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The aggregate republican vote polled in California this year will be more than double that of 1873.

Thirty seven foreign governments have accepted the invitations extended them to attend our national "blow out" at Philadelphia next year.

At the soldiers' reunion in Rockville, Ind., on the 7th, over 20,000 people were present. Speeches were made by Gen. Sherman, Senator Norton, R. W. Thompson and Henry S. Lane.

The St. Paul Press of Sept. 3d, says:

"Reports from the harvest fields are very discouraging. It rained steadily all day in nearly every section of the state. Many stacks are thoroughly soaked, and grain is growing badly."

The census of 1870 shows fourteen American cities that had attained or passed the point of 100,000 population. The census this year, taken in the several states, adds six more, viz: Cleveland, Pittsburg, Jersey City, Milwaukee, Detroit and Providence, making now twenty cities of 100,000 population or more.

Late advices from the polar expedition have been received from West Greenland. The Alert and Discovery had arrived at Disco, after pleasant passage from England. Both sailed from Rittenbenk July 12th for Upernivik. All were well, and preparations have been made for pushing as far north as possible in the Alert, and for sledge expeditions beyond to the pole next winter.

Negligence, on the part of a flagman, was the cause of the recent fatal disaster on the Sioux City & Pacific R. R. Danger was apprehended at Thompson Creek, as dispatches from the superintendent to the engineer and conductor plainly prove, and the flagman was directed to signal the train at that place, but he was tardy in reaching there, being a quarter of a mile away when the train reached the washed-out bridge.

The governor of Minnesota has appointed a commission to investigate the work of the grasshoppers during several years past. It is now time for Commodore Kountz and the Allegheny Mail to rise up and say that Coulson, Dallas & Co., and the Indian department are the ones who have been eating up the farmers' crops in the west. The suggestion would be opportune, and might help Kountz to get the government contracts next year.

Isaac Brandt, the defaulting Iowa treasurer, who was tried and convicted, has been released by virtue of a recent decision of the supreme court of that state reversing the action of the court below. The case went to the higher court on an appeal, holding that the indictment was illegal on account of a deputy sheriff, instead of the sheriff, having acted in drawing the jury. It is said that Brandt cannot be again indicted, the statute of limitations saving him.

General Crook, in a recent interview, expressed the belief that the Sioux intend to make trouble; that the government will be obliged to whip them, and that the sooner this is done the better. The wily rulers of the Dakotas understand the drift of the impending negotiations, and that the next step attempted will be to deprive them altogether of hunting lands and almost of an independent existence.

Minneapolis Evening Mail: "There is no more encouragement as yet for the state in regard to crops. From the windows of every train as it goes speeding along in the midst of farms that were a fortnight ago covered with the dry, hard No. 1 wheat may be plainly seen the growing shocks of wheat, so badly grown, indeed, that the green color of the sprouts is plainly visible. A large proportion of the wheat and oats crop will be unfit to thresh."

It is stated that Bishop Hare, with the other members of the committee, do not indorse William Welsh's assault upon Secretary Delano; on the contrary the Bishop expresses his sympathy with Delano, and states that he has confidence in the integrity of his administration of the interior department. If this is a fact, Mr. Welsh has a much more difficult task on his hands than he imagines. Bishop Hare is a gentleman of spotless integrity, clear headed and unquestioned ability. He would be the last to endorse what he did not conscientiously believe, and he is none of your sentimentalists who can be led to believe without a thorough investigation. His endorsement of Delano is as strong a card as that official could possibly hold.

THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The British government is quietly pushing ahead the work of building a Pacific railroad north of Lake Superior.

It is a serious question whether that enterprise will not affect detrimentally the farther construction of the Northern Pacific, now partially completed. The Canada Pacific is strongly backed, and will be built without unnecessary delay—the work being pushed from the Pacific side toward Winnipeg, on the Red River, as well as from Canada, with the branch from Winnipeg up Red River to Pembina. Concerning this enterprise a Pacific coast paper says:

"As yet, Prince Arthur's has not been made the terminal point of this great work, the starting point being some five miles west, up the Kaministiquia river, one mile above Fort William. It will, however, be continued down to the landing in time. Its present terminus is well located on the river, which is navigable for some miles for the largest class of steamers. Some ten miles have been graded, and work is being pushed forward with considerable vigor. Its destination is Fort Garry, or Winnipeg, a distance of about 500 miles. The country through which it runs is a country of lakes and mountains until it reaches the plains of Manitoba. The road will have many serious drawbacks, among them several long portages, which will be made by steamboats. It passes through the recently discovered gold fields of the north, of which great things are expected in the near future. This section of country is being thoroughly prospected this season, and the result is anxiously looked for."

The Cities of Minnesota.

We give below a list taken from the Minneapolis Mail, of the cities of Minnesota of over two thousand inhabitants:

St. Paul (estimated) 35,000

Minneapolis 22,640

Wadena 10,000

Sillwater 8,806

Red Wing 8,632

Faribault 8,524

Manly 5,412

Rochester 4,534

Hastings 3,507

St. Peter 3,315

Duluth 2,930

Antonina 2,880

Austin 2,601

Lake City 2,435

Anoka 2,221

Northeast 2,143

New Ulm 2,170

St. Cloud 2,080

Eggs and Spiritualism.

From the New York Sun.

