

NEW ORLEANS is discussing the advisability of having a paid Fire Department.

The National Alliance organ published at Washington says the Alliance is growing.

SOCKLESS JERRY SIMPSON denies the allegation that he even wears half hose. Oh! yes, he must wear stockings that's the reason he is sockless.

SECRETARY BLAINE has sailed for Europe with Ex-Minister Foster to lay his plans of reciprocity with Cuba before the Spanish Government.

UNITED STATES SENATOR GEORGE is pleased with the result of the recent congress inasmuch as he thinks it insures the success of the party in 1892.

NEW YORK in a furore over the report of a revolution in Cuba which is said to include Havana, Mantanzas, Cienfuegos and most of the important parts of the island.

The general rejoicing all over Illinois over the election of General Palmer is an evidence of the fact that the people heartily approve the ratification by the Legislature of the people's choice at the polls in the senatorial matter.

The Indian is a warrior by nature, and the plan of the Secretary of War in employing the Indians as soldiers, may settle the Indian question. The French employed the Arabs in Algeria and prevented trouble with them.

The members of the board of control of the World's fair have been considering financial questions for several days, and the result will be a report recommending a reduction of salaries and expenses in the administrative department of the commission.

At the beginning of the present session of the Colorado Legislature the House of Representatives elected Mr. Hanna its Speaker. Mr. Hanna was continued in that position only for a week, when the House changed its mind in regard to him, or grew tired of him; and, then, by a majority vote, it declared the Speakership vacant, and elected another Speaker, Jesse White, to the chair. The supreme court of the state has just decided that they had the right to do this. The action is noted for the reason that it is without a precedent.

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Senator Pfeffer in a recent address in Washington denounced the policy of the Treasury Department in occasionally intervening to relieve the stringency of the market as wrong in principle and an injustice to Kansas and the West. He wanted the stringency relieved, not by anticipating the payment on bonds or by purchasing the people's indebtedness at a premium, but by the issue of more money. He favored the immediate issue of \$500,000,000 in \$1 treasury notes. This sum, or so much thereof as was necessary, he would loan out, 10 per cent of each loan to be paid each year, 9 per cent to be applied to the extinction of the principal indebtedness and 1 per cent covering the interest. In that way he believed it possible to redeem every mortgaged home in the land within a period of fifteen years.

Ex-Congressman Warner attempted to get at the Kansas Senator's meaning a little more clearly by putting a few questions to him. To these Pfeffer replied that Gen. Warner and himself argued upon separated premises, the questions being based upon the monetary system, which made money the standard of value as well as the medium of exchange. His own system eliminated from money not only the element of intrinsic value but the power to limit or control the value of things of use. He continued speaking in this strain for over an hour, and as one of his auditors remarked, "If the people of Kansas are not proud of their new Senator now they never will be."

"THE FARMER PAYS FOR ALL."

People who study the report of the commissioner of Agriculture, who keep abreast of the census bulletins, know how great a man the farmer really is, but it would be news to many to find how momentous the agricultural interest of the country are. There are some who are inclined to make hurry over "old hay seed" to put him on the stage as a figure of fun, to class him as prey for the bunco steerer, but at this season of the year, and at the honest at becomes apparent that the toiler of the soil is a much more important man in the common-wealth than is generally conceded. Just now the Alliance movement shows that when these same tillers of the soil pull themselves together and take a hand in affairs political of the nation, they are there an important factor. But in the agricultural reports, though facts and figures may to some seem dry it is unavoidable in singing peans of praise to the farmer.

Did space and the reader's capacity for figures permit, much that is interesting and remarkable might be said concerning the heavy importance of agriculture as a factor in commercial movement. It might be said, for instance, that according to the report of the commissioner of agriculture for the season 1889-90, there were, then, on the farms of this country 13,663,294 horses, values at \$982,194,827; 2,257,574 mules, valued at \$179,444,481; 15,298,625 milch cows, valued at \$366,226,376; 35,032,417 oxen and other cattle, valued at \$597,236,812; 42,599,079 sheep, valued at \$90,640,396; and 50,301,592 swine, valued at \$291,307,193. Adding these sums together, it is found that the total number of farm animals was 159,152,481, valued at the vast sum of \$2,507,050,058. It must be understood, too, that these figures, vast as they are, are, in all probability, made up from the various assessors' reports, and that, if that reports are perhaps 30 per cent below the actual mark.

The vegetable crop for the last year was valued at \$49,500,000, the fruit crop at \$100,000,000, beef and veal \$360,000,000, mutton \$45,000,000, milk, butter and cheese, \$372,000,000, poultry \$200,500,000, cotton seed \$48,000,000, the cotton crop, for the same year being worth \$219,046,000, the sugar and molasses crop \$408,945,000. Adding all these figures together we find that the farm products of the United States for 1889-90, including stock, reached the grand total of \$5,256,626,041.

The San Francisco Argonaut from which these figures were culled concluded a long agricultural report with the statement that agriculture to-day maintains about 209,000,000 in the U. S., Europe, Canada and Australia, and represents a capital of \$100,000,000,000.

