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THE curbstone contractors have followed the wake of the railroad managers and have formed a pool.

THE assessors will soon put in their annual appearance, and the usual amount of their portraits painted by some distintax-dodging will be resorted to.

It is said that the wives of all American humorists are invalids. This shows that the humors of the mind do not always agree with the humors of the body.

GOVERNOR ORDWAY, of Dakota, keeps up a daily denial of the charges made against him. He is now beginning to understand that a Dakota blizzard is nothing as compared to a Dakota scorcher.

Chicago has become convention crazy. She imagines that she is to be the seat of all conventions from now until the crack of doom, In all probability when Gabriel sounds the last trump he will blow his horn in Chicago-in the morning.

It is about time that such political old timers as George William Curtis, Carl Schurz, ex-Governor Potts, President Seeley, Andrew White, and others of a like character, all verging upon threescore and ten, cease to call themselves "'young republicans."

Billy McGlory, the keeper of a disreputable den and dance house in New York, and a constant law-breaker, has been sent to the penitentiary for six months There are several Billy Mc- had painted painted her on canvas just Glorys in Omsha who would be wearing striped suits and breaking rock in Stout's quarry if the machinery of our municipal Paying Meissonier his price, she armed courts could be properly set in motion.

OMAHA now has twelve detectives, whose services will not be required after handled the hatchet with the same skill the spring election. Meantime they will earn their salaries by working up booms cut her own kindling wood in the days for certain councilmen and packing the before her husband struck a bonanza. primaries. There is certainly something This unladylike and costly diversion evsterious shout the employment of these twelve detectives at \$3.00 a day.

THE red-headed rooster of the Rockies, whose cyclones of wind so frequently upset congress, is given the following gentle hint by the Denver Tribune: "It is our impression that the Hon, James B. Belford, member of congress from Colorado, is talking too much. In all kindness we advise him to give his jaw a holi-

Ar the present time it is safe to say that there will be at least six presidential candidates voted for on the first ballot at the republican national convention -Arthur, Logan, Edmunds, Sherman, Blaine and Hawley. This list will of course be increased as the time for holding the convention approaches, while the dark horses in the background will be too numerous to mention.

A RESOLUTION was recently offered in the lower house of the Mississippi legislature requiring every member who had a free return pass on a railroad to refund the mileage to the state treasury. This resolution caused considerable indignation, and was, of course, killed. One of the amendments offered was that members should not travel on anything without paying fare, except on a mule.

This city is large enough to have a building inspector, whose duty it shall be to inspect every building that is erected in the business portion of the city and see that no more firetraps are put up. Such an inspector should be a competent builder, who would be able to see whether a building was erected according to certain plans and specifications as to strength, durability, entrances, escapes, firewalls, &c.

It is rather mean in Chicago to make faces at Louis now that she has beaten her out of the national democratic convention. Here are a few kind remarks from the Chicago News:

It is a cold day when Chicago cannot down St. Louis.

St. Louis will have to content herself

will her annual cattle show.

The persimmon that Chicago's pole cannot reach has to hang mighty high.

The most tenderly sympathetic relations are supposed to exist between Philadelphia and St. Louis. SENATOR LOGAN is said to be losing considerable sleep in order to get time

to prepare his great speech against the

AMERICA'S BONANZA QUEEN.

American snobocracy has flourished in Paris for many years. The artists, the painters, the sculptors, and the dressmakers, have always found this class of people to be their most liberal patrons. They have lavished their money like water in patronizing the fine arts in order to impress others with the idea that they those who have thus been the most extravagant with money is Mrs. Mackey. her immense and brilliant diamondsthe purest gems-and her magnificent dresses, she has been the envy of all the shoddy aristocracy of the gay French capital. At the coronation of the Russian czar the bonanza queen, with all ner finery, shown resplendent among the sprigs of nobility, and so long as she observed the rules of propriety, she was admired at least for her regal magnificence. With unlimited wealth at her command, she was enabled to assume and maintain the airs of the codfish aris-

