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HOMES IN THE WEST.

Persons looking westward for homes can procure full information concerning the GARDEN SPOT of Iowa and Minnesota, by subscribing for the Worthington ADVANCE, published at Worthington Minnesota. Send $3 for one year; $1 for six months, and 50 cents for three months, to "ADVANCE, Worthington Nobles county, Minnesota."

CURRENT TOPICS.

SECRETARY SCHURZ has no hankering to return to Fatherland as American minister.

LORD DUFFERIN proposes to pack all the chronically destitute Irish off to Manitoba. What has Manitoba done?

WITHIN the past year 7,500 miles of new railroad have been built in the United States. Most of these are Western.

THERE was a boom in the national debt reduction last month. The total reduction reached the cheerful sum of $5,699,430.

THE little game-cock government of Chili seems disposed to follow the example of Uncle Sam in '44, and gobble up the whole Pacific coast of South America.

THE South Carolina legislature has enacted a new batch of laws against dueling. It seems to amuse the legislature, and interferes with nobody's pistolic diversion.

THE Union Pacific railway proposes to pull a plum out of the mouth of Pullman, by refusing to renew their contract, which soon expires. They are disposed to try building their own sleepers.

SIX more pairs of shoulder-straps are to be retired from the national police squad, by courtesy called the army. The privates will out-number the officers if this sort of thing becomes epidemic.

THE socialunatics of New York are preparing to turn themselves loose in a grand reception to Hartmann, the Russian nihilist who served several years' apprenticeship to the art of czar-extermination, and failed to master it.

MR. WILLETT, of Michigan, proposes to disfranchise the Mormons as an antidote to polygamy. It would then be only a question of wives versus votes. The uxorious follower of the prophet pays his money and takes his choice.

WEST VIRGINIA has produced a mariner to take charge of the small fleet of tubs owned by this government—Nathan Goff, Jr., of Clarksburg. As he gives up an office paying him $6,000 a year, it looks as though he must have a longer grip on the portfolio than the two months remaining of the present administration.

RUSSIA, having determined to occupy the country of the Turcomans—"occupy" being czarese for steal—is having plenty of fun doing it. They have had several lively fights, in which, though defeated, the Turcomans made the victories expensive. But as it is only a question of time, the Tekkes are shedding their blood for pure glory.

THE British lion and the African boer seem determined to fight it out. The people of the Orange River Free State are joining with their neighbors of the Trans-Vaal in their insurrection against English rule. This combination places in the field a much larger force than the British can oppose to them for some months, and serious trouble is anticipated.

CAPT. EADS, having milked the jetty cow dry, has been exercising his persuasive powers upon the unsophisticated Greaser with the most gratifying success. The "horseback government" granted him the right of way for his ship railroad across the isthmus of Tehauntepec, and gave a bonus of a million acres of land on the Pacific coast to build his depot and warehouse upon.

THE Connemara sensation has reached New England, and has developed into the largest assemblage of black crows that ever flew from Minnesota. The Boston *Journal* has jumped to the astute conclusion that the entire population of Minnesota are starving; and as anything emanating from the Hub is unquestioned gospel in the remote East, Minnesota receives a vast amount of gratuitous sympathy.

THE Irish unpleasantness is a bonanza for the gunmakers, who are doing an unprecedented business. The government expresses confidence in its ability to meet any emergency with the forces now in the country. Queen Victoria asks for special discretionary powers to keep the turbulent Hibernians in order. If it was only suggested to her, a dose of moral suasion might have a better effect than iron and lead.

CONGRESS should tender a vote of thanks to Prince Bismarck. The intolerable rigors of his government are driving to America all the better classes who can raise sufficient of the needful to pay their passage to America. Uncle Samuel is thereby the gainer of multitudes of thrifty, educated and honest citizens, who will be a great developing factor in our vast unoccupied domain. The Germans will settle their social and political problems by a short cut—to America.

THE process of instantaneous photography, recently perfected in London, does away with the necessity of swallowing a crowbar to maintain the erect inflexibility usually supposed to be essential to catching the shadow. The photographer now lariats his victim on the run. The whole job requires only the hundredth part of a second, and the escaping thief, or the party anxiously seeking to cut the acquaintance of a mad bull, may be photographed as perfectly as if he had slicked up and planted himself for the purpose.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The Dakota legislature meets at Yankton, Jan. 11.

Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, was inaugurated at Boston, Jan. 6.

The President is about to fill six vacancies on the army retired list.

Chief Justice Moss, of the Ontario court of appeals, died at Nice, Jan. 5.

The wife of John Russell Young died at the Newfoundland asylum, Jan. 5.

Mr. Frye, of Maine, has withdrawn from the senatorial contest, in favor of Mr. Hale.

