

Lebanon Express.

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THE GOVERNOR.

The Governor is always on the look out for the good of the poor man—when there is a snap in it for him. He is now agitating the question of calling the legislature together for the purpose of passing a law to stay executions one year. Aside from the demagogism of the move, this is a question well worth earnest consideration. It is undoubtedly true that to attempt to enforce judgments already had and those to be had within the next year, would well nigh bankrupt the people. Money is so scarce, that even honest effort cannot secure it. People who would pay cannot now do so, and with wheat and oats below the cost of production, there is nothing but distress before the farmers and laborers. Merchants would likewise be greatly relieved by this one year of grace. In fact, the great majority of the people would be benefited by it. Still this, as all other devices, would injure many while it favored many. The costs of an extra session would be an item to be considered.

CONGRESS.

Congress has now been in session several days, but no one can safely predict what will be the result of its labors. The democrats are hopelessly divided on the money question and the republicans seem inclined to let their opponents fight it out among themselves, which is natural. Congress evidently wants the Sherman law repealed, but this will not be done unless some other law, favorable to silver, is agreed upon. All is doubt and uncertainty.

The Northern Pacific railroad was placed in the hands of a receiver Wednesday, on application of the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co. The following gentlemen were appointed: Thomas F. Oakes, of New York; W. H. Pyne, of Milwaukee, and Harry Crouse, president of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company. Mr. Oakes is president of the company, and the movement was evidently made on the request of the officials.

The State of Iowa, in which there have been no bank failures, produced in 1891, butter to the value of \$33,748,198; crops were valued at \$155,363,483; and hay and corn to the value of \$146,518,583. Her combined products exceed the value of the total output of all petroleum, silver, anthracite coal and pig iron in the United States. There was no protection on Iowa's products and this is sufficient explanation why there have been no bank failures to record in that state.—Ex.

This is a most excellent time for investment in Lebanon real estate. Good property can now be bought here and hereabouts much cheaper than it will bring in the near future. Prudent and fore-handed people will buy now, and not wait until inevitable advances come. There is no property on earth safer of reasonable returns than Lebanon real estate at present prices.

The way to make times hard and money scarce, is to lock it up. Don't spend a cent, stop public as well as private improvements and throw men out of employment. This is the policy advocated by the alarmist and financial coward.—Dispatch.

It has been definitely determined to hold the Mid-winter fair in Golden Gate park and the work of preparing the grounds is to be commenced at once.

The attendance at the World's Fair is increasing daily. Over 150,000 were at the White City yesterday. Low railroad rates has this effect.

With the fire protection that we now have, Lebanon should have lower rates on insurance.

Lebanon has the best system of electric lights and water works of any city in the state of its size.

The Sherman act must follow the Republican party into oblivion. So must the McKinley outrage. Both are closely allied to the present financial condition of the country, and the sooner they are matters of history the more speedy will be the revival of business. They are relics of past legislation which cannot be destroyed too soon for the good of the country.—Dispatch.

Let our Republican friends remember that all the calamity they are howling about is here under the laws passed by a Congress of their own and signed by President Harrison. The responsibility rests upon their shoulders and not upon the Democrats. But it is a bad time to stop now and inquire who did it. The first thing should be a removal of the causes and then quarrel afterwards.

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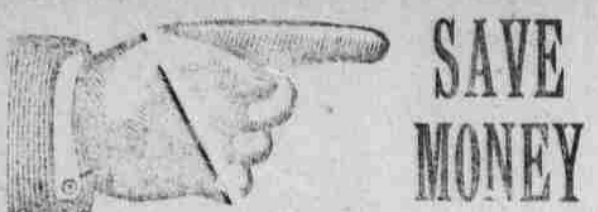
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