All these figures and many more might be instanced to show the greatness of the farmer and how true was the English sign board which had on it four figures the first a king, labeled, "I rule all"; the second, a priest, with the the legend, "I pray for all"; the third, a soldier, with the inscription, "I fight for all"; and lastly, a farmer, whose boast was, "I pay for all."

FRIGHTFUL storms have prevailed in the Southern part of England during the past week and great suffering is reported. Several towns and villages completely isolated.

A boy died in Baltimore who had been smoking cigarets and eating pie, and of course the crusaders against the use of tobacco lay it all on the cigarets, though it may have been the pie.

Texas does everything on a grand scale. Even her cotton bales are much larger than in any other state the average being 531 pounds with Alabama second, her's averaging 501.

Six of the prisoners in the Hennessey case at New Orleans were discharged and the other three virtually discharged. Great dissatisfaction was manifested at the result, and a mass meeting called. The prisoners were remanded to jail to answer another charge.

WARR caps are organizing in Oklahoma and trouble is expected between them and the deluded negroes who were induced to go there from all parts of the South. The white caps want the negroes to leave and the negroes in defiance say they will burn the town before they go, if made to leave.

HENRY WATTERSON, the bright brainy, and persistent chaperon of the "Star eyed goddess of Reform" thinks David Bennett Hill is done for; that he will go down in the Senate Maelstrom overshadowed by Morgan, Gray, Voorhees, Butler and others; that he will lose control of the machine and that will be the end of him.

STATE NEWS.

—A mad dog was killed at Marshall Thursday.

—Snow fell nearly all day at Sherman Thursday.

—The smallpox excitement in Southwest Texas has subsided.

—The tender vegetation has been injured by frost at Floresville.

—Another one of the Edwards heirs has been found at Albany.

—The prospect for wheat in Hardeman county still remains bright.

—A reunion of the blue and the gray at the World's Fair is proposed.

—The grand jury recently in session in Columbus found 53 true bills.

—A great many cattle are dying in and around Haskell county owing to the cold spell.

—Santos Lopez has been jailed at San Antonio for smuggling horses across the Rio Grande.

—There were fifty chattel mortgages filed with the County Clerk at Waco in one day recently.

—But Spencer, of Uvalde, has been arrested charged with the misappropriation of public funds.

—Ernest Linnert, a farmer living near La Grange committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself.

—Memorial services of the five deceased members of the last Legislature were held in the House Friday.

—Tom Deskin has been arrested on three charges of the theft of horses in Karnes county. He gave bond.

—The dummy line from Waco to Alta Vista is completed, and trains will begin running the latter part of this week.

—Pat Dwyer, a bridge carpenter whose home is in Sherman has been missing since February 25th and foul play is suspected.

—The examining trial of Albert Cress, charged with the shooting of A. D. Walden, came up before Justice Seymour at Salado.

—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas is erecting extensive shops at Greenville, which when completed will give employment to 600 men.

—A dispatch from Gainesville says that an officer was there Tuesday hunting for a young white woman who ran away from her home in Greenville last Sunday for the purpose of following a young negro man to Guthrie, O. T. She was not worth hunting.

—Anthony Golden, charged with burglarizing the Fort Worth and Denver depot, was sent up for two years.

—The Santa Fe has contracted with a Topeka firm for the erection of a hospital building, 70x140 feet, at Temple, to be three stories high.

—A jury at Belton, in the case of S. H. Hickey, charged with theft, after having been out eighteen hours stood "six and" and were discharged.

—Dr. Samostz, a druggist of Austin, has been sentenced to two years in the county jail for aggravated assault and throwing acid upon Dr. Bennett.

—Alf Cross has been arrested at Belton charged with the attempted assassination of D. C. Walden, and was granted bond in the sum of \$1000.

—C. C. Hcoden and Aid Crowder had a difficulty at Commerce, which resulted in Hooden's being stabbed near the heart. He will die; Crowder is in jail.

—The saloon of Wischan & Cooper was broken into at DeKalb Thursday night and robbed of whisky and what cash there was in the drawer.

The third hearing, in the case of James Massey, who killed Mose Burton, came up before Judge Burke at Dallas. The defense is that Burton was too intimate with Massey's wife.

—Many new farms are being opened up in Tom Green county, and large crops of cotton are expected from the irrigated sections. Some raised a bale and a half last year and assert that that is not the limit.

The cold weather is driving the negroes out of Oklahoma and they are coming south by the scores. They are the immigrants that McCabe imported into Oklahoma from Arkansas and Texas to starve. They are very indignant and claim that their friends who are going to tough it out in Oklahoma are going to call on McCabe for assistance to keep them through the winter. A mob of cold and hungry negroes are desperate enough to do almost anything and as their violence is directed to McCabe and his clique there will not be many white people interest themselves in it. The above are the sentiments of all the negroes your correspondent has conversed with on the subject.

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