One hundred and twenty bills were introduced in the House at Washington on Jan. 10.

The election of Philetus Sawyer, of Wisconsin, to the U. S. Senate is now claimed as a certainty.

Gen. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, was nominated and confirmed Secretary of the Navy, Jan. 6.

Gen. Garfield is considering the proposition to give Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, a seat in his cabinet.

Gen. Ben Harrison, according to Indianapolis advices, is certain to succeed McDonald in the United States senate.

The congressional investigating committee in the Donnelly-Washburn contest is expected to make a full report this week.

Capt. R. E. Davies, formerly chief commissary of the department of Dakota, located at St. Paul, died at Jersey City, Jan. 5.

The President recognized Louis Borlen, consul of the Swiss Confederation at Chicago, and Theodore Schurz, vice consul of the Swiss Confederation at Chicago.

A dispatch from Washington, Jan. 10, says: The sub-committee of the committee on military affairs had under consideration the bill to make Gen. Grant captain-general, and will report adversely to the committee.

On Jan. 10, the President nominated Col. D. B. Sacket senior inspector general of the army with the rank of brigadier general; Capt. James C. Breckenridge, Second artillery, assistant inspector general, with the rank of major.

Jan. 4, Governor Foster sent to the Ohio Senate a special message along with a letter from President-elect Garfield renouncing and declining the United States Senatorship, which was immediately referred to the judiciary committee.

Gov. Murray, of Utah, refused a certificate of election to Geo. Q. Cannon, delegate to Congress elect from that Territory, on the ground that he is not a citizen of the United States. The certificate was given to Allen G. Campbell, the gentile candidate.

WEEKLY CASUALTY RECORD.

A $40,000 fire occurred on Madison street, Chicago, Jan. 5.

The final deposit has been posted in London in the Hanlan-Laycock rowing match.

Twenty-one deaths from diphtheria occurred in New York within twenty-four hours.

The headquarters of the militia at Philipopolis have been burned. Five sentinels perished.

The bark John Sittleson, from Hamburg for Philadelphia, sunk in a collision. Six of the crew are missing.

Four men were killed in New York, Jan. 6, by the explosion of a can of shellac varnish in a fermenting tub in a brewery.

The British steamer Brazilian, from Boston, was wrecked when entering the Mersey yesterday. No persons drowned.

A mother and daughter, at Fort Scott, Kan., were fatally burned, Jan. 6, by their clothes catching fire from a fire place.

Nine deaths are already reported from the boiler explosion at the Allentown, Pa., rolling mills, and three more are expected to die.

A dispatch from Watertown, D. T., Jan. 7, says that the first mail in thirteen days has just been received there. Snow blockad caused the delay.

A freight train and an engine came in collision on the Delaware & Susquehanna railroad, Jan. 8. Five men are severely injured; two, it is thought, mortally.

A boiler in the puddling mill of the Allentown, Pa., rolling mill exploded Jan. 6, instantly killing one man, fatally wounding five, and seriously injuring five more.

San Francisco dispatch, Jan. 10: Off December 13th, the Japanese coasting steamer with sixty passengers and a crew of twenty-two foundered in the inland sea and sixty-four lives were lost.

A three masted schooner, sugar laden, came ashore on Brigantine Bar at Atlantic, N. J., Jan. 7, during a dense fog. All hands are down with the chills and fever and the captain is dead.

A fire in Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 5, destroyed the Hodge Opera House, and the Gargling Oil building adjoining. Loss, $150,000; insurance, $66,000. Several firemen and citizens were injured by falling walls.

The brewery of Ober Bros., Allegheny City, having a capacity of 12,050 barrels of beer annually, was totally destroyed by fire about 7 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 3. Loss, $45,000, on which is an insurance of $17,000.

A dispatch from Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 5, says: The fast mail train on the W. & W. railroad, bound north, ran off the track near Magnolia last evening. Several persons were hurt, but none killed. The accident was caused by the breaking of a wheel.

Des Moines, Ia., dispatch, Jan. 8: A special from Creston says: A passenger train coming north this morning on the Kansas City road, struck a broken rail near Bedford. Four coaches were derailed and the train was badly wrecked. No passengers hurt.

A tenement house in New York city was burned on the morning of Jan. 4, the fire being caused by a gasoline explosion, caused by a careless plumber. The single egress was stopped by the flames, producing a horrible panic among the tenants. Men and women threw their children from the windows, jumping after them themselves, setting their clothing on fire from the flames. When the firemen had mastered the fire, the dead bodies of ten persons were found, who had perished from suffocation and burning.

