

whist-player, James Clay, of the same city.

—Commenting upon the statement that Robert Henry Hurst, elected for Hingham, England, was arrested for bribery in promising to pay the railway expenses of voters to the polling places, the Omaha Bee says, "If all persons, members of Congress and of state legislatures, were unseated in consequence of similar acts in the United States, we wonder how many of our present Solons would remain law-makers."

—A correspondent of the Sacramento Record-Union gives the following items of news from Boston, Mass.—The Arizona colony, projected several months ago, is likely to be formed, and the first part of fifty men may soon start. Births in Boston, 11,033 in 1875, being 704 less than in 1874, partly owing to the present mild winter; 3,998 certificates of marriages filed in 1875, being 700 less than in 1874, a sure sign of hard times.

—The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says "that there can be no questioning the fact that the asphalt pavement is the only perfect pavement in the world, and that when mankind shall be sufficiently civilized, all the cities in the world will be paved with asphalt;" that it will not do for grades of any amount of steepness, because of its one fault—smoothness and consequent slipperiness; that asphalt roads must be made in the best manner, or they will be miserable failures; and that "in Paris, the best kept and best governed city the world has ever known, the boulevards and principal streets have long since discarded all other experiments and settled down on asphalt, with a success that justifies good Americans in renouncing their democracy, when they return from its clean thoroughfares to the sloughs and quagmires we call streets in this land of liberty." On the other hand it is reported that Londoners are getting tired of asphalt for streets, because of its slipperiness. For footpaths it is undoubtedly super excellent.

—Albert Rhodes, in the Galaxy, says, "It is a safe and just rule of life to respect every man's religion, and give him credit for sincerity, on the same principle that in law every man is presumed to be honest until he is proved otherwise. The Arab who throws his mantle on the ground at the cry of the Mezzim, and kneeling towards Mecca, is as conscientious, and more devotional, than he who enters the cushioned pew of a well-warmed building."

Local and Other Matters

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 29.

Will He?—Will March come in like a lion?

Stormy.—Snowing smartly this morning, and continuing lightly the larger part of the day.

The Day.—This is leap year day, the only day of the kind for four years to come. Of course the girls will govern themselves accordingly, if they take the whole year for it.

A Four Handed Fight.—Utah now has two republican parties and two democratic parties, all snarling and growling at and "pitching into" each other, while the people stand by and look on, as it is none of their fight.

The Crossing Sweeper.—With the existing spell of slushy weather the diligence of James Dixon, the crossing-sweeper, increases, and it is to be hoped the pedestrian public keep him in sufficient remembrance to cause a corresponding increase in his finances.

Sentiment and Mirth.—We are requested to announce that F. Lee Chauvin, Esq., will give a selection of readings from the poets, closing with a short lecture on elocution, at the Tenth Ward meeting-house, under the auspices of the Y. M. L. A., on Thursday evening. Admission free.

Conforming to the Law.—There is considerable demand for bricks just now, small piles of which can be seen in every part of the city, and there is considerable of a harvest for chimney builder. Cause—the people generally are conforming to the ordinance in relation to flues, which will be in force on and after to-morrow.

Returned.—General George C.

Bates, who has been on a visit to some portions of Michigan and to Chicago, returned to the City on Saturday. He reports a very discouraging stagnation of business in the "Queen City," the unemployed poor running up into the thousands, with an apparently dreary prospect ahead.

The Coal Question.—A few days ago considerable consternation was caused among the Weber coal mine owners, and others interested in that direction, by the reception of intelligence from U. P. R. R. officials that no more cars would be left at Echo for the transportation of Weber coal, the reason assigned for this being that all the cars were wanted at Almy for the freighting of coal from mines owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. We are pleased to learn that the company have somewhat relented from their determination and are beginning to supply a few cars at Echo, so that the coal difficulty is in a fair way for at least a partial, if not a complete, solution.

Shrove Tuesday.—This is Shrove Tuesday, or Shrove Tide, the day before Lent, otherwise commonly known as Pancake Tuesday. In olden times, when Roman Catholicism was the prevailing religion of England, it was customary on this day for the people of that country to make confession to their various parish priests, and afterwards to have a general ringing of bells, and other amusements, and to engage in the demolition of pyramids of pancakes, or fritters, but flesh was to be abstained from. We believe the eating part of the observance is the only one at all generally attended to in that country now a-days.

This day is known as *Fast-Nacht* (fast eve) by the Germans, and *Mardi Gras* (fat Tuesday) by the French.

Ash-Wednesday.—To-morrow is Ash-Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The fathers called it *caput jejunii* (the beginning of the fast), or *dies cinerum* (ash day), in allusion to the custom of sprinkling the head with ashes. Ash-Wednesday is the commencement of the forty days of Lent, or penitential mourning (immediately following the carnival) among Roman Catholics, during which they eat no meat, fish excepted. On this day the Catholic priest makes the sign of the cross with ashes on the foreheads of the people, repeating a few words. In the Church of England the maledictions against impenitent sinners are read, and the clerk and the people respond "Amen."

Lent is the forty week-days of fast and penitence, immediately preceding Easter, not an absolute but a partial fast, animal flesh being excluded, except when specially allowed by the Catholic bishops. One meal a day is the usual allowance, with a slight refection in the morning, and another in the evening, the latter being the largest. Lent is supposed to be in part a memorial of the forty days' fast in the wilderness by the Savior.

Homestead Patents.—The following have been published—

Homestead patents on the following entries have been received at the Land Office in this city—

- No. 408—William Daley
- 411—Jeremiah R. Stocking
- 412—Delight Decker
- 414—Edward White
- 416—James A. Lott
- 417—Sarah Carter
- 418—Alfred Lamb
- 421—Orange Warner
- 422—Charles B. Wightman
- 424—Benjamin Kelley
- 425—David E. Williams
- 428—Charles A. Zetling
- 429—James Davley
- 430—David Cluff
- 431—Wm. E. Nuttall
- 433—Richard H. Batey
- 434—David Cluff, Sr.
- 435—Orson Cluff
- 436—Jacob Varney
- 437—Thomas C. Stevenson
- 438—Samuel Mulliner
- 440—James Ririe
- 441—Orson Hicken
- 442—John Robertson
- 443—George W. Clift
- 444—Wm. Barton
- 445—Isaac P. Carter
- 447—John G. Holman

—Young Theodore, of Abyssinia, has gone from London to Paris. He is a very amiable youth, and a "lion" in society. He has forgotten his native language, but speaks English freely.

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