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EVERY DAY sees a strengthening of the Farmers' Alliance in Nebraska.

THE Omaha interpretation of the Stocumb law is not likely to prove popular throughout the state.

How not comply with the law is the problem with which the city licensing board appears to be wrestling.

RIOTING, drunkenness and bloody affairs are not necessarily disorderly conduct according to Omaha official standards.

NEW YORK'S city government this year will cost her \$27,421,821. And yet the street cleaning problem seems impossible of solution.

ONLY persons who think they know more about medicine than the doctors can safely omit vaccination. And one such person can spread a great deal of small pox.

DENVER is greatly excited over the rumor that the R. O. Grands road is about to remove its shops from that city to Pueblo. It will be a bad case of "shop lifting."

THE Philadelphia courts have decided against bay-windows projecting into the streets, on the ground that their use gives the owner a few feet of land to which he is not entitled.

THE marriage of the Baroness Burdette Counts causes a loss of \$350,000 per annum to that venerable bride. It isn't every woman who is willing to pay such a sum for a husband.

CONGRESSMAN REAGAN says if his railroad bill isn't smothered in the committee rooms, it will pass the house by a rousing majority. The American people will now focus their attention on the house committee on railroads.

THE judgeship made vacant by the appointment of Hon. Horace Gray, of Massachusetts, to the supreme bench, is now going begging among the able lawyers of Boston. No \$30,000 a year lawyer can afford to take a \$6,500 judgeship.

POSTMASTER GENERAL HOWE is generally denounced by the eastern press as an old fogey of antiquated notions and poor business qualifications. Several political lightning rods have been hauled down since Mr. Howe's nomination which may account for some of the milk in the newspaper cocoanut.

POSTMASTER PEARSON, of New York has invented a new kind of letter-box which will require the letter carriers to do their duty in collecting the mail. What some of our cities would hail with mere pleasure, would be the post-office which would force the postmaster to attend to his business in the interests of the public.

SECRETARY HUNT has granted an advance of pay to a young naval officer who is about to be married, and intimates that it is well for all young men to marry somebody. Secretary Hunt's popularity among the ladies of the country is assured from this time henceforward and forever. He ought to be unanimously voted "a dear old thing."

THE poorer classes are the last to feel the effects of prosperity and the first to experience the pressure of hard times. One of the best indications of the general prosperity is seen in the great increase in the number of accounts in eastern savings banks and the amount of deposits and the amount of earning. There is no surer sign of a wide-spread industrial prosperity than when these evidences of thrift among the poor multiply.

THE fact that \$12,000,000 of the extended 6's and 5's are still outstanding under the last call of \$20,000,000 illustrates very strongly the prevailing ease of the money market. All interest ceased on these bonds on the 29th of last month. These unpaid bonds are probably trust funds investments in which security is of more account than income. It looks very much as if a 3 per cent bond could be easily floated.

ANOTHER GOULD PURCHASE.

Jay Gould's latest purchases turn out to have been a judge of the New York supreme court and the attorney general of the state. The story of the transactions which resulted in these disgraceful acquisitions is told with great detail by the New York Times, the most fearless and enterprising of the metropolitan journals, which by its exposure of great public evils, including the Tweed ring and the star route frauds, has well earned the confidence of the reading public.

Early last spring Gould cast his eye on the three elevated railroad companies in New York, the Metropolitan, New York and the Manhattan, the last of which had leased the other two and guaranteed 10 per cent. dividends upon their stocks. Following out his universal policy, which is to wreck a property before buying it, in order to secure it cheaply, Gould laid his plans to destroy confidence in elevated securities, and bear the stock upon the market.

Seven months ago the attack on Manhattan began by Attorney-General Ward's bringing suit in the name of the people of New York to have the charter of the Manhattan annulled on the ground that its stock was mostly water, that it owned no road, and that it didn't and couldn't pay its taxes, much less its other obligations.

The grounds for the suit were true enough, and if Mr. Ward had fought it out, he would have done a public service. He soon transferred the case from Judge Donohue's court to Judge Westbrook's and modified its form to a suit to place the company in insolvency. He asked for receivers, and in July Judge Westbrook went to New York, and at a hearing in a private office appointed John F. Dillon and Amos Lawrence Hopkins receivers,—one Gould's lawyer and the other vice-president of the Wabash railroad. In the meantime, other suits had been instituted against the other two companies, and their stocks were very much depressed. The Metropolitan went into Gould's hands July 8, at which time it was discovered that the New York was entirely in Mr. Field's control.