Jan. 4, a shocking accident occurred to-day on the line of the Sioux City & Omaha division of the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha railroad, by which six men were killed outright and the seventh lost a leg. The men were engaged in a cut north of Bancroft shoveling snow. The working train, anticipating the coming of the south-bound passenger, had sidetracked, and the men, eleven in all, had stepped from the track to allow the passenger to pass. Some trouble in getting through had been experienced the day before and the engineer approaching the cut, which is a long one and on a curve, had put on steam and rushed in. The train consisted of a locomotive and tender, the box cars and one passenger car. The train with the exception of the latter car passed the men in safety, but the steps of the passenger coach caught them and mowed them down like grass under the wheels. Only four escaped without serious injury.

CRIME AND CRIMINAL RECORD.

Daniel T. Sullivan and Patrick Hayes, murderers, were hanged at Philadelphia, Jan. 6.

Robert Smith, the Lunenburg murderer, sentenced to be hanged on the 20th inst' has escaped from jail.

Mrs. Meichaffer, husband murderess of Newark, N. J., and her paramour, Lammers, were hanged Jan.

Louis Nathal, manager of the Nathal Opera troupe, left for San Francisco taking with him Louise Lester, the prima donna, wife of the advance agent, Louis Davis.

A party of Mexican prisoners passed through Omaha, Jan. 10, bound for the house of correction at Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Brown, at Indianapolis, was convicted of the murder of her husband, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Lee Leonard was fatally shot in a house of ill-fame on Winter street, Des Moines, Saturday night, by an unknown man.

E. H. Darling was convicted of embezzlement at Fargo, Jan. 10, and sentenced to a year and a half in the State prison at Detroit, Mich.

Nathan Orlanda Greenfield, the several times respited Oswego county wife murderer, was again sentenced to be executed February 17.

Abraham and Joseph Buzzard, Dillon Clark and Henry Hower were arrested Jan. 8, at Ephrata,, after a desperate resistance. These are the leaders of a band of robbers in that and adjoining towns.

Richard Lester, who married Miss Hart in the police court at Ottawa to save himself from imprisonment, attempted to murder her by choking. The woman is in a critical state. Lester was arrested.

The residence of Eliheu Sperry, at Hartford, Ct., was robbed Sunday night of $45,000 in bonds. The police have arrested Hasland, a neighbor, and held him in $20,000. Among the bonds stolen were $12,000 Milwaukee & St. Paul.

New York dispatch, Jan. 10: Ex-Assemblyman Thomas Costigan, supervisor of the *City Record*, official paper, has brought action for libel against the *Evening Express*, Tamany hall organ. Costigan is the anti-Tamany leader.

Dr. Charles Havernick, of Milwaukee, was found dead in his bed on the morning of Jan. 4th. Suspicions of suicide are entertained, as a bottle partly filled with chloroform was found in the room, from which he had evidently inhaled about two ounces. A letter left by him in custody of a druggist of that city will be opened at the inquest.

FOREIGN.

It was reported in London, Jan. 8, that the Chilians had captured Lima.

Gen. Moriones, one of the ablest officers in the civil wars of Spain, is dead.

Queen Victoria's message was delivered at the opening of Parliament, Jan. 6.

The calling out of the reserves and the national guard will increase the Greek army to 80,000 men.

The French minister of foreign affairs has sent a dispatch to Greece, urging her to agree to arbitration.

Birmingham, England, gunmakers confirm the reports that large quantities of arms are being sent to Ireland.

Three hundred amnestied communists have arrived at Brest, from New Caledonia. Twenty-three still remain there.

Twenty-two Internationalists have been arrested at Naples, charged with a conspiracy to overturn the social fabric.

Dispatches from Cape Town announce the prevailing opinion that the rebellion in Trans Vaal is approaching its end.

Dr. Schliemann has presented his collection of Brojan antiquities to the emperor of Germany to be placed in the Museum in Berlin.

London dispatch, Jan. 7: Yesterday a large steamer was seen to go on the Goodwin sands and afterwards sink with all hands.

The home rule party in Parliament agrees not to discuss the land question in the debate on the address in reply to the queen's speech.

The French ambassador at Constantinople, urged the porte the 5th inst. to accept arbitration, declaring that Europe could not tolerate war.

The Canadian government will try to close the Pacific railway debate this week. Certain amendments to the syndicate terms were adopted.

Volunteers have been called for from infantry regiments at Alderschott, to form a corps of mounted rifles for service against the Boers.

The death is announced in London of Jno. Stinhouse, LL. D., F. R. S., the chemist, and John Thomas Townson, scientific riter on navigation.

The British Army and Navy *Gazette* says the contribution of the imperial government to the expenses of the Afghan war will be at least £6,000,000.

The marriage of Prince Wilhelm, of Prussia, grandson of Emperor William, with the Princess Augusta Victoria, has been fixed for the 27th of February

Constantinople dispatch, Jan. 6. Turkish soldiers, pursuing Greek brigands on the Turkish side of the frontier, have been fired upon by the Greeks.

