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OUR AGENTS: THE FREE TRADER may be obtained at the following places by the single copy, or subscriptions will be taken of any length of time at the regular rates.

San Francisco had a \$700,000 blaze on Wednesday by the burning of the Morton building, one of the principal business blocks of the city.

Lorillard's American horse troops won the Stockbridge cup at the Stockbridge (England) races on Thursday. Aranza, also one of Lorillard's horses, won the Johnstone plate in the same races.

A mysterious disease has appeared among the cattle in the vicinity of Joliet, and large numbers are dying. The opinion is held that it is caused by a small poisonous bug that infests the grass.

Joliet has been having a gala week on account of the State Firemen's Tournament which met there on Thursday. The attendance is quite large, 300 firemen being present from all parts of the state.

Judge Pillsbury, who finds that he will probably never fully recover from the wound he received on the Chicago and Alton Railroad near Chicago a year ago, during the strike of the iron moulders, has sued the railroad company for \$50,000 damages.

Gen. Crook no doubt thought, when he got back from his Mexican campaign against the Apaches with his 500 prisoners, including their most noted chiefs, his job was finished, and all he had to do was to dump them down in the San Carlos reservation, and let the government watch over and feed them.

Among the seven indicted star route thieves whom a District of Columbia jury recently acquitted, was Reredell, who at the commencement of the trial pleaded guilty. The amiable gentleman no doubt had thought if anybody could know whether he was a star route thief and conspirator it ought to be himself.

DEATH OF JAS. W. SHEAHAN.

The profession of journalism in the west has lost one of its ablest and most accomplished representatives in the death of JAMES W. SHEAHAN, which occurred at his home in Chicago early on last Sunday morning.

Mr. Sheahan was a native of Washington City where he commenced his career as a newsboy. Having prospered in it, he next turned up as a law student, but soon gave that up to engage in the more congenial and profitable occupation of a reporter and newspaper correspondent.

democrats elected their mayor in Chicago confessedly through the efficient aid of the Times. The paper, however, was not a notable financial success and in 1860 it was sold to Mr. McCormick, who soon afterwards turned it over to Mr. Storey.

While Mr. Sheahan was a brilliant and forcible writer, and a man of high purpose and fixed political and moral principles, he was not in the ordinary sense of the term a politician. What settled political principles he held were no doubt essentially democratic; but as a leading writer on a republican journal he was, as the Chicago Journal puts it, "too good a soldier to let his private opinions clash with the policy of the great journal on which he was so long engaged, and, no matter what private views he held in regard to men and measures, they were always subordinated to the will of the chief in command."

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

The Illinois Legislature reached a final adjournment on Monday afternoon, a quorum having been kept together both on Saturday and Monday to finish up the business. The closing hours, as usual, were somewhat disorderly, members throwing paper balls, whooping and yelling, pounding the desks with and hurling books and pamphlets and succeeding in smashing some windows and knocking the glass points from the chandeliers.

While the late legislature is justly criticized for the inordinate length of its session, there is this apology to offer, that it grew out of the evenly balanced state of parties in the house, every measure of a partisan character leading to a prolonged contest—the high license question and the Bradwell election contest alone taking up fully half the session.

Aside from its waste of time, however, there is at least this to be said in favor of the late legislature, that it did but little work it did little harm. The few acts it passed (less than 100 including the appropriation bills) are generally regarded as wise and necessary, while of the 1100 bills introduced and unacted upon, the people are doubtless more fortunate in their failure than if they had become laws.

Of the laws passed, (aside from the appropriation bills, of the character of which it is still too early to judge) the few that may be called important were the high license bill, the bill amending the road laws, various bills in reference to mines and mining and the compulsory education bill.

Of the high license bill we have had our say heretofore and have nothing to add or take back. While we are inclined to think a majority of the people of the state would vote for the law, we regard it nevertheless as anti-democratic, and hold that all the good attainable under it could have been more justly attained under our local option law which it virtually supercedes.

