory law went into effect. Everybody down "Bisckleg" has killed off a number of fine cattle in Saunders county. here that gets a drink does so on the sly, The suit of Lee county against David Blackburn, ex-treasurer, has been settled by the payment of \$8,000 by the sureties Neligh will vote to day on the question

of his bond. The amount of the defalcaion was about \$20,000. Carson complains of the discriminating freight rates of the railroads, and cites an stance of it in the fact that \$2.25 per ton more to get coal hauled there than to Council Bluffs.

Miss Lucy Martin, who was injured by ing thrown from a horse at Glenwood, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. She had been a school teacher in the town for a number of years, and was highly respected by all.

In the eleven months just passed North Bend shipped 380 car loads of stock, and An attempt was made to burn the Cedar Rapids skating rink Wednesday The greatest nuisance in Fremont at morning by placing a turpentine barrel under the building, with a fuse running to the bung. The fuse had been lighted, present is the small boy armed with a Albion has contracted for a chrome but had gone out when the fire reached cel jail, with automatic locks, sliding the bung.

Dakota.

A tank containing 1,200 barrels of water collapsed in Milford, last week, An electric light plant will be put up at Huron. The machinery for the flax mill at Knox county will support George W. Hervey of Creighton for secretary of the Yankton has been ordered. Two silver bricks, aggregating 2,531 state board of agriculture at the election mees, were shipped from the Iron mine

> Five bricks worth \$91,000 were the result of the run of the Homestake mine the

first two weeks of December. Gov. Pierce has adopted a rule that in A kid of eight years is space bending on the Atkinson Graphic. When weary of the job he coddles up in the "e" box all applications for pardon the party must set forth by adidavit that no money as been used or promised to attorneys or other persons to promote the effort, and if any is used its exact amount and use must be stated.

county. George Robinson reports the loss of a 10 year old sorrel chestnut horse Capt. Parshall, of the Hanson Advocate, advises Dakota farmers to go slow about giving the culture of tobacco atten-An Indianola hunter named Spencer drew a bead on a deer and blazed away. The gun burst and fore his arm into tion, as he has experimented with it six ears and still buys all his tobacco. He ays that unless a man is thoroughly fa-Miss Dishner, the sleeping beauty of Platte county, shows signs of improve-ment, and it is confidently hoped she will niliar with its culture, he had better not fool with it:

A meeting of farmers was held at Flandran on the 19th to see if united action could be had toward compelling the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad pled for life at a target practice last fall, has sued Julius Altschuler, the innocent company to pay each man the award of oss caused by a prairie fire, set October by sparks from the company's engines. Several of the individual claims have alvorced from his wife about a month ago, ready been presented, but the company s to give the matter attention.

unount of losses aggregate nearly \$10,000. Wyoming. Cheyenne claims a population of 10,000.

The proposed Union Pacific depot at heyenne will cost \$75,000. Laramie claims to be the cleanest and

iveliest city in the territory. The Cheyenne Sun treated it readers on Christmas day to an illustration of the editor's stocking filled with live adds. It was loaded, and thus escaped quarantine. A cowboy named Barber attempted the earmine act with a revolver in Cheyenne, but it proved a flat failure. A score of parkeepers caressed him with their boots,

The Peoples' Choice.

a billy and run him into the cooler.

and a policeman softened his bumps with

Blair Republican. We are strongly reminded of the "batle of the pigmies" when we observe the popularity with the people. The people have no axes to grind, no consuming jealwestern railroad managers are skirmishing for bonds in Nuckolls county to aid oney that the unassuming, plain, fearless building the road. The Kansas lay- old man from Otoe county will overton those diamonds and fars and sleigh and some other statesman big in their own eswithout mortgages on the counties along timation, but who are mere muckworms measured on the record. The people have watched the senator through every undannted fight that he has made on the land grappers, the star route robbers, the eattle barons, and the usurpations of corporations. Wherever there was an abuse to be corrected, a wrong to be righted or a righteous measure to be advocated, his voice has been heard and his influence ins been felt. Can it be denied that be has originated and perfected some of our sest national measures? Is he not recogrized and admitted to have gained a na

tional reputation?
This is all true, all admitted, except by a few whippersnappers and their friends, the editors of railroad organs. This is the very reason why the people admire Van Wyek and desire to see him returned to the senate. The editors aforesaid yell with plarm and chagrin every time he turns around to make some antagonist sneeze with a tough dose of logic, or leads out in some new direction with the introduction of a new bill to benefit the settlers of the west. "Look out!" say the pignies, the hypocritical old demagogue is at his old tricks again, bailing the grangess with some new device to capday, and without any preliminaries the race began. Meyers' plug took the lead and kept it to the three-quarter pole. ture votes. Head him off or he will beat

Well, their instincts are correct. The "Old man" has been under fire before-in the army-in the halls of congress-in the political round-ups of this state and he has always courrived to bury these somebodies" or "nobodies" who are so usy "preparing the corpse." We don't youch for other counties, but

the voters of this county entertain a very warm regard for Van Wyck. His efforts are a matter of every day comment. They will be largely a unit for his return to the senate. We know this to be the case in Burt county, and we believe the whole North Platte is permeated by the same entiment. Let the pigmies have their

Sparks and the band Hobbers.