On December 18 a mob of 300 persons burst into the prison at Ente Rios, Argentine Republic, and hacked to pieces four slaves, who had murdered the son of their owner.

In the Mexican chamber of deputies the committee on finance have reported a bill, granting a pension of $40,000 yearly to Josephine Sturbide, daughter of Emperor Sturbide.

Private advices from Crete report a rising ferment of revolution there, and a determination by the Greeks to seize the opportunity of the rising in Greece to throw off the Ottoman rule.

A London dispatch says: The ship Indian Chief, from Middlesborough to Yokohama, has been wrecked near the entrance to the Thames river. Eighteen persons were drowned and eleven saved.

Progressionists held an enthusiastic meeting at Berlin, Jan. 8, to protest against the anti-semitic agitation and the police dispersed a crowd numbering a thousand persons, who desired to disturb the meeting.

A Dublin dispatch of Jan. 4th, says: The land league meeting which was to take place at Maghersfelt, county Londonderry, Thursday, and the county demonstration there on the same day, has been prohibited.

A telegram from Dublin savs a dispatch dated at New Castle Jan. 4, reports a force of Boers have entered the territory of Natal and intend to oppose the advance of the British from the Natal side of the Droknsburg.

Prof. Hooling, of Utrecht, Holland, announces that 5,000 persons signed his address to the English people in regard to the independence of Transvaal. Copies of the address will be sent to the United States and other countries.

The commanding officer at Newcastle reports that 3,000 Boers have entered Natal and taken up a strong position on the road to Transvaal, about five miles within the border. They are pushing the patrol to points sixteen miles from Newcastle.

The missing men of the crew of the steamer Harelda sunk off Cape Boca in collision with the steamer Leons also sunk, have been picked up. The steamer Scotia, from Boston to Glasgow, was ashore at Sanda Island, but floated and proceeded with her fore-hold full of water.

Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, who commanded a column in the Zulu campaign, will proceed to the cape immediately as second in command. Capt. Lombart states that the Boers continued firing at him after taking Capt. Elliott and he escaped by swimming a river. He afterwards walked for three days, the Boers in the Orange Free State refusing assistance.

The value of exports from the Lyotis consular district to the United States during December was 3,500,000 francs, being an increase of 1,000,000 francs over the amount for December, 1879. Total exports for the year, 60,000,000 francs, an increase of 14,000,000 francs compared with 1379.

Toronto dispatch, Jan. 10th; Mrs. Anderson (colored) has been found by neighbors, dead from starvation in an old shanty in Seaton village, a suburb of this city. Her husband was lying beside her, dying from the same cause. He is unable to speak, and too feeble to eat, now that food has been procured.

The London *Times*, in a leading editorial, says no grants of money from the imperial exchequer will be demanded of parliament, as a part of the land bill, though possibly the remnant of the Irish church surplus may be used to aid emigration and reclamation of waste land. The ministry will not ask parliament to sanction any allocution of public money or any pledging of public credit to carry out land reform.

The London *Times*, Jan. 7, says: We are informed that the Pope has written a letter to the Archbishop of Dublin, of which the foreign office has authentic information, strongly condemning the method in which the agitation in Ireland is conducted, and that very emphatic instructions have been issued to the Catholic prelate, enjoining him to make a stand against the anarchical and communistic doctrines which have been preached and put into practice.

Paris dispatch, Jan. 5th: The funeral of Blanqui took place to-day. A procession of 30,000 people followed the remains to the cemetery, and enormous crowds of spectators lined all the streets through which the procession passed. There was no disturbance. Funeral orations were held over the tomb. Louise Michel was one of the principal speakers, and after leaving the cemetery she received an ovation from the populace. Henri Rochefort attended the funeral, but quitted the cemetery before the speeches were delivered.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Ice in the East river carried away about fifty feet of pier 40.

The total mileage of railroads in the United States is now 93,704.

The New York *Truth* now acknowledges the Morey letter a forgery.

It is declared that Sitting Bull will be forced to surrender very soon.

The price of a seat in the New York stock exchange has advanced to $30,000.

There is an ice gorge three miles long and ten feet high at Monongahela City.

The city clerk of St. Paul reports licenses issued during 1880 amounting to $32,928.

Fowler, Compton & Co., New York, failed Jan. 5. Liabilities, $500,000. Heavy assets.

The coinage executed at the United States mints during the calendar year of 1880 amounted to $82,283,279 gold and $27,409,706 silver.

United States 6 per cent. bonds of '81 aggregating about $30,000 were received Jan. 4 for redemption.

The New York Central railroad has subscribed $250,000 to the coming world's fair, provided that $4,000,000 is raised.