It has been the fashion among th California monopoly millionaires, who are in the habit of visiting Paris, to have guished artist. These Californians have mostly patronized Meissonier, who, no doubt, has often congratulated himself upon his good fortune in this respect. Governor Leland Stanford had his portrait painted by Meissonier. Mrz. Mackey, in looking about for an artist to spread her features upon canvass, finally concluded to favor the distinguished Meissonier with her order. She accordingly sat for her picture, and the artist devoted himself faithfully to the work. He produced a picture which, in his judgment, was a life-like and faithful representation of the subject. What, therefore, must have been his astonishment and dismay, when upon presenting the portrait of Mrs. Mackey for her acceptance, to hear her, after a brief examination of the work, break forth in angry tones of denunciation of the picture upon which he had applied his utmost skill The picture, it seems, was not flattering enough to her vanity. She had expected something gorgeous - something that would magnify her beauty spots something that would cover her wrinklessomething that would conceal her crowsfeet-something that would make her appear as a fresh, beautiful young woman. But that something the conscientious artist had failed to produce. He as she appeared before the mirror-true to nature. Her rage knew no bounds. herself with a hatchet, and proceeding to the studio of the artist, she deliberately hacked the portrait to pieces. She

reated a cenuine sensation in Paris. It s considered an insult not only to the generally. The unexpected always happens. Meissonier is to be complimented by a banquet from the leading artists, literateurs, and military celebrities. The Figuro, in commenting on the Mackey-Meissoner incident, says; "Foreign millionaires have rights to be received amongst us so long as they employ their wealth in purifying the artistic genius of France and not in destroying its productions by ax blows. One might avenge oneself on his bootmaker by paying his bill and throwing the goods in the fire, but to treat in this fashion a great artist, an illustrious old man with an irreproachable artistic conscience, is to attack the genius of the country and its respect for the men who make it illustrious."

SENATOR VAN WYCK, of Nebraska, and Congressman Anderson, of Kansas, were the only western representatives who were heard at the banquet of the New York board of trade and transportation. Senator Van Wyck responded to the toast, "Our Public Domain-The People's Heritage." After paying a tribute to the board of trade and transportation. he said that the line of the old song, which declared that "Uncle Sam has land enough to give us all a farm," will soon be declaratory of a fact of the past and not of the present. Our rulers had been prodigal of the country's vast pateimony, and greedy monopolists were scheming to absorb what remained of it. Leaders of both the great political parties were helping in the spoilation. "The national capital," continued Senator Van Wyck," 'seems paralyzed by the boldness of the demands and the celerity of the movements of barons more exacting and grasping than those of feudal times. The executive departments have become too often the mere creatures to record the will of those who are fast becoming absolute masters, who boldly enter the gloomy recesses of the supreme court, and, with bewitching smile and subtle logic, reverse decisions long established. It will be well now for rulers to heed the rumblings of the coming storm."

ONE of the great drawbacks of Omaha consequently rents continue too high, Fitz John Porter bill. He expects to and make it exceedingly difficult for a poor make it the great effort of his life. The man earning from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day to last speech which he made on that sub live comfortably here with his family. ject lasted three days, and the govern. The city is growing very rapidly, and the ment printing office exhausted all its boom of the present year will bring to type in setting it up. We presume the Omaha thousands of people, most of next speech will last six days, and the whom will demand houses at reasonable from the post-office to Creighton block. government printing office will have to rents. This demand should be supplied purchase all the type in store in the by those of our capitalists who have the type foundries of New York, Philadel- money to spare for investment in cheap buildings that will unquestionably return

were refined and cultured people. Among cheapening rents, which they could do rivalled on the continent. Having caphis increase of population.

CONVICT LABOR.

continuing the contract labor system in to permit convict labor to compete with ree labor is rapidly forcing itself upon public attention. The question has been generally agitated, and steps have been taken this winter in several states for the abolition of the contract system. The passage of the Comstock bill in New York practically abolishes the contract labor of convicts in the prisons of that state. The legislature of New York has thus solved a difficult problem, and has put an end to the agitation which had begun with the trades unions and was taken up by the laboring classes in all the leading cities. The Comstock bill forbids the state authorities from further contracting for the employment of penal labor. The commissioner, who was appointed to gather information and statistics on the subject, found that nearly all the contracts in the large prisons were invalid, they having been made in a loose and illegal way. The commissioner, in commenting on the information obtained by him, said:

"I feel certain that I will be indebted by your honorable body and by every honest citizen of the state, when I enter most solemn protest against the loose, unbusiness-like, if indeed not criminal, management that has characterized the state's officials in making these contracts; and if the state is to continue its present policy of placing its convicts in competition with its free, honest citizens, I submit that it shall do so only by virtue of and in strict compliance with the requirements of the law, etc.