A concerted attack was now made by the entire Gould clique on Manhattan stock. His organ, the World, was running it down as worthless and writing editorial leaders on the certainty of its being wiped out by the courts. The game was nearly played for Manhattan declined below 20 and was a drug in the market at that figure. Again Judge Westbrook's services were called into requisition. He was brought in from the country to Jay Gould's private office in the Western Union building in September to authorize the issue of receivers' certificates for \$1,000,000. The World in printing the news said that the certificates would be worthless, as nobody would buy them, and Mr. Gould himself, as director of the Metropolitan, and therefore acquainted with the affairs of the Manhattan, made affidavit that the latter company was "hopelessly and irretrievably insolvent." Large blocks of Manhattan stock were thrown by the frightened shareholders upon the market and were quickly snapped up on the quiet by Gould.

The time had now come for the closing act and on the 21st of October Judge Westbrook repaired again to Gould's office and read his decision denying the suit of the New York elevated against the Manhattan to recover its property. Three days later he telegraphed from Kingston an order terminating the receivership. Now the Manhattan stock began to recover, and when the annual meeting was held a fortnight later, the Gould party sailed into the direction of this "hopelessly and irretrievably insolvent" concern, and the stock stood at 55. The profit by this disgraceful performance cannot have been less than \$2,600,000, supposing the advance in the 70,000 shares to have been 35 per cent.

The exposure of this high handed proceeding is creating confusion in the Gould camp, and the criminals are vainly attempting to explain away the proofs which have accumulated against them. Public opinion is aroused on the subject, and public journals are holding up the case as the strongest possible argument for state regulation and restrictions of the corporations. The Springfield Republican says in its usual terse style: "We are not called upon to waste any sympathy with the victims in these stock jobbing operations, although there are always likely to be some who are innocent, but the public are directly interested in the amount which can be extorted from them in fees to pay dividends on stocks and debts thus illegitimately inflated and wrongfully acquired, and they are still more vitally interested in the manner in which judges, prosecuting officers and public journals can be used to further nefarious ends."

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER emphatically declares that he proposes to hunt the star route rascals down and Gorham's Washington oracle of ringsters and thieves has suddenly discovered that no man who wears a frilled shirt front can possess either integrity or brains.

THE COMING MEETING.

The Nebraska State Farmers' alliance meets at Hastings on the 25th of the present month, in special session. It is the highest importance that the attendance should not only be large but representative. Anti-monopoly sentiment in Nebraska is not only rapidly growing, but it is crystallizing with equal rapidity. Every farmer who has felt the iron hands of the Nebraska monopolies should at once connect himself with the nearest alliance. Wherever possible new bodies should be organized in time to obtain representation at the Hastings meeting. Indications point to a large enthusiastic and practical gathering of Nebraska producers who will discuss questions of the highest importance to the future welfare of the tax-paying citizens in this state. A number of the county alliances have already voiced the sentiment of their members and the state in ringing resolutions whose tone will strike the key note for the Hastings meeting. But it is highly important that there should be the fullest discussion of the subjects which will engage the attention of the state alliance and to this end every county and precinct in the state ought to be represented at Hastings.

Nebraska farmers are a reading and thinking class. They have a decided opinion on the anti-monopoly question, and an opportunity is now extended to them to make it known. The state farmers alliance has extended a cordial invitation to all members of alliances to attend the coming meeting at Hastings and assist the deliberations and conclusions of the delegates by their presence and suggestions. It is to be hoped that hundreds will avail themselves of this invitation. Let there be such a gathering of bone and sinew of this agricultural state as has never been known before in its history. The time has come when the favor currying politicians of Nebraska, who are endeavoring to straddle the anti-monopoly question, should be made to understand the real sentiment of the State on this all-important issue. The wind is blowing strongly, and if the vane is in good condition, the direction cannot be mistaken. The Bee appeals to the subordinate alliances throughout the state to make the coming meeting of Nebraska farmers a grand success. And this can be done by an interest in the movement which shows itself in large attendance of earnest and united producers.

THE tomahawk of Tammany is again swinging madly in the air and John Kelly has the floor. At the close of the last election Mr. Tilden and his friends in New York were rejoicingly proclaiming that they had carried both branches of the legislature and would control the organization. Of course they expected to provide places for their friends of the Tilden faction and gave Tammany hall the cold shoulder. It now turns out that they will be unable to effect an organization against the republicans without the aid of Tammany hall, and this assistance is refused on any other ground than a full surrender to Mr. John Kelly. That able political chieftain has donned his war paint, and his friends have passed a series of resolutions pledging themselves not to enter into a democratic caucus. Mr. Kelly, who was kicked out of the last democratic convention, now holds four seats, and Mr. Tilden must either call his hand and pay the stakes or take the consequences. The World advises the Tilden democrats to pay no attention to Tammany but to let matters take their course and as this advice is likely to prevail the prospects for a prolonged dead lock in the legislature are unusually good while Mr. Kelly prances around the ring and executes some of his most soul stirring war whoops.