It is said that the Green Bay & Minnesota railroad will be sold this month, and will probably be bought by the bondholders.

Capitalists interested in the Milwaukee & Northern are making an effort to push the road through from Green Bay to Lake Superior.

The Irish societies of Boston and vicinity voted to celebrate St. Patrick's day by attending a lecture, the proceeds of which will be sent to the land league in Ireland.

A first mortgage bond for the sum of $6,000,000 on the southwestern extension of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway, in favor of the Central Trust Company, of New York City, was filed by the Secretary of State, Jan. 5th.

The indications are that one of the first jobs done in the spring by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company will be the ironing of the grade between Sioux Falls and Dell Rapids.

The National union of brick-layers met in annual convention Jan. 10, Preston Gokil, of Covington, Ky., presiding, and Louis Carpenter, of Cincinnati, secretary. Nearly every State was represented.

The Dixon Crucible Company, of Jersey City, suspended Jan. 5. The assets and liabilities, which are about even, amount to about $1,000,000. It is the largest graphite establishment in the world.

Ten million dollars worth of Northern Pacific railroad bonds issued in London were covered four times. A premium of 1¼ per cent. was bid Jan. 5 for Philadelphia & Reading railroad, new deferred income bonds.

New York dispatch Jan. 7: The steamships Silesia and Schiedam brought $100,000 in specie. The Evening *Post* says over $90,000,000 in coin were added during the year to the stock of currency, $62,000,000 being in gold.

New Orleans dispatch, Jan. 8: To-day the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was observed as a legal holiday. A salute was fired, and there was a parade of the vouleteer soldiery. Canal street was crowded with spectators.

Capt. Eads will ask congress to aid in the construction of his proposed ship canal by guaranteeing six per cent dividends on the $50,000,000 of stock which he will issue, and he expresses the utmost confidence that his petition will be granted.

The Mexican government has given Eads' company the right to build a ship railway across the isthmus of Tehauntepec, and a grant of 1,000,000 acres of land on the Pacific coast on which to build the railway terminus and establish a harbor.

An official order appointing a court martial for the trial of Cadet Whittaker was promulgated to-day. The detail for the court is as previously stated, but it will meet in New York January 20, instead of at West Point on the 18th, as at first announced.

A dispatch from Palestine, Texas, Jan. 8, says: Engineers of the Great Northern railroad start Monday to make the preliminary survey of the road from Laredo to the City of Mexico. The road will be rapidly constructed from San Antonio to the Rio Grande.

A St. Louis dispatch, Jan. 8: At the close of 'change to-day Capt. J. B. Eads addressed a large number of merchants on the subject of the ship canal across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. He explained his plans. Mr. Eads will leave for Washington to-night.

The following telegraph offices have been opened on the Omaha line of the St. Paul & Sioux City road: Covington, Dakota City, Hubbard, Emerson, Middle Creek, Bancroft, Lyons, Oakland, Tekamah, Meads, Blair, Mills, Calhoun, Warner and Florence. The poles are being set for the line to Ponca.

There are 70,000 ties piled up along the line of the road between Jackson and Ponca. That these ties will not be used on the Norfolk line, says the Sioux City *Journal*, may be regarded as an indication that the St. Paul folks have not given up their plan of extending the road west from Ponca.

Gross earnings of the Northern Pacific Railroad company for July, September, October and November, 1880, $1,437,624.29; July, August, Septembr, October, November, 1879, $1,180,229.73; increase, $257,394.56; December, 1880, (approximate) $192,582; December, (approximate) $115,063.88; increase, $77,498.12; increase for the first six months of the fiscal year, $335,892.68.

Peekskill, N. Y., dispatch, Jan. 7: There has been serious trouble at Verplanck's point among the ice men. The authorities telegraphed to Yonkers for military assistance. The ice men are on a strike, and parading the streets with a band of music. Men willing to work have been driven from the lake and the deputy sheriff defied. A number of strikers went to work this afternoon under the protection of military. All is quiet.

Inter-Ocean's Joilet (Ill.) special: The Bard & Hickox miners at Braidwood are on a strike. The company agreed with the miners that for every twenty-five cents per ton that coal advanced above $2.50 in Chicago they would pay the miners ten cents. They now refuse to pay the miners the share of such advances.

A dispatch from Cincinnati, Jan. 7, reports: Dispatches indicate the breaking up of the ice in the Ohio between here and Pittsburg before many hours. Yesterday, rain at Pittsburg started a boom in the Monongahela. Pittsburg reports seven feet of water. At Portsmouth, a large ice field is moving and the river is rising fast. The steamer Eldoro sunk and is half under water. Ironton reports the ice moved at 4 a. m., gorged there, and commenced moving again at 6:50 a. m. Manchester and Ripley report the ice solid. Ashland reports the river rising rapidly and full of heavy ice.