Fifteen persons, several of them reporters, met in Mrs. Young's parlors, met in Twenty-seventh street last evening, and found the medium in good spirits. Across the end of the room stood a large, deep, seven-and-a-half octave piano, which appeared upon trial to weigh about 1000 pounds. The reporter could not lift one end of it. The gas was burning at full head the whole evening, and the windows and doors were open. Among the visitors were Col. Olcott and Madame Blavatsky, who had come to report what they saw to the St. Petersburg University; Mr. Paul Lignon, Mr. David Morrison, of Washington, and other well known persons. The performance began with the lifting of the piano by the invisible powers, three times for "yes" and once for "no" in answer to Mrs. Youngs, she resting her hands lightly on top of the music rack. She then sat down and played various airs, and the instrument rose and fell and beat time. She then went to one end of the piano and called up Col. Olcott and as many others as chose to make the experiment, and causing each to place his left hand underneath the case, laid one of her hands lightly under it; whereupon, at her demand, the end of the heavy instrument was lifted off the floor without the slightest effort on her part. The Col. here asked to be permitted to make a single test which should not injure the medium at all. Mrs. Youngs consenting, he produced a hen's egg from a box, and requested her to hold it in her hand against the under side of the piano, and then ask the spirits to raise it. The medium said that in the course of her mediumship such a test had never been suggested, and she could not say that it would be successful, but she would try. She took the egg and held it as desired, and then rapping upon the case with her other hand, asked the spirits to see what they could do. Instantly the piano rose as before and was held for a moment suspended in the air. The novel and striking experiment was a complete success.

Mrs. Youngs then desired as many of the heaviest persons in the room as could sit upon the instrument to mount it, and the invitation being accepted by seven gentlemen and ladies, she played a march, and the instrument, persons and all, were lifted easily. Col. Olcott now brought out two English walnuts, and asked the spirits to crack their shells under the piano legs without crushing the kernels, the idea being to show that some other power than that of the one woman herself, and a power governed by intelligence, was exerting itself. The spirits were willing, but as the piano legs rested upon rolling castors, the test was abandoned. He then asked to be permitted to hold an egg in his own hand against the under side of the piano, and have Mrs. Youngs lay her hand beneath and against his so that he might have a perfect demonstration of the fact that no muscular force whatever was exerted by her. This test was also agreed to and immediately tried. The piano rose the same as before. The manifestations of the evening were then brought to a close with the lifting of the instrument

without the mediums hands touching it at all.

HUMOR.

The oldest Tory—history.

A bad position—imposition.

A regular beat—the heart beat.

A comic song is an absurd-ditty.

A court for hot weather—just-ice.

A girl of in-bread usefulness—Sally-ratus.

A popular brand for cigars—contra-brand.

If flesh is grass, is hay beef a la mowed?

How to get along in the world—never get short.

A lazy cook—One that "fritters" away her time.

He is a poor landlord who is not a host in himself.

Comfortable quarters—twenty-five cent pieces.

Hotel keepers are people we have to "put up with."

You can always find a sheet of water in the bed of the ocean.

Men who go for a "lark" more often make it a "swallow."

There is one town in Connecticut that is not afraid of the measles. It's Haddam.

A sport wears a ten cent silver piece on his shirt bosom, and calls it a dime and pin.

When a man has a house lot on which he cannot pay the taxes he has a site too much.

Why is a solar eclipse like a woman whipping her boy? Because it's a hiding of the sun.

Why is dew like a falling star? One is mist on earth, and the other is missed from heaven.

Some elderly young ladies have declared, during the hot weather, that they wished they were on the shady side of forty.

A mourning widower declares that nothing brings him such affecting memories of his dear dead wife as to tumble over a flat-iron.

There may be different answers to W. E. G.'s question, "Is the church of England worth preserving?" but one thing is clear—the jars are ready.

"My onthankful hearers," said a backwoods preacher, "you are like onto hogs eatin' acorns. They never look up to see where the acorns come from."

It was an Irish coroner who, when asked how he accounted for an extraordinary mortality in Limerick, replied, sadly: "I can not tell. There are people dying this year that never died before!"

Somebody suggests that Hannibal Hamlin's head ought to be put on the postage-stamps, so that everybody may have the pleasure of punching it when a transient newspaper is to be mailed.

A negro suddenly finding himself under a fire during a skirmish in the late war—prayed. This is what he prayed: "Oh, Lordy! if you're ever gwine to do anythin' for dis old nigger, now's your time."

A boy recently found a pocketbook and returned it to its owner, who gave him a five cent piece. The boy looked at the coin an instant, and then handed it reluctantly back, audibly sighing, as he said: "I can't change it."

A drayman at Black River Falls advertises the loss of a valuable seal ring. This is rather a serious matter, as it probably throws the man out of employment. No person wants to employ a drayman who hasn't a valuable seal ring on his finger.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

At a recent picture sale in London a painting entitled "Lafayette Signing the Independence of America," was sold for \$495. We used to know that Lafayette signed the independence of America, but hanged if we'd ever thought of it again if it hadn't been for that picture.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Detroit boy who had scraped two or three dollars together last week and started for the Black Hills, was yesterday morning found on the front doorstep by the family. There was dust on his clothes, straw in his hair, and a sad look in his eye, and as the old man reached out and hauled him in he remarked: "Father, you may talk about quartz-mining, shaft-sinking and lodes and veins all your days, but I tell you there's no place like home, even if your mother is homely and lame."—Detroit Free Press.

A man in New York quarreled with his wife on Sunday evening, and then hung himself to the bedpost with his wife's apron. This little matrimonial infelicity should teach wives to always have a spare apron or two about the house, and plenty of bedposts.

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