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The strong interest which is taken in this subject of river improvement by the people of the west arises from the belief that free and open water high-ways will prove the most effective means of forcing cheap transportation both by rail and water.

THE JAPANESE INDEMNITY FUND

A press dispatch announces that the bill authorizing the payment of the Japanese indemnity fund of \$1,870,340 to the Japanese government

OMAHA architects are already hard pushed in drawing plans for residences and stores which will be erected in this city during the coming spring and summer.

THE bill to retire General Grant is again before the senate. General Grant is not of a retiring disposition and honors ought not to be forced upon him.

SENATOR SAUNDERS' bridge bill seems to be a carefully drawn document. There is some curiosity to know who compose the Omaha Central railway company.

Two million five hundred thousand copies of the revised New Testament have been sold in America. There are no statistics as to the number which have been opened after purchase.

No one is inclined to deny or to depreciate the brilliant services of our soldiers in the war of the rebellion, and that is the reason why they should no longer be belittled to the base uses of demagogues.

COLORADO claims that the government artesian wells cost \$150,000, where private parties pay only \$6,000. At the next meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences that distinguished blatherskite Professor Aughey, who has been tramping through Colorado on a government well commission, ought to rise and explain the cause of this singular circumstance.

MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

A committee chosen by the late Missouri river convention at St. Joseph is now in Washington for the purpose of urging upon Congress due recognition of the claims of the Missouri river upon the national treasury, and to seek that such appropriations shall be made as will render its navigation safe, and at all times reliable.

Cheap transportation is the greatest and most crying need of the west. The cost of transportation largely regulates the price realized by the producer on his raw material.

The congressional committee in recommending the erection of a government building at Council Bluffs, says: "We find that Council Bluffs is a distributing point for a large portion of Iowa, an important part of Nebraska, and the territories north, and are convinced a city of such business resources, evidencing rapid progress, and promising stability in the future, is entitled to a public building

for the use of courts, postoffice, and such other federal offices as are now or may hereafter be established in that city."

In the report contained an exhibit of the business of the postoffice for the year 1881, which places the receipts from all sources at \$24,346.86, and expenses \$6,451, leaving a net revenue to the government of \$17,895.86.

SCIENCE AND THE WOMAN QUESTION.

One of the most interesting articles bearing upon the question of the physical and mental equality of the sexes which has recently appeared is that by Miss M. A. Hardaker, which occupies a leading position in the pages of the current number of The Popular Science Monthly.

When we think of the stupendous transformation in the great cities, villages and rich farms—all the work of a half century—we seem in dreamland; and yet the treasures of Illinois, her manufactures, massive buildings, her railroads, all sprang from her rich soil; and more than this, the east is richer to-day for the existence of the great state.

Handicapped by nature by these conditions woman's inferiority to man cannot be overcome by legislation which must fail to touch the original and permanent causes of the difference of position between the sexes.

BLAIR BRIEFS.

An Important Decision Concerning Vaccination—The Coming Bridge—The Masonic Banquet and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Bee. BLAIR, February 22.—Quite an important and probably unprecedented case grew out of the small pox here. While the excitement was at fever heat over the reported case some miles west of here, the school board of the city made an order that no children should attend school that had not been vaccinated.

THE building boom at Blair has commenced for '82 with a good deal of energy, several large buildings having already been erected.

with the death of the last of these hypothetical beings.

The article throughout is a thoughtful and carefully written presentation of the physiological argument against the equality of the sexes. This argument is one which advocates of an impossible and impracticable reform will find it most difficult to meet.

THE CREATION OF VALUE.

It is the province of our western civilization to bring wealth into existence where the savage could find nothing. He had this great western world to himself, but could make nothing out of it.

Nothing is so conducive to a man's remaining a bachelor as stopping for one night at the house of a married friend and being kept awake for five or six hours by the crying of a cross baby.

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Susanville has a girl, sixteen years old, who weighs 270 pounds, and is still gaining.

A company has been formed to establish a stove manufactory in Oakland on the water front.

In the middle of the Pajaro river, near Sacramento, California, there are rapids, discharging water, quicksand and mud, which is forced to a distance of several feet above the river's surface.

A fire has been burning in a coal vein on the west side of the Hawthorne mine, at Somerville, for the past three weeks, and had made such progress on Friday that work had to be suspended on that side of the mine.

Nearly 500 Chinamen and other operatives have arrived at Mojave, and some sixty car-loads of material and implements for the new road from that point to connect with the Atlantic & Pacific railroad at the Colorado river.

Large tile fires were raging in several of the Sacramento river valleys last week. The West's island was almost entirely denuded of vegetation. The air was filled with flying cinders and smoke.

There is a large field of grain near the town of Williams, which is kept fed completely by the ground by ducks, and no one ever saw a duck upon it.

There was a war at Marysville between the mayor and the gas company. The city claimed that the company should furnish gas free to the city buildings.

On the complaint of the Southern Pacific railway of California, the superior court has issued a temporary restraining order, requiring J. C. King, tax collector of San Bernardino, to refrain from selling part of the railroads' land.

The O. R. & N. company's engineer has decided to build a road between Walla Walla and Pendleton. Forty miles of this will run through the Wild Horse district, the very richest portion of Utah's country.

Diphtheria in a virulent form has again appeared in Junction City, Oregon. Recently the disease prevailed there, and seventeen deaths were the result, and after it was supposed to have entirely disappeared, several new cases have broken out, and more deaths have occurred.

Huron has an artesian well in prospect, besides a brickyard and a flour mill. Whapton expects that a large lumber mill will be built at that point this season.

The Gazette is the name of a paper started at 48 miles from, Davison county, by Talman & Johnson.

Stout Falls wants a raise of \$35,000, or \$40,000 for a Masonic temple. About \$15,000 has been subscribed.

Patrick McHugh, the broad-shouldered Omaha, who has returned from the early days, is now mayor of Cluster City. The combined weight of twelve members of the "state" delegation to Washington is 3,134 pounds, an average of 261 to a man.

largely attended and enjoyed by all. The supper was given at Masonic hall from 8 o'clock until 12. Toasts were announced and responded to in appropriate speeches. The dancing was at Germania hall; music furnished by the Northwestern band, which is the finest music west of the Mississippi river.

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A fearful accident occurred at Salina, Utah, on the 12th, by which four small sons of Elias Crane and one of Christian Sorenson came near losing their lives.

A Word for Doubters. MONROE, Mich., June 26, 1881. H. H. WARNER & Co.: Sirs—Your Safe Kidney and Liver Cure has cured me of severe kidney complaint.

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ng their revolvers at the slightest provocation—and missing. Within two weeks we have twice been called upon to chronicle acts of this kind."

MONTANA. Buffalo robes bring from seven to eight dollars apiece in Benton.

The waterworks at Glendive cost the Northern Pacific company \$12,000.

Butte athletes are testing their muscles by a rowing 12-pound sledge-hammers.

The stock shipments from Glendive the past season were: Cattle, 11,000; sheep, 13,000 head.

Boz man, last week, had a crank who proessed on the street, confessed to being a horse thief and hill-tapper, and claimed to be inspired by God. The inspiration of man immediately furnished him a place in jail.

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