A San Francisco dispatch of Jan. 4 gives the following: Wells & Fargo's annual report of precious metals produced west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia, and receipts in San Francisco by express from the west coast of Mexico, gives the following aggregate. Gold, $32,522,182; silver, $40,005,364; lead, $5,752,390; copper, $898,000. Colorado leads with a total of $21,284,989; California, $18,276,166; Nevada, $15,031,166; Utah, $645,953; Arizona, $4,472,471. In comparison, with the product for 1879 California shows an increase in gold of $578,579;, and a decrease in silver of $360,873.

XLVI CONGRESS.

[Second Session.]

SENATE, Jan. 5.—Burnside enquired if the committee on foreign affairs had action on the joint resolution deprecating the construction of the inter-oceanic canal, by European powers. The answer was in the negative. The vice president laid before the Senate a communication from Gen. Garfield, announcing that he had sent a letter to the Governor and legislature of Ohio, declining to accept the Senatorship to which he had been elected. His letter was placed on the files of the Senate. The committee on appropriations reported back the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills with amendments. The bill for the relief of Ben Holliday was taken up. The endorsement of the secretary of war, of the recommendation of the quartermaster general of an additional appropriation of $1,000,000, to replenish the stock of clothing, was submitted. Numerous bills were introduced, and after some unimportant business the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 5.—The House reassembled at noon. An amendment to the coinage bill was passed. The committee on appropriations agreed to add $125,000 to the army appropriation bill. Mr. Springer introduced a bill to apportion representatives in Congress among the several States, under the new census. Referred to the census committee. A bill was introduced for the retirement of army officers. Referred. The House went into committee of the whole on the army appropriation bill. The bill was read by sections for amendments. Several amendments were agreed to, and the bill passed. The interstate commerce bill was taken up, but after being discussed went over. A bill was introduced authorizing the President to place Gen. Ord on the retired list according to his brevet, ranking Major General. Referred. The speaker laid several executive communications before the House. Adjournment.

SENATE, Jan. 6.—On resolution, directed the secretary to subscribe for six daily papers, or their equivolent in weeklies, for each Senator and officer in the Senate. Adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three on mileage. Senator Powers offered a resolution requesting the State Auditor to furnish each Senator and member of the House with a detailed statement of the population of each county by precincts, etc., as taken from the returns on file in his office. The Senate then proceeded to the House chamber to attend the joint convention to hear the Governor's message.

HOUSE, Jan. 6.—On motion the use of the hall was tendered to the State Forestry Association, for their annual meeting on Tuesday evening, 11th inst. On motion a committee of four consisting of Messrs, McCracken, Comstock, Dunn and Sheardown, was appointed on mileage of members. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill to change the name of the Big Stone Lake and Lake Traverse Internal Improvement Transportation Company, to the Big Stone Lake Navigation Corapany. Mr. Sanborn introduced a bill to amend general statutes of 1878, relating to forcible entry and detainer. Also a bill relating to highways. At 2:30 the Senate entered the House. On motion, Messrs. Smith, McCrea and Sheardown appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor, to say that the joint convention had organized, and was ready to receive any communication from him. The committee retired, and soon returned with Gov. Pillsbury, and ex-Governors Sibley and Marshall. Gov. Pillsbury then read his message.

SENATE, Jan. 7.—A communication from the secretary of war was presented alleging the insufficiency of the appropriation of $75,000 for recruiting purposes, and recommending an appropriation of $397,000. Senator Jones presented a memorial of J. W. Moore, alleging that Senator Kellogg, of Louisiana, had his seat by bribery and corruption, that Moore himself was one of the bribed, and asking to be examined as a witness. A discussion of some length ensued in which Moore was denounced on all sides as a corrupt rascal. The afternoon hour having expired the discussion was dropped. A number of bills on various subjects were withdrawn. The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was taken up, amended, discussed and passed. After an executive session the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE, Jan. 7.—Mr. Springer offered a resolution calling on the State department for information in reference to Halifax fisheries award of $5,5000,000 paid by this government to Great Britain, etc. Referred to the committee on foreign affairs, after considerable discussion in opposition, and the subject was dropped. The House went into committee of the whole on the private calendar, and when the committee rose, bills were passed to confirm titles to certain lands in Ohio, and for the relief of Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin. Adjourned.

SENATE, Jan. 8.—Not in session.

