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The democrats of Nebraska are still wondering who shall have the disposal of the federal patronage.

If Cleveland selects a few more republicans to assist in the cabinet, they will prove valuable assistants to Grover the great.

The Chadron Citizen enters a vigorous protest against the sensational writers who are trying to get up another Indian scare.

SENATOR MULLEN is at home enjoying a few days vacation. He is looking as hearty as ever, and it would appear as if legislative labors agreed with him.

We are wondering what position Cleveland intends giving Weaver for the assistance rendered in the last campaign. He had ought to have a foreign mission at least.

An act has passed the legislature of Pueblo, Mexico, to do away with bull fighting. Now let the legislature at Lincoln pass some good laws and we will be satisfied.

It is reported that General Bragg doesn't particularly love that legislature for the senator it made. The trouble with the general was his bank account was not big enough.

The birch has made many a boy dance lively, and now comes along science and shows that "birch sap produces largely intoxicating liquor." Everything will be explained after a bit.

FORTY years ago a can of tomatoes sold for forty-five cents. Under the "odious McKinley law" with "dear tin" they were plentiful at seven and eight cents per can. What great robbery it is!

Gov. BOIES declines to become a member of Cleveland's cabinet. If Cleveland desires to have an Iowa democrat, we would suggest that he offer the position to John C. Keeley, of Sioux City.

The Boston Traveller says a soap manufacturer was asked why he confined himself exclusively to newspaper advertising. His answer was: "People who don't read the newspapers are not apt to wash."

By refusing to combine with the democrats and electing a member of that party to the United States senate, the republicans in the state legislature done the right thing. It has been claimed for the past two years, by the independents, that the republicans and democrats were in league together. By their action in refusing to enter the unholy combine this slander has been refuted and a great deal of the independent political thunder has been disposed of. Now let the republican members live up to the platform upon which they were elected, and give us some needed legislation, and the republican party, the party of principle, of loyalty and of patriotism, will be stronger than ever in the years to come.

AFTER the death of James A. Garfield, James G. Blaine paid the following tribute to his memory in an address in the house of representatives: "With unflinching front he faced death. With unflinching tenderness he took leave of life. Above the demoniac hiss of the assassin's bullet he heard the voice of God. With simple resignation he bowed to the divine decree. As the end drew near his early craving for the sea returned. The stately mansion of power had been to him the wearisome hospital of pain; and he begged to be taken from its prison walls, from its oppressive, stifling air, from its homeliness and its hopelessness. Gently, silently, the love of a great people bore the pale sufferer to the longed for healing of the sea, to live or die, as God should will, within the sight of its heaving billows, within the sound of its manifold voices. With wan, fevered face tenderly lifted to the cooling breeze, he looked out wistfully upon the ocean's changing wonders—on its fair sails, whitening in the morning light; on its restless waves, rolling shoreward to break and die beneath the noonday sun; on the red clouds of the evening, arching low to the horizon; on the serene and shining pathway of stars. Let us think that his dying eyes read mystic meaning which only the rapt and parting soul may know. Let us believe that in the silence of the rededing world, he heard the great waves breaking on a farther shore, and felt already upon his wasted brow the breath of the eternal morning."

A Republican to Lead Them.

Tax intimations given out by the Inter Ocean the other day are more than confirmed by the Chicago Herald's advices from Washington. Our intimations were simply that Judge Gresham was going to occupy a place in the cabinet of Mr. Cleveland. The Herald, after receiving them with a sort of "I know better" smile, came out yesterday with the announcement that Gresham was to be Mr. Cleveland's secretary of state.

We presume the Herald is right in thus placing our distinguished town-

man. And presuming that it is so, the Inter Ocean heartily congratulates Mr. Cleveland and the democratic party in having secured an able man to take the leading place in the cabinet.

