

By the president of the United States of America...

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again. The Republican with becoming gravity reprints the Omaha correspondence of the New York Times and other recent productions with eulogies of Hitchcock and Paddock as from an entirely disinterested quarter.

When it is borne in mind that the Omaha correspondent of the New York Times is no other person than I. W. Mier, former local editor and now traveling correspondent of the Omaha Republican, the checkiness of the bureau managers is strikingly illustrated. Here is a letter written in the Republican office, almost under the dictation of Hitchcock, mailed to the New York Times as disinterested correspondence, and then republished with a grand flourish of trumpets in the office where it originated. That office and the bureau connected with it is not only a puffing machine, but a libel mill. An ex-politician, who is a notorious wife beater and utterly without character, hangs round the Republican office as correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The night following the November election this venacious reporter telegraphed to the Globe-Democrat that Rosewater was entirely wiped out in Douglas county by the votes of her respectable citizens, and that the entire Union Pacific legislative ticket was elected by overwhelming majorities. Why the Globe-Democrat and the New York Times should fill their columns with such letters and correspondence passes our comprehension. We presume however they do not know they are being made use of as part of the literary bureau, which wants to force defunct politicians and old hacks into the most respectable places within the gift of our state.

**ORIGINAL MISMANAGEMENT OF THE UNION PACIFIC.**

This paper has refrained until now from commenting upon the criminal mismanagement of the Union Pacific railway. Our strictures have been entirely directed against the interference of the managers with political conventions and legislatures in this state, and the flagrant abuses by extortionate tolls and discrimination against the producers of this state.

The gross negligence and recklessness in the active management of the road calls for public denunciation and protest. We have said criminal mismanagement and we mean it in its literal sense. For months the trains on that road have been run in the most reckless manner. The passenger trains of the road have been running wild, government mail has been delayed, freight and passenger trains have collided, cattle have been slaughtered and emigrants have been massacred. Within two months not more than half a dozen passenger trains have reached Omaha on time. The delays have not been caused by the elements, little snow has fallen in the mountains, no bridges or tunnels have been destroyed by overflowing streams, nor have we experienced any wind storms that would in any way retard the regular running of trains. The only explanation given by the managers is that the passenger trains have been delayed by cattle trains. What excuse is there for that? Roads doing five times the business of the Union Pacific are running with clock work regularity, and the Union Pacific did not have as many accidents and mishaps in the first ten years of its existence as it has had in the last three months. Every time an accident happens the reports are suppressed by the agents and operators, so that few people in this country really know what terrible wrecks occur on that road, and how many lives have been lost through negligence, recklessness and ignorance. With a grand highway equipped as magnificently as is the Union Pacific, such gross mismanagement is utterly inexcusable. We do not believe Mr. Jay Gould or any of the owners of the road, if they knew what was going on here would tolerate it for a moment. It is to their interest that the reputation of this central route to the Pacific be kept up and certainly it is not to their interest that trains should be wrecked. The case calls for a thorough investigation and a radical change in the management of the road, and that without delay. If such collisions as happened to the emigrant train last week, at Carbon, had happened in Massachusetts, the officials of the road would be indicted for manslaughter, and some of them might be swung off a gibbet. Of course our strictures will be denounced by the road as coming from an enemy of the Union Pacific, and therefore unworthy of consideration. As a matter of fact, this paper has kept back the disclosure of this gross mismanagement as long as it could possibly do so without stultification. It is our interest and desire that the Union Pacific road should be well managed. We are interested in the growth of Omaha and Nebraska more than any one newspaper in the state, because the prosperity of the Big game hand in hand with the growth of Omaha and the development of the trans-Missouri country. It is to our interest that travel and traffic should go over this line rather than over the southern or northern lines, and therefore it is to our interest that trains should be run with safety and dispatch. We don't pretend to lodge this mismanagement with any one man, nor do we know whom to blame. The recent accidents and delays have occurred on nearly every division of the road. The entire press west of the Missouri, and the agents of the Associated Press appear to be muzzled by subsidies and fear. This is probably why the Bee is compelled to raise its voice alone against this criminal state of affairs.

It is enough to make a horse laugh to hear the editor of the Washington hypocritically protest against building and fraud in New York, which he declares, last thirty-five electoral votes to the democracy and defeated Hancock. Let Mr. Hutchins turn his eyes south and count up the 95 electoral votes lost to Garfield through