HOUSE, Jan. 8.—Mr. Money, from committee on postroads, reported back the bill regulating rates of postage on second-class matter. Mr. Poehler, from committee on Indian affairs, reported back the bill authorizing fulfillment of certain treaty stipulations with Lake Superior and Minnesota Chippewas. The House then went into committee of the whole on the funding bill, which was read for amendment and discussed at length. The committee then rose and the House adjourned

SENATE, Jan. 10.—Voorhees asked have printed and recommitted the bill for a building for congressional library. So ordered. Logan introduced a bill to authorize appointment of Gen. Grant on the retired list of the army. Bill by Bayard requiring signatures on national banknotes to be written. By Logan, bill extending franking privilege to all official business. By Pendleton, bill to improve civil service. Discussion resumed on the bill for the relief of Ben Halliday. Mr. Withers from appropriation committee reported army appropriation bill with amendments. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 10.—Bill by Price, declaring silver certificates to have the same legal tender quality as the coin. By Carpenter, to increase to fifty per cent. the duty on flax seed and manufactures thereof; also, proposing constitutional amendment that civil officers of the U. S. shall hold office for four years, and to provide for election of postmasters. By Buckner, to authorize negotiations with Mexico or Central America to purchase territory for colonization of the colored population of the United States. Indian appropriation bill referred to committee of the whole. House went into such committee. After discussion committee rose and the House adjourned.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE.

(Twenty-Second Session.)

SENATE Jan. 4.—Convened at 12 o'clock, noon. J. N. Castle called to the secretary's desk, pending the election of officers. The president of the Senate administered the oath of office to Senators-elect from odd-numbered districts. At roll call, forty senators responded. Proceeded to election of officers with the following result: Secretary, S. P. Jennison; assistant secretary, A. G. Wedge; enrolling clerk, John P. Jacobson; engrossing clerk, A. P. Bryant; sergeant at arms, W. H. Millen; assistant sergeant at arms, C. M. Reese; chaplain, Robt. Smith. The officers elect then took the oath of office. On resolution, a committee was appointed to inform the House that the Senate had completed its organization. By resolution, the permanent rules of the last session were adopted for the present, until further provision could be made. A bill was introduced by Senator White, To improve surveying service of the State of Minnesota. Provides for the election of a county surveyor, to hold office for six years, at a salary of $1,200, his bond being fixed at $2,000. Requires county surveyor to re-locate and re-establish section landmarks. Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 5.

HOUSE, Jan. 4.—The House was called to order at 12 o'clock, noon, by Secretary of State Von Baumback, who appointed S. G. Comstock, clerk pro tem. Chief Justice Gilfillan administered the oath of office to the members, who then proceeded to the election of speaker. Loren Fletcher, of Minneapolis, was unanimously elected, and immediately took the chair. The following officers were then elected: chief clerk, J. R. Howard; first assistant clerk, Robert Deakin; second assistant clerk, H. L. Daniels; engrossing clerk, M. J. Wilsie; enrolling clerk, F. L. Krayenbuhl; sergeant at arms, F. C. Dayton; assistant sergeant at arms, C. E. Johnson; postmaster, A. D. Sargeant; chaplain, G. W. T. Wright. A committee was appointed to inform the Senate that the House had completed its organization. On motion, the rules of the last House were adopted as the temporary rules of this House. After the appointment of sundry special committees, the House adjourned until ten o'clock a. m., Jan. 5th.

SENATE, Jan. 5.—The clerk of the House appeared, and announced that the House had concurred in the joint resolution concerning the count of votes for certain judiciary officers. Message from the House read, announcing complete organization. Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor reported that he would be ready to deliver his message on Thursday at 2 p. m. Adopted resolution for joint session of Senate and House at 2 p. m,. Thursday. Adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 5.—The House dispensed with reading the journal, and proceeded to the drawing of seats. A motion was adopted allowing the four oldest members in point of age, to select their own seats. These were J. V. Daniels, James Smith, Jr., O. B. Kidder, and Alex Moore. The House was then visited by the Senate. The House in joint session proceeded to canvass the votes for the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th judicial districts. After the canvass, the speaker announced the election of judges as follows: 3rd district, Wm. Mitchell; 4th district, C. E. Vanderburg; 5th district, T. S. Buckluw; 7th district, J. M. McKelvey. Committee on rules of the House reported old rules with a few amendments, which were adopted. On motion, the Northwestern Telegraph Company was authorized to open an office in the capitol. Adjourned.

SENATE, Jan. 6.—The consular and diplomatic bill was reported with amendments and placed on the calendar. The army appropriation bill was read twice and referred to the committee on appropriations. The bill for the relief of Ben Halliday was taken up. Garland spoke in its favor, and a general discussion followed. Pending the discussion the Senate went into executive session, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 6.—The morning hour was dispensed with, and the House went into committee of the whole on the pending bill. The general discussion is limited to one day. Mr. Kelly took the floor in opposition to the bill. Several spoke in opposition. Amendments were offered. Mr. Chittenden stated that he would at the proper time, offer an amendment repealing all acts imposing a tax on the capital and deposits of savings banks, national banks, State banks and private banks, providing that the tax on circulating notes of national banks issued on bonds authorized by this act shall not exceed one half of 1 per cent., and providing further that the total amount of silver dollars of 412½ grains, authorized under the act of February 28, 1878, shall not exceed $100,000,000. The committee then rose, and after attention to some matters of minor importance the House adlourned.