The new road laws (or amendment rather of the old road laws) are rather complicated in their provisions, but generally it may be said they require the commissioners of highways, instead of wasting money each year in mere temporary work, to construct permanent roads as fast as means will permit. They require work to be done in accordance with the best known methods of road-making, and let by contract. To prevent as far as possible the seeding of weeds, thistles, etc. Full provisions are made for draining the roads with tile, and for entering adjacent land and carrying drains through them, and also for contracting with owners to drain into it, they paying a part of the expense.

In reference to mines and mining several bills were passed. One provides for State inspection of mines; another for the construction of fire-proof buildings at the entrance to a shaft; and the third for weighing coal at the mines under the direction of an agent to be appointed by the miners. These measures are believed to provide full safeguards against many serious dangers that have hitherto attended the mining interests in this State, and to avoid many sources of disagreement and trouble between the miners and mine owners.

The law further provides for its own enforcement, and prescribes the proper fines and penalties to be imposed upon those who disobey it. Its passage will no doubt make it embarrassing for the authorities of the larger towns, because it will compel additional attendance upon their already overcrowded schools.

OHIO DEMOCRACY.

The largest Democratic convention ever held in Ohio met at Columbus on Wednesday. Every county in the state was not only fully represented, but many counties sent double delegations to cast their single vote. And aside from the delegates, hundreds of prominent democrats from all parts of the state attended as spectators.

Hon. John McSweeney, of Wooster, was made President, flanked by a suitable complement of vice presidents and secretaries. The convention proceeded without preliminary waste of time to the business before it, of nominating a state ticket, headed by a candidate for Governor. Three candidates were presented: Judge Hoadley of Cincinnati, Gen. Durbin Ward, and Judge Geddes; the choice falling on the second ballot, upon Judge Hoadley. The balance of the ticket was made up as follows:

- Supreme Judge (short term), Martin D. Follett, Washington county.
Supreme Judge (long term), Selwin Owen, Williams county.
Supreme Court Clerk, John J. Cruikshank, Miami county.
Attorney-General, James Lawrence, Cuyahoga county.
Auditor of State, Emil Keisewitser, Franklin county.
Treasurer of State, Peter Brady, Sandusky county.

Leroy D. Brown, of Butler county, was nominated for School Commissioner, and James P. Martin, of Green county, for member of the Board of Public Works.

A short platform was adopted, the following being the resolution covering the tariff question:

2. We favor a tariff for revenue, limited to the necessities of government, economically administered, and so adjusted to its application as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive industries at home, afford just compensation to labor but not to create or foster monopolies.

CHICAGO AND HIGH LICENSE.

No doubt the high license bill, in it it is, where licenses heretofore have been as low as \$25 to \$50 a year, operates as a great hardship. There are in such cities many small saloons, often clean, decent places in the outskirts of town, kept by widows or infirm people, whom the new law, once enforced, will in many cases reduce to indigence if not beggary.

There are such cases in Ottawa, where the license fee has heretofore been but \$50, and where, after the 1st of July, forty of her sixty-five saloon keepers will be compelled to go out of business. The same situation, but of course on a much larger scale, was found at Chicago. There also the license fee had been but \$50, and the city had over 5000 licensed saloons. Of these it is believed the \$500 license of the legislature would close up 1500, reducing at once, as Mayor Harrison puts it, 25,000 people to beggary.

It is doubtful, however, whether this expedient can be made to stick. The courts of this state, we believe, have uniformly held liquor licenses to be mere police regulations and not contracts. City governments derive all their powers from the legislature, and the legislature has full power at its will to change or nullify any of their ordinances or local regulations. If cities, therefore, have been in the habit of granting licenses for \$50 a year and the legislature says such licenses, from a certain date, must be charged at a rate of not less than \$500 a year, licenses not being in the nature of contracts, the legislative mandate, it would seem, must be obeyed.

DOWNFALL OF GREASE.