THE editor of the Boston Journal is virtuously indignant, and gives way to the feelings as follows: "Clara Louise Kellogg sang about \$1,000 worth to the inmates of the Nebraska penitentiary the other day, and asked nothing for it. A man who had never stolen anything or made love to another man's horse would have to pay \$2 to hear her. About the only man who gets left nowadays, and has to pay a big price for all the fun he has is the honest, respectable, hard-working citizen." We have no doubt that if the editor of the Boston Journal had been in Nebraska, he would have been placed in a position where he could have heard Clara for nothing.

MR. Justice Hunt. Springfield Republican. Mr. Justice Hunt of the United States supreme court was appointed on the 11th of December, 1873. He was stricken with paralysis on the 4th of January, 1879, and since that day has taken no part in the decision of cases coming before the court. The attack was so severe that his resumption of judicial duties was not expected at the outset, and is not expected now. His term of actual service upon the bench was less than five years and one month. A statute of the United States is as follows: "When any judge of any court of the United States resigns his office, after having held his commission as such at least 10 years, and having attained the age of 70 years, he shall during the residue of his natural life receive the same salary which was by

law payable to him at the time of his resignation." The present salary of associate justices of the supreme court is \$10,000 a year, payable monthly. Justice Hunt is already 70 years of age, but in order to entitle himself to resign and draw a salary of \$10,000 a year for the rest of his life, he must hold on to his commission until December 11, 1882. This would make almost five years of incapacity, with the salary legally payable during all of this time. Meanwhile the court is overburdened with work and unable to keep up with the business which comes before it, and congress is under the necessity of considering schemes for its relief. There is a loud call for the immediate resignation of Justice Hunt. Unless such resignation is sent in soon, we suggest that congress consider the expediency of changing the law, by making ten years of actual judicial service necessary in order to entitle a judge to a retiring pension. The law should not hold out to a judge the expectations of a pension as a temptation to continue in office for five years after he becomes incapacitated for service.

Railways and Legislation.

The Railway Age expresses fear that the railway corporations are to be annoyed and attacked by hostile legislation in the state legislatures and in congress. For railway men to charge the American people with unreasonable hostility to the railroads is not only wildly absurd but the basest ingratitude. The people, through their legislatures and through congress, have displayed the most extraordinary generosity towards the railroads ever since the first one was built in this country. It is surely about time that the people began to look after their own interests. In doing so they are not to be ranked as the enemies of the railroads. None better understand the value of these great highways of travel and commerce than those who have studied their operations and comprehend also the dangers threatened by leaving the corporations managing them unbridled by suitable checks and restrictions. People who believe in imposing such checks are not to be ranked as anti-railroad men. They are no more—in truth not so much—anti-railroad as the great railway kings whose administration of these vast interests has kindled the feeling that promises to readjust by suitable legislation the relations between the people and the railroads.

A Timely Suggestion.

Ex-Senator Dorsey still remains in the position of secretary of the Republican National Committee. If he should happen to be indicted by the Grand Jury this week it may occur to the members of the committee that it is worth their while to hold a meeting for the purpose of electing a new secretary. And even if Dorsey should not be indicted, the need for a new man in his position will be quite as imperative.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA. Rev. Charles Wesley Howes, a prominent Baptist clergyman, suicided at San Francisco recently.

A fatal scourge prevails in Tulare county. The mortality for the past two months has been awful. Typhoid pneumonia, caused by malarious poison in the system, or "double pneumonia," as it is called, is the dreadful disease which thus has killed the skill of all the physicians, and the work of death still goes on as fatal in its results as yellow fever in the south.

There are now about 1,600 Chinamen and about 200 whites employed on the railroad between San Bernardino county. The manufacture of corduroy is about to be established at Downey City, the center being extensively cultivated in that vicinity.

Twelve thousand tons of German steel rails were landed recently at San Diego for the Southern Pacific.

The California Southern has completed 37 miles of railroad and constructed 50 bridges (large and small), the longest being 62 feet high and 250 long. The heaviest grade is 116 feet, and the deepest cut 40 feet.

MONTANA. Three men were shot and killed in Butte on Christmas day.

The county of Silver Bow gives the Sisters of Charity \$13.50 per week for each county patient placed in their charge.

NEVADA. A car-load of antimony ore was recently shipped from a mine near Lovelock, which averaged sixty per cent antimony. It is said to be the most extensive antimony mine on the coast.

