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SCOVILLE'S views on "the lottery of assassination" are interesting reading.

The question for Omaha to determine before discussing any other is how to raise money for paving purposes.

CIDER is becoming a favorite beverage in Omaha, since New Year's, especially among patrons of unlicensed saloons.

LEADVILLE denies that it is playing out and points to the steady production of the precious metal in proof of its assertion.

THE days of salary grabs are over. The attention of Messrs. Valentine and Majors is called to the fact that back pay schemes are no longer popular with the American people.

THE Herdic coaches have been withdrawn from St. Joe on account of the wretched condition of her macadam pavements.

CHAS. HARTMAN, treasurer of the state board of agriculture, wants the Doane law repealed for the benefit of the board.

CASES of small pox have been reported in eighty-two places in Illinois and fully as many in Iowa.

WEBSTER WAGNER'S tragic death in the New York Central disaster solves negotiations which the Albany Journal states would have placed him in control of all the sleeping car lines in the United States.

DES MOINES is wrestling with the paving problem this winter and Omaha can profit by the information about the cost and relative merit of the pavements embodied in the report of the city engineer of Des Moines.

THE called meeting of the State Farmers' Alliance, which occurs next Wednesday at Hastings, promises to be an unusually interesting occasion.

THE Republican has suddenly discovered that the Holly system is only good for dress parade.

THE BEE urges upon the citizens of Omaha to study each for himself the problems connected with the paving question.

A BILL has been introduced in the house by Brown, of Indiana, providing for the revival of fractional paper currency.

THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU HUMBLED.

Considerable pressure is being brought to bear in Washington to make the commissioner of agriculture a cabinet officer and the department over which he presides one of the regular portfolios with all the dignities and privileges attached to other cabinet positions.

The argument that the dignity of agriculture demands a cabinet portfolio is a piece of demagoguery which will not find much support from real farmers.

Every branch of honest labor is dignified by the men who follow it. But because a machinist may dignify his profession, or a grocer his trade there is no sound reason why we should have a secretary of machinery or a secretary to preside over a department of canned goods.

SURPLUS REVENUES AND THE TARIFF.

The old time controversies over the tariff which reached their height in the days of Clay, Webster, Benton and Calhoun are likely to be more vigorously renewed during the present session of congress than at any time since the outbreak of the rebellion.

A number of elements must enter into any debate upon tariff readjustment through the present congress. It is a question to what extent our revenues must be maintained and this in turn depends largely upon the rapidity with which our interest bearing debt is to be extinguished.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, Senator Morrill's bill for a tariff commission is likely to secure favorable action from congress, principally because it postpones final action for some time on a troublesome question.

tariff reduction is decided upon, some system of a better equalization of duties can be secured. Up to the close of the last fiscal year the surplus revenue of the government were in excess of \$100,000 more than the current expense.

The nation now spends annually about \$12,000,000 on its rivers and harbors. A large portion of this sum is devoted to improving unimprovable breaks and dredging out impossible harbors.

CLEAR THE TRACK.

The attempt of the Union Pacific to monopolize the entire river front and all the approaches that lead to the business centre of Omaha must be resisted at all hazards.

Omaha has been recklessly liberal toward the Union Pacific. She has not only donated the greater portion of the vast and valuable tract which is covered by the machine shops, depot grounds and side tracks of that company, but she has allowed the Union Pacific to close and occupy many streets and alleys.

The time has come, however, when further submission becomes criminal. During the past two years the Union Pacific amonada has wound its iron coils around Omaha stealthily, and more than thirty miles of side tracks have been laid down on our streets and alleys, ostensibly to accommodate wholesale dealers, lumber yards and factories.

It strikes us the time has arrived for Omaha to call a halt on this attempt to blockade our commerce. Let the command be issued by our city authorities to the Union Pacific to clear the track and let all the railroads that desire to compete for our traffic have an equal chance in the use of our streets and alleys.

she must clear the track now and adopt a just and equitable rule that will govern all the roads alike—so far as our river front and our streets and alleys are concerned.

WHATEVER "strained relations" General Kilpatrick may have caused between this government and Chili his funeral services attested in the strongest possible manner the respect in which he was held at Santiago, and the cordial feelings entertained for him by the Chilean government as the representative of the United States.

Corporate Wealth.

The great corporations which control the railroad property of this country are in danger of bringing themselves into direct antagonism with public sentiment and the power of the people.

The town and adjoining country have many natural resources to be developed. By means of its new line it will be put in connection with an extensive railroad system, which includes not only the west network of railroads in California, Oregon and Nevada, but with two overland routes connecting with all points in the Mississippi valley and all Eastern ports.

