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A NEW STATE.

The largest of the territories in the limits of the nation has been divided, and the southern part will be admitted as a state. Dakota is the first state admitted into the Union since 1876, when Colorado came in. The admission of Dakota was an act of justice that could no longer be delayed. In 1870 the territory had less than 15,000 people; in 1880 she had over 135,000; she has now fully 300,000, two-thirds of whom will be embraced in the limits of the new state. The bill providing for the admission of Dakota, and which passed the senate last Friday, cuts in two the enormous parallelogram hitherto styled "the territory of Dakota," extending from the 43rd parallel of north latitude to the British dominions, and from the 97th to the 106th parallel of west longitude, comprising over 150,000 square miles, or nearly 100,000,000 acres. The new state will extend through the same parallels of longitude, and from the 43rd to the 46th parallel of north latitude, be ing almost exactly half of the present territorial dimensions. The Missouri will flow through the center of the state, and on its banks will be the future capital. The remaining northern portion will be erected into a separate ter ritory, styled "Lincoln territory." The Northern Pacific will run close to its southern boundary.

ADMISSION OF STATES.

Soveneign states are slow of admission into the Union, except when party_requirements dictate, for nearly every creation of a state has been due at last more to political reasons in a party sense than to true reasons of polity and polities in the best sense of that much

on the secession of South Carolina work. in 1860. Kansas, won by blood "An Injury to One is the Conwealth partly as punishment to the presence of the Knights. Virginia, partly because the newly The headquarters of the Knights now comes Dakota.

Justice to an embryo commonbe admitted. She has all that makes a state great: location, natsoil and a progressive population. It is not saying too much that the present session of congress.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

FIVE men in this country, says the New York Sun, control the chief interests of 500,000 workingmen, and can at any moment take shift from one post or ship to tions with the government. All another the duties of the men in they wanted was for the govern-

the army or the navy, is a petty authority compared with that of these five Knights.

They can stay the nimble touch

of almost every telegraph operator, can shut up most of the mills and factories, and can disable the railroads. They can issue an edict against any manufactured goods

so as to make their subjects cease buying them and the tradesmen stop selling them. They can array labor against capital, putting labor on the offensive or the defensive, for quiet and stubborn self-protection or for angry organized assault, as they will; but they have never abused or misused this

The order is composed of local assemblies, district assemblies, a general assembly and an executive board. The local assemblies send delegates and money and are amenable to the district assemblies, which in turn send delegates to the general assembly of North America, and are subject to the executive board, elected by the general assembly, which meets annually in October.

There are 4,600 local assemblies. One great secret of the growth in popularity and numbers of the organization is seen in the cost of membership. The initiation fee may be as low as \$1, and very STRONG TRAPS and SEINES many local assemblies exact no more. The dues at first are apt to be only 10 cents a month, and even when a district has attained Also for the lighter kinds of Nets and Seines such a membership as to warrant the salarying of its presiding officer, the cost in the local assemblies is no higher than 40 cents, and is often only 25 cents a month. The only other outlay a Knight must make is that of paying the per capita tax to the general assembly, DUNBAR, McMASTER & CO.'S which is 24 cents a year.

These pennies, that roll in constantly from 500,000 pairs of hands, Salmon Net Twine! form a great sum at the end of a year. With that money strikes are maintained, boycotting circulars are printed; organizers and Oregon was the last state ad- officers are paid, hall rents are mitted prior to the civil war; it met, and all the lesser needs of will be twenty-seven years next the order are paid for. The sala-Sunday since this state became an ries are modest. The members of integral part of the nation. After the all-powerful executive board the war began the first state ad. are paid like mechanics, \$3 a day IN PRICE OF COAL! mitted was Kansas, this chronol- and expenses, and only for the ogy assuming that the war began days on which they are actually at

and purchased at a fearful cost, cern of All" is the motto of the came into the Union on Jan. 29th, order, and almost as much may be | OREGON IMPROVEMENT CO. 1861, the thirty-fourth state. The said of the words "Organize, Agi next state was West Virginia, tate, Educate," which greet the carved out of the old dominion eye and ear whenever one enters and made a separate common into the the meeting places or

created electoral votes were of Labor is at whatever city, vildeemed essential at the next nation. lage or town the general secretary al election. The thirty-sixth was happens to be a resident in. The Nevada, "the battle born state." address of the present secretary-So necessary was her electoral vote treasurer, Frederick Turner, is that the act creating her was not 202 Spruce street, Philadelphia. trusted to the mail but was tele. In what were the parlors, on the graphed to Carson on Oct. 31st, first floor, six or seven clerks are 1864; four days after came the busy every day mailing seals, presidential election; Lincoln and globes, charter blanks, treasurers' Johnson received Nevada's elector receipts, traveling and transfer rab vote which was not needed, for cards, etc. On the next floor are they had 188 votes to spare. Ne- two store rooms filled with these braska was the next, in 1867; af- supplies. The front room is the ter a lapse of nine years came Col- head office of the great order. It orado, "The centennial state," and is kept in disorder, and the disorder is of the sort that implies an Astoria Planing Mil overabundance of affairs. For inwealth demands that Washington stance, the triple desk at which sit Mr. Turner and two ladies, is simply a high hill of documents. ural wealth, rivers, climate, fertile There must be a million of letters and papers heaped on the desks, protruding from the cubby holes, Washington shall be the fortieth and piled on the central frame that state, perhaps before the close of contains the cubby holes. Nothing of the desk except the legs is to be seen. At another desk sits a plodding man who opens letters

THE house committee on territories last Friday heard a delegathe means of livelihood from two tion of Indians representing the and a half million souls. These five civilized tribes of Indian termen comprise the executive board ritory, in opposition to bills for orof the Knights of Labor of Amer- ganization of the territory of Okla ica. The ability of the president homa. The Indians expressed and cabinet to turn out all the general opposition to these and all men in the civil service and to bills affecting their present rela-

ment to keep faith with them; and organization of the territory of Oklahoma, they claimed, would be in violation of treaty stipulations.

THE army of Greece has again stood upon its two legs and pointed its gun. The rest of Europe has got down behind a log.

NEW TO-DAY.

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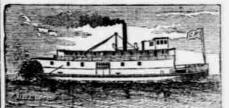
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