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A SPECIAL FEATURE.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GRANT: Frank G. Carpenter, the veteran newspaper correspondent, has had an interview with the widow of General Grant, which he has been authorized to make public.

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AT ALL NEWSDEALERS.

Let the two vacant seats in the council remain vacant. There is no pressing need of filling them.

And the transfer switch law is unreasonably knocked out as violating the law and the constitution. The State Board of Transportation will now have to switch off.

New York, according to latest reports, is sold for Morton for the republican presidential nominee. But New York has allowed itself altogether too much time to change its mind by the time the convention is to meet.

Judge Gilbert of the United States circuit court for Oregon has cut down the number of receivers for the Northern Pacific from three to one. Yet for the management and operation of the Union Pacific it requires five receivers.

The interested people may be relied upon to keep the Venezuelan boundary war scare alive long enough to enable a number of measures for military and naval appropriations to slide through congress in the face of a treasury deficit.

Every republican politician in the Third congressional district who does not expressly deny the allegation may be safely counted among those who would not refuse a nomination for congress if by hook or crook it should happen to be offered to him.

Governor Morton of New York is slated for a speech before the Hamilton club of Chicago at the end of this month. Senator Cullom ought to have good grounds to object to this invasion of his preserve. It looks like an attempt to carry the war into Africa.

This city needs a few more public meetings to discuss municipal affairs where leading citizens do not hesitate to express their sentiments in forcible language. The meeting of Wednesday evening gave assurance to many that extravagance and crookedness in public places must be stopped.

And now it is Governor Morrill of Kansas who declares that the prohibitory law in that state has been a flat failure. But that is nothing new. Every honest and open-minded citizen of Kansas has admitted the failure of the prohibition amendment ever since the attempt to enforce it was commenced.

The decision of the supreme court against the pretensions of Beemer to be prison contractor leaves another hunk of trouble on the minds of that eminent firm of statesmen, Churchill, Russell & Co. But the penitentiary atmosphere will no doubt be again cleared so soon as they set their eagle brains a-working on the problem.

The gas company will in a few days pay into the city treasury nearly \$7,000 under the terms of its franchise. This is an object lesson to the South Omaha council, which is asked to grant a franchise to a motor line. The time has come when every franchise for the use of public streets should pay an annual revenue to the city granting it.

A Kansas City traffic association is making rate schedules for Omaha and against Omaha. A Chicago insurance commission is fixing fire rates for Omaha and for Nebraska. Our people seem to be powerless to secure redress. Is it not about time for a popular uprising to demonstrate that this state is strong enough to run its own business?

The Central Labor Union has spoken in no uncertain terms in staffing its position on the union depot matter. While everybody will concede the soundness of its premise it will prove a difficult matter to enforce coercive measures as against the roads in interest. If public sentiment could compel the erection of a union depot it would have been built long ago.

THE PENITENTIARY CONTRACT VOID.

The decision of the supreme court, declaring the convict labor contract entered into by the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings with ex-Warden Beemer to be null and void, will be hailed with satisfaction by all classes of citizens excepting the parties interested in the contract.

It will be borne in mind that during the session of the legislature the late warden asserted that he could make the penitentiary self-sustaining. In other words he claimed that the income from convict labor could be made to fully offset the cost of boarding, clothing and guarding the prisoners.

The contract which the supreme court has set aside gave Mr. Beemer at least \$120 a day or \$340 a week for the care and maintenance of the penitentiary. The rebate which the state was to have gotten would have been chiefly in the warden's eye. In substance, the Beemer contract was merely a renewal of the Mosher contract with the state, furnishing the contract with the free use of all the Dorgan trumpany, for which it had just paid \$35,000.

While the supreme court decision does not prevent the state board from letting the convict labor for the limited period specified in the law, or until the next legislative session, the policy of so doing is questionable. The board's conduct in connection with the appraisement of the Mosher-Dorgan claims in the letting of the Beemer contract has created sufficient scandal. It is therefore gratifying that the court has put an end to the continued and disgraceful wrangle that has grown out of the penitentiary legislation of the late legislature.

A SENATORIAL BATTLE.

The election of a successor to Senator Blackburn of Kentucky promises to be a very exciting contest, with the possibility that the state will have but one senator after the term of Mr. Blackburn expires on March 4, 1897.

It is reported that the house republicans contemplate unseating a couple or more democrats and it is said that if this is done the democrats of the senate will retaliate. The Louisville Courier-Journal serves notice on the former that if they take the course threatened they will destroy their only chance of electing a United States senator.

What course did the World-Herald pursue? The defection in the city treasury was made public by The Bee on June 18. On the 19th day of June the World-Herald came out with flaming headlines declaring that "Mr. Bolin is honest." On the 21st day of June it said that "Sensational stories implying theft of funds are declared to be utterly without foundation."

