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Every important outcome in political contests, as well as labor troubles, has been the result of compromise.

A REAL ESTATE boom in revolutionary battlefields may be expected, since a Virginia congressman has introduced a bill asking the government to pay \$25,000 for the farm on which the battle of Yorktown was fought.

Well paid labor is always the most profitable, and those employers who treat their employes with the greatest consideration invariably secure the greatest amount of work for their money.

The Erie canal will be open for business in the latter part of April. If the railroad propose to raise their tariffs on east bound freight they cannot issue the necessary orders any too soon. In six weeks water competition will drain the starch out of high rate eastern freights.

Southern democrats profess to be able to kill whatever of vitality there is left in the liberal movements in their several states this summer by liberalizing their platforms. When the tissue ballot is exchanged for the school house the dawn of prosperity in the south, of which we hear so much, will brighten into day.

SENATOR EDMUNDS persists in declining the tender of the supreme judgeship made him by President Arthur. No man in the senate is better fitted for the position than Mr. Edmunds, who, in point of native ability, legal learning and sterling integrity, is the peer of any member of that body. His acceptance of a place on the bench would give his seat in the senate to a railroad lord of very moderate abilities, and on this account the people may congratulate themselves that "the watch dog of the treasury" has decided to remain at his post.

The increase of our imports, which show a marked upward tendency, make it certain that the surplus revenue of the government will be greater at the end of the current year than at any previous time in our history. Allowing for all the claims upon the national treasury for the expenses of maintaining the government, including pensions and interest on the national obligations, and adding to this a sum sufficient to make a total reduction of \$100,000,000 in our public debt by the end of the fiscal year, it is plain that the country can be relieved of at least \$60,000,000 in taxation without injury to any of its interests.

Congress has recognized this fact clearly during the present session. The only question over which there is any dispute is in what direction it will be most advisable to begin the reduction in our surplus revenue. Outside of the taxes on tobacco and liquors the government during 1881 collected \$11,133,168. This sum was the result of taxes laid during the war upon matches, patent medicines, bank checks, bank capital and bank deposits. Three at least of those taxes on matches, patent medicines and bank checks, ought at once to be repealed. All are indirect taxes on consumers and come out of the pockets of the people. The match tax offers a direct premium on monopoly. The tax on checks is thrown upon every depositor in a bank, and the import on druggists sundries is an unremittable burden on a single line of trade which is opposition to every precedent and principle of our government. When these are moved the committee on ways and means will do well to direct their attention to a reduction of taxation on raw materials used in American manufactures. This is a revision of the tariff which ought to meet with no opposition from advocates of industry in the United States. The tax on crude chemicals, drugs and dye stuffs might safely be remitted. Quinine is now free of duty, while Peruvian bark, from which quinine is extracted, is taxed to the direct profit of European manufacturers.

RESPONSIBILITY AND REMEDY.

Business men of this city whose patronage has built up The Bee are the men who are responsible for the existence and influence of that organ of riot and mob violence. A half dozen times within as many years has that communicative sheet shown its red hand in a game of violence and blood such as was re-enacted on our streets yesterday. The business patrons of The Bee have themselves to thank for the strength for evil which that incendiary sheet wields when the mob overrides law and order, and the rights of property and person. [Republican.] Business men of Omaha patronize The Bee because it is the only medium through which they can reach their own patrons. They patronize The Bee because it pays them to advertise in a paper that circulates over 3,000 dailies within our city limits, where the Republican circulates less than 500 and the Herald less than 700. They patronize The Bee, not as a matter of charity, but as a business investment that yields the most profitable returns.

The responsibility for the existence and influence of The Bee is not with the business men of Omaha, but with the dishonest and mercenary publishers of Omaha dailies, who are not only soul and body the property of corporate monopolies, but are always in the market to sustain jobbery and public plunder, whether it be a scheme like the Holly water job or a defense of star route thieves.

Had the men who publish The Herald and Republican given Omaha honest, reliable and fearless newspapers in which the community could repose confidence, The Bee would have no existence to-day.

But why do these editors of readerless papers charge The Bee with being the organ of riot and mob violence? Can they cite a single sentence uttered by this paper in advocacy, defense or justification of riot or mob violence?

Have they forgotten the memorable uprising of workmen in Omaha during the Pittsburgh riots when the editor of The Bee by a personal appeal against mob law saved their printing houses from being demolished by a mob?

Have they forgotten that the peaceable settlement of the smelting works strike two years ago was largely due to the efforts of this paper as an advocate of arbitration between the strikers and their employes?

