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The American congress to Bismarck: "Snoutage!"

The Cleveland Leader remarks that the Egyptian war is a sort of commercial affair, with the prophet on one side and the loss on the other.

Within the last few days board of trade memberships in Chicago have advanced from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Board of trade memberships in Omaha are not worth as much as a membership of a commercial college.

A railroad line running south from Philadelphia has adopted the new standard in the measurement of time. The train leaves at 17:55 and arrives at Baltimore at 20:45.

The Kansas City Times has this to say concerning Nebraska's senior senator: "The plucky Van Wyck of Nebraska has opened the ball to declare forfeited lapsed railroad grants."

The Prince of Wales has recently been investing large sums of money in Kansas lands. When Mr. Robinson, of New York, introduced that resolution, twisting the British lion's tail by inquiring into the recent acquisition of great tracts of land by foreign noblemen, he doubtless had in his mind's eye the successor of Queen Victoria.

The cattle kings of the west will have some business at the national capital this winter. Senator Ingalls proposes to make it unpleasant for the enterprising herdsmen who are in the habit of fencing up large tracts of the public domain for cattle ranges.

The North Bend Flat says that the attempt of the Omaha Republican to lampoon President Arthur for any position taken in his truly praiseworthy message will not meet with the sympathy of republicans. The Flat "is free to confess that it likes the ring of the message, and it believes that the sensible people of all parties must admit that the president's points are well taken, and that his ideas carried out cannot fail to be a blessing to the country."

The New York Sun still shouts for Holman. It is now publishing daily a half column of "characteristic utterances" of Mr. Holman, under the heading of "The wisdom of a patriot."

The railroad committee of the senate has been packed as usual by the confederated monopolies. Sawyer, an Ohio millionaire, has been made chairman; next comes Sewell, the New Jersey railroad magnate; followed by Sabin, the Minnesota railroad monopolist.

THE DUTY OF CONGRESS.

Sound republican papers and conservative republican sentiment throughout the country have hailed with gratification the defeat of Mr. Randall and the organization of the national house of representatives with Mr. Carlisle as speaker. They have done this, too, with a full understanding of what Mr. Carlisle's election means and in the expectation of a renewal of the tariff discussion which took up so large a part of the closing days of the late session.

It is such a law that the country looks to the present congress to frame and pass. The cry that a renewed agitation of the tariff will menace the business interests and create increased stagnation in trade has been raised too often to be effective, and recent interviews with bank presidents and leading merchants in the east show that it has very properly lost its force.

If there is any more public land, after what has been donated to the railroads, to be given away by the government, it seems proper that the soldiers should have an opportunity to acquire some of it. With that end in view, Mr. Hill, of Ohio, has introduced in the house a very liberal soldiers' land-bounty bill.

This council has rejected the bid for street cleaning, and has decided to have the work done under the supervision of the street commissioner until June next. Some of the councilmen are evidently laying their pipes for re-election.

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UNDERGROUND WIRES.

In nearly all the large cities there is a strong movement to force the telegraph and electric light companies to put their wires underground. In New York the matter seems to be attracting more attention than anywhere else. This is owing to the fact that the electric wires have killed a number of persons.

A few years hence the telegraph officials will wonder why they kept their wires above ground so long. With the wires underground the expense of poles and constant repairs to the lines, which are so frequently broken and interrupted by storms, will be avoided.

There is still a strong probability that a rupture between France and China may be averted. The Marquis Tseng, who is the plenipotentiary of the Chinese emperor, still remains in Paris awaiting further developments.

Any soldier's land-bounty bill ought to provide that any land taken under it should be for a homestead for the soldier, and provisions should be made against any soldier selling his land wagers as a matter of speculation.

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THE NILE.

This is fertile because the river overflows it; beyond are the hills, and above these the hot flaring, lifeless desert. General Paaha, who occupies Cairo, has an army of about 8,500 well equipped men and will have a river fleet to protect the metropolis of Egypt against any force that El Mahdi might concentrate.

The grand oration given in Dublin in honor of Parnell demonstrates that Ireland never will be pacified until the reforms contended for by the National Land league are granted.

The repressive measures adopted by the British government do not seem to dishearten the agitators, who keep right on with their work, whether they are in English prisons or in Irish soil.

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Wished to see the king of Italy alone the latter would doubtless have made a journey to Genoa, or some other point, to meet him. The journey to Rome for this object, therefore, is quite unnecessary.

The liberals assert that Prince Bismarck has arranged to settle the political and ecclesiastical conflict with Rome for the purpose of obtaining a majority in the reichstag by a combination with the conservatives and centre in order to carry through his scheme for the insurance of workmen against accidents; but this idea is untenable.

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