There was a tremendous excitement on the Chicago board of trade last Saturday on the announcement of the failure of the big lard firm of McGeech, Everingham & Co. The firm belongs to Milwaukee, but had not only invested Chicago but all the other leading trade centers, in a bold attempt to establish and maintain a corner on lard. The Armour's year or two ago had made such a tremendous strike by cornering pork, that this Milwaukee firm imagined they could in the same way pocket a couple of millions by cornering lard. The simple process was to buy up or get control of all the lard in the country and then make consumers and the "shorts" pay enough for it to give them an enormous profit. They figured up the lard crop for the year and came to the conclusion that \$15,000,000 would cover the whole operation. But the big figures to which they run up lard caused the hog men as rapidly as a hog reached the market to convert it into lard, so that before they knew it the

cornering firm had \$20,000,000 in the deal and still the lard kept rolling in. They could stand it no longer and last Saturday the bears got the advantage of them and lard tumbled from 11 1/2 @ 12 to 9 @ 9 1/2 cts. per pound, and the corner was broken.

HOME MATTERS.

Personal Mention. CAPT.—Capt. Blanchard is resting in Colorado.

GLOVER.—Hon. Jos. O. Glover was in town this week. HITT.—R. C. Hitt got home yesterday from Springfield.

LEWIS.—Lieut. J. R. Chapman has returned to his post, Fort Lyon, Colorado. PRINGLE.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Prindle, Kalamazoo, Mich., are guests of J. E. Porter and family.

WALLACE.—Miss Isabelle Wallace returned from the Sandwich Island on Wednesday last. WALLACE.—Mrs. C. H. Wallace and children have arrived in the city from the Sandwich Islands.

ROBERTS.—Jas. H. Eckels, of this city, is down on the bills for the Fourth of July oration at Henry.

NASH.—Misses Lara and Florence Nash returned from Washington, D. C., on Saturday afternoon last. EAST.—Rev. M. C. Peters is now enjoying his vacation in the east, taking in commencement at Alma Mater.

EAST.—Mrs. H. A. Cole and Miss Eldredge will spend the summer among the Berkshire Hills in Massachusetts.

WOOD.—A. L. Wood has returned to Ottawa from Norfolk, Va., and will remain during July and perhaps August.

PHI.—Chas. H. Hamilton attended the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity banquet on Thursday evening last, at Chicago.

KING.—Miss Gertrude King entertained the Jolie de Vie in right royal manner on Thursday evening. There were about 40 present.

WORKS.—Chas. A. Works, Rockford, prospector of Winnebago county, was in town the other day, shaking hands with old friends.

VISIT.—Morris Independent: "Miss Kate Jordan and Miss Shuler leave next Friday for an extended visit to friends in Peoria and other places.

COLTON.—Buel P. Colton, of Princeton, a graduate of the John Hopkins University and Amherst, was in Ottawa on Thursday in relation to school matters.

OTTO.—A. C. Toombs and wife and boy, Ashtabula, Ohio, the gentleman being a son of J. B. Toombs, formerly of this city, are visiting the family of Frank A. Frost, West Ottawa.

PHILLIPS.—Supervisor Phillips, of Bureau county, was in Ottawa, Thursday, the guest of J. H. Eckels. He went all through our new court house and thought it a magnificent building.

THOMPSON.—Miss Minnie Thompson, formerly operator at the central office, again handles the electric cords in a satisfactory manner, Miss Mitchell being absent in the west on a visit.

GRADUATES.—Among the graduates at the Morris Normal School, on June 15th, were John Bergeson, Earlville, and Nettie Fay, Mendota, in the Normal class; and in the Literary and scientific class: Francis M. Weld, Seneca; Grace Green, Ottawa; Ella A. Smith, Marseilles, and Alice M. Caldwell, Utica.

WELCH.—G. F. Welch, a FREE TRADER subscriber, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a former citizen of Ottawa, with his wife, made their friends here a brief visit during the week. Mr. Welch is one of the many prosperous and intelligent men whom La Salle county has sent beyond the Father of Waters to help build up that fine country, and whom she now delights to honor.

SMITH.—About July 1st, Mr. W. D. Smith, the genial lessee of the City Mills, will retire from the proprietorship. He is a first class miller, and besides working the mill to its full capacity with eminent satisfaction to its patrons, has made a host of friends throughout the county. It is with much regret we learn of his retirement. The mill, however, will fall into good hands, having been leased by Cotton, Dawell & Hamilton, who will run it on La Salle county wheat.