"Add to this the fact that the citizens of the state, through the disgraceful action of their state and county officials, are to day supporting, free of all charge to the national government, nearly twothirds of all the United States prisoners in the Union! To thus have the great state of New York made a penal colony, to which the criminals of the entire nation are transported, is, to say the least, placing us in a false position before the eyes of the civilized world."

These conclusions are verified by the and vigor that she did when she used to crime are laid down by the New York great artist Meissonier but to French art commissioner in the following proposi-

1. The object of the law in the punishment of crime by imprisonment is not to wreak vengeance for a wrong, but to protect society. 2. In the enforcement of the penalty

of the law the reformation of the prisoner should be kept in view as of the first im-

3. The convict, when not physically disabled, should be kept employed at productive labor. 4. The state has the right to use the

labor of the convicts to make the prison self supporting; but the labor should be so utilized as to cause the least possible detriment to any industrial class. 5. In the management of the prison

and in utilizing the labor of the convicts it is of less importance that the prisons be made a source of revenue than that the convicts should be reformed and the burden of the competition of their labor be distributed as widely and as equitably

6. The state should have absolute con trol over the discipline of the prison and the employment of the convicts under all ricomstances.

7. The state has no right to permit the making of profits out of the labor of convicts at the expense of their reforma-

THE monumental cranks are not all dead yet. James Daviess, of Dakota, general agent of the National Homestead Monument association, wants congress to make an appropriation of a township of land to aid in the building of a monument in commemoration of the homestead law and its authors. The monument is to be 160 feet high, one foot for association was held Saturday and arrangements made for the annual shearing. every acre of land embraced in a homestead claim. Why not erect a monument 640 feet high, a foot for every acre of land in a section, and surmount such a monument with the statue of Mr. Daviess?

In an alleged interview Conkling is reported to have said that the democrats would elect the next president. "Remember," said Mr. Conkling, "I do not say he will be a democrat, but I do say that that party will be a determining factor in the result." Can it be that Lord Roscoe expects to be the dark horse of the democracy? If the democrats should nominate him they might succeed better with him than they did with Horace is high rents One of her greatest needs Greeley. If elected, who knows but is a large number of tenement blocks and | what Lord Roscoe will make ex-Governcheap residences for wage workers. Such or Sprague, of Canonchet, secretary of accommodations are scarce in Omaha, and war, with his little double-barreled shot-

HEREAFTER it will cost only one cent to send any newspaper weighing up to four ounces from Omaha to Texas or Oregon, but you will still have to pay two cents to have the same paper carried

Mn. Hewirr has been let out of his land, has lost several head of stock from poison administered by some unknown miscreant. house committee on foreign affairs to Rev. J. A. Badcom, of Milford, while care

ber of small houses without missing the members came to Hewitt's relief just in money. They have made their fortunes the nick of time to save him from dis-

wife of the bonanza millionaire. With the city generally. Our capitalists, while the United States. The Tribune refers, investing their thousands in large enter- seriously of course, to Chicago as "the prises that will draw to Omaha many future national capital." The selection nundred families, should not forget that of Chicago as the locality for the meeting hey must provide accommodations for of the republican national convention, followed by its selection as the locality of the democratic national convention, without any serious dispute of the claims in The discussions that have arisen in valeither case, not only shows, says the rious states regarding the advisability of Trilnunc, that the country has come to regard Chicago as the only available place the penitentiaries are at last producing for holding conventions, but unmistakagood results. The fact that it is unfair bly indicates the drift of its progress in a direction which must end in making it the capital of the republic, and as the country grows and develops the demands of that growth will make themselves felt in a call for the republic of the cause of slavery to the cause of slavery to the cause of Sanyoro's Rancal Cuer.

