

The house has refused to endorse the Saline land deal. The house is not fresh enough to smirch themselves in such a dirty job.

Dr. Miller's partner in the printing job inquiry still falls to come to time and the legislative investigating committee are out of a job.

From the fact that General Garfield served his apprenticeship at a carpenter's bench, it is believed that his cabinet will be a fine piece of workmanship.

The Republican says that "God bless our railroads" is the cry coming up from all parts of the state. The Republican has forgotten the verb.

The Omaha branch of the Land League has resolved to boycott all English manufacturers and United States products. The United States must go.

The present state senate has done good work in voting, however feeble, the wishes of the people on all the absorbing issues of the day. Those members who have fearfully done their whole duty, will be gratefully remembered by their constituents.

The Herald says, "Oaha needs a real mayor, something which it has not had for too many years." How long is too many years, I wonder? Is it ever since Mr. Brewer was elected in 1878, the last successful democratic candidate?

The U. P. lobby at Lincoln is preparing to move to its old haunts. That "eminent" attorney, Frank Waters, will once more adorn the street corners and log doggeries of Omaha, and Thornton will devote his energies to bamboozling the farmers on bogus bond propositions.

The rise in stocks predicted a few weeks ago by Mr. Gould has come and the whole list seems to be in the hands of the bulls. The stock board has become a huge gambling maelstrom which is sucking into its vortex millions of uninvested money from all portions of the country.

The state railroad commissioners of California have held a meeting and reduced all freight rates in the state 25 per cent. They have also provided that railroads must furnish transportation for second and third class passengers at 60 per cent of first class rates. Naturally Leonard Stanford has much to say on the subject of commission just at present.

The selection of Congressman J. I. Mitchell to the senate by the Pennsylvania legislature, is a satisfactory solution of the difficulty between the Cameron dynasty and its opponent. Mr. Mitchell is an earnest and uncompromising republican who will not permit factional jealousy to bias judgment and who may be expected to work for the best interests of his state and the nation.

SENATOR DOANE has proved the wisdom of the people of Omaha in electing him to the position, which he has so ably filled. From the first day of his entrance into the state senate he has been an unwearied worker for the interests of Omaha and the wishes of her people. The success of the new charter is due more to Senator Doane's efforts than to those of any other man and Omaha will appreciate the fact.

DOCTOR MILLER says "the citizens of good character and citizenship are anxious for a strong city government here." Who are these citizens? Are they or are they not the very few men of wealth who "cringe the pregnant hinges of the knee" in your sanctum sanctorum "that thirt may follow fawning"? Are they the few who would repudiate every honest debt of Omaha unless the working men pay the taxes for it.

The value of independence in municipal politics is clearly shown by the late elections in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where the citizens, without respect to party affiliations, united in selecting men to fill the city offices whom they knew to be honest and incorruptible. It has been well said that municipal government at that stage always grows out of the mixing of national and state politics with city affairs. Municipal politics, as far as possible, should be independent of national politics. It matters little to a taxpayer whether the city officers are democrats or republicans as long as they are honest, competent men, who will give the city the best possible government at the least possible expense. These are the most important qualifications for municipal officers and should be studied before the question of party ties is agitated.

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UNDER the new city charter Omaha will be enabled to put metropolitan affairs more becomingly to her proud position as the Gate City of the west.

CHURCH HOWE has done his part well in playing prohibition against railway legislation. Church is a dangerous friend.

TRAVESTOR's motto: "The farmers propose, but the railroads dispose." The question isn't disposed of yet.

A GOOD Omaha man has named his wife "Misery" because "Misery loves company."

A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

The National Anti-Monopoly League which was organized on the 1st of the present month in New York City by leading merchants and property owners of the metropolis has published an address to the people setting forth the aims and intentions of its founders, the principle upon which it is based and the object which it has in view. The address is one of the most terrible indictments of corporate monopolies which has ever been laid before the American public and the Bee will take pleasure at some future date in printing it in full in its columns. The address presents the following charges against the monopolies:

They have undertaken the consolidation of the railroads, with the purpose of destroying competition and subjecting commerce to rates established by themselves; They have laid hands upon the telegraph, and, by the absorption of all the companies into one, propose to destroy competition, and to pay dividends upon watered stock by taxing competition between fifty millions of people.

