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THE BARNACLES are all on hand at Lincoln. All they want is \$3 a day and mileage.

SQUATTER GOVERNOR PHARMAN is on hand, as usual, looking for a committee clerkship or some other soft job at \$3 a day and mileage.

BRAD SLAUGHTER has the check to present himself for re-election as clerk of the house. Brad thinks he is needed again to garble the legislative records.

TIMES have changed. The other day a colored man in Prentiss Co., Mississippi with the aid of a good shotgun captured two white men while stealing cotton from his pen.

An inquiry comes to us all the way from Arizona concerning Mr. VanArman, present secretary of that territory, who some years ago made himself numerous in Nebraska. Mr. VanArman, when in this state, enjoyed the reputation of being a bumper and a biker. He may have reformed since he went out west.

A YEAR ago last spring Dr. Cushing, the chief manipulator of the Holly water works project, wrote his company as follows: "I am going over to Council Bluffs, and will watch operations from there. Ostensibly we are out of the political fight, but really we are in it deep." Cushing's example is being followed by the railroad managers. Ostensibly they are out of politics, but in reality they are in politics deeper than ever.

The first duty of the legislature will be to set down upon the barnacles that infest the capital every session. These professional place hunters are nearly all stool pigeons of jobbers or spies for the monopoly managers. They take \$3 a day from the taxpayers, and take fees from the outside employers. The people demand a new deal. Give the barnacles a wide berth.

ACCORDING to all accounts there is no possible chance for the re-election of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts. Six years ago the senator was elected in an open fight, after his friends had broken up the caucus system. The example has since been followed in Massachusetts, and no Republican caucus will this year be held, although the friends of Mr. Hoar now feel anxious to restore King Caucus to his old supremacy. The trouble is, however, that the new method introduced by Mr. Hoar six years ago will now be adhered to, mainly because each member desires to maintain his independence and make his own record.

SENATOR VAN WYCK has taken the trouble to notify the settlers on the St. Joe and Denver lands that were included in the Knevel's claim which was adjudicated by the supreme court of the United States three weeks ago, to take no action, but await the passage of the bill now pending in congress for their relief. Senator Van Wyck's advice is timely and may save hundreds of settlers from making needless sacrifices of their homesteads. There appears to be a fair prospect that the bill introduced by Senator Van Wyck will pass the house before the session closes.

LEWIS Alexander of old, Jay Gould will soon sigh for more world's to conquer. He is still extending his southwestern system, and annexing new railroads every few days. It is stated on excellent authority that the Galveston, Houston & Henderson road will pass into the hands of Jay Gould to-day, to be operated henceforth as part of the great southwestern system. Before taking in the Iron Mountain and Helena, which adds forty-three miles, the system had a mileage of 5,793. The Galveston, Houston & Henderson runs from Galveston to Houston and is 50 miles in length. There are in process of construction several short feeders which will soon bring the mileage over 6,000. The purchase of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson gives the Gould system a Gulf coast outlet of its own, which advantage it had not enjoyed before. New Orleans being the nearest thing to it. This will give the management improved facilities for handling cotton and other freight originating in Texas for foreign destination.

SUCH MEN AS CONNOR

The suggestion is made by a staunch republican paper, the Sutton Register that "if the 'straight' republicans, so called, in the legislature, fully appreciate the situation, they will treat such anti-monopoly republicans as Connor as though they were as good republicans as themselves which they are the Register says: There is no reason why they should divide in the organization of the senate, the election of a United States senator, or in the passage of laws regulating railroads."

To this the Omaha Republican makes the following reply: The Register will have a hard time to convince any republican that such as the men who in the late state election stood for the straight republican ticket. The leaders of the bolt in the Third district had no honest excuse; and the men who endorsed their slanders and their outrageous abuse are not liable to forget soon or to forgive easily. If such men as Connor are good republicans, all apostates (temporary apostates, if you wish) are as good christians as the most steadfast. No newspaper can unite the republican party upon the basis that the men who employed the worst trickery to defeat the wishes of the people proceed to and at the time of the convention, and who did their best to destroy the party after the convention have been good republicans. It simply won't go down. The Republican is as willing to have peace as anybody, but it would rather have war right along than peace purchased at that price; and so would the republicans of Nebraska—the men who stood their ground in spite of lies and slanders and abuse, and who elected the republican state ticket and sent three honest and straight republicans to represent them in congress.