Whether the corporations pay for their law by the year or by the "piece" is a matter of no consequence. It is notorious that they obtain the very best of legal service and pay the lowest rates for it.

These vast aggregations of wealth certainly use their utmost power, wherever their interests are involved, to control the action of legislatures. If any part of the judiciary is susceptible

to their influence it is brought to bear with its full force, and a judge may do much to serve them without transcending the limits of the discretion necessarily left to him by the law. But what are these corporations? We are accustomed to attribute to them purposes and motives and to speak of them as unscrupulous, although they are proverbially without souls.

The California Southern. The California Southern railroad, which promises to revolutionize the southern part of California, is proceeding rapidly towards completion.

Rails have already arrived at San Diego sufficient to lay 105 miles of track. Enough more are afloat to complete the road to Colton, a distance of 128 miles.

About 9 a. m. Master Mechanic Eckerson, Roadmaster Wiseman and Trainmaster Corwin arrived at the scene with a wrecking train, and by 11 a. m. had the track clear, so that No. 1, which was waiting at Prescott, could go on its way.

Don't Throw Up the Sponge. When suffering humanity are enduring horrors of dyspepsia, indigestion, or nervous and general debility, they are too often inclined to throw up the sponge and resign themselves to fate.

Gobbling the Coal Fields. The railroads are gobbling up the low coal field. The St. Paul company has just paid \$250,000 for the Cimarron company's property at Angus and the Milwaukee company has taken \$2,000,000 for its coal lands.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING. In case the state legislature should be called in extraordinary session, for the purpose of making an apportionment for congressional representation, we hope that the representatives from the South Platte country will make a proper effort to have the first district set off from the North Platte portion of the state.

an easy matter to avoid such a division as that contemplated by the bill which passed the senate last winter—a bill which included Sarpy and Douglas counties in the First district, along with Cass, Lancaster, Otoe, Nebraska, Richardson, Johnson and Pawnee counties.

THE BEE ANNUAL.

"Without a Peer in the State." Saline County Standard: The OMAHA BEE for 1881 has been received. It contains cuts of many of the prominent buildings of Omaha, and a complete review of the business done there during the past year.

"Highly Creditable." David City Republican: The illustrated annual of THE OMAHA BEE, giving a general review of the commercial, manufacturing and industrial development of Omaha, during the year 1881, is received.

"The Finest Ever Seen." Beatrice Democrat: THE OMAHA BEE issued the finest thing in the way of a New Year's paper we have ever seen. It is a double sized sheet, the outer pages covered with views illustrating the fine buildings and industries of Omaha.

Wreck on the Rail.

This morning, just before daylight, as sections 3 and 4 of train No. 10 were running from Corning to Prescott, the engine in section 3 failed to make steam enough to pull the train, and came to a full stop in a cut about two miles west of Prescott.

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NEBRASKA LAND AGENCY. DAVIS & SNYDER. 1605 Farnham St. Omaha, Neb. 400,000 ACRES. Carefully selected and Eastern Nebraska for sale. Great bargains in improved farms, and Omaha city property.

HOUSES, Lots, FARMS, Lands.

For Sale By BEMIS, FIFTEENTH AND DOUGLAS STS.

