

Will the Republican's legal department please cite the law for the assertion in this week's issue that the commissioners cannot assess but one per cent on assessment of 1895 for the purpose of building a court house? If any such law is in existence it seems mighty hard to find. We are of the impression that this county can assess \$175,000 for this purpose and there is no recourse whatever.

THE WEEK AT HOME.

Kil Davis of Lowell visited friends in Rensselaer last Friday.

For fresh lime, hair and coal call on J. H. Cox.

A. F. Long has added electric lights to his store.

J. H. Cox has received a fresh car load of lime. He also has hair and coal.

Mrs. I. J. Porter is visiting friends and relatives in Goodland this week.

Repairs on the old trade palace room in the opera house are nearing completion.

Jesse Saylor of Newton moved on the Murray farm in Barkley township.

The telephone plant of about fifty phones has just been completed at Remington.

Miss Mae Enslen and Fannie Wood entertained friends from Morocco last Sunday.

Frank Douglas a tinner formerly of this place but now of Chicago is doing some work for N. Warner & Sons.

Mrs. C. D. Martin, who visited the family of Rev. Beech last week, at Indianapolis returned home Saturday.

Marriage licenses since last reported: Albert Johnson to Carrie Clark, Albert Summers to Mary J. Spriggs.

John Callow, who has been telegraphing in Minnesota for several months, returned to this city last Sunday.

Miss Georgia Kight left for Chicago Wednesday morning, where she expects to remain for several weeks.

The Christian Endeavor young men of the Presbyterian church will give a social at the home of Rev. Paradis tomorrow evening.

W. A. Huff was in Chicago last Wednesday and Thursday purchasing new furniture and fixtures for his new room in the opera house block.

Quite a number of sports came over from Brook last Friday and engaged in a blue-rock shoot, under the management of J. W. King, Rensselaer crack marksman.

William Babcock purchased the plain-mill of Frank Osborne last Monday. Mr. Babcock will purchase some new machinery and fix the mill up in first class shape. Charles Nowels is now running the plant.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and piles, which it never fails to cure. Stopsitching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold-sores in two or three hours. A. F. Long, Druggist.

John Phillips, brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Bedford of this place, died at his home at Frankton Monday evening. The corpse was brought to Lee and interment made in the Osborne cemetery. He was seventy-six years old and was a former resident of this place.

Grandmother Day, who lives near the depot, ventured out on the icy walks last Friday evening, and fell braking several of her ribs. After quite a struggle considering her age and the effects of the fall, she managed to crawl into the house and get upon her bed, where she was not discovered until the next day about 9 o'clock, by Mrs. Cripps, a near neighbor. Her condition is reported much improved.

John Saylor, one of Marion township's most prosperous farmers, purchased last Tuesday of Warner & Collins a fine family carriage, for which he paid the very reasonable figure of \$150. Mr. Saylor can afford to ride in a good carriage and while he was a gettin' he got a good one.

The cold snap of yesterday morning brought along its usual fire alarm accompaniment. This time it was a fire burning out in the house of Simon Phillips. It was quite accidental that Mrs. Phillips went into the upper room just in time to prevent the destruction of the house, as the flames had forced out two flue caps and were pouring into the rooms. In another minute the ceiling would have been ablaze, and as it wasthe paper near the flue holes caught fire. Mrs. Phillips burned her hands in pushing the hot caps back in place, but undoubtedly saved the house.

Miss Eva Washburn is teaching a class in painting at Brook. She is a talented young lady with a bright future before her in her chosen work. A party of young people of the Epworth League gave Miss Washburn a farewell last Saturday evening.

Quite a pleasant little party was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCoy at their home last evening in honor of Miss Smith of Lafayette. About fifteen enjoyed the evening's hospitalities.

Last night was about the coldest we have had this winter. Everybody's thermometer registered ten below and some went down even to twelve or thirteen.

Misses Marcette and Warner of Fair Oaks attended the club dance at the opera house Tuesday evening.

Louie Wilcox of Surrey attended the dance Tuesday evening.