The leaders in the war against the republican party of Nebraska in the late elections were men who had no higher motive than an ambition to boss the politics of the state. They were the devotees of no great cause. They were the promulgators of no great principle. They fought the republican party simply because they had been defeated in the attempt to run it. If these gentlemen desire hereafter to participate in the affairs of republicanism, there is no law of humanity or of politics that can prevent them. But their apostasy has not earned them the right to party leadership. They cannot come back and run the "machine," which, in Nebraska, at least, is only another name for the people.

If the republican party in Nebraska wants to commit suicide the quickest way to put an end to its life is to read the riot act to men who, like Gen. A. H. Connor, dared to voice the wishes of the people against dishonest party management and corporation misrule. The leaders in the war against railroad bossism in the late elections were men whose allegiance to republicanism had never faltered as long as republicanism meant the unfettered expression of the sentiment of the masses of the republican party. This was particularly true of General Connor, whose records as a fighter in the republican ranks was made under that old war horse, Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana, and whose voice has rung out loudly in half a dozen campaigns in Nebraska for republican principles. It is to General Connor's merit that he dared to rise above party in the late canvass and to use his every endeavor to elect men pledged to the interests of the people, both republicans and democrats, as against the plant tools of corporate monopolies.

What excuse the leaders of the so-called "bolt" in the Third district had can be seen from the returns of the election in which E. K. Valentine had such a narrow escape from political burial. Seven thousand voters in a district which prior to last November was republican by 10,000 majority cast their ballots for the independent republican nominee supported by "Such men as General Connor," and gave as their excuse the nefarious reputation and the clearly proven charges against Valentine. With almost no organization, with absolutely no money and with a canvass which depended for its success upon the personal efforts of half a dozen men who like General Connor could not be bribed, bought or sold, the campaign against the railroads was fought in the Third district and barely failed. The charges made against Valentine stand to-day uncontroverted and clearly proven and not one of them has been or will be retracted because they are true. Seven thousand republicans believed them to the extent of voting for Hon. M. K. Turner and many others testified to their truth by casting their ballots for the democratic candidate. That the republican party in Nebraska is to-day hopelessly divided, is due to the fact that its self-constituted leaders have prostituted themselves to the embraces of corporate monopoly, and sold their birthright for a mess of railroad potage. Blinded to the wishes of the people, and trusting to a party loyalty which would swallow every insult and corrupt co-partnership with the railroad managers, they have succeeded in alienating, either temporarily or permanently, from the republican ranks over 12,000 party voters, composed of men who, like General Connor, believe in republican principles, but repudiate monopoly republican tactics.

It is high time when the note of alarm against republican disintegration is sounding in other states that Nebraska republicans should consider whether they can afford to continue the warfare against men who can, if they wish, co-operate in putting the party again on its feet by enabling it to make a record on living issues which will commend it to public approbation. One thing is certain, the anti-monopolists of this state are in no mood to be frightened or bulldozed into a half-hearted allegiance to the republican machine. They have already done much to renovate the republican organization, and to force it to recognize its duty. "Such men as Gen. Connor" are too strong in their own names and records and in the confidence of their constituents to care much what such railroad organs as The Republican have to say about their principles or their motives, but the republican party, which will be held responsible for the legislation of the coming session has more than a slight concern as to coadjutors which they may reasonably hope to find in men, who, like Gen. Connor, are of unquestionable ability, of unchallenged integrity, and who, in times past, have proved the depth of their convictions by no half-hearted adhesion to republican principles.

OMAHA

Omaha has made very substantial progress during the year that has just closed. Her commerce has been extended to distant territories that have become tributary through the construction of the Oregon short line, and her wholesale trade has nearly doubled in the section of country of which she is the commercial center. Her manufacturers are prosperous, and afford steady, well-paid employment to thousands of working people. During the past year the great network of railways which converges at this point has been extended in every direction, and Omaha now enjoys facilities for railway traffic that few other cities in America can boast of. Omaha now has direct connection with Chicago by four trunk railroads, and St. Louis is linked to Omaha by three railroads. She has a direct line to St. Paul, and several branch lines that traverse central and Northwestern Nebraska. As the headquarters of the two great trans-continental systems of railroad, the Union Pacific and the Burlington Route, Omaha is the gateway on the central belt of travel to the Pacific coast and the great gold and silver producing states and territories.