Their agents infest the lobbies of our capitals, bribing our legislators and framing our laws. Our halls of legislation are made centers of stock-gambling in which votes are given as a consideration for illegitimate gains. They pervert judicial parties and shape their platforms. They buy the services of senators and judges with money extorted from the people. They send their attorneys to be judges of our courts, and take them again into service, at princely salaries, when they resign; and they intend to secure the control of the executive, judicial and legislative departments of our government.

They have accumulated wealth, represented by scores of millions of dollars, by grinding the faces of the wage-earners they employ, and by practices which have driven multitudes of better men into poverty. In what history is it written, in what country was it ever possible, that such fortunes could be gathered by such means, by the use of such means?

They have demoralized commerce, making legitimate business a lottery and infecting the community with the spirit of gambling. They substitute the machine politician for the statesman. They control corporations which ignore vital questions and magnify immaterial issues. We charge upon these monopolists the intent to increase their gains and perpetuate their power by equal resistance to appointed authority, and treason against their government.

They intend to control our judges, and to disobey judicial orders as they do not approve until they can reverse them. It is not to be expected that these men should declare their purposes. It is enough that their acts lead to nullification as their logical conclusion. Open avowal has come earlier than was expected.

ON the 27th day of January, 1880, the president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, in an argument before the committee on commerce of the house of representatives of the United States, in Washington, said: "I have heard the counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad company, standing in the same position as Pennsylvania, that the court with the displeasure of his clients if it decided against them, and all the blood in my body tinged with shame at the humiliating spectacle."

The National Anti-Monopoly League in view of these facts propose to organize branches in every county in the Union and to pledge the support of its members only to such candidates, local and national, as will support their principles. The movement will be strictly non-partisan and a constitution and by-laws will be sent free on application to L. E. Hixson, No. 11, Pine street, New York.

The senate bill to organize the territory of Pembina has little chance of becoming a law. The new territory under the provisions of the bill would embrace all that portion of Dakota north of the forty-sixth parallel comprising an area of 71,000 square miles. Dakota proper will have remaining about 79,000 square miles which would make it smaller than either Kansas or Minnesota. Pembina will be traversed by the Northern Pacific railroad, and will have a present population of about 96,000. The new Dakota will contain the Dakota divisions of the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and have a population of about 100,000.

The Bee is constantly in receipt of requests from the constituents of members of the legislature, asking for the votes of such representatives on the important questions which the railroad capers have been persistent in strangling at Lincoln. The record is being kept and the names and votes of the sellers-out will be published in due season.

The citizens of Omaha do not propose to let the hotel question drag. If one party does not move quickly in the matter we understand that others stand ready to push it forward. Omaha must and will have a new and commodious hotel erected during the coming season.

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EARLY DAYS IN NEBRASKA.

BY E. A. DAVIS.

Supper over, a dozen or more Indians gathered about the fire, the pipe was lighted, and after a whiff upward to propitiate the Great Spirit, and a whiff downward to the spirit of evil, by the first smoker, the pipe was passed around the circle, each taking a few whiffs, whites included, when each person who felt so inclined proceeded to fill his individual pipe, and the smoking began general. Not a word was spoken for some moments. The stoical red men smoked silently, with steady gaze upon the fire before them. They seemed to be utterly forgetful of our presence. It was a fine study of character for me. I had never read of anything like my present surroundings, because the most of the books on Indian life that I had perused were written by persons who never had any experience themselves among the red men, especially the Western Indians, who are a distinctive type from Cooper's ideal savage, and resemble Cooper's creations only in physique and dress. I once heard an old dorky say, "a nigger will you put him," and I suppose an Indian will be an Indian the world over. The eastern Indians of today; there is no question about this. And in the early days of the eastern states the reds and the whites were nearly evenly balanced in numbers. When the whites began to get very numerous the Indians formed a confederation of nations or tribes to fight them, and the struggle was fierce and desperate. Charles McKnight, writing of those days, says, "it was a dogged, savage and desperate struggle between two brave and warlike nations, the whites fighting for room and opportunity to live and thrive, and the Indians for what they deemed their own soil and hunting grounds. And every man who went out upon those borders carried his life in his hands; liable at any time to be shot or tomahawked from every tree and bush, a lurking ferocious and family constantly exposed to the merciless attacks of a savage, wily and implacable enemy. Each knew that it was 'war to the knife and the trail to the hit,' and worked, idled or slept with his trusty blade or rifle within easy grasp. We often shudder when, sitting by our quiet firesides, we read of the desperate combats between such mighty hunters as Gessard and Cummings and the ferocious lions, tigers and other wild beasts, whose claws they have long distances to penetrate. But what are the fiercest and most infuriated of all animals that ever crouched to a leap, compared with the subtle and desperate American savage, perfectly at home in his native wilds, with all his destructive wiles sharpened to an extraordinary extreme; taught from childhood to find his life's highest honors in killing and scalping, and trained in every possible wile to lure or ensnare a foe.