STATE.—We find La Salle county credited with the following pupils at the State University at Champaign: Jos. Weis, senior, chemistry, Tonica; Albert L. Eitel, junior, mechanical engineering, La Salle; Bertha R. Oliver, freshman, literature and science, La Salle; Florence M. Oliver, preparatory, literature and science, La Salle; Edwin S. Peddicord, agriculture, Marseilles. The Ottawa, Peoria and Streator high schools are on the accredited high school list, graduates of which are admitted to the University without examination.

40 Rod. 40 Rod Insect Powder kills at sight. FORBES & LORRAUX.

The papers announce that the "Three Pd" railroad is pushing its construction on through North Judson, Indiana. At this place it will make connections with the Atlantic & Pacific road, which is virtually an extension of the Erie. At Plymouth, Indiana, it connects with the great Pennsylvania system. Two such desirable connections are indeed a powerful lever in the hands of any road. We believe from consulting the map that were the officers of the Seneca, Ottawa & Mendota road to cross the river at Marseilles and strike the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa road at some convenient point, it would be to the benefit of all interested. They would find a powerful auxiliary in the latter named corporation, besides having some valuable connections as indicated above.

A faithful brother recently prayed for the absent members who were prostrate on beds of sickness and chairs of wellness. He might have prayed for those who do not buy their clothing of A. Frank & Co., the People's Clothiers, for they will surely die poor.

The Swabian picnic took place on Sunday last in spite of the rain, which came down in showers during the greater part of the day. The Streator delegation came in early with four car-loads of excursionists and a band, of course. The band was a loud

one (though a very good one) and with questionable taste came into town playing a gay and festive march, while the rest of the city was in the midst of religious exercises. The police naturally ordered their muzzles on. About noon three car-loads came from Mendota and the north end, and a little later three car-loads from Chicago and the east. The afternoon was spent in the grove with music, beer and merrymaking, the day winding up with a concert and ball at Turn Hall. The day passed off without disturbance of any kind.

If Mr. Walter A. Wood don't like the way the binder trial at Morristown, N. J., came out, how will something a little nearer home suit him? Please read the following and see how the Deering corral the Minneapolis and the Wood:

Bloomington, Ill., June 13, 1883. WM. DEERING: The Deering won a victory yesterday at Minooka over the Wood and the Minneapolis in green rye. Each machine measured off a piece and took its turn at cutting, while the spectators watched it. 1st, Minneapolis cut their piece, missing six bundles. 2d, the Deering cut its piece with out missing a bundle or taking a stop. 3d, the Wood went to work. It choked down three times and took two men to pull the tangled grain out of the elevator and binder. It took the Wood half an hour longer than the Deering to cut its piece. None but the agent voted for the Wood. JAS. GILCHRIST.

Farmers, be wise and make a good selection. Don't let a few dollars be the cause of your getting a binder that you will always regret you bought, but buy the Deering, sold by J. E. PORTER.

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The Ladies of the North Bend Sunday School Union will give an ice cream and strawberry festival at the residence of Charles L. Hoffman on Tuesday evening, June 26th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

HATS.—Our exhibit in this line cannot be equalled in the city. All new styles displayed as fast as they are brought out. Come and examine. It will pay you. A. FRANK & CO.

Mr. Thos. McElmerritt loosed a red fox on Tuesday evening at the fair grounds, and a pretty run was had by a number of ladies and gentlemen. Miss Belle Gibson, being the only lady in at the death, received the brush.

As noted last week, a temple of the Patriarchal Circle was organized at the hall of Tontil Lodge, Opera House Block, on Friday evening. The name given the new order in this city was the "E. Y. Griggs Temple, No. 13, P. C.," the officers elected for the current term being: Oracle, Chas. Fowler; Vice Oracle, Frank Frost; Commander, Jerry Maher; Marshal, L. A. Williams; Rec. Secretary, Chas. G. Armstrong; Fin. Secretary, John Vogel; Treasurer, T. E. McKinlay; Trustees: I. B. Bumgardner, three years; Moses Stiefel, two years; J. W. Horner, one year.