Until your headseems ready to fly off; until your ness and eyes discharge excessive quantities of thin, irritating, watery fluid; until your head aches, mouth and throat parched, and blood at fever heat. This appear that it came from one who had preferred the cause of slavery to the cause of Sanyoro's Rancal Cuer. n a call for the removal of the capital of the Union. This, although untrue, from its present site to the great centre of the country. There is nothing small about Chicago. Her ambition evidently knows no bounds.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Roswell P. Flower boom is a delicate

Vermont republicans are, of course, for Edunds to day as in 1880. The democrats of the Ohio legislature have lecided to adjourn that body sine die on St.

Patrick's day. Governor Sherman, of Iowa, is believed to e willing to become a candidate for congress the fifth district of that state.

Among the Indiana republicans who are said to consider themselves presidential possi-bilities an Indianapolis letter-writer mentions Governor Porter, W. W. Dudley and John C. While Charley Foster is once again osten

while Charley Foster is once again osten-sibly for John Sherman for president, it is well known that down deep under his vest he cherishes the hope that the ticket will be James G. Blaine and C. Foster. General Buford, a Kentucky democrat. in favor of any man for presidential candidate who has \$2.000,000 to spend. It is believed that this will shut Joseph E. McDonald out of

the race. A resolution has been introduced in the Rhode Island house of representatives instruct-ing the committee on constitutional changes to nquire into the expediency of providing for step. assembly.

Senator elect Blackburn was once stumping Senator elect Blackburn was once stumping his district in Kentucky with a very able op-ponent. Blackburn spoke first and delighted the audience with the manner rather than the matter of his speech. The other man began by saying that his predecessor reminded him of a swan that beautiful bird which glides along, the perfection of grace, and dips and curves in lines of beauty, "but only draws an anch or so of water." This proved an effective urn for that meeting.

The Indiana republican state central cor nittee have made a bold and complete break from the unit rule in the matter of choosing lelegates to the coming state convention. On April 10 conventions are to be held in the various congressional districts, at each of which two delegates and two alternates will 300. An innovation is also proposed in regard to the selection of the members of the next state central committee, who have heretofore been chosen by the district delegates to and at the state convention. This year the selection will be made at the various district conven-

The Boston correspondent of the Springfield Republican writes: "The determination is to select unpledged delegations to Chicago representing the state at large and the various congressional districts. It is also proposed to attempt to strike a fairly high standard in whatever platform may be adopted, so as to invite the support of the Independents. There may be some congressional controllers over the issues, but may be some controversy over the issues, but it is most likely that the result will be a con-servative view of all of them, radical only on civil service reform. Possibly Governor Rob-inson will head the state delegation to Chicago. Henry Cabot Lodge will undoubtedly be on it, and possibly Governor Long. An effort may be made to have Charles Francis Adams, jr., placed on it; some talk of Henry L. Pierce as a member, and possibly Mr. Crapo or Senator Hoar will be chosen."

A dispatch from Lincoln, Ill., to The Chicago Republican, says: "The republicans here at the home of ex-Governor Oglesby, are elated over the selection of Peoria as the place and are satisfied with the time selected by the state central committee for holding the state convention. The party in this county is a unit or the old war-horse for gubernatorial honors and regards the selection of Peoria as a sub stantial victory for their candidate."

STATE JOTTINGS,

A court house and county building is one he great needs of the town. Miss Hattie F. Nutting and Mr. O. B John Brady, a brakeman in the U. P. yard was badly squeezed between two cars, las Tuesday.

Robert Holmes of this city is the fortu heir to £6,000 by the recent death of his mother at Yarmouth, Eng. He started for Europe last week.

The ninth annual meeting of the Souther

HASTINGS. The Hutchinson farm in Cottonwood presinct, has been sold to John Winter for \$6,000 The lie has been passed between the editors here, and now we wait with bated breath the

The creamery company are perfecting arrangements to up about April 1. Thirteen rentes have been laid out, and the milk of 2,000 cows promised.

THE STATE IN GENERAL. Wymore wants more business blocks and A corps of U. P. engineers have surveyed line from Valparaiso to Seward.

