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GEO. B. TSCHUCK, Notary Public.

Now, if Pat Crowe will only come home, the game can go ahead a little faster.

Hatchet raids on liquor stores have borne their legitimate fruit in Kansas. An innocent woman has been killed.

The scarcity of range cattle is another condition that confronts the public. It is serious, however, only in the effect it can have on the price of meat.

South Omaha's charter is not going through the legislature as fast as it might. Making organic laws to fit rapidly growing cities is not a snap after all.

Mrs. Nation should hurry up and give bond and get out of jail. All the distilleries are working full time now and every day she is idle they are gaining on her.

Mrs. Nation has contracted to write a 1,000-word article for an eastern magazine for \$20. If her pen is half as vigorous as her hatchet her terms are too modest by far.

The reduction of the rate of interest on real estate loans is another answer to a popocratic cry of the late campaign. Money is plenty, is cheaper than ever and the home-owners are getting out of debt.

Having gotten the resident delinquents well lined up, City Treasurer Hennings is now going after the non-residents who owe the city money on taxes. Omaha may run short of money, but not for want of a collector.

Right-of-way for railroads across the Omaha and Winnebago reservation is not now so easily acquired, it seems, as it once was. But Omaha will wait patiently for the unwinding of the red tape, if only the railroad is built at the end.

After an investigation the Denver police force has been shaken up and several names dropped from the force. The epidemic of robberies, confidence games and murders which has been prevalent there indicates the shaking up came none too soon.

It is quite natural that a fusionist should proceed in utter disregard of an employer's interests in order to manufacture a little cheap political buncombe. Liddell's resolution requiring all payments of wages to be made weekly in cash is a case in point.

Van Boskirk's bill to protect cattle owners and make rustling harder is now up to the governor. It will give the range stockmen protection they have never had, and will no doubt have a very marked effect on the cattle stealing industry of the sand hill country.

Dispatches indicate the probable construction of the new railroad line from Omaha to the northward. Omaha wants all the railroads it can get, but what it wants more than anything else is the extension of existing lines to the construction of a new one giving direct connection with southern South Dakota.

Alarmed by the inroads of American trade English manufacturers are seriously considering an organization composed of manufacturers and employees to study foreign methods and markets and to devise means of holding their own in the commercial world. Such plans are good enough, but their successful working depends largely upon the Americans remaining stationary, which they are not likely to do.

Reports from the western ranges are to the effect there are less cattle carried over than for years. The high prices for beef during the past few years has resulted in the marketing of practically everything that was fit for market. The shortage of the supply is also the most certain guaranty to the producer that the immediate future will not witness a slump in values such as commenced in the early '80s and swamped the cattlemen and crippled others.

CANAL BILL WILL GO OVER.

The Nicaragua canal bill will go over to the next congress. This is assured by the adverse action of the senate foreign relations committee on Senator Morgan's resolution declaring the right of this government to proceed with the construction of the canal regardless of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The committee took the view, which we think entirely proper, that it would be discourteous to Great Britain to adopt such a resolution while the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is pending before the British government.

The Alabama senator has been most zealous in his efforts to secure canal legislation regardless of treaty obligations, his view being that the Clayton-Bulwer convention is not properly in force, an opinion concurred in by many others. But the fact is that the administration in negotiating and the senate in acting upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty have admitted that the Clayton-Bulwer convention is in full force and effect and the government is clearly bound by this. Hence to now declare that the United States has the right to proceed to build the proposed canal regardless of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty would be more than discourtesy to Great Britain; it would be a distinctly unfriendly act.

It had been reasonably hoped that the British government would act upon the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty before the end of the present congress, but so far as appears it has given the matter no consideration and even had circumstances been different our government could not properly have pressed for consideration. The treaty itself provides that the time for exchange of ratifications shall end on March 5, so that if the time is not extended at that date, even though the senate be in session after March 5. It has been suggested that the senate may ask the State department to request an extension of time for an exchange of ratifications, but there is no indication that this will be done. If not, it will be necessary to negotiate another treaty and it is possible that this is contemplated by the British government.

At all events, the United States is bound by the unqualified recognition of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty through the action of both the administration and the senate, to respect the obligations imposed by that convention. This necessitates delay in carrying out a project which a majority of the American people believe to be of very great importance, but we can better afford to wait than to impair the confidence of the world in our respect for treaty obligations. We must show good faith in this regard if we are to expect other nations to keep good faith with us. No nation is so powerful that it can disregard its treaty obligations and not suffer some penalty therefor. It must incur distrust that will sooner or later be manifested to its disadvantage.

The action of the senate committee on foreign relations will be approved. It is not to be doubted, by intelligent and unprejudiced public opinion. It should also receive from the British government that respectful consideration which a proper concern for international friendship and goodwill dictates.

ADDING CUBAN PLANTERS.

