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At the last session of congress Mr. Cox had the salary of the minister to Turkey raised to \$10,000. He had no idea that it would ever benefit himself. He now goes to Turkey to draw that salary. That is why he laughs.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND says that his appointment of Pearson as postmaster of New York was an acknowledgment of the services rendered to him by the liberal press. Mr. Cleveland believes in paying his debts.

FRANZ AIR, one of the best known and most popular song writers, has "colored the golden stairs." He was the author of "When the Swallows Homeward Fly," a song peculiarly appropriate to election day in Omaha.

THE New York Tribune says that a good many of Mr. Cleveland's nominations were no more of a surprise to the politicians than they were a nuisance to the newspapers, as it is hard work to procure accurate biographical details about men whose chief characteristic is their obscurity.

OUT of the 125 appointments made by Cleveland during the special session of the senate, there were only two, so far as is generally known, given to Union soldiers, Col. Vilas and Gen. Beck. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that "this is probably a very fair proportionate recognition of the help given by Union soldiers to the democratic party in the last election."

IN view of the fact that the St. Louis Globe-Democrat artist was recently stabbed for illustrating the members of the Texas legislature, it strikes us that the Denver News is rather a bold sheet to commit a similar outrage on the Colorado legislature, as there are probably as "bad" men in that assembly as there are in that of Texas. We venture to say that the News' artist has fled high up into the mountains to escape the temporary wrath of the gentlemen whom he has carved in wood.

ONE of the first things the city council ought to do is to provide for the laying of flagstone crosswalks on the streets that are paved with the rough and sharp-pointed Sioux Falls granite. This should be done at least on Farnam street. The crossings in their present condition are painful to persons wearing shoes with thin soles, and this is particularly the case with ladies. The expense of this much needed improvement will not be very heavy, and the work should be done at once.

THE action of the law-abiding citizens of Philadelphia in preventing, by legal proceedings, the Sullivan McCaffrey match from taking place, is certainly to be commended. The so-called boxing match was to be carried on to a finish, that is to say, until one or the other should be exhausted or otherwise "done up." It was clearly a prize-fight, the encasing of the fists in gloves being merely an evasion of the law. It is high time that the lovers of law and order everywhere should follow the example of the Philadelphians. The public has already contributed too much to the support of prize-fighting brutes, whose so-called exhibitions of the manly art are not only demoralizing but fraudulent, intended to obtain money by false pretences.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ESTELLE, who lives in Burt county, should make Omaha his permanent home and headquarters during his term of office, unless he has already done so. He certainly cannot properly attend to his duties in a city of sixty thousand people unless he is a resident of the city. Nine-tenths of his business is in Omaha, and it is here that his services are most required. However, this is the last term of district attorneys in Nebraska, as the last legislature abolished the office, and created the office of county attorney, whose duties are almost identical with those of the district attorney, while his jurisdiction is limited to the county. This is an improvement over the old system, particularly in such a large county as Douglas.

AMONG the bills passed by the last congress was one providing for a retired list for enlisted men. This is certainly a most excellent measure, as it will give to the enlisted men who have served nearly all their lives in the army something to look forward to. Besides this it will have a tendency to make the common soldier more contented with his lot to know that if he serves the required number of years he will be pensioned in his old age. So far about forty applications have been made to be put on the list. There are in the army sixty-five men who have served thirty years continuously. How many there are who have served thirty years, but not continuously, is not known.

THE CATTLE MEN.

The Wyoming Stock-growers' association, now in session at Cheyenne, points with pride to the fact that during the twelve years of its existence it has increased from a membership of ten cattle owners, with a total of 20,000 head of cattle, valued at \$350,000, to a membership of 400 stock-growers, with a total of 2,000,000 head of cattle and other property, valued at \$100,000,000. This is indeed a remarkable showing. It indicates that cattle raising is one of the most important as well as one of the thriftiest industries of the country. The vast grazing plains that formerly were unoccupied except by the buffalo and the antelope, and whose nutritious grasses went to waste year after year, have been utilized and converted into wealth-producing regions. They have proved more valuable than gold mines, and they are capable of producing more fortunes than all the mines of the country. Wyoming is essentially a cattle growing region, and always will be, as its lands are unfit for agricultural purposes. Yet that territory can afford to depend upon other sections for its agricultural supplies so long as it continues to grow wealthy from the grasses of its vast pasture fields. Omaha naturally takes a great interest in the welfare of Wyoming, as that territory is tributary to this city to a large extent and ought to be wholly so now that we have stockyards, slaughter houses and packing houses, and are establishing a cattle market.

The cattle growers of the Wyoming association find considerable fault, and justly so, with the misrepresentations that are made from time to time by the press concerning cattle-men. They maintain that inasmuch as they have built up the only industry practicable upon the arid, sandy prairies and created millions of taxable property, and risked their lives against the Indians when they first started in the business, they ought not certainly to be treated with undue consideration. They are constantly charged with obstructing and preventing by force and violence the settlement of the lands by the farmers. In answer to this charge they truly state that about eighty per cent of their lands are wholly unfit for agricultural purposes, that ten per cent is mountain and canyon, and that the other ten per cent is being taken up by the settler without any objection or interference on their part. The people of the west know that this statement is about correct, but the eastern critics, who know little or nothing of the western cattle regions, are continually fighting the cattle interests on the ground that they are opposed to the homesteaders. So far as Wyoming is concerned every one west of the Missouri knows that anyone who would attempt to become an agriculturist in at least nine-tenths of that territory would be considered a fit subject for a lunatic asylum. As to the claim that the cattle-growers ought to pay something for the use of the lands which they occupy, they naturally make reply that they are willing to do so, but they ask how are they to reimburse the government, when the government will neither sell nor lease the lands to them. They are ready at any time to have these matters equitably adjusted, as it would be advantageous to them to have an end put to the agitation which continually annoys and unsettles their business interests.