The growth of Omaha as a city during the last year has been marked. While she has not erected as many new buildings during 1882 as she did during the year previous, the substantial character of the business blocks, hotels, factories, churches, school houses and residences would be a credit to any city. One of the greatest improvements of the year has been the opening of two palatial hotels that have added so largely to the advantages of Omaha as a resort for travelers who desire to recreate at a half-way house between the Atlantic and Pacific. Last, but by no means least, are the public improvements so essential to the well-being of a city. The completion of the water works has given Omaha an ample supply of water for manufacturing, fire protection and domestic use. Our sewerage system, although still in progress, has reached that stage when it has become practically useful in draining the business center. The extension of the street railway to Hanson park, the establishment of a telephonic system that reaches nearly every village and city in Nebraska and Western Iowa, and the inauguration of the era of paving has made the past year memorable in the history of Omaha. With the improvements already projected and under way, Omaha is destined to make more rapid strides within the next five years than any city west of Chicago and this side of San Francisco.

THE GAS ORDINANCE

Every tax payer in Omaha and every consumer of gas, is vitally interested in the material reduction in the price of gas. An ordinance granting the right to a Philadelphia gas company to establish works in Omaha on condition that they shall supply the city and private consumers with better gas than we now have at less than one-half of the present rate has been pending in the city council for the last six weeks. The council has had ample time to get all needed information about the right of this city to permit the laying of gas mains in our streets by another company, and the responsibility of the parties that ask for this privilege. When this proposition was first made it met with an enthusiastic support at the hands of nine-tenths of the council as it does from 99 per cent. of all our citizens.

At the last council meeting, however, what would seem to be frivolous objections were raised. The first question that the council must decide upon is whether the present gas company have an exclusive franchise to our streets for the supply of gas, or whether the grant of this privilege to another company will in any way deprive the existing company of vested rights for which the city stands guard. If the city is at liberty to exercise its rights to allow other companies to lay down gas mains, the only risk that it runs in making such a grant is the damage that might be sustained by persons through negligence on the

part of the gas company in digging trenches or falling to make good pavements that are torn up in streets where they lay their mains. If the new company can give ample security for such damages the city can sustain no loss in allowing them the right to come in. It is true, however, that two gas companies cannot make a living in Omaha at the rates proposed, and there is no doubt that a consolidation would have to take place sooner or later unless the present company should dispose of its works to the new company. But that does not concern our city in the least. What we want is cheaper and better gas. If it can be had through the purchase and enlargement of the existing works, well and good, but if the new company builds and finally absorbs the other nobody outside of the owners of the works need be concerned.

IN ANY EVENT, IF THE ORDINANCE

passes we would have gas at the rates established by it, and then we would enjoy the benefits of cheap gas.

THIS MAYOR OF LEADVILLE HAS JUST

issued a peremptory order to the city marshal of that sporting city to disarm every man who carries shooting irons in his pistol pocket. A general search of the inhabitants of Leadville for bowie knives and revolvers is to be made on New Year's day. Open houses will be kept everywhere to admit the police, who are instructed to call. No mention is made in the mayor's proclamation for a search of the Leadville ladies for concealed weapons.

MURAT HALSTEAD, OF THE CINCINNATI

Commercial inclines to the opinion that Pondleten's civil service reform bill will sleep the sleep that knows no waking on the table of the house.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Red Cloud wants a cigar factory. McCook is discussing creameries. Hampton wants to be incorporated. There are 21 "lifers" in the penitentiary. Arapahoe has the measles numerously. Deer are plenty near the mouth of the Elkhor.

The small-pox patient at Norfolk died last week.

A broom factory is to be started at Kearney.

Franklin has organized a creamery association.

Valparaiso has a gymnasium with twenty members.

Several new school-houses will soon adorn Holt county.

A case of small-pox has appeared at Battle Creek.

Diphtheria has taken a fresh start at Central City.

The Beatrice brewery was destroyed by fire on the 23d.

Lincoln capitalists are talking of a sorghum sugar refinery.

