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The Frontier has heard nothing to indicate that the fusion officials will call a grand jury to probe the bank mystery.

Kuropatkin is not the only one in need of "mental and physical rest." The czar and a lot of grand dukes at home would like to sit down in safety for a little while themselves.

The esteemed Independent has much to say about the "vicious elements of the new revenue law." The Independent might elucidate the subject by pointing out the "vicious elements" and demanding their repeal.

In a few words Mr. Bryan disposes of American heiresses who marry a foreign title. "I would have to be mighty ugly if I were a woman," he says, "before I would hire a man to marry me and take me to a foreign country."

The attention of the managers of the Holt county populist's financial funds is called to the Kansas City man who sold his vote for 50 cents. The importation of a few voters from Kansas City would lessen the cost of campaigning.

The Interborough Street Railway company of New York City will act upon the Dr. Osler and St. John theories in taking back the men who went out on a strike. None over forty years will be reemployed, and they must sign the blue-ribbon pledge not drink liquor.

The preponderance of expressed public opinion is that Mr. Harrington put the shoe on because he thought it fit. There are some half dozen "fusion lawyers" in town, but only one threatens to "put us out of business." It will come to a pretty pass when rascals can steal a community blind and newspapers dare not mention it.

The Independent prints the names of a few republicans who voted for Hagerty at one time for county assessor. What point the Independent is trying to make is about as clear as mud. It might print the names of those who voted for Paf and The Frontier surmises that nobody would deny it. There were also some hundred of the citizens of this community who had confidence in the former banker to the extent of putting their money with him.

Peace with Japan or peace at home. Such is the financial ultimatum Russia has received from the only sources available for providing the sinews of war since the Mukden calamity. French and German bankers are forcing upon Russia a decision as to her future policy with scarcely less potent pressure than Commander-in-Chief Oyama is exercising in Manchuria. Russian credit, which is still declining, would quickly improve if a sane policy of peace in the far east and reform at home were adopted.

THE GANG THREATENS

The Frontier is threatened with a suit for criminal libel. The gang of character assassins think they can prevent this paper from publishing matters of interest and importance to the people of this county by threatening criminal prosecution. They have their guess coming. We are running a newspaper and will attempt to give the people of Holt county the news, regardless of the feelings of friends or foe. Freedom of speech and of the press is one of the rights guaranteed us by the constitution and these rights of ours we will not see abridged while we have a voice to raise in protest.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined." In the language of the immortal Brann we will stay with them until hell freezes over, then if necessary keep up the chase on the ice.

While the trust and railroad freight rate questions are under agitation the people would like some relief from the excessive tolls levied by the coal men. Omaha coal dealers furr let Wyoming coal \$1.60 per ton cheaper than it can be bought for 300 miles nearer the coal mines. In Nebraska, coal is one of the absolute necessities in every household and yet the price of the very poorest varieties are little less than prohibitory. It coal can be transported the whole length of the state and sold for less money than hundreds of miles nearer the mines, somebody is working a graft that ought to be preemptorily stopped.

With being threatened with criminal prosecution by a fusion lawyer and placed under the ban of a boycott by one of the republican county officials who aspires to a re-nomination, The Frontier also experiences some of the strenuous life. We are still doing business at the old stand, however, and from the way our subscription list and advertising patronage is growing we are neither forsaken nor cast down.

Scientists tell us that within the last decade the heat radiating power of the sun has diminished 10 per cent. Most people feel that heat radiation had suspended business entirely during January.

South Carolina is going to demonstrate that justice is not all on the white man's side within her boundaries. The state will have a white man's hanging for the crime of killing a negro.

Perhaps the members of the legislature who killed the anti-pass bill haven't saved the price of a railroad ticket during the session and did not want to vote themselves into walking home.

Having been a resident of O'Neill not more than a score, the editor of the Independent confesses that the present head of the city government is "the best mayor O'Neill ever had."

President Roosevelt: No greater work can be done by a philanthropic or religious society than to stretch out the helping hand to the men and the women who come to this country to become citizens and the parents of citizens, and, therefore, to do their part in making for the future of our land. If we do not take care of them, if we do not try to uplift them, then as we as fate our own children will pay the penalty. If we do not see that the immigrant and the children of the immigrant are raised up, most assuredly the result will be that our own children and children's children

are pulled down. Either they will rise or we shall sink. The level of well being in this country is a level for all of us. We can not keep that level down for a part and not have it sink more or less for the whole.

The Free Pass as a Branding Iron.

Omaha Bee: The remarkable statement given to the press over the name of J. H. Ager, head prass distributor and chief legislative lobbyist of one of the big railroads of Nebraska, should cause the people of this state, and particularly the lawmakers in session at Lincoln, to pause and ponder over its significance. That the free pass evil is widespread and permeates the legislature almost without exception has long been notorious, so that the charges made by a representative from Nemaha county that the railroad lobby is using the influence of their pass favors to prevent wholesome legislation contain nothing new.

When, however, Mr. Ager puts the shoe on and comes back with the declaration that the representative in question is himself a holder of an annual pass over his road, and has requested and received numerous trip passes since the session opened, he undertakes to use the free pass as a branding iron. Because the pass-accepting legislator has failed to meet expectations by reciprocating railway favors at the expense of his constituents, the pass distributor denounces him in public and in effect says to other pass holding legislative members: "See how I have branded the gentleman from Nemaha. If you do not carry out the implied obligations of your free rides you may expect similar treatment."

The question becomes not whether a pass is to be regarded as a bribe, but whether it is to be employed as a club. When such practices are pursued every public official who accepts a railway pass must know that he puts himself absolutely at the mercy of unscrupulous railway hirelings and that he must execute orders from railroad headquarters without question or refuse only to be branded in public with an inextinguishable mark. Unless the blighting menace of the free pass is shortly recognized and averted by stringent legislation before it grows to more monstrous proportions, the representative character of our government will be completely destroyed and our lawmaking bodies will become mere machines to register the decrees of the railroad lobbyists.

Trade Conditions

Dun's Review: Trade reports are still somewhat conflicting, but, on the whole, improvement has followed more settled weather, and the outlook is considered favorable, even in sections where current business is irregular. Mercantiles are not as prompt at the East as elsewhere, but the liabilities of commercial failures in February were much smaller than a year ago. Traffic blockades have been lifted, restoring a normal distribution of merchandise, and railway earnings in February were only 5.1 per cent, smaller than last year, despite the severe weather at the start. Little idle machinery is noted in the iron and steel industry, textile mills are increasingly active, and New England shoe shops are shipping more freely than a year ago, although there is still delay in booking orders for footwear. Minor manufacturing plants are also preparing for large sales, indicating that confidence remains unshaken. Agricultural communities have prospered, cash prices of all farm products maintaining profitable positions, but the speculative markets are erratic. Foreign commerce at this port for the last week shows a gain of \$1,126,319 in value of merchandise imported, while exports decreased \$887,535, compared with the same week last year. Activity continued in Wall Street, sixty railway stocks rising to the highest point of the season at an average of \$113.59 which was within \$2.68 of the high record established in 1902, but subsequently there was more or less reaction and irregularity. Rates for money continued firm at the recent advance to about 3 per cent for call loans, but foreign exchange became weaker. Bank exchange at New York for the last week were 121.4 per cent, larger than in the same week of 1904, and at other leading cities there was a gain of 25 per cent.

Healthy Mothers.

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The North-Western Line.

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