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General Railroad Law.

Among the earliest measures which should command the attention of the General Assembly at its presents session, is a general railroad law, similar in its provisions to that passed by the Maryland Legislature, and in several other States where special railroad legislation had become such a clog to legislative action generally, as it proposes to become in this State.

Before the passage of such a law in the several States, it is safe to say that one-half the time occupied in legislation was devoted to the consideration of these special charters, many of which were of the most pernicious character in their operations and effect upon the capital of the State.

A general railroad law can be so framed as to be a perfect protection to the people, while it will afford all the facilities and advantages to capital which the most prudent railroad man might desire.

The true policy of the State requires that all proper inducements should be held out to the capitalists of the country to embark their means in local railroad enterprises. It is to these enterprises, successfully entered upon and completed, that the farmer, mechanic, manufacturer and general producer of the State must look for the means of cheap and rapid transportation, and for that enhancement of general values which constitutes the chief growth in wealth of the State.

But the chief advantage of such a law, so far as it immediately affects legislation, is that it dispenses with a vast amount of unnecessary labor on the part of the General Assembly, which will be annually called upon to consider more special railroad charters, ten to one, than there will ever be railroads built in the State.

The way to stop all this is to pass a general railroad law, with well-guarded provisions, and let whoever will, build as many railroads in the State under it as he can command capital to build them with.

DEMOCRATIC ELEC. ORAL VOTE.

Mr. Augustus Schell, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, has issued a circular letter, in effect, addressed to the Democratic Electors in the several States, saying that the Committee do not regard it within the scope of their authority to advise such electors as to the course they should pursue in view of the death of Mr. Greeley, since such an event was unprovided for by the action of the Baltimore Convention.

The official canvass of Kansas is only one of the many things going to show the wonderful rapidity with which the State is increasing in population. In the total vote cast at the late election there was an increase of 42,000 over the total vote of two years back.

THE National Soldiers' Asylum at Dayton, Ohio, has five hundred and forty acres of ground attached to the institution, and is supplied with everything that can minister to the comfort of the disabled heroes of the war.

VINIE REAM AT THE INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

The Industrial Fair, lately held at Newark, New Jersey, appears to have been a great success. The stockholders have been reimbursed, and a small balance remains, which, it is understood, is to be used as the nucleus of a fund for future operations.

Miss Ream was employed by the committee to pursue her work from day to day in public. Seated upon a platform she modelled in clay before the wonderful multitude hosts of such persons as were selected for her. Under the touch of genius the plastic clay grew to faithful semblance of the human face divine.

The question of interest and usury will again command the attention of the Legislature of the State, and should be handled in a more intelligent and satisfactory manner than at its last session.

Viewed in this light, it will not be difficult for the legislation of the State to adjust itself to the necessities and demands of a people in respect to interest and usury.

WE now have a very anomalous condition of things presented in the shape of dual governments in no less than three States of the Union. In Arkansas they have elected two Governors, or at least both candidates claim to be elected, and both declare their purpose to act as Governor.

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such they really are) a source of very suggestive thought and reasoning.

The volumes are handsomely printed and bound, and will make a valuable addition to the thoughtful student's library.

MAGAZINES FOR DECEMBER.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, for December, presents one of the most valuable table of contents of any magazine that has yet come to hand.

This magazine, which contains about one hundred and thirty closely printed pages, is edited by Prof. E. L. Youmans, from whom there is no man in the country better qualified to conduct a popular science monthly.

THE OCEAN MONTHLY, for December, comes over to us most promptly as those of the Atlantic States. It contains the fourth part of Mr. Miller's new poem entitled "Isles of the Amazons," which will be read with interest and pleasure by all lovers of genuine poetry.

THE HERALD OF HEALTH and "Journal of Physical Culture" for December, is an excellent number, and fully sustains the high reputation accorded this excellent magazine.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL, for December, is a capital number of this most excellent monthly, and a worthy completion of its fifty-fifth volume.

THE RECORD OF TESTS AT LOWELL, MASS., BY PROF. N. S. BURNHAM'S NEW THERMINE, superior to all others.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURES, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE RICHMOND LECTURE ASSOCIATION. PROF. E. P. HOWLAND, OF WASHINGTON, WILL DELIVER A COURSE OF THREE LECTURES ON THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE.

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