The order sent by the president to General Wood, reducing the export tax on all tobacco by one-half after March 31, it is said is expected to help the Cuban planters to the extent of \$500,000 a year. The revenue to the Cuban treasury under the existing schedule, which became operative last June, has amounted to \$800,000. The tobacco growers have been urging the remission of the entire tax, on the plea that it prevented them from rehabilitating their devastated plantations, but the president could not give them earlier relief because of the promise in the tariff order of last March that it should remain in force a year. Probably the planters will not be entirely satisfied with a reduction of the tax by one-half, instead of removing the whole of it, but it is necessary to get some revenue from this source.

A commission of Cuban sugar planters is now in Washington endeavoring to secure for Cuban sugar the same tariff treatment as that of Porto Rico, but there is no likelihood that they will succeed, as what they seek requires action by congress. It is needless to say that the American sugar interest is opposed to making any such concession to the Cuban planters as they desire and this being the case congress certainly will not consider their request.

These appeals of Cuban planters for relief from the tariff suggests the difficulty they will have in building up their industries without the closest commercial relations with the United States and ought to have some influence upon those Cuban politicians who are laboring to defeat the efforts to establish between the new republic and this country the ties and relations that are essential to Cuba's future peace, development and prosperity.

NO DISCRIMINATION.

Secretary Gage expresses regret that the Russian minister of finance should have considered the imposition of the countervailing duty on sugar from Russia as a discrimination against the commerce of that country, pointing out that this duty is paid on the sugar imported from a number of European countries which pay an export bounty. Of course there is this difference, that while Germany, France and other best sugar producing countries pay a direct bounty, Russia collects a tax on sugar sold in the home market and remits the tax or a part of it on that which is exported, which the secretary of the treasury construed as giving an indirect bounty. The Russian claim that that government does not pay an export bounty is technically sound, but there cannot, in our judgment, be a reasonable doubt as to the correctness of Mr. Gage's view that the policy of the Russian government is practically a bounty. We cannot see how it can be otherwise regarded.

HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE BOARD

of general appraisers, should the sugar importers appeal the question to that body, as it is presumed will be done, will not sustain the opinion of the secretary of the treasury. It would have been a friendly act on the part of the Russian finance minister to have waited a little time and ascertained, if he did not know, what more could be done before adopting retaliation, and it is interesting to note that there is a feeling in Russia that he acted too hastily. Mr. DeWitte is a very able man, but he has not shown a high order of sagacity in this instance. Meanwhile American manufacturers having trade with Russia are taking a deep interest in the matter, as shown by the resolutions of the board of directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' association. These urge that if the treasury decision stands great injury will be done to our manufacturing interests and a meeting of the association has been called for Saturday next to determine upon such action as may be necessary to secure a rehearing of a reversal of the decision. Doubtless the Illinois manufacturers will find those of the east in hearty accord with them. As to the belief expressed that the Russian minister will modify his decree it can only be hoped that there is good ground for it.

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COMBATING AMERICAN COMPETITION.

European industrial interests manifest increasing anxiety regarding American competition and numerous plans have been suggested for combating it. The latest is the projected formation in England of a federation of masters' associations and trades unions, for the purpose of educating employers and employees as to their responsibilities in respect to British trade, devising means to meet foreign competition and sending joint deputations of capital and labor abroad to inquire into the conditions of other countries. A London dispatch says the conservative leaders are taking serious interest in the scheme.

The most casual examination of the statistics of our exports of manufactures will explain the anxiety of British and continental industrial interests. Ten years ago the proportion of manufactured products to the total of our exports was only a little over 18 per cent, while last year it was over 30 per cent. Of the large increase of export values since 1890 nearly one-half is to be credited to the products of manufacture. There has been a marked conquest of new markets. The largest gains have been in the exports to the colonies of Great Britain, especially to Canada, Australasia and South Africa. The increase of our trade with those countries has been at the expense of British industries. Great Britain is our best customer, the German empire standing second, the increase in the purchases credited to last year being \$30,000,000 in excess of those of 1890.

Such facts readily account for the solicitude and apprehension of foreign manufacturers, who find themselves losing ground from American competition not only in such neutral markets as China, Africa and South America, but as well in their home markets. We recently noted the cry of alarm from the British newspapers in regard to the condition of the metal trade and the urgent necessity of doing something to prevent further decline in this branch of British industry. Reference has also been made to the fact that in the iron and steel industry of Germany most of the plants were partly idle from a lack of orders. Meanwhile American manufacturers continue to force their way into the European markets and to increase the vigor of their competition elsewhere, underselling foreign competitors with articles of unsurpassed quality.