At present the cattle raisers of the plains are technically trespassers on the public domain, and it is but natural that they should be desirous of acquiring some rights and privileges which would give them some show of permanency in their various locations, particularly in regions where the land is adapted for no other purpose than that of grazing. Perhaps the best way to solve the problem is either to sell or lease the grazing lands, and to do this legislation will be necessary, but whatever is done in the way of legislation should be to protect the interests of the public as well as of private individuals. The question is a serious one and should be carefully considered. The cattle industry is altogether too important to be crippled by hasty and ignorant legislation.

The office-seeking democrats, who complain that President Cleveland is altogether too slow in ousting the republicans, have been figuring on the number of appointments that he has made so far. They find that all told they number only 125. Of these, seven were members of the cabinet. Thirteen on the list of thirty-two ministers have been changed, and only seven consults out of a possible 192 have been appointed. Five new assistant secretaries, besides one to fill a vacancy caused by death, and six heads of bureaus have been named. Among the sixty United States marshals, and of the corresponding number of United States district attorneys, only two or three changes have been made in each class. Fifty-eight postmasters have been named out of the three thousand who come within the presidential appointment. But these complaining democratic statisticians, if they will only continue their investigation, will find that Mr. Cleveland has made as many appointments as any other president during the same length of time. If they will only have a little patience all the best offices will be distributed. Although there are not enough offices to go round, yet there are a great many good positions yet left. There are still open at Brazil, with a salary of \$12,000; at the Argentine Republic, with \$7,500; at Austria, with \$12,000; at Belgium, with \$7,500; at Bolivia, with \$5,000; at Central America, with \$10,000; at China, with \$12,000; at Hayti, with \$5,000; at Liberia, \$5,000; at Paraguay and Uruguay, with \$5,000; at Spain, with \$12,000; at Switzerland, with \$5,000; and at Venezuela, with \$5,000.

There will be no immediate change at Madrid, because Mr. Foster is still intrusted with the relations relating to the treaty recently withdrawn from the senate. The missions at Pekin, Vienna, and Brussels are held by New Yorkers who are more or less in favor of court.

ORIGIN OF ARBOR DAY.

The question has recently been asked by various papers throughout the country who it was that originated the idea of Arbor Day, or, as it is sometimes called, tree-planting day. The people of Nebraska generally know, or at least ought to know, that the honor belongs to Hon. J. Sterling Morton. It was in accordance with his suggestion that the Nebraska state agricultural society in 1872 designated the 20th day of April in that year to be observed as Arbor Day. It was claimed that on that first Arbor Day 12,000,000 trees were planted in Nebraska. Since that time the day has been designated each year by the governor in a proclamation. The result, according to the best authorities, is that Nebraska now has 250,000 acres of cultivated woodland, and her example has been followed by Kansas, Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and other states that were once well timbered, but whose forests have been well-nigh exhausted. At the meeting of the American Forestry Congress, in 1883, a resolution was adopted recommending the establishment of Arbor Day in all the states and in the provinces of Canada, and a committee was appointed for the purpose of bringing the subject to their attention. This action has secured the adoption of the custom in several states, and Mr. Eggleston, of the forestry bureau of the department of agriculture at Washington, who properly credits Mr. Morton with originating Arbor Day, says that there is reason to believe that in a few years its observance will be established throughout the entire country.

THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

The man whom President Cleveland appointed as minister to Russia is a man without a country. Like the infamous Jake Thompson, the rebel General Lawton never applied for restoration to citizenship, and therefore is an alien. His rebellious spirit has never allowed him to take advantage of the amnesty law. A confederate who has lived in this country for twenty years since the lost cause was buried and has not even asked to be restored to citizenship in the re-union nation is indeed an ungrateful person and a rebel still. It won't do for him now that lucrative and honorable offices is thrust upon him to claim as he does, that he was pardoned without any application on his part by one of Andrew Johnson's proclamations. If Mr. Cleveland still insists on sending Lawton to St. Petersburg, it strikes us that the man without a country ought at least to manifest his gratitude and relieve the president from further embarrassment by manfully applying at once for restoration to citizenship, which is a mere formal matter. It would certainly be establishing a bad precedent to have this country represented abroad by a man who is not a citizen. It would simply be giving a premium to those whose persistent disloyalty and hate deter them from asking for the removal of their political disabilities. There are two classes of confederates—the unrepentant rebels and the reconstructed rebels. It is but due to the south to say that the former class, which includes such men as Lawton, is not very numerous.

With one exception, and that not a notable one, the democratic newspapers of New York have commended the action of President Cleveland in re-appointing Mr. Pearson as postmaster of New York City. The paper that objects is the Buffalo Times, whose editor claims to have "discovered" Cleveland and pushed him to the front. This rampant editor says that it is time for an anti-humbug crusade against the "further encroachments of the so-called reform associations, composed of duces, theorists, aristocrats and fanatics." As the Buffalo Times man is seeking the appointment of public printer, it is suspected that he has become convinced that his claim is not likely to be recognized. Hence his wrath, which rather amuses the New York Evening Post, and other representative papers of the independent element.

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