speculations as safe as that President Garfield's policy will be, and there are many who really respect him who have grave apprehensions that he will have no policy of his own to oppose against the wishes of any powerful factional element that might attempt to decide his course. It seems hardly worthwhile to attempt to arouse these timid and timid solitaries. Those who know General Garfield best, know that there is no vein of moral cowardice in his nature, that he has the courage of his convictions, even when those convictions place him in antagonism with the leaders of his party. Those who have stood by his side and witnessed the growth and development of the man Garfield now so conspicuous in Gen. Garfield, bear witness to his nobility and independent character. They have seen him in great subjects, molding tariff systems under which the industries of the whole nation may be built up or pulled down and directing the expenditure of hundreds of millions of public money with a discretion and foresight to which all deferred, and with all treading the obvious paths of temptation and opportunity with unsoiled feet. During his last years in the house the great principles which have divided political parties were constantly under discussion and it was General Garfield that congress and the country looked for the clearest, the most candid and the most effective discussion of these principles. When the republican party encountered, with unbroken front and undaunted courage, the desperate assaults of the democratic majority upon legislation, which embodies the fruits of the war for the Union. General Garfield was the leader to whose counsel everyone deferred and at the sound of whose voice all other grew still. Those who watched his career throughout that period were deeply impressed by his versatility, his breadth of view and depth of insight, by his never failing candor, his independence and his own creative and rugged personality.

The most convincing assurance that General Garfield will frame his own policy and follow independently his own convictions is found in the manner in which he has acquitted himself in every position in which a life of exceptional activity has placed him. Always and everywhere men have leaned upon him as upon one whose strength will and infinite resource and unlimited capacity entitled him to bear the brunt. Whether we look at him as the executive officer of a struggling educational institution in his own native state, or the volunteer office in the war of the rebellion, or the representative of the people in the lower house of congress, or find him always ready and willing to take upon his broad shoulders the responsibilities which ordinary men instinctively shrink.

To assert that such a man has not the moral courage to act upon his own convictions, is that he believes to be proper and right, is driving nonsense. That General Garfield will gather around him wise and disinterested advisers, and that he will give careful heed to their counsel is a matter of course, but that he will have a policy of his own, or that he is bound by any entangling agreement or alliances with party leaders is too absurd for consideration.

The old literary bureau establishment during the palmy days of W. M. Hitchcock, has been reorganized. It was first opened at Washington in the senate committee room of the committee on territories, and later transplanted into the senate committee of the hayseed committee of the senate, presided over by Paddock. As chairman of the committee on territories, Hitchcock appointed Curtis, the Washington correspondent of the Inter-Ocean, Graphic and other papers as clerk of that committee. Curtis flooded the country with glowing descriptions of the eminent services of the Nebraska statesmen, through whom he drew five dollars a day out of Uncle Sam's treasury. These letters were reproduced with appropriate comments by the Omaha Republican and all the small fry in Nebraska, who sneeze when the editor of the Republican takes snuff, fell into line and reproduced those letters. At a later day J. Sterling Morton, the copseer of Hitchcock in the lobby, took charge of the bureau and Mr. Paddock's garden was and seed room, and did a good deal of bushwhacking on Saunders, interlarded with puns for Paddock, through the Chicago Times. Of course these epistles were promptly published by the defunct paper of the son of Theron, and rebashed by the Lincoln Journal and kindred spirits.

And now the old bureau is at it again.

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ballot-box stuffing, Yrsoozism and negro disfranchisement.

The export of grain from the United States for 1880 will amount to 125,000,000 bushels.

The Herald gives Stilson Hutchins the floor. Mr. Hutchins can "lie" as well on the floor as anywhere else. It's his business.

**OCCIDENTAL JOINTINGS.**

Improvements are being made on the Ontario mine at Park City. Eric milling ore has been struck in the Lizzie tunnel in Red Pine canyon.

The Jeannette's lode in Thanes canyon has made assays of \$247 per ton, in silver.

A disastrous fire occurred at Bingham last week, almost destroying the town. Loss \$50,000.

An old lady who recently died at Ogden had 193 grand children, 407 great grand children and 23 great great grand children, all members of the church of Latter Day Saints.

Work is being pushed on the Jordan mine at Highland. Immense bodies of ore averaging \$25 per ton are in sight. Active preparations for shipping and reducing the ore at the 60-stamp mill near West Jordan, are in progress. It is said to be the largest in Utah, and the soft ore of the Jordan mine an immense quantity per day can be milled at a cheap rate.

The strike in the Buckeye mine near Silver Reef is showing better and bigger as developments advance. The ore proves to be free milling chloride, and the indications are that the bonanza is of vast extent. The new shaft will develop this body at a depth of about 300 feet and greatly facilitate the economical working of the same.

The Horn Silver Mine, so far from suffering from any appreciable diminution by reason of the enormous quantities of ore daily extracted from it, becomes bigger and bigger all the time. One train and two smelters are unable to get away with its product, and other trains will be put on when the smelters above referred to is completed.

Ogden's council have signed a contract for the electric light at the rate of \$3000 a year. One light suspended from the court house is to illuminate the whole city. After the plan is made and the light in operation, the city will be allowed thirty days to watch and test its efficiency before being bound by the terms of the contract, and if it does not fulfill the agreement the city will not be bound to take it.

Nevada. Bodie is talking of a vigilance committee. Work on all the Comstock lodes is very light.

The Indians engaged in a deer-drive near Truckee returned on Thursday last. The number of deer killed was about 150.