What foundation is there for the hue and cry which the monopoly organs raise against The Bee every time that laboring men are engaged in a conflict? The editor of The Bee has lived in Omaha more than eighteen years. During that period he has contributed more than \$15,000 in taxes to this city and county and always has been and is to-day identified with the growth and prosperity of Omaha as much as any other man engaged in the publication of a newspaper. All the fruits of a life time of unceasing labor and his hopes and aspirations for the future are centered here. Nobody in the city has more at stake in its future growth, and of all men he is the last to desire a destruction of property or a stoppage of public improvements.

But the editor of The Bee differs very radically with the editors of the Herald and Republican as to the rights and wrongs of labor and the treatment of workmen.

Having been a wage worker for many years, he has always sympathized with workmen in their efforts to better their condition. He regards laborers and mechanics as human beings, whose earnings should be sufficient to afford them and their families food, raiment and shelter. The editors of The Herald and Republican look upon workmen as mere beasts of burden. They crack their whips over them as if they were unruly mules, and hound them down as if they were a pack of wolves. They forget that even mules will resent cruel treatment, and men of flesh and blood will not tamely submit to being cursed, kicked and abused like dogs.

And when this brutality is resented the cry of communist and nihilist is raised, and the responsibility for the bitter feeling aroused among workmen by imprudent employers and brass-collared editors is charged upon the newspaper that dares to plead for humane treatment for laboring men.

Nobody deprecates the existing state of affairs more than we do, but we don't believe that vile abuse of workmen will restore friendly relations between laborer and employer. What the business men and men of all classes in Omaha should labor for is a conference that will bring about an amicable understanding with the working people, and the establishment of a scale of wages for the season satisfactory to all concerned.

This annual report of the Union Pacific shows net earnings for the past year of \$11,778,474, and an expenditure of \$90,749 in replacing rails on the line. The gross earnings of the company were reported at \$24,258,817. After satisfying their interest obligations the directors were enabled to declare a quarterly dividend of 14 per cent on millions of dollars of watered stock.

The energy with which General Van Wyck is pushing his inquiries into our system of land frauds is worthy of the highest praise. Settlers in Southern Nebraska will be especially gratified to learn that the senator on Wednesday introduced a bill in the senate which bears directly upon the cases of the gang of land sharks who have been plying their nefarious trade upon the occupants of lands along the line of the St. Joseph and Western railroad. The history of this fraud was given some weeks ago by The Bee and allusion was made at the time to Senator Van Wyck's efforts to protect the homes of our farmers in that section of the state. Entries of lands made before the filing of the railroad claim to the land grant and to which title was given by the United States certainly ought to be protected by the government. The principal feature of General Van Wyck's bill directs the attorney general to appear and defend the title of the purchaser, pre-emptor or settler whenever any railroad or other corporation claims the same land under the land grants of the United States. It will be seen that this provision applies directly to the Knevals cases. Kneval's fraudulent title was secured for a song from the St. Joseph and Western company nearly ten years after settlement was made on the disputed quarter sections, and the put up test cases which resulted in favor of the land sharks are not likely to stand fire when brought under the notice of the higher courts. It is to render such appeal possible in suits where the value of the property under dispute is less than \$5,000 that a clause has been introduced by Senator Van Wyck in his bill providing that the attorney general shall appeal to the supreme court, if necessary, to settle the title of the settler without regard to the value of the property or the residence of the parties interested, and also that all proceedings and executions shall be stayed except in a lost suit.

General Van Wyck has been earnestly pressing this matter since the opening of the congressional session. At his request a special investigation was held at Lincoln in January to obtain materials for a report upon the Knevals' claim, and the results appeared a few weeks later in a resolution offered by the senator, instructing the attorney-general to defend the government's original title to the lands afterwards vested in the settlers. The bill just introduced in the senate is favorably considered by the committee on public lands and will undoubtedly be as favorably reported to the senate. If it secures a passage, General Van Wyck will have additional claims upon the gratitude of his Nebraska constituents.

CABLEGRAMS announce that there was a general fall of European stocks yesterday on the London exchange in consequence of grave apprehensions of a coming rupture between Russia and Germany. General Skobelev has been received with great favor at the court of the czar and still breathes forth threatenings and slaughter against German influence. The sultan is anxious to conclude an offensive and defensive alliance with the Emperor William as against Russia, and various other foreign straws point to trouble in the near future.

Senator Saunders has submitted a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution allowing the people to elect their postmasters, internal revenue officers, United States marshals and district attorneys. He has studied the question as a member of the civil service reform committee, and is satisfied that this is a wise and essential reform. [Associated Press Dispatch.] Senator Saunders is eminently correct in his conclusions about the civil service, but we fear he will not pull the proposed constitutional amendment through during his official term.