- No. 258, Full lot fenced and with small building on Capitol Avenue near 25th street, \$700. No. 257, Large lot or block 250 by 270 feet on Hamilton, near 10th street, \$2,000. No. 256, Full corner lot on Jones, near 10th street, \$3,000. No. 255, Two lots on Center street, near Cuming street, \$800. No. 254, Lot on Spruce street, near 6th street, \$500. No. 253, Two lots on Seward, near King street, \$500. No. 252, Lot on Seward, near King street, \$500. No. 251, Half lot on Dodge, near 11th street, \$500. No. 250, Four beautiful residence lots, near Cuming, near 10th street, \$2,000. No. 249, Two lots on Charles, near Cuming street, \$400 each. No. 248, Lot on Idaho, near Cuming street, \$400. No. 247, One acre lot on Cuming, near Dutton street, \$700. No. 246, Lot on Farnham, near 18th street, \$4,000. No. 245, Lot 66 by 123 feet on College street, near St. Mary's Avenue, \$650. No. 244, Lot on Douglas, near 26th street, \$375. No. 243, Lot on Farnham, near 26th street, \$750. No. 242, Lot 60 by 99 feet on South Avenue, near Mason street, \$500. No. 241, Lot 250 feet on Burr, near 23d street, \$2,500. No. 240, 120x122 feet on Harney, near 24th street (will cut it up), \$2,400. No. 239, 71x130 feet on Sherman Avenue (10th street), near Grace, \$1,000. No. 238, Lot on Douglas street, near 23d \$750. No. 237, Lot on Pier street, near Seward, \$500. No. 236, Lot on 10th street, near Cuming street, \$1,000. No. 235, Lot 143x30-110 by 41 feet on Sherman Avenue (10th str. etc), near Grace, \$2,400. No. 234, Lot 250 feet on Dodge, near 12th street, make an offer. No. 233, Lot on 24th street, near Clark, \$500. No. 232, Lot on Hamilton, near King, \$600. No. 231, Lot on 18th, near Nicholas street, \$1,500. No. 230, Two lots on 16th, near Pacific street, \$1,500. No. 229, Two lots on Castle, near 10th street, \$150. No. 228, beautiful residence lot on Division street, \$2,500. No. 227, Lot on Saunders, near Hamilton street, \$250. No. 226, Lot 15th street, near Pacific, \$600. No. 225, Three lots on Saunders street, near Seward, \$1,500. No. 224, Lot on 20th street, near Sherman street, \$250. No. 223, Two lots on 23d, near Grace street \$600 each. No. 222, two lots on King, near Hamilton street, \$1,200. No. 221, two lots on 17th street, near White Lead Works, \$1,500. No. 220, two lots on Cass, near 21st street, \$1,500. No. 219, lot on Parker, near Irene street, \$300. No. 218, 152x112 feet (2 lots) on 15th street, (alt. edge), \$600. No. 217, lot on Center, near Cuming street, \$500. No. 216, lot on Pier, near Seward street, \$650. No. 215, lot on Sherman avenue, near 12d street, \$1,400. No. 214, lot on Cass, near 14th, \$1,000. No. 213, lot on Pacific, near 14th street, make offer. No. 212, six lots on Farnham, near 24th street \$1,400 to \$2,000 each. No. 211, full block on 20th street, near Seward, \$2,000. No. 210, three lots in Giles's addition, near Sauer and Cass streets, \$2,000. No. 209, lot on California street, near Creigh on college, \$425. No. 208, lot on the head of St. Mary's Avenue, \$1,000. No. 207, two acres, near the head of St. Mary's Avenue, \$1,000. No. 206, lot on 18th street, near White Lead Works, \$1,500. No. 205, two lots, near shot tower on Bellevue road, \$750 each. No. 204, 152x112 feet (2 lots) on 15th street, car Poppleton's, \$1,000. No. 203, 100x100 feet on 15th and Millard and Cuming streets, near Sherman Avenue, Spring and Saratoga streets, near end of great street car track, \$900 to \$1,200 each. No. 202, lot on Harney, near 18th, \$1,600. No. 201, lot on Caldwell, near Saunders street, \$800. No. 200, corner lot on Charles, near Saunders street, \$700. No. 199, lot on Israel, near 21st, with two small houses, \$2,400. No. 198, two lots on 19th, near Pierce street \$1,500. No. 197, three lots on Harney, near 19th street, \$2,000. No. 196, 60x122 feet on 9th street, near Leavenworth street, \$3,500. No. 195, 60x82 feet, on Pacific, near 9th street, \$3,000. No. 194, 60x122 feet, on Douglas street, near 10th, \$2,500. No. 193, eighteen lots on 21st, 22d, 23d and Saunders streets, near Grace and Saunders street, \$400 each. No. 192, one-fourth block (150x125 feet), near end of Four Chairs on Hamilton street, near the end of red street car track, \$850. No. 191, lot on Harney, near 18th street, \$1,200. No. 190, lot on California, near 21st, \$1,600. No. 189, lot on Cass, near 22d street, \$2,500. No. 188, lot on Harney, near 18th, \$2,000. No. 187, lot on Harney, near 18th, \$2,000. Lots in Harbach's first and second additions also in Park's, Shinn's, Nelson's, Terrace, E. A. Smith's, Roddy's, Giles's, Lake's, and all other additions, at a price and terms. 302 lots in Hancock Place, near Hancock Park; price from \$300 to \$800 each. One hundred and fifty-nine beautiful residence lots, located on Hamilton street, half way between the turn table of the red street car line and the waterworks reservoir and addition, and just west of the convent of the Sisters Poor Chair in Shinn's addition. Prices range from \$75 to \$100 each, and will be sold on easy terms. Tracts of 5, 10, 15, 20, 40 or 80 acres, with buildings and other improvements, and adjoining the city, at all prices. A 500 of the best residence lots in the city of Omaha—location, your choice—north, east, south or west, and at bed rock prices. 220 choice business lots in all the principal business streets of Omaha, varying from \$400 to \$7,000 each. Two hundred houses and lots ranging from \$500 to \$15,000, and located in every part of the city. Large number of excellent farms in Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Dodge, Washington, Bent, and other good counties in Eastern Nebraska.