E. Y. Griggs succeeded to the office of Venerable Oracle, and L. L. McKinlay to that of Counsel. T. E. McKinlay was elected Representative to the Supreme Temple, which will meet in Chicago on the 11th, 12th and 13th of July. The charter members are: E. Y. Griggs, Almond Thomas, John Hartung, John Vogel, Thos. McKinlay, L. L. McKinlay, Dan L. Daly, Chas. Fowler, Frank Frost, Jerry Maher, L. A. Williams, J. A. Wilson, Charles Armstrong, George Miller, Wm. Burgess, I. B. Bumgardner, Clarence Reed, John Horner, M. Stiefel, N. S. Campbell, J. D. Hammond.

An adjourned meeting will be held at the same place this evening, and a full attendance is requested.

At the Fair Grounds, on Thursday, besides the game of ball between the Streator Reds and Ottawa Maseots, which the former won by a score of 13 to 10, there were two little trots; first, between Daisy, Gray and Lester, won by Daisy, in about 2:55; the second, between Frank's Grey Selim and Neely's Ottawa Chief, won by Selim, in 2:39 1/2.

Several members of the Ottawa Fire Department went to Joliet on Thursday to participate in the Tournament gotten up by the Joliet department, taking with them the steamer City of Ottawa. There was a large attendance from the surrounding towns and the contest between the Joliet and Ottawa was lively, though the Joliet was a first class and the Ottawa only a third class machine. Notwithstanding this difference, many spectators claim that Ottawa should have been awarded the first prize of \$100 for throwing water. The Chicago paper announce that they got the second prize.

Should circumstances ever so favor the Ottawa boys that they may invite the Joliet department to visit this city, we feel confident the visitors will have no cause of complaint on the score of hospitality. It is not at all impossible that a challenge will go forth from the plucky volunteer department of this city against their brethren up the canal, including their big steamer, when it is hoped there will be a test before impartial judges to decide to which belongs the palm of victory.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the residence of H. J. Logan, south bluff, on Wednesday evening, the occasion being a lawn sociable given by the members of Florence Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, of this city. The pleasant lawn was cheerfully lighted, and the strawberries and ice cream were the best.

The concert given by Fitzgerald's band on Saturday evening last from the balconies of the court house, was enjoyed by a large number of citizens. These concerts will be continued every Saturday evening, an entire change of programme being promised for each occasion.

Several young misses of school No. 5 (5th ward) of this city yesterday made the retiring principal, Prof. Holmes, a present in the form of an elegant easy chair. The girls were assisted in making the selection and in surprising Mr. Holmes by Russell & Son, from whom the purchase was made.

"We are pleased to note that Cole's Veterinary Carbolisalve is meeting with universal favor among horsemen. It is an article of true merit, and deserves to have a prominent place in every stable."—Chicago Horseman.

On Tuesday evening a little before 6 o'clock incipient fires were discovered in the roofs of Stormont's foundry and W. K. Stewart's barn, on the east side. Both were extinguished without material loss.

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It can be applied by inexperienced persons, making a job looking better and which is more durable and lasting than any other paint in the hands of experienced painters. One trial convinces all of its superiority. Call for sample of colors. Sold only by E. Y. Griggs.

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I have the most complete stock of paints, &c., in town, and am better prepared to furnish housekeepers with Paint, Colors, Calcimines, Brushes, &c., for house-cleaning season than ever. Shall be pleased to have those about to paint call, and my prices shall be below all others, while the quality of stock is guaranteed to be the best.

The Neola Cigar, which has had such a large sale and given the best of satisfaction, has never been equalled as a 5 cent cigar; and the fellow who said it was better than a 10 cent cigar was not mistaken ten per cent. Sold only by E. Y. Griggs.

First Picnic of the Season.

SAMPLE LOT of 1,000 prs. of Ladies' and Children's Hose, in prices ranging from 5 cents to 50, (to be sold in bundles;) 500 pairs of lisle thread gloves, (to be sold by single pairs;) 500 towels;—all at less than half price. Why? These goods are samples of New York wholesale houses that the commercial traveling salesmen are through with for their spring trade, and are put up in bundles of 3 and 4 pair—no two alike—to be sold by the bundle. By buying in this way you can get 3 or 4 pair for what you usually pay for 1 pair. Come early, as they are going fast. W. H. HULL.