Land Commissioner Sparks has been the target of much severe writicism on account of his rule suspending the issuing of patents in certain sections of the coun try until mutters could be investigated. It may be that the order is too sweeping, but that some such precentionary meastire was necessary there is every reason to know. Trials at the present term of the U.S. district court at Omaha, of land reliberagives some indication as to the extent to which fraudident entries have been resorted to. One outfit took some seventy chains along the Frenchman, Muddy and other tribinaries of the upper Republican, none of which were genuing Most of them were taken under as sumed names, the gang cancoved to the purpose taking the false onthe for the pultry sum of five dollars. go out of the liquor ousness. Smiles and winks are now a drug in the market.

The assessed valuation of Scott county, including Davenport, is \$9.992,575. The taxes will net \$124,689.86 to the county.

It takes "three looks and and aboot" to get an eye one or in Des Moines just now. The police are again raiding the jugwumps. The Davenport glucose company declared a samt-annual dividend of 6 per cent has week, and has \$80,000 surplus in dolor Review. John Bownma, a mote, about 37 years old, left his friends at Eddyville about the 18th of September, and has not since the land robbers are folled as a result of the land robbers are folled as a result of the land robbers are folled as a result of Three burghars broke juil at Mount Phorant during the absence of the officers, but the sheriff's wife, with a posse decand.

TIMELY TEMPERANCE TALK

The Reason Why a Newspaper Man Pro poses to Swear Off at New Years.

Some Very Practical Points-One of the Best Temperance

Lectures of the Season. Chicago Herald.

"I going to swear off New Year's.

said a newspaper man who does railread

and night police, as he dropped into one of Potter Palmer's cushioned seats in the rotunda, of the hotel. Of course there was a laugh. There always is a laugh at a New Year's promise, and particularly that of a newspaper man. "No, boys, ! have got some ideas on this tippling, and I'm going to give 'em to you. If either one of you will print 'em you're welcon to do it. My proprietor is a drinker himself in a small way and be might say had not engaged me to write temperar lectures. But I'll tell you what I've be thinking about and everybody ought think of it. That's the cost, Now, I' got too much sense to take up the te. perance racket from any sentiment idea, nor will I prate about the moralis side of it. Leave that to the platfo cranks and blue ribbon idiots. My stan point is one of practicality. What do the tippling habit cost? I have been moderate drinker for twenty-live years. don't think the habit is growing of me. I know I am in no danger of th gutter or tramphood. My health is good my mind clear and active, and, physical ly and mentally considered, my seven or eight drinks a day or more on occasions seem to have done me no harm. Bat I am damnably poor." With this the newspaper man stretched his legs and looked at his friends, who were all his juniors. They hardly realized his poverty, he was well dressed and known to be a gentleman. "Fact," he said. "I am poor and in debt. Of course, you know the craft does not get princely incomes, but hey get enough to save something from. The difficulty is not so much lack of income as lack of prudence in handling it. Do you know what led me into this train of thought? I'll tell you. I went into one of the best saloons the other morning to get a cocktail. I was a little shaky and needed it. I had just 25 cents. I got my 10 cents change, and then leaned up against the rail and looked around. I saw pictures that were elegant. I saw mirrors reflecting and duplicating them. I saw the most imagnificent ent glass and silverware. I saw wood carvings, marble tilings, gorgeous tapestries, superb frescoes, and speaking to a young man present, the barman said that it had cost nearly \$50,000 to supply this one place with these gorgeous things. I looked for the proprietor. He was not in just then, but his magnificent family sleigh stood outside. It bore tufted plumes and the horses were banged tails and Russian arches of silver gongs. The coachman were a green coat with great potmetal disks for buttons and a huge sealskin cap that cost more than mine. And then, as I looked, I began to think. Thirmed to the bar and said inwardly, 'Til put up the other 10 cents and get a cocktail. The young man who made it attracted my attention.' He was one of four who were dealing out the brain pol-He was young, strong, stalwart, son. He was young, strong His dress was immaculate, faultiess, his hands soft and white; his whole appearance suggested the fresh-ness of early spring. In his polished shirt gleamed a gorgeous diamond. Upon his little linger blazed another. I looked fare waged on Senator Van Wyck by some republican organs. They fear his be compelled to borrow to see me through the week. Then reflection went still further, and I asked myself how much of my poor salary went to keep up this style, and how much interest I had in bang-tailed horses? Then I began to look at the profits of the business, and remembered that there were sixty average drinks to the gallon of whisky, and that the average bar whisky costs \$3 a gallon. At theents a drink this diamond bedigzened gentleman behind the bar took in \$9 for something that cost \$3, to say nothing of added water. And then I remem-bered how few of these gentlemen had

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even a cent to spend on anything but their sellish pleasures; how they wore the

finest of clothing, the costnest of under-wear, silken and cashmere; how their

shoes and boots cost from \$12 to \$20 a pair and how I had to tramp around with

the madder I got, and I have made up my mind to leave no more of my money with

hase gentlemen who live so easily and

uxuriously, and whose gorgeous liveli-

hood costs them not an hour's worry. Others may and will order drinks, no

doubt, but from me the saloons and their

gorgeous proprietors, have got their last

dollar. That is my little Christmas tem-

perance lecture. Try and profit by it."



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