A very pleasant little dance was given at the opera house Tuesday evening by the Iroquois Dancing Club. About thirty couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by Moratto's orchestra of Chicago.

The phonograph man, who has been at Clarke's jewelry store for a couple of weeks, left our city last week.

Fred Phillips took the stump last Thursday to cry his first sale. He made it a howling success.

If this weather continues for a week our happy ice men will almost be froze up.

Mr. Magee, the restaurant man, has been quite sick with the mumps for the past two weeks.

Charley Rhoades has recently added to his barber shop two nice bathtubs.

Mrs. C. C. Sigler, who has been visiting in Chicago and Hebron for the past three weeks, returned home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Weaver left for Lowell yesterday where her husband is located in the barbershop.

J. F. Irwin is making a tour through Alabama and Tennessee.

J. W. Childers, the night-watch, has moved into his property north of the depot.

Revival meetings are still in session at the F. W. Baptist church under the auspices of Rev. J. W. Haggerty.

S. W. Duvall of Chicago is visiting at his son's west of Rensselaer.

S. E. Yeoman is contemplating building a nice residence in Columbia addition this coming spring to rent.

Miss Daisy Watson of Albuquerque, New Mexico is visiting her parents near Pleasant Ridge.

W. H. Galbreath of Chicago is visiting his father, A. J. Galbreath of Barkley, and others this week.

Miss Hale of Tacoma, Wash., cousin of Mrs. T. J. McCoy, is spending several weeks with the latter.

The next number on the lecture course is for March 2, J. Arthur Loining, an impersonator, being the attraction.

W. S. Parks, had a close call for a broken leg a few days since. He was riding a horse when it slipped and fell upon him, and sprained his ankle. It was some time before he could get the horse off him.

B. F. Ferguson, who is president of the local advisory board of the Children's Home Finding Society, would recommend the generous response of the people in assisting Rev. H. B. Marsh, now of this place, in his work here, which will be the means of securing homes for many dependent children.

Headley Brown Dead.

Hon. George H. Brown, Sr. died at his home in Rensselaer at 7 a. m., Tuesday of this week, at the advanced age of nearly eighty years, of inflammation of the stomach combined with calcification of the arteries and heart trouble. He was taken sick Saturday and the attack being very severe the local physicians called Dr. H. N. Moyer of Rush Medical College, Chicago, to assist them, and he was in attendance when the end came. Though for twenty-four hours before he died it was known that he could live but a short time, the end came much more abruptly than was anticipated, his vital powers collapsing so suddenly that he was gone before the watchers could call the household.

Mr. Brown was a man of exceptional standing in the community, and it is said he had not an enemy in the world. He was successful in the acquirement of property being one of the wealthiest men in Jasper county. He served two terms in the state legislature; was treasurer of the Indiana State Grange at one time, and served in other public capacities. He came to Jasper county 1840. The funeral will probably be held next Saturday as it is expected one of his daughter's, Mrs. Carsener, will have arrived from California by that time.

Advertised Letters.

Mrs. Ellen Fisher, W. Francis, John W. Smith, Mrs. Perry B. Spencer.

E. P. HONAN, P. M.

Public Notice.

All claims on the books of the National Collecting Company remaining unsettled March 2nd, 1896, will be sold to the highest cash bidder. Those against residents of Jasper county, Indiana, will be sold in lots to suit purchasers, and consist of notes, judgments and book accounts. All are the property of our several clients in this and adjoining counties and are guaranteed valid. A notice of sale together with a full descriptive list of the property will be published later. Persons seeking investment for idle capital will do well to investigate.

NATIONAL COLLECTING CO.
Joilet, Ill.

A DAY OF INCIDENTS.

LIVELY SESSION OF UNITED STATES SENATE.

Grave and Dignified Statesmen Indulge in Personal Controversies — Agricultural Bill Passed by the House — Pacific Railroad Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The session of the senate Tuesday furnished a succession of breezy incidents. Little actual work was accomplished, but brief debates on a number of subjects developed frequent sharp personal exchanges between the senators. Mr. Hill of New York had a lively tilt with Mr. Tillman of South Carolina during the debate on Mr. Peffer's resolution for a senate investigation of the recent bond issue. Mr. Allen of Nebraska took issue with Mr. Gear of Iowa and Mr. Wolcott over the course of the Pacific railway committee in conducting their inquiry. Mr. Chandler and Mr. Cockrell had an animated but good-natured colloquy and Gen. Hawley and Mr. Allen had a difference somewhat less good-natured.