Ben Rhodes came to Reno some time ago with \$10,000 in coin. He went into business and lost \$2,000; invested in two speculations in Verdi, which cost him \$3,000 each; the green-shoppers smashed him to the extent of \$1,000; and the other day his house burned to the ground, leaving him destitute.

The Reno cattle king distributed \$500 worth of provisions to the poor of the town on Christmas eve.

The Reno Gazette says 45,000,000 feet of lumber has been cut on the Truckee river during the season, of which the lumber company cut 11,000,000 feet, and the Pacific company 6,000,000 feet, and to-day it is nearly impossible to get a car-load of dry lumber.

IDAHO. The Wood River papers estimate over \$1,000,000 worth of bulkhead ore have been shipped from the Wood River country during the past seven months.

There are fifty-eight boys and forty-two girls in Hailey.

found vent in long and repeated cheering. —[Miner.]

UTAH.

The U. S. surveyor of Utah reports 233 mining claims recorded during last year. In 170 mining was begun in Utah, since when the output has been \$56,000,000 in silver and lead. Mineral has been found in every county in the territory. There are eighty mining districts, embracing \$5,900,000 acres.

The ore production of Bingham, Utah, last year, was smaller than at any time since 1872.

There is a streak of mud, about a foot in width, running through the center of the ore body in the Mayflower mine, and it assays \$2,200 in silver. This is a kind of mud that a fellow doesn't object wallowing in. —[Pueblo Record.]

COLORADO.

The Colorado land office reports that during the year 18,275.18 acres of land were pre-empted for cash, this latter item amounting to \$29,329.75. Under the homestead law 17,366.20 acres were taken up.

Christmas eve a 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ray, of Leadville, eloped with a mine superintendent. Mrs. Ray was formerly a waif her woman, but became rich by judicious real estate transactions, and is now worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000. She says "I and Anderson is a ter her filly luee, and refuses to be comforted."

The business of the Denver postoffice this year reached \$24,190,015. Of this \$22,518,36 was on postoffice account and 2,672,652.99 on money orders.

The trustees of Teller have procured a patent for the town site.

The snow is about two feet deep on a level at Teller.

It is estimated that fully 600 Michigan miners are living in Denver.

The artesian well at the steel works in Pueblo is completed. The well has been sunk to a depth of 1,900 feet. The water is good.

Golden has a population of 3,500 and is one of Colorado's most flourishing business towns.

A little girl was killed at her doorstep in Denver last week by a runaway team.

Fine canal coal has been discovered 15 miles from Denver.

The different cattle yards of Denver will be consolidated and one mammoth yard built.

Work on the new union depot at Pueblo will begin on the 20th.

WYOMING.

The holiday edition of The Cheyenne Leader was a mammoth affair, illustrated with fine engravings of the prin ipal buildings of the "Magic City." The advantages of the city and the bright prospects of the territory are painted in the most alluring colors, and many a settler will find a home in Wyoming on the strength of it. The most bewitching feature of the pictures, one that almost paralyzes the eye at the first glance, is the tasteful grouping of the cattle brands on the inside coverings. This alone is "worth the price of admission."

The Laramie, North Park & Western railroad has transferred its rights and privileges to the Greeley, Salt Lake & Pacific railroad.

The real bonded indebtedness of Cheyenne is \$8,731.28. The rate of taxation for '82 will be nine mills.

The U. P. company are gathering the ice crop.

The wool growers of the territory have formed an association for mutual protection.

A man named Simmons, a yard man in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad at Cheyenne, whilst in the act of coupling cars was caught and dangerously, if not fatally, injured last week.

The U. P. company intend enlarging their shops at Evanston, doubling their present capacity.

George Miller, the superintendent of Steamers of the Pacific coast, died suddenly last week and died almost instantly. In taking down from a peg his pair of chapparejos, a brace of pistols hanging over them had fallen at his feet, and the hammer of one of them, not being on the safety notch, struck the board floor and was discharged, the ball entering his stomach, ranging upwards. Miller is a man of some property, and leaves a wife, son and daughter in Council Bluffs, where he is well known.

The stock growers' bank at Cheyenne will open for business on the 10th.

The rails for the North Park road are now being turned out at the Laramie rolling mill as fast as possible. They will weigh about fifty pounds to the yard, or about ten pounds less than the rails on the main line of the Union Pacific.

Jim Porter murderously assaulted a brakeman named Gray at Evanston last week. Gray was frightfully gashed, but not fatally.

Jack Haverly will playall his companies as the Cheyenne opera house.

The U. P. coal department are shipping on an average one hundred and thirty cars of coal daily from the Rock Springs mines.

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