Aurora struggled bravely through four marriages on Christmas.

Up in Nance county the women use venison in their mince pies.

Noisily improvement boom in the year that has just closed. Things amounted to \$140,000.

Fremont's new national bank has been authorized to begin business.

Superior is talking about an opera house to be built the coming season.

The McCook photographer couldn't find business enough, hence he left.

The Fremont telephone concern will soon raise its rate to fifty cents a month.

One Tecumseh merchant sold \$150 worth of goods the Saturday before Christmas.

Fully 100 car loads of broom corn have been shipped from Harlan county this fall.

Citizens of Lincoln presented Mrs. Jack Woods, widow of the murdered sheriff, \$110.

The Mennonites near Rosebud, Adams county, occupied their new church on the 24th.

A North Bend man is in jail for selling the same mortgaged property half a dozen times.

Union precinct, Butler county, turned out a hog that weighed after being dressed, 220 lbs.

The mail carrier between Aurora and Grand Island is 80 years old and makes the trip every day.

The cheese factory at Fairmount turned out about 100 lbs. a day and complain of a surplus of milk.

J. O. Chamberlain, of Lagrange, Ind., is to establish a cheese factory at Luavale, Webster county.

Hampton has an 8 year old girl weighing 100 pounds, but she cannot come up to the O'Nell baby.

A Furnas county minister had a donation visit on the 21st. Result, \$35 cash and ten bushels of corn.

Oceola had a fire on the 27th, in which Hartney's billiard hall and the Joy Bros.' harness shop were destroyed.

Two men were recently "held up" by highwaymen on the bridge across the Platte south of Grand Island.

The Methodist church at Beatrice doesn't begin to hold all the people who want to attend services there.

The Stromburg Republican of last Wednesday was printed on pink paper, by way of variety for the holidays.

The M. E. society at Unadilla have bought the old school house for \$300 and will convert it into a sanctuary.

A. Ellis, a 13-year old Adams county boy, raised 14 bushels of corn on an acre this season. He was competing for a prize.

Oliver Gaylor, of Glencoe, had a sore hand to remember Christmas. He accidentally shot off part of it a few days before.

Dick Williams, of Fremont, was adjudged insane by the Dodge county board and was taken to the state asylum on the 23d.

Valparaiso has had a decided immigration boom. Scott Case has imported nine fine blooded Missouri jackasses and jennies.

Two thieves robbed the section house at Hader, Madison county, on the 27th, getting away with \$300 belonging to section foreman.

Pacillon sportsmen had a grand hunt on Christmas. J. E. Campbell's side beat H. L. Carpenter's by 103 to 81. A game supper followed.

Gilsherry & Baker's slaughterhouse on the Salem road, out of Falls City, was destroyed by fire on the 24th, with a lot of hides, tallow and lard.

George Graves, the "devil" of The Columbus Democrat, fell from the top of the sootery at a show there on Tuesday night last and broke his leg.

William Hogg, a Beatrice merchant, arrived Thursday. He loaned a relative a large sum of money some time ago, expecting its return on demand. Having a bill of goods to pay for, and learning the

relative would be unable to remit, Mr. Hogg became despondent and fired a bullet into his head.

The residence of Dr. C. M. Sattler, near Winer, burned on the 25th. They lost everything, including the doctor's library and instruments.

The "boys" of Wahoo celebrated Christmas in a unique manner. They corralled a number of persons and forced them to "get 'em up" to the crowd.

Genoa has a bonanza. The \$150,000 to be spent in renovating the old Pawnee school house and other buildings will stir up business in the vicinity.

The holiday edition of the Hastings Democrat was handsomely printed on Christmas paper, and contained a review of the business personnel of the town.

Rev. A. Dresser, financial agent of the Franklin academy, raised \$400 in three weeks to help the school. They expect to make the endowment fund \$50,000.

Earl W. Fry, aged 61, recently from Lincoln county, Dakota, was found dead in Niobrara on the 27th. The coroner's jury said it was apoplectic convulsion.

About seventy-five turkeys were killed off an Ekhorra saloon on Christmas day, and a correspondent says nearly all the lucky men got drunk in the evening.

A 10-year-old Swede girl, name not known, was run over by the cars while playing in the Leola yards on the 25th, receiving injuries that caused her death.