Two appropriation bills, the military academy and the pension bill, were passed during the day. Efforts were made to amend the military academy bill by increasing the number of cadets by two from each state, ninety in all, but after a debate of three hours the plan was defeated. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$142,000,000, was passed after ten minutes' debate.

When the senate met at noon Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) asked the finance committee what steps were to be taken toward a conference with the house on the silver-bond bill. It was explained that the house had not asked for a conference on its non-concurrence, and no further action was taken.

Mr. Peffer sought to secure action on his resolution for the creation of a special committee of five senators to inquire into the circumstances of recent bond issues.

Mr. Sherman moved to refer the resolution to the finance committee.

Mr. Peffer declared that public indignation alone prevented the last bond issue from going to the syndicate which made such enormous profits at the previous bond sale. Mr. Peffer referred to the vague suggestions of scandal as to this last sale, including the late submission of one of the largest bids.

Mr. Stewart advocated an inquiry and strongly criticised the recent bond issues.

Mr. Lodge briefly stated that in view of the charges of irregularity, involving the credit of the nation, he believed that an investigation should be made.

Mr. Hill (dem., N. Y.) was opposed to any investigation at this time by the finance committee, or any other committee. The senate had heretofore digested such rumors by serious investigation. It was a pandering to idle curiosity. The senator (Peffer) who proposed this inquiry did not make personal charges against the president or the secretary of the treasury. "But I make the charge," exclaimed Mr. Stewart, rising and moving down the middle aisle. Mr. Hill waved Mr. Stewart back and declined to entertain the interruption. He proceeded to argue against the senate inquiry into rumors when he was interrupted by Mr. Tillman (dem., S. C.). A lively exchange of personalities ensued, stopped only by the chairman's gavel.

The Peffer resolution was finally sent to the calendar.

The military academy bill was then taken up. The debate proceeded on the amendment of Mr. Vilas (dem., Wis.) for an increase of military cadet appointments by two from each state. The discussion took a wide range, many senators participating, and the comment included comparisons of West Pointers and officers appointed from civil life; also the relative rights of officers and enlisted men. There were frequent evidence of personal feeling.

After a debate of three hours Mr. Vilas' amendment and all propositions connected with it were defeated—24 to 27.

The pension bill was then taken up. Mr. Gorman took occasion to state that the vast amount of the pension bill was one of the several sums which hung over the treasury like a pall, swelling the expenditures of the government beyond the revenues. The bill was then passed.

Mr. Call (dem., Fla.) offered a resolution which went over providing that lapsed bids under the recent bond issue be assigned to the lowest among the other bidders.

HOUSE DOES SOME WORK.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Debated and Passed.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The house Tuesday passed the agricultural appropriation bill. It carries \$3,158,192. The section of the revised statutes for the purchase and distribution of "rare and uncommon" seed, which Secretary Morton declined to execute in the current appropriation law, was repealed, the appropriation for seed was increased from \$130,000 to \$150,000 and its execution was made mandatory upon the secretary.

Mr. Cousins of Iowa introduced his amendment to reduce Mr. Morton's salary until he expended the appropriation in the current law, but the amendment was ruled out on a point of order. Several amendments to the meat inspection act of 1891 recommended by Secretary Morton, which would have given him additional power to enforce regulations and have strengthened the law by the imposition of penalties for violations, were stricken out.

A resolution was adopted directing the committee on ways and means to investigate the effect of the difference of exchange between gold and silver standard countries upon the manufacturing industries of the United States.

The house then went into the committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the agricultural bill. The amendments to the act of 1891 for the inspection of live cattle, hogs, carcasses, and products thereof which had been incorporated in the bill, were stricken out on the motion of Mr. Baker (rep., N. H.). The amendments refused clearance to vessels exporting meats not found sound upon inspection, and provided for the certification and stamping of cattle, sheep, and swine found free of disease, and made counterfeiting of such certificate or stamps punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

The secretary of agriculture was authorized by one amendment stricken out to make regulations to prevent the transportation of condemned carcasses or meats from one state to another, or to foreign countries. An amendment to print 80,000 copies of the report of 1892 on diseases of cattle was ruled out. The bill as amended was passed.

Mr. Lacey then called up the bill to extend for five years the time for bringing suits to vacate and annul patents to public lands under the railroad grants. The bill extends the time five years. Without action on the bill the house at 5 o'clock adjourned.

DROPS UGLY HINTS.

Senator Morgan Asks Unpleasant Questions of Huntington.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The hearing on the refunding of the Pacific railroad's debt by the senate committee on Pacific railroads continued Tuesday. Senator Morgan resumed his inquiries concerning the destruction of the papers of the finance and contract company. He intimated that he believed the papers were burned for the purpose of destroying the proof of the individual liability of the stockholders, but Mr. Huntington insisted that they had been destroyed for the purpose of cleaning out a room and because the business for which the company had been organized was closed.

Questioning developed that the Central Pacific organizers had built three other roads in California connected with the Central Pacific, and had bought twelve which had failed. Mr. Huntington said that the roads built had cost about \$40,000 per mile and the construction companies had been paid with bonds at this rate which were issued by the Central Pacific company.

Taking up the question of the government's indebtedness, Senator Morgan asked Mr. Huntington if he considered the interest which had been paid by the government on the guaranty bonds a part of the Central Pacific's indebtedness to the government. Mr. Huntington replied that he did and that his proposition was to calculate the entire amount up to the maturity of the bonds, including interest as well as principal, and count it all as interest. He did not, however, understand that he was to be expected to pay interest on interest. He did not think the company could pay more than 2 per cent interest on this extension.

Replying to an assertion made at a mass meeting in San Francisco that he, Stanford, Perkins and Crocker had accumulated a combined fortune of \$200,000,000, he said it was "a lie," as was the statement that they had received from city, county, state and nation property of four times the amount of the cost of building the roads. The hearing will be resumed again next Thursday.

WOULD EXCLUDE ILLITERATES.

Committee on Immigration Reports an Important Bill.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee on immigration, on Tuesday reported a bill from that committee for the restriction of immigration. The bill provides for the exclusion of all persons who are so ignorant as to be unable to read and write any language. The committee says that there can be no doubt that there is a general and earnest desire among the people of the United States to restrict immigration. "It is obvious that immigration in its present unrestricted form," the report continues, "threatens to injure the quality of our citizenship and lower the rates of American wages."

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT COSTS.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania on Tuesday reported to the house from the appropriations committee the bill making provisions for the expenses of the legislative, executive, and judicial departments of the government for the fiscal year 1897. The amount carried by the bill is \$21,444,195. The bill of last year carried \$22,069,778. The estimates submitted by the treasury department were \$22,365,051.

MINORITY REPORT ON DUPONT.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Turpie, from the committee on privileges and elections, presented the report of the minority of that committee on the petition of Henry A. Dupont to be given a seat in the senate by virtue of the vote cast for him by the Delaware legislature on May 9, 1895. The report takes the position that Mr. Dupont was not elected by that vote.

MRS. COLONEL W. R. MORRISON III.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Mrs. W. R. Morrison of Illinois is seriously ill at her apartments here. Col. Morrison left this city for the west three or four days ago. His wife was then ill, but not so seriously that he felt justified in postponing the trip. Yesterday her physician said that she had improved somewhat.

ANDREW CARNEGIE BLACKBALED.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—The Cleveland chamber of commerce Tuesday night blackballed the name of Andrew Carnegie, which had been proposed for honorary membership. Charges were made that he was an oppressor of the poor.

DEADLY WORK OF GAS.

FIFTY-FIVE MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Explosion in the Vulcan Slope at Newcastle, Colo.—Work of Rescue Being Pushed, but Little Hope Held Out