American manufacturers, however, must be prepared for an even harder struggle to hold and add to what they have won than was necessary to achieve it. The awakening of the European industrial interests to the formidable character of American competition and their determination to find some way of effectively combating it must make the contest for trade more intense in the future. It is not to be doubted that American energy and enterprise will be found equal to every requirement. With abundant capital and immeasurable resources there appears to be no reason why we should not maintain our industrial supremacy and go on increasing our trade in manufactured products in most of the world's markets.

PURSUING THE KIDNAPERS.

It appears now that the Omaha police were not asleep on the Cudahy case, nor had they forgotten the important business they had in hand. When the people of Omaha were first given the news of the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy, Jr., there was much raising of eyebrows. The whole story seemed so strange that skepticism was general. Even after it had been accepted as a fact, there was much discussion in the press and in conversation, all as to the motives of the criminals, the wisdom of the father's action and the acumen of the authorities.

Only the latter phase of the question is now left to deal with. At the outset there was much impatience expressed because the police did not overhaul the perpetrators of the crime at once. Much harsh criticism of Omaha methods was indulged in, all owing to the fact that the men concerned in the crime were not immediately apprehended. Cooler moments have followed those first indignant outbursts, and the public has been more inclined to wait for the natural developments in what is one of the most remarkable cases in modern criminal annals. The difficulties that surround the work of the police are made manifest by the fact that the princely reward offered for the arrest of Pat Crowe, a man well known to the detectives of the whole country, has as yet been fruitless so far as known results are concerned.

During all of the debate Chief Donahue and his assistants have persistently worked along the slight clues they had, and if their efforts are now crowned with success it will certainly

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CLIPPED FOR FUN.

Philadelphia Record: "My daughter has got out for a servant girl, says Mrs. Day to Miss Knight. 'Does her housework so well, she, Oh, she never does anything right.'"

Chicago City Journal: The girl fainter of a North Michigan paper pretends to have heard of the following: 'A professional services sent by a local resident to a doctor in the city of Chicago: 'Dear Doctor: My wife's mother is at death's door. Please come at once and see if you can help her through.'"

Ohio State Journal: Phil Coster—Young man, a fellow, I know, Phil, but think what a decent lively time it has rolling. Mr. Ollabout—Oh, I know, Phil, but think what a decent lively time it has rolling.

Indianapolis Sun: "Why did they break off the engagement? 'I don't know,' said a pained expression across his face one night when she asked him of John of Arc was Noah's wife, but, of course, a trivial thing like that wouldn't cause it."

Tit-Bits: "Your account of the concert last night," said the musician, "omitted all mention of the very thing I wanted to see printed. The violin I played was a genuine one, to tell your reporter, was a genuine one, but the piano, and one of the best ever made."

That's all right," said the editor. "When Mr. Stradivari's name is advertised in this paper it will cost him half a crown a line. Good morning, sir."

Boston Transcript: Miss Crochet—I saw you at my song recital last evening. I wonder if those people who were seated next me any complaint. I am sure they couldn't have heard me. "Oh, no, I heard no complaint. It is true, however, as you supposed, they couldn't hear a note."

Chicago News: Shanty Sue—Say, Tim, did der villain get many ences? "Galleary Tim—Naw! He got more apple cores."

Times-Herald: "She seems so happy. Did she marry him for love or for money? 'Nether. She took him for spite a lot of other girls.'"

Washington Star: "Do you think that genius is moved to exert itself by inspiration? 'Sometimes.' Answered the very serious young man. 'But oftener by the expiration of the period for which rent has been paid.'"

Kansas City Journal: Writing from Catcher to a Kansas City friend, a man says: "Will you please send me the Kansas code on marriages. The Kansas code on marriages is the only one in the name of the town from which this man writes."

Detroit Journal: She contemplated the future with terror. I already have 200 pounds, and still I sit in spite of all I can do," she moaned. We quoted from Madame Blavatsky and Marcus Aurelius to the effect that wisdom is not necessarily preclusive of happiness. A person, we maintained, may be happy though fat.

"But what if she also thinks she is cute?" cried the woman, turning upon us almost savagely. "Now, at last, we began to understand."

The Maiden's Hand. Times-Herald: Behold the maiden's hand! how soft! That same small hand some happy man, say, will claim. Some day that little hand will seem to set the trousers of her howling son aflame!

MAKING A MAN.

Nixon Waterman in Christian Endeavor: Hurry the baby as fast as you can, Hurry him, hurry him, make him a man, Off with his baby clothes, get him pants, Feet him on brain-foods and make him advance. Hustle him, soon as he's able to walk, Into a grammar school, cram him with talk.

Fill his poor head full of figures and facts, Keep on a-jamming them till it cracks. One says grades of plants, the other says, Now we develop a man while you wait. Rush him through college, compel him to grad. Of every known subject a dip and a dab.

Get him in business and after the cash, Let him grow up to be a man. Make him his god and his Jimmy, Keep him a-hustling and clear out of breath. Until he wins-nervous prostration and death.

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