In this description of the American Indian as he was, does not resemble the noble red man as he is today. It does not fit our Pawnee, or Omaha, or Ponca, which the old settlers of Nebraska were for years brought in daily contact with. And as the history of these red men are necessarily a part and parcel of the early history of Nebraska, it is proper to bring them prominently before the public in these papers. In fact, the early history of the state would be a blank were they left out. Great are the multitudes of both old and young people in Nebraska, who have come here since the early days, who are ignorant of the habits and customs of the Indians who once owned and lived on the lands they now occupy. And the multitudes to come after will be ignorant of something of the primitive owners and occupants of the soil.

But to return to the Pawnee village. The Indians smoked on in silence until their pipes gave out and then they suddenly became communicative, lively and talkative. I could not have been there for more than an hour or so at their almost hid in buffalo robes, and through the half-blind interpreter they asked me how I felt, after my hunting. I replied, "I felt quite comfortable, but would rather have been on dry clothes than be smothered in robes. Then they all laughed, and kept up a running conversation for some time, until they had finished their pipes and again relapsed into silence.

The lodge or house we were in was one of the largest in the village, and was made of the "skinned" tails of a chief of the "Peoah," or Pawnee, who had been to Washington, and was well acquainted with the strength and numbers of the whites. He showed me a medal with General Jackson's bust on it, and another containing the likeness of President Harrison. I think he had his eye on my many white men on his journey east, and he replied that the white men and white man's houses were as numerous as the blades of grass on the prairie. Then he gave a very amusing description in sign language of his rides on steamboats, cars and omnibuses, in which he imitated the screech of the locomotive whistle, the peculiar motion of the train, the ring of the bell and motion of the wheels, and the delightful joggling of the American omnibuses, which, he perhaps, equal to the "joggling of the jangling car."

During this time, a number of Indians had, unbeknownst to us, entered the lodge and squatted in a circle, on some robe, about twenty feet from where we sat. The first warning we had of their presence was a series of yells, and the discordant beating of an Indian drum. We sprang to our feet in an instant, when our half-breed friend informed us that the Indians were going to have a dance in honor of their recent great feast in propitiating their enemies, the Sioux.

We went over to where the fun was to take place, and stood on the outer circle of a large ring, composed of perhaps twenty or more Pawnees, naked, and hideously painted up. One of them had a drum, made by stretching a skin over a small keg, and another had long feed whistles, some held tawlarly in their hands, and others bowed and arched. Soon the dancing began, and the infernal music accompanying it fairly made my hair stand on end. The Indians threw themselves into all manner of grotesque attitudes, would dance and howl until tired, when they would set down and either take their places in the "giddy maze."

Presently two beautiful young savages were brought forward and placed in the centre of the ring. They were the handsome, dainty, braided Sioux moccasins, were lastly dressed and were by far the most comely I had ever seen. The interpreter informed us that these were the Sioux savages captured by the Pawnees on their recent raid, and that they were to sing their death song, as it had been decided to put them to death. These girls, perhaps 18 years of age, looked sorrowful and downcast. They sang a plaintive Sioux chant, together with a dirge in English, and wonderfully touching. Of course we did not understand the words, but knew the purport of them, and we were angry and indignant at their cruel captors, though we said nothing. These Sioux girls were different in feature and form from the ugly, ill-shaped Pawnee savages, being slender of build, with handsome Roman features and graceful movements. In a moment after seeing them, Cooper's "ideal Indian maiden" haunted my mind, and the story of "Hiawatha" flashed across my vision. They were as handsome as any picture, whether written or painted, I had seen, and I longed to be able to see them at liberty.