SENATE, JAN. 10.

Senate met at 8 p. m., and after prayer and roll call, adjourned to 10 a. m., Jan. 11.

HOUSE, JAN. 10.

Mr. McCracken introduced a bill prescribing the death penalty for murder in the first degree, but leaving it in the power of the jury to prescribe imprisonment for life. Mr. Washburn introduced a bill to prevent running at large of cattle in Grant county. The speaker gave notice that committees would be announced next morning. House adjourned to 10 next morning.

MARKETS.

Latest Quotations Corrected from Associated Press Reports.

Chicago.	
Wheat, No 2	$0 98
Corn	0 37
Oats	0 31
Barley	1 13
Mess Pork	13 00
Lard	8 75
Milwaukee.	
Wheat, No. 1	$2 00
Wheat, No 2	0 90¾
Corn	0 36¾
Oats	0 30¾
Barley, No 2	0 84
Mess Pork	12 85
Lard	8 62½
St. Paul.	
Wheat	$ 0 90 @$ 0 87
Corn	0 38 @ 0 34
Oats	0 29 @ 0 28
Barley	0 80 @ 0 64
Rye	0 68
Pork	5 15
Butter	0 17 @ 0 28
Eggs	0 25
Minneapolis.	
Wheat	$ 0 88 @$ 0 85
Corn	0 37 @ 0 35
Oats	0 31 @ 0 28
Butter	0 14 @ 0 28
Lumber.	
Common boards	$12 00
Timber, joist and dimensions	$12 00 $14 00 @ 16 00
Dimensions, 2x4, 10 and 20 feet	18 00
First fencing	14 00 @ 15 00
Second fencing	12 00
Dressed siding	16 00 @ 20 00
Dressed flooring	18 00 @ 32 00
Shingles	1 00 @ 3 00
Lath	2 20

A COMEDY ON SMOKE.

ACT I.

How it blows! How it rains! I'll not turn out to-night;
'm too sleepy to read, and too lazy to write;
So I'll watch the blue rings as they eddy and twirl,
And in gossamer wreathings coquettishly curl.
In the stillness of the night and the sparseness of chimes
There's a fleetness in fancy, a frolid in rhymes;
There's a world of romance that persistently clings
To the azurine curving of Cigarette Rings!

ACT II.

A sweet picture comes back from the past-away times—
They are lounging once more 'neath the sweet scented limes;
See, how closely he watches the Queen of Coquettes,
As her white hands roll deftly those small cigarettes!
He believes in her smiles and puts faith in her sighs,
While he's dazzled by light from her fathomless eyes.
Ah! the sweetest of voices delightfully sings
Through the world intertwining of Cigarette rings!

ACT III.

How we dreamed in the skiff on that bright summer day,
Where the winds whisper low and the stream swirls away!
You gave me that bunch of forget-me-nots blue.—
I thought your eyes honest, I thought your words true!
Those flowers soon faded; much sooner, forsooth!
I found your fair face but a mask for the truth!
Ah! the words of a woman concerning such things
Are weak and unstable as Cigarette Rings!

[*The Cigarette goes out.*]

—*Hood's Annual.* *J. Ashby-Sterry.*

Horse Sense in Mechanics.

When scientific acumen and shop learned rules fail, and engineers are at fault, there comes a man on the scene who suggests a plain, practical, efficient way out of difficulty. When such a man's suggestions prove practicable, he is credited with "horse sense," probably from the acuteness of horses in finding and keeping the right road when the masters have lost it. Old machinists, when the they can be induced to talk, recall many instances of the value of this horse sense. A few specimens may be suggestive.

In a large and important manufactory, a huge balance wheel was used as an equalizer between the prime mover and the driven machinery, and was run by a jack shaft, and it was found that when in motion—particularly when starting and stopping—that the balance wheel was loose on its shaft. This looseness could not be detected when the machinery was stopped, and all trials to move the wheel on the shaft were futile. Still the looseness was apparent when the wheel was in motion, and was noticed when there was any difference between the strain on the prime mover and the driven machinery. At length it was determined to rectify the eccentric gyrations of the fly wheel, and workmen were sent to do it. A quiet but observant operative of the concern asked leave to make a test, and being allowed, he found that the wheel had stripped the corners of the key in the hub. He had thought the