

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LEADING PAPERS.

Missouri Passes Law. After years of struggle with temptation, the Missouri Legislature has decided to remove with one crushing blow the temptation itself. It has adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment to the effect that the railroads be compelled by law to furnish free passes to members of the Legislature, and some classes of public officers.

Grand Yosemite Hotel. Among the excellent appropriations made by the Legislature is one providing for the construction of a new hotel in Yosemite. As the beautiful valley is the most famous and most popular of our scenic resorts, this bill may be regarded as in the fullest sense one for the public benefit.

Resolutions from the Nevada Legislature demanding the election of senators by direct vote have been presented to the United States Senate. Similar resolutions from other States will follow, very possibly in such numbers that the present Congress will be compelled to take an alternative of either submitting the necessary constitutional amendment directly to the people, or being forced by the demands of two-thirds of the States to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose.

Delivering the Goods. "When," proclaimed one of Addicks' henchmen in a speech in the Delaware Senate, "I buy a horse, I want my horse. When a Republican buys a vote, he wants his vote." It seems to be in recognition of this principle of business that the President has not stubbornly standing by his bargain with Addicks and attempting to deliver the goods by three times appointing Byrnes United States District Attorney for Delaware.

In Virginia Also. It is announced that the State of Wisconsin has wiped out the last of its public debt, and the statement comes that Pennsylvania is moving in the same direction. New York, with all its big manufacturing concerns, is not greatly burdened in this respect. We think, on the whole, that the present tendency in the more important States is toward debt reduction. It may not be out of order to remark that here in a lesson to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, the body has not been inclined toward economy in its public appropriations while this spirit was being developed in other quarters. Our State has amply established a reputation for liberality, perhaps it would be well now to qualify it by one of prudence.

Curious Mixup. The cabin in which Abraham Lincoln once lived is to be exhibited at Luna Park, on Long Beach, as the property of the Beecher memorial fund. And now the strange discovery is said to have been made in taking it out of storage that the cabin in which Jefferson Davis, the head of the Southern Confederacy, once lived got mixed up with the Lincoln cabin, so that they could not in spots be told apart.

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roundings. From that time they experience a succession of crushing blows, but at the last a kindly individual, mistaking the balm with the joy with which they mounted. The story is not strained, and while some people would find it difficult to swallow, to others it would be a favorite companion during the summer. Indeed, there are many people who are wont to carry it through, it again before laying it down after the first glance at its contents.—Chicago Tribune.

Nature does not ask much of man on behalf of Yosemite. She has made the whole valley so for the most part, and very little in the form of human care or adornment is needed to render it altogether beyond rivalry. Still there is needed for the benefit of those who visit the place, a good and commodious house and entertainment. The erection of such a building is, in fact, a necessity and should not be delayed.

A Remarkable Golden Wedding. A golden wedding celebrated at La Roy, N. Y., recently was in more than that way an event of importance to the history of human things. The festivities were held in the house which John R. Olmsted built for the occupancy of himself and his bride more than fifty years before. It has been the home of their married life. Shortly before his marriage Mr. Olmsted employed Anne Connor as cook. She has been in the service of the family all these years.

Puzzling Weather. Three weeks and three days of March have passed and only a weak remains in which to complete its record. Unless the closing days are unprecedentedly tempestuous it will be almost phenomenal in its mildness. The season is far above the average, almost a month some observers say, and certainly we have more than once come to Patriots' Day with the roads less settled and the grass no greener than to-day. We do not believe in taking the present view of the ruralist that pleasant days are simply weather-breeders and therefore not rationally to be enjoyed; but there is about so much cloud and so much sunshine, so much cold and so much heat during the round of the seasons. Our pleasant spells we can account for according to temperament. We can regard them as a statement for the past or as a drawing upon the future; but it is the best philosophy to take them as they come and enjoy them while they last. The earth is quickly responsive this month. The frost fetters were comparatively weak and easily broken.

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Wrecked Golden Gate. The story of the finding of the wreck of the steamship Golden Gate, as printed in a recent telegraphic news column, has attracted the attention of the public. The wreck was found by the parental yard, about the finding of the wreck of the Brother Jonathan.

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that of the Golden Gate, like the poor is "always with us." This latest finder of the wreck brings with his story, scattered and partly melted coins to substantiate the yarn. This is even less true than the report of the finding of the Brother Jonathan wreck. On that occasion the finder was reported in the San Francisco papers as bringing back with him a deck bucket, with the name of the steamer engraved on its brass hoops. Perhaps the most improbable feature of this latest finding of the Golden Gate wreck is the statement that she was resting in eight feet of water.

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