NEBRASKA has been heard from in favor of opening the water route to the seaboard. Hon. R. S. Maloney, one of the delegates from this state chosen at the St. Joseph convention to represent the needs of the Missouri valley at Washington, has been equally before the committee on commerce, and we have no doubt made a favorable impression.

Valentine's Record. Mr. Valentine's ability as a statesman is greatly over-estimated, while his ability for wire-pulling and questionable maneuvering is not denied. True, he has been elected to congress by fair majorities. But let us go back and ask if his early works have not been deliberate steals? Take his record as a war politician in Omaha, and it will not bear scrutiny. Look at his record as registrar of the United States land office when at West Point, and it would not be called honest among honorable men. Trace his record to the judgeship of this district, which was a deliberate steal, and it shows that the successful work of an unscrupulous politician. View his success as congressman, and the start comes from like methods. A sympathy was felt just at that time over the death of Hon. Frank Wolah, and Mr. Valentine stepped into his place through trickery, promises and political debauchery. Knox county furnished delegates from Holt and Pierce counties, and similar methods in other counties in Northern Nebraska, except Cedar,

were used in the management of his first nomination. At his second nomination it was made almost unanimous as a matter of courtesy and for the purpose of following a long established precedent to allow congressmen from the state two terms. Being presidential year, there was no organized fight made and the "unanimous" dodge was merely the outcome of a desire on the part of the anti element of the state to create harmony.

A sympathizer for star route swindlers, a sinecure of the Union Pacific and other monopolies, a champion of the bill to provide for back-pay of a contingent congressman who has done no work, and a friend to the worst element of a political party, the people can judge for themselves how far The Pioneer misleads them from a duty to which they owe good, honest, faithful government.

Henry Ward Beecher. Chicago Times, March 7. The sudden illness which compelled the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to leave the platform before reaching the middle of his lecture, last night, can hardly fail to excite fears that it was the beginning of the end of a career that for its brilliance and its duration has had few rivals. It may have been merely a passing weakness, the result of fatigue and some recent impairment of health, but, where a constitution has shown such wonderful strength as that of the pastor of Plymouth church the first signs of its decay seem ominous. So little has Mr. Beecher shown the effect of age that it is only by reflecting on the length of time that he has been a national character that one realizes how near he is to the traditional limit of three-score years and ten. On the 24th of next June he will lack but a year of this point. He comes of a family, however, that is as distinguished for its vitality as for its genius. His father, one of the most eminent and influential of American clergymen, died at the age of 88. His sister Catherine, who was born in the year 1800, only died a couple of years ago, and his still more distinguished sister Harriet is a year his senior.

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Work will be soon commenced on the projected Jewish Synagogue at Denver. It will cost about \$200,000. The new \$25,000 edifice of the Christian church congregation of Denver, will be completed by the 1st of October. The sheriff of Weld county has arrested five parties for selling liquor without a license on the line of the Burlington & Missouri railroad. It now looks as though Denver were to have an elevated railway. The city engineer, it is said, is preparing plans and specifications for such an institution to be built from Wazee street to the west side of West Denver.

The samples of ore taken from the Robinson mine were assayed at one of the largest smelting works of Leadville. The returns were as follows: The first assay was from the large face of ore at the end of the drift, and gave a return of sixty-two and a half ounces of silver to the ton. Sample number two was from the bottom of the level, and contained considerable galena. This assayed 128 ounces.

ABERDEEN is soon to begin the erection of a fine school house. A Lutheran church will be built at Millville in the early spring. The Mitchell Caper says that contracts have been let for an expenditure of over \$200,000 in Mitchell during the present year. The Hydraulic company near Paola, in the Southern Hills, is making preparations to expand \$50,000 this year in improvements. Interest on the bonded indebtedness of Lawrence county to the amount of \$37,500 all due on the 1st inst., and the county had the money ready for payment.

The total expenses of the Virginia City schools during the last month were \$7,148.95. The flow of water from the Suro tunnel last week was 6,536,819 gallons per twenty-four hours. The first train on the Carson & Colorado railroad arrived at Candelaria on the evening of February 28th and was received with much enthusiasm. The following coinage was executed at the Carson mint last month: Double eagles, \$65,000; half eagles, \$52,000; standard dollars, \$114,712; total, \$232,712.

The entire length of the road to be constructed from Redding to Roseburg is 310 miles, of which 140 miