

Frye was elected to the United States Senate from Maine, on Tuesday. He is a straight Republican.

Senator Harris of Tennessee, has been re-elected to the United States Senate.

Gov. Callom has been elected United States Senator from Illinois, to succeed Hon. David Davis. He is a straight Republican.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill of Maine, died last week. He was the father of our present tariff, and was once a prominent United States Senator.

Numerous petitions both for and against submitting the Prohibition amendment to our State Constitution have been presented to the Legislature during the past week.

Thomas Herndon, late of Carroll county, but now of Nevada, in this state, recently gave himself quite a severe flesh wound in the hand by fooling with a loaded shot gun shell.

Brick Pomeroy has come out against Prohibition, and gives his reasons in a long article. This will not damage the Prohibition cause in the least.

The Books of the State Officers, at Jefferson City, have been thoroughly examined by a committee appointed for the purpose and are reported to be correct in every particular. The Auditor and the Treasurer's Books each form a check on the other.

A fire in the Planters House at St. Louis last Sunday morning, resulted in burning to death of three persons. They were employees of the house, and no doubt could have escaped if they had made an effort, as the fire was confined to a few rooms in the rear of the house.

Brownsville has petitioned the Legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000 to rebuild the school house destroyed by the cyclone, last summer. We are of the opinion that the Legislature is deluged by the State Constitution from making such appropriation.

Senator Davis, the ex-Collector of Buchanan county, has introduced into the Legislature a carefully drawn bill for collecting taxes. He has had much experience, and the bill is no doubt a good one. The City Council of St. Joseph, after thoroughly discussing the measure indorsed it by a resolution.

Hon. A. M. Dockery, Congressman elect from this district and Col. J. N. Burnes of the St. Joseph district have gone to Washington to spend a few months, to learn the ropes, thus preparing themselves to discharge their duties as Congressmen. We predict that both will make efficient members.

Russell Sage is a great New York financier, and is supposed to know a great deal about the prosperity of the country, and he now comes to the front and predicts that we are entering upon a period of great prosperity in the west and that in the next ten years we will have a wonderful growth. Mr. Sage may be a good prophet, but we can say to him that he reasons from a false data. He reasons that the increase in immigration to the west will bring this wonderful prosperity. This is a considerable item we admit, but the student of the past history of the West knows that only a succession of good crop years can make us prosperous, and a succession of bad crop years is always followed by close times and a lack of prosperity, no matter how much immigration comes. Mr. Sage may be a good prophet when he confined his prophecies to the financial matters of Wall street, but he is evidently at sea when he wrestles with the probable prosperity of the West.

Hon. J. Ed. Jones of Clinton county, has introduced into the Legislature a bill known as the "Drum Shop Bill," which makes some radical changes in the manner of granting drum shop licenses, and on its face would seem to be a drive at the anti-licensing County Court of Clinton county. Under the present law County Courts possess a discretionary power in regard to granting drum shop licenses just this far. They can grant them on a majority petition of the resident tax-payers in any block, city, or township, as the case may be, but there is nothing in the law to compel them to grant licenses on such petition, as the matter is left discretionary with them. The bill introduced by Jones proposes to take away such discretionary power and make it obligatory on the County Court to grant license upon the petition of a majority of the qualified voters, not tax-payers, of the square or block in the city and of the school district in the country. The bill doubles the amount of bond to be given by the drum shop keeper under the present law, and no brewer or distiller is permitted to go on the bond. The arbitrary license is removed and in its stead an ad valorem tax of 5 per cent. is fixed on the amount of stock purchased, the same to be levied by the assessor of the square and purchaser. The bill also makes the drum shop keeper responsible for the 5 per cent. tax, 2 per cent. for local purposes. In our judgment, the bill should never become a law, but it is not necessary for us to give our objections to it as our voice is but little potent at Jefferson City just now.

Colorado, Nebraska and Minnesota to hang fire on the election of a United States Senator. The Legislatures are a little mixed in each of these Republican states and it doubtful if straight Republicans can be chosen.

Hon. H. Clay Sexton, chief of the fire department in St. Louis, horse-whipped an individual known as a "masher," on Monday evening, for insulting some ladies. The Chief was next day presented by admiring friends, with a gold-mounted whip in the place of the one used on that occasion.

Railroad section hands dug up a skeleton of a man on the site of an old house near Wakanda, the other day. It turns out that at the close of the war the old man named Abe Hill and his wife lived in the house, and that a young man and his wife lived with them. The young man disappeared very suddenly, when it was given out that he had deserted his wife. It is not known where the woman are.—Keytesville Courier.

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Cattle poisoning still continues in Clinton county. B. F. Watson brought us the information, this week that four fat steers, belonging to Ben Wren, near Gower, had died within the past few weeks, with the symptoms of the cattle of other parties in that county, that upon examination proved to have been poisoned.—Stewartville Independent.

A young man sixteen years of age, son of George McWilliams, near Stewartville, hastily took down an old musket, Saturday evening, to shoot some wild geese flying over the woods. In passing through the doorway the gun was discharged and his left arm was terribly lacerated. Dr. Guinger, of St. Joseph, amputated the arm at the shoulder.—Platteburg Democrat.

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Norborne has organized a Brass Band. Breckenridge has organized a company to prospect for coal. The number of deaths by the burning of the Newhall House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week, is now set down at one hundred and fifteen. The wife of Gov. Taylor, of Colorado, has obtained a divorce and \$600,000 alimony. A rich grass widow. Garland was re-elected to the United States Senate from Arkansas, on Tuesday. State Treasurer Volk, of Tennessee, defaulted for a million dollars and is now in jail. He will soon be removed to the penitentiary. The hands in the machine shops at Moberly have struck, but not for higher wages. It is their pay once and awhile that they are asking for. Peter Cooper claims to have built the first railway locomotive, and its tender, used in America. The old man is now reduced to a last memory and an air cushion. We formed the acquaintance of Mr. J. L. McWilliams, the Coloma scribbler for the Carrollton Journal, who was here attending the Grange meeting last Saturday. He reports the new railroad survey as progressing all right, and that the road will certainly be located and run to Carrollton as a branch, and that the main line to Kansas City will run through the north-western part of this county near Stokes Mound, where a junction will be made with the branch to Carrollton, to intersect the main line at that point with a division. The people of Stokes Mound neighborhood can hear the whistle of the machine shops at a distance—in their eyes.

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