Soon they were taken away to a dress, where they were dressed in the most beautiful of the Indian dresses, and the Indians began to prepare for bed. They gave us an excellent couch of skins, on which we rested well, and were soon in the land drums. When the night was I was taken with a violent cold, and had to arouse my companions. They awakened Joe, the half-breed, who found that the cold was not so bad as I thought. I held in my hand a bottle of "Perry Davis' Pain Killer." I would as soon have thought of asking for a copy of the American Encyclopedia, as to ask for a bottle of "Pain Killer" in that place. I imagined the Indian would bring me some secret preparation known to the tribe, and I was disappointed. I had read the prescription, learn how to make it, go east, compound the remedy and publish a book telling how I discovered the wonderful medicine during a residence among the wild aborigines of the far west!

That's the way a number of miserable pants at the big game in Pennsylvania, and a winded and galled public swallow both the stories and the medicines at the "low" prices of a dollar a bottle.

The medicine helped me, and by morning I was quite well, but weak. Before leaving the village we tried to ransom the Sioux captives. We offered revolvers, and the Indians even our ponies, but the Pawnee refused all our overtures, and said they would not part with the girls. We were of just the time when the agent of Nebraska City to intercede in behalf of the girl captives, but we never heard from him, nor did we learn the fate of the unfortunate girls.

We were piloted back across the river by an Indian, almost the entire population of the village being out to see us. And whenever one of our people would intercede in behalf of the treacherous quicksands they would break forth in peals of laughter and loud yells.

BLACK HILLS NUGGETS.

(To be continued.)

A dancing club has been organized at Rochford. The stock on the range south of Custer City are doing well.

Diphtheria and pneumonia prevail in the fish valley with considerable fatality. The ladies of Lead have a social club which they call the Waltzing club.

Hay finds a ready market in Deadwood at twenty and twenty-five dollars per ton. A one-third interest in the Ophir mine in Spruce gulch was recently sold for \$2,000.

Mail matters is now almost altogether carried into the Hills by the way of the Pawnee Indian agent. J. F. Webber was struck by a blast in the DeSmet mine and instantly killed last week.

Between Rochford and the Tan-mille ranch the snow on the road is four feet deep and the trail is icy. The Castle Rock Hydraulic Mining company at Rochford will soon begin work on Rochford creek.

Some excellent free gold ore has been found in the bed rock of the Bagley mine near Lead. It is rumored that rich deposits of ore have been discovered in the High Lode extension near Lead City.

The snows two feet deep on the level in the Hills, and drifts of twenty feet depth in the gulches, are advertised for tie and grading for twenty miles of railroad from Deadwood to the coal fields, are out in Deadwood.

The Grub Stake mine near Elkhorn, in Rochford district, is prospecting remarkably well. Over 500 free gold specimens are taken from it. The Deadwood Times says it is rumored that in the lower levels of the Homestake mine a large body of ore has been struck that will go 70 to the ton.

The immense amount of snow that has fallen this winter will furnish water enough to turn in hundreds of dry gulches that until now have never been worked.

The cabins of the Hay Creek coal company together with their mine have been jumped and parties with loaded shot guns are holding the fort against all comers.

A whip and silver salver voted to popular persons at the Deadwood fair, and which together cost \$18, brought the net sum of \$475.85, a net profit of \$157.85.

A rich vein of ore has lately been struck in the Flora Belle mine under the old workings, and work is being rapidly pushed for the purpose of discovering its extent.

A large number of quartz mills will be erected in the southern Hills next season, and numerous mills that depend upon water power will put in engines before the coming season.

The prospect for all the mines about Custer City for next season is very encouraging. New lodes have been found and the ore of mines heretofore worked is developing in richness.

Martin Gallagher was shot and mortally wounded by King Goodfellow near Custer City on the 12th. They were cattle herders and got to quarrelling which hurled their words and with the above mentioned fatality resulted.

Samuel A. Pepper, the Rapid City postmaster, who was held to the grand jury in \$2500 bonds several months ago, for alleged embezzlement of government funds, proceeded with him on the 14th inst., and was released from the Deadwood jail.

A murderer and the lynching of a murderer took place in Custer City on the 6th. The parties to the double murder belonged to Booth & Shankland's wagon train, which arrived from Sidney the day before. On the day in question the train had entered a saloon in Custer City, and one of the men pulling out his revolver threatened to kill the bar-keeper. His commands were obeyed with him, and thereupon he deliberately shot him, killing him instantly. The other teamsters of the train heard of it, and taking possession of the murderer, hung him within half an hour of the death of his victim.

Railroad Monopoly. By H. D. Lloyd, in March Atlantic. When Commodore Vanderbilt began the work he had not in mind that there were so steamboats or railroads. He was thirty-five years old when the first

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