It is stated that an average of \$40 per man was paid by Col. Fair in his contest for the election of a legislature favorable to his claims as senator.

Some very important discoveries of silver ore have been made about twelve miles east of Bodie, or six miles east of the Spring district, and well defined, and the ore runs to silver. The quartz is less agitated than that of the Spring district—less so than on the east slope of Bodie bluff. Some San Francisco mining men of experience, who have become interested in the new district, are highly pleased with the prospect.

California. Real estate at San Francisco is now at its lowest ebb.

Napa grape-crushers are beginning on the second crop.

School reform is agitating the citizens at San Francisco.

Large numbers of deer have been killed in the hills above George town, El Dorado, during the past two weeks.

A great dam across the Yuba river at Marysville is completed and the river has been returned to its former channel.

San Jose is taking steps toward the improvement of the channel of the Guadalupe river to prevent overflow in times of high water.

The decline of the Nevada mines is turning attention to mining in California and to the development of quartz and placer mines in the old mining countries.

The Nevada (Cal) Transcript, of the 16th inst., says that 2,000 tons of rock recently mined from the Ford, McDonald & Mullen mine at Grass Valley, at a depth of 110 feet, is estimated to be worth from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Some pieces of a few pounds weight are of a value of \$500 and \$1,000. They say that many of a like character will be taken out at the next stripping of the lode.

The beautiful Napaqui waterfalls are in Santa Barbara, not more than three-fourths of a mile from the Union mission leading from the Santa Ynez Mission to Gaviota. The approach is from a northerly direction through a beautiful canyon, studded with shrubs and forest trees, under which is a delightful mass of boulders, brambles, poison oak vines and ferns. The falls are said to be 300 feet high.

A Boston company has undertaken a gigantic mining operation on the North Fork and Feather river. It involves among other things the cutting of a tunnel over two miles long, of sufficient capacity to carry the water of the river and discharge them into the west branch. By this means, and with the aid of sufficient dams and flumes they will drain thirteen miles of the head of the North Fork, where all the prospecting since 1856 has shown that it is immensely rich. It is in the estimates of the company that, if their plan of drainage succeeds, they will raise a mine that contains nearly \$80,000,000 of placer gold, and quartz ledges in the tunnel as rich as any that have ever been worked in the state.

Worked in the state.

Globe is to have a circulating library. Mineral creek is said to be the coming copper country.

Business and mining outlooks in Arizona are becoming prosperous.

The Golden Eagle stamp mill on Mineral creek has started up and crushes 35 tons of ore a day.

A farmer on the lower San Pedro, Arizona, claims to have raised 40,000 pounds of barley from six acres of irrigated land.

It is rumored that the government, at an early date, intends abandoning Fort Grant and Camp Bowie, and will lay out a reservation of six miles square at Wilcox. Officers are now at Wilcox making the necessary observations.

Wyoming. Laramie has been suffering from a coal oil famine.

The Omaha Republican and the Browleyville Republican are now engaged in the somewhat arduous duty of floating Church Howe upon the top wave of popularity. The impelling power behind all this differ-

lode" at Gemma City is three feet in width and averages \$27 per ton.

The Chinese of Utah have got their new joss house completed, all ready to receive their new wooden image.

A good winter road has been found from Laramie river into the North park. It is six miles shorter than the old.

The Elmira mine at Vela mountain has been sold to Iowa parties for \$4000. The ore averages eighty ounces to the ton.

A brakeman named Arledge, who ran between Rawlins and Green River, was killed Monday night. He was standing on top of the train and was struck by a truck bridge near Black Butte, knocking him off.

A fatal railroad accident occurred last week at Carbon station. The emigrant train parted in the middle and the rear section was run into by a freight train, killing one passenger outright and fearfully mangled several others.

Montana. Lewis and Clarke county cast 2,070 votes in the late election.

The Colorado smelter, at Butte, is reducing twelve tons of ore daily.

Wealth in a perfect stream is pouring into the Musselshell and Judith country.

Fifteen new locomotives will soon arrive from the east for the narrow-gauge line between Helena and Bozeman.

The military telegraph line between Helena and Bozeman was completed last week.

Madison county has a population of 3910, with an assessed valuation of \$2,000,000.

Fully 200 teams are engaged in hauling between the terminus of the Utah Northern and Butte.

During the past week 207,800 pounds of bullion have been shipped from the Hecla smelter.

Buffalo are very numerous on the Musselshell and Judith country. The valley has been black with herds all the season.

Fire is reported in the Bear Paw mountains. A number of men are there fighting it, in order to preserve the timber.

The government is about putting up a saw-mill in Pattee canyon for the purpose of cutting lumber to be used at the fort.

Some very high grade ore is being extracted from the Hecla mine. The shaft is down only about 35 feet, but already a bonanza has been struck.

At the government sale at Fort Logan last week, wool only brought fifty cents per cord, and