Horse thieves made away with several annuals from Crete and vicinity, last week. The report comes from Brownville that good vein of coal has been discovered there. The U. P. is building belt roads around Grand Island to prevent the entrance of the B. & M.

South Auburn capitalists have organized a tock company to manufacture farm implements. A new company has been organized for the purpose of building a bridge across the Mis-

souri at Decatur. The Milford Ozone succeeds The Democrat of the same place. G. F. Burkett is the chief dispenser of the vital fluid. The ladies of Falls City have raised ficient funds to buy a fire engine and equipment and ladder company.

Franklin county has a thriving immigra-tion society, which is doing a great deal to in-duce eastern people to settle in that region.

leasly unlimbering his artillery, received a bul-let in his thigh. It is a harmful thou, h not a

stone trimmings, with a tower 125 feet high. The Grand Island Times says, "there is a In Omaha, and many of them have been enriched by the rise in real estate. They certainly ought to do something towards cheapening rents, which they could do with profit to themselves, and at the same time benefit the laboring class and the city generally. Our capitalists, while field. They had to work just so fast and quit at just such a time under the pleasing consciousness that if they displeased the mon-arch of the field they would be stimulated with a dose of bird shot." She has plucked p courage enouge to apply for a divorce.

A Misrepresentation Corrected.

Since the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court, was rendered in the civil rights case, several newspapers have printed sets as that it has not given the most complete satisfaction."—S. W. Gifford, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Harlan, of the United States supreme the statement that he resigned his commision in the army during the civil war because of President Lincoln's proclamaseemed of importance enough to be truly answered. Accordingly, The Republican made inquiry concerning it of Justice Harlan himself. His response was that his letter of resignation from the army, on the files of the war department, is its own best answer to the statement referred to, as it clearly recited the only motive that actuated it. Yesterday we obtained this document, duly authenticated by the adjutant general, and it is given below as a complete refutation of the injurious tale put in circulation for a

sinister purpose: LAVERONE, TENN., March 2, 1863. Brigadier General Garfield, Chief of Staff of the Army of the Cumberland. Murfreesboro, Tenn. General: I hereby tender my resigna-

tion as colonel of the Tenth Kentucky volunteer infantry.

I am not indebted to the government

of the United States, nor have I any government property in my possession. I have not been absent any time without leave, nor are there any charges against me which can affect my pay. I have been paid to January 2, 1863.

It is due to my superior officers—to those with whom I originally entered the service, and to the cause in which we alike labored for nearly sixteen months, that I should state explicitly the reasons which have induced me to to take this

The recent sudden death of my father has devolved upon me duties of a private nature which I cannot with propriety neglect, and which the exigencies of the pub lic service do not require that I shall neglect. These duties relate to his unsettled business, which demands my immediate personal attention

I deeply regret that I am compelled at this time to return to civil life. It was my fixed purpose to remain in the federal army until it had effectually suppressed the existing armed rebellion and restored the authority of the national government over every part of the nation. No ordinary considerations would have induced me to depart from this purpose. Even commissioner by columns of statistics and plain showings of the grounds from whence the deductions are drawn. The fundamental principles that underlie fundamental principles that underlie basis of one delegate for every 500 votes cast basis of one delegate for every fraction over the private interests to which I have be elected. April 17 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the selection of four delegates for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 17 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the selection of four delegates for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 17 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the selection of four delegates for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the selection of four delegates for the state at large. The private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention is to be held at Indianapolis for the selection of four delegates for every 500 votes cast would be regarded as nothing, in my estimation, if I felt that my continuate the private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention of the private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention of the private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state convention of the private interests to which I have be elected. April 18 a state conventio great struggle through which the country

If, therefore, I am permitted to retire from the army, I beg the commanding general to feel assured that it is from no vant of confidence either in the justice or the ultimate triumph of the Union cause. That cause will always have the warmest sympathies of my heart, for there are no conditions upon which I will consent to the dissolution of the Union. Nor are there any conditions consistent with a republican form of government which I am not prepared to make in order to maintain and perpetuate that: Union. I have the honer to be, general, very respectfully your obedient servant,

JOHN M. HABLAN,

Col. commanding 2d Brig., 3d Div. 14th army corps

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