What was the program to which the World-Herald then alluded? Did it have reference to some secret compact by which the colossal embezzlement was to be smothered in the interest of its friends? To a man up a tree it would look very much that way, especially in view of the fact that there had been a slip in the cash drawer for several hundred dollars of public money advanced to the ostrich organ.

PROSPECTS FOR THE LOAN.

Secretary Carlisle is said to be confident that the new bond issue will be a success, from which it is to be inferred that he thinks it will be taken by the people. It appears that inquiries regarding it have been much more numerous than was expected, the call for blank forms of proposals having been very active.

The serpentine course of our contemporary cannot be justified or explained away. It has been a source of demoralization to the public service. Jobbers, hoodlums and public thieves have taken great comfort in the fact that they can always rely upon one of the Orange Free State nor with any more privilege than the native Chicagoan, the ignorant westerner or the spiteful southerner.

A resolution was submitted in the house of representatives on Thursday and referred calling upon the president to ascertain whether Great Britain was advancing her outposts in the territory in dispute between that country and Venezuela, or is reinforcing posts heretofore established.

The letter of President Cleveland to Senator Caffery, explicitly asserting that no arrangement of any kind has been made for the disposition of bonds to any syndicate, or through the agency of any syndicate, and that no assurance of such a disposal of bonds has been directly or indirectly given to any person, will correct an impression widely entertained that the expectation of the secretary of the treasury was to ultimately dispose of the new bonds to a syndicate and that giving the issue the character of a popular loan was simply to appease popular clamor and relieve the administration from further criticism.

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and was therefore all the time in harmony with public sentiment, that so far as the issuance of new bonds is concerned the visit to the seat of government a short time ago of the chief of the former syndicate had no significance and that "no banker or financier, nor any other human being, has been invited to visit Washington for the purpose of arranging in any way or manner for the disposition of bonds to meet the present or future needs of the gold reserve." It is only fair, after this unequivocal statement by Mr. Cleveland, to acquit the administration of having in this matter been guided by Wall Street influences.

Favorable as the indications are for disposing of the new bonds to the people, it is too early to determine with any degree of certainty what the result will be. That the loan will not fall it is perfectly safe to say, but it is possible that it may be found necessary to dispose of it to a syndicate, and if the one understood to be in existence shall offer the best terms to the government it manifestly will be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to accept them.

STOP YOUR IMPOSTURE.

You can fool some people all of the time, you can fool all the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time. The paper that speaks by authority for the conciliatory ostriches is now playing the game of ostrich for itself. It tries to cover its own shameful prostitution of journalism by a display in big type of what The Bee had said concerning Henry Bolin when he was before the people of Omaha as a candidate for re-election to a second term in 1893.

Now what did The Bee say about Henry Bolin? First, it said that "Henry Bolin has been a safe custodian of public funds." So he was known to have been to the best knowledge of all men at that time.

In the second place it said: "Henry Bolin's integrity is unquestioned." So it was in 1893. Nobody at that time had the remotest doubt of his honesty.

Thirdly, The Bee is held up as saying, "Henry Bolin is entitled to a second term and the people will make no mistake in re-electing him to the office of city treasurer." That assurance was also well grounded. A man who had filled the office of county treasurer two terms creditably and without a flaw in his record and during his first term as city treasurer had aroused no suspicion of dishonesty was supposed to be entitled to a re-election.

But when Henry Bolin became known as an embezzler The Bee did not hesitate an instant to demand his summary removal and to call upon the authorities to take such action in the case as the law contemplated. Every honest newspaper would have done the same thing. It is a duty which every honest and fearless newspaper owes to the public and which the public expects it to discharge whenever the occasion demands.

The leases of state lands are not in the satisfactory condition that the taxpayers could wish. Lessees are behind on their leases and state lands are in the possession of people who will probably never pay the agreed rental. If the commissioner of public lands and buildings should give his time and energy to this matter instead of to the hatching of political schemes, the state's revenue from leased lands might be in fair condition.

Get a Move On.

The best object lesson the American people can give to show the present administration that they are alert and on deck, and can take the \$100,000,000 bonds without an effort.

The Misfortunes of War.

Dr. Jameson says he would not have been beaten had the Uitlanders supported him. This is one of the fortunes, or rather misfortunes, of war, and Jameson can do nothing but accept it.

At a time when \$200,000 of the plain people of the United States are confronted with the hard problem of existence their servants in Washington give more thought to riot and personal luxury than to the diminution of tax upon the people, which is the only legitimate way in which the government at Washington can contribute to the general welfare.

British Power in the Transvaal.

The convention of London, which the emperor of Germany has disavowed, and the public of the Boers, though otherwise independent, should conclude no treaty or engagement with any state or nation except the one which he has already made with the British government. The attack upon the peaceful Boers by an armed body of a British administrative company may lead to such events as may make new maps necessary.

How They Love Us.