It may be a little unpleasant to some of the old moss-grown bourbons to think that their president had to come into the republican ranks to secure a man for his premier. Perhaps D. M. Dickenson may want to deny that Judge Gresham is a republican, but we think Judge Gresham is better authority on that subject than even the ex-postmaster general. It is true that republicans thought last November that Judge Gresham went wildly astray, and some of them called him a democrat, but he himself, when interviewed, was careful to say that, though he voted for Cleveland, he was "not a democrat."

We believe he told the truth. It would be hard indeed for a man bred as Judge Gresham has been in the republican party to become a democrat on such short notice. It will take time and cultivation to make him a sound democrat. No doubt it will be pleasant to his personal feelings to be in a party whose official head is Cleveland, than to attempt to work with one whose official head is Harrison. But after March 4, Harrison will be ex-president, and will no longer be in any man's way for that high position, and the doors always swing open when a wanderer desires to return.

Of course Cleveland has other designs, but he will never make of Gresham the supple partisan that Gray and Boies have become. He is composed of different material. To be the successor of his chief in the greatest office the world knows will be a great temptation, and will probably make him as good a democrat as he can be; but even that will not make him pass muster in the line with Voorhees, Hill, Vest and the rest.

Again we congratulate the democratic president and the democratic party that they have secured the consent of a republican to pilot them over the shoals they are likely to encounter in the next four years. But we warn democrats that they are placing another man in a position to make himself stronger than the party they are trying to serve, and four years from now, as in the case of Cleveland in 1888 and 1892, they may be compelled to abdicate to him as they did to the gentleman from New York. Still they have chosen well.

BLAINE'S ENEMIES.

Blaine had no enemies. While in public life many fought bitterly, through jealousy and other causes, but since his demise they are coming around one by one and paying tribute to his memory. The following paragraph from the Memphis Avalanche, brings out an explanation from Murat Halstead:

"Murat Halstead still has his nerve with him. In his comment on Blaine's death, for instance, he says that those who condemned Blaine 'when he was confronted by deadly antagonists, while speaker of the house, did so upon insufficient evidence.' Yet Murat himself condemned him on that evidence. The dear, delightful, blundering old field marshal will now have to do some more explaining."

In replying to the above, Mr. Halstead says:

"This paragraph has a peculiarity that suggests to me to say a few words in review. I do say that I assailed Blaine at the time on insufficient evidence, and had hardly made the fight against him until the understanding came to me that I had been to swift in my condemnation. There were three republican editors who, at Cincinnati, in 1876, attacked Blaine and have been regretful ever since—Joseph Medill, Richard Smith and myself. As for myself, I feel that I did Blaine a wrong then in being so perpendicular I leaned backward. He was so pleasing a man that I resisted his fascinating qualities too strenuously to be quite fair to him. The saying was he was irresistible and that stimulated opposition and animated antagonism. Perhaps the paradox does not seem to you wholly irrationale or incredible. Take the Mulligan letters, and when Blaine had read them in the house there were two stories told without ceasing, that for a time broke the wonderful force of his vindication. One was that he did not read the right package, and another that the important letters were missing. Both are confessions that Blaine was wronged by his accusers. The mugwumps never ceased to say that the missing letters would be supplied. Blaine ran for president. Some scraps were scratched from the pigeon holes, but they weakened the case against Blaine instead of strengthening it. There were no missing letters of the least consequence, but his enemies multiplied them in their minds. If Mr. Blaine had been an alleged lawyer forty times, what he was charged with could have been made virtuous as 'fees.' He was most rudely attacked by lawyers and poets. The latter colored misinformation with fancy. The former distorted truth professionally. I gave for a little while too much credit to the indictments of fancy and the arguments of distortion. Is your experience so happy that you do not know how it was, or is, yourself? I have loved James C. Blaine and believed in him for 15 years. His death to me is a personal loss.

Shall an episode of error in the estimation of evidence condemn me to silence when he is in his grave, and it is in my heart and head and hand to do him justice? I think not.

O'Neill Market Report.

The following is a correct market report for this week:

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| Hogs, \$100 lb. | Wheat | ... | \$.40 |
| Sheep | ... | ... | ... |
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