Matt Simmerman, the condemned Minden murderer, was visited by his aged parents at the penitentiary last Wednesday. They have no hope of staying the rope.

Two more of the Louisville freight robbers—Wm. Greek and James Ingram—have been arrested and bound over. The railroad people think they have now got all them.

A 9-year-old son of A. R. Hancock, one of the plasterers at work in the State insane asylum, fell down the elevator from the third story on Wednesday last, receiving fatal injuries.

Nate White, of Gosper county, was hunting rabbits on the 23d. He heard the bullet roll in the barrel and put his hand to the muzzle to catch it. The gun went off accidentally and Nate caught it right through the middle of the hand.

A number of 15-year-old boys in Seward were howling drunk on Christmas. They could not buy the liquor themselves on account of their youth, but got some one who was old enough to know better to get it for them.

The legislature will be petitioned to change the line between Colfax and Butler counties to the middle of the Platte, in order that both may bear the bridge expenses now paid by Colfax.

On Christmas afternoon, Will Starnitz, of Albion, accidentally shot a bullet into his hand. It made the seventh accident of the kind in the county in a short time, one of which was fatal and another being maimed for life.

The mammoth packing house started at Nebraska City has braced up the old town and the wholesale houses there are beginning to send out a number of traveling men. All classes of business feel the impetus given by the imported capital.

A little son of Andrew Garber, of Sarpy county, got a kernel of coffee in his windpipe one day last week. A couple of doctors tried every way to dislodge it but could not. They then chloroformed the boy and cut the windpipe open. It was a good job and the boy lives.

Charles Mathewson, of Hooper, who was released from three years' servitude in the penitentiary last spring, was arrested at Fremont on Thursday last, for stealing a wagon load of grain from E. Hummel's granary at Janesboro the night before. The value of the stolen property makes the crime grand larceny.

Mr. Hardy, school teacher at Stromsburg, was arrested last week for unlawfully cheating a pupil. The jury disagreed and the case was withdrawn upon payment of the boy's father. Some of the jury thought, from the boy's testimony, that the teacher didn't give him half enough.

Louis Pethoun, of Freeman, was the victim of a singular accident a short time ago. He was turning the cylinder of a half-cocked revolver, when the blamed old thing went off, the ball splitting; one-half went through the barrel, while the other flew up to Pethoun's nose, glanced off and went in behind the left eye.

Pat O'Brien, a railroad laborer, went to sleep on the A. & N. track a mile out of Tecumseh, on the 23d, and was killed by an engine. He was intoxicated in the afternoon, and the coroner's jury, believing that to have been the indirect cause of O'Brien's death, censured the saloon keepers of Tecumseh for selling liquor to men who have no control of their appetite.

An Elmira, (N. Y.) Lady, Mrs. H. I. Clark, 304 E. Clinton street declared: Burdock Blood Bitters are a medicine I admire. Best remedy for dyspepsia in the world. Keep house supplied with it.

Knights of Pythias.

Omaha Lodge No. 6, K. of P., held a meeting at their hall Thursday evening at which officers for the ensuing year were elected. The installation of officers will take place next week in Castle hall No. 4, K. of P. The following are the names of the elect:

P. C.—Charles Meritt.

G. C.—Michael May.

V. C.—Wm. Charnweher.

P.—Henry Jensen.

M. F.—Christ Wille.

M. E.—J. B. Lundt.

K. of R. and S.—Herman Kunde.

Trustee—Henry Eike.

Master at Arms.—August Frenzel.

J. G.—Henry Anderson.

O. G.—Sebastian Blumel.

St. George Literary Social.

A union meeting of the St. George and Victoria societies and Burns club, with their families will be held at 1314 Douglas, K. of P. hall, Tuesday evening, January 21, 1883. The following programme will be carried out:

Song.....Stevens Family

Address.....Mrs. Carleton

Song.....W. O. Saunders

Address.....Stevens Family

Address.....David Knox

Address.....George McKenzie

Song.....W. O. Saunders

Recitation.....Mr. Shephard

Song.....Mr. Scorton

Address.....Mr. Scorton

Messrs. Madill, Stockdale and others.

Instrumental.....Henry Jackson

Recitation.....Master Stockdale

Song.....Stevens Family

General Chat.....President and others.

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