Englishmen admire Americans; they have for many years invested much of their savings in American enterprises. They always listen with incredulity when they hear how the Yankee dislikes the Britisher. They do not understand this feeling. They have only met the truest American; they do not know the native Chicagoan, the ignorant westerner or the spiteful southerner.

The Government's First Need.

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A BLISTERING CHARGE.

Dubuque Alderman Called Down by a Fearless Judge.

Judge Husted created a sensation at Dubuque on Monday, when he called the attention of the grand jury of Dubuque to the fact that the aldermen of that city had raised their own salaries. The judge said the aldermen had increased their salaries from \$500 to \$500 a year, and had "fixed a commission as Board of Equalization and Board of Health in direct violation of the statute."

The council had also added \$500 to the mayor's salary of \$1,500, the increase being awarded to him as a reward for his direct and palpable violation of the law. The court told the jury that it was its "duty to return indictments against any who voted for such unlawful appropriation or who received extra compensation."

The Dubuque aldermen are effectively indicted for a crime, and a charge, and a conviction declaring Judge Husted a disgrace to the bench was defeated by only one majority in the council.

HISTORICAL PARALLEL.

Ex-Premier Rhodes an Imitator of Warren Hastings.

The operations of Cecil Rhodes in southern Africa recall in some respects those of Warren Hastings, who established the British empire in India and laid the foundation for vast extension of the imperial power. Hastings was the civil and military administrator of the East India company, as Cecil Rhodes seems to have been of the South Africa company. In spite of his great services to the crown and his vast contribution to the creation of the British empire, Hastings, there came a time when it became popular to abuse him.

From all accounts Cecil Rhodes must be somewhat such a man as Hastings was. The latter was a man of boundless ambition, tireless energy, large executive ability, great talent for details, and a natural leader and ruler. This description would probably fit Rhodes nearly well, save that the latter in success was not particularly anxious to accomplish it, especially in a case of British aggression against the native Indians. Rhodes' operations in southern Africa have been conducted on the same line.

Warren Hastings did not allow any such sentimental consideration as conscience to interfere with his business. Neither does Rhodes. Hastings was "frozen out" of his East Indian office, and though he resigned voluntarily, he was under a cloud. Cecil Rhodes has been permitted to resign after failure in a filibustering expedition which has brought disaster and humiliation on the British government. He deserves impeachment fully as much as Warren Hastings did, but he will probably remain in South Africa until he has added a few millions to his already large fortune, and then return to England and be elevated to the peerage.

SUPPOSE THEY FIGHT.

Courier-Journal: Germany is now raising its bristles at England. When the latter country does get into a war with any antagonized near its own, the belligerent forces will spring up on all sides. It is ever thus with bullies.

Philadelphia Ledger: The Turkish problem and the Venezuelan question are weighty matters for English digestion. The attack upon the peaceful Boers by an armed body of a British administrative company may lead to such events as may make new maps necessary.

Chicago Times-Herald: That a German initiative against England would be the signal for a general European and Asiatic conflict can scarcely be doubted.

MIRTH IN RHYME.

Detroit Free Press. His visit to his uncle, / Were such a constant strain, / That he put up his umbrella / When it was going to rain.

Washington Star. This life has its ups and its downs— / There's a good deal of truth in a lump, / But you always go up most amusingly slow, / And you always come down with a bump.

Chicago Record. Although this maiden wrings her hands, / 'Tis not in vain; / She's simply trying on the omelette / Admiring swains put there.

Chicago Record. 'Tis a woman and a folding bed / And a woman and a folding bed / When such things as this / 'Tis unexpectedly.

Chicago Record. He folded his tent like the Arab / And all about him / And our best silverware, with other things / Accompanied him that day.

Chicago Record. A locomotive followed by an evil star / Flashed on Friday—four times / Contrast with its twin engine No. 107, / Which had good luck from the moment it was conceived.

Chicago Record. A talk with Madame Calve, the greatest of French singers, upon whom the world has showered honors and attentions—Souvenirs of the brilliant career she has lived through, and the pictures of Calve in popular roles.

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Chicago Record. Society in the new year: / A comperatively dull week after the holiday brilliance—Work of Cupid among Omaha society folk continues right along—Informal entertainments more frequent—Out of town visitors—Movement of Omaha society people.

Chicago Record. Unexcelled news service: / Full Associated Press foreign cable and domestic telegraph service—The New York World's special foreign correspondence—Unrivaled special news service from Nebraska, Iowa and the western states—Well written and accurate local news reports.

LEADING SPECIAL FEATURES.

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BLACK HEART AND WHITE HEART: Continuation of Hagar's new story of love and fighting and adventure among the Zulus, one of the most thrilling romances of the present. Her ever produced, illustrated by Dan Beard.

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FRONT: Frank G. Carpenter, the veteran journalist, narrates the story of what he has just lived with the widow of the great captain, in which she tells of the wonderful experiences and notable persons encountered during that now famous trip through the world.

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