



"If any man attempts to haul down the American Flag, shoot him on the spot."

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TITLES OF ACTS, MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

District Court of Cass county to Saunders county. 43 An act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court, and for the payment of the Reporter.

92 An act to require the Treasurer to keep constantly on hand the identical funds received by him as such Treasurer. 93 An act to amend section 18 of chapter 8 and section 7 of chapter 18 revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska relative to Coroners.

AN ACT To encourage the growth of Timber, Fruit trees, shade trees and Hedges. Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, that there shall be exempt from taxation of the real property of each taxpayer, who shall, within the State of Nebraska, plant and suitably cultivate one or more acres of forest trees for timber, the sum of one hundred dollars annually, for five years, for each acre so planted and cultivated; provided that the trees on said land shall not exceed thirty feet apart, and shall be kept in a healthy condition.

A Bridge Across the English Channel From a pamphlet recently published in England, with a view to explain the details of the undertaking, it appears that the proposed bridge will spring from a point on the English coast, near Shikpeare Cliff, Dover, at an altitude of three hundred and fifty feet above the sea, and will terminate on the French coast on an equally lofty hill, known as Cape Blanc Nez, at a short distance from Calais. M. Boutet avoids the enormous extent and risk involved in any attempt to construct a pier on artificial islands in the middle of the channel, by carrying his bridge across nine piers of cast iron of unusual dimensions, the bases of which are to be put together and bolted on the shore and floated to the position they are intended to occupy by means of large steam iron buoys, one of which, situated directly in the centre of the structure, is to be acted upon by a powerful screw, by means of which the huge base can be gradually lowered until the screws or feet, upon which it is to stand, touch the bottom or bed of the sea, which is ascertained to consist of solid chalk, into which the pile screws are then turned. This method of binding the pier firmly to the bottom also serves as a means of rectifying the levels, if necessary. The soundings in line of the proposed bridge show a maximum depth of 167 feet. The top of the base will be just above the level of the sea when the feet are screwed to the bottom, and upon this the upper portions are to be erected, above water, piece by piece, in the usual manner. Except the centre one, all the piers at their foundations measure 130 yards in width and 87 in length, diminishing upwards and forming at the summit a square of 65 yards on each side. The centre pier will be half as large again as the others. In addition to their own weight, of twenty-five hundred tons each, these piers have to support an arch of 3282 yards in length, weighing about 14,000 tons.

A STORY FOR SWEARERS. A gentleman once heard a laboring man swear dreadfully in the presence of a number of his companions. He told him it was a cowardly thing to swear so in company. The man said he was not afraid to swear at any time or any place. "I'll give you ten dollars," said the gentleman, "if you will go into the village churchyard, to-night at twelve o'clock, and swear the same oath which you have uttered here, when you are alone with your God." "Agreed," said the man, "it's an easy way of earning ten dollars." "Well, you come to me to-morrow and say you have done it, and the money is yours." The time passed on; midnight came. The man went to the graveyard. It was a night of pitchy darkness. As he entered the graveyard not a sound was heard, all was still as death. Then the gentleman's words, "Alone with God," came over him with a wonderful power. The thought of the wickedness he had committed, and what he came there to do, dashed through his mind like a flash of lightning. He remembered all his folly. Afraid to take another step, he fell on his knees, and instead of the dreadful oath he had come to utter, the earnest cry went up—"God be merciful to me a sinner!" The next day he went to the gentleman and thanked him for what he had done, and said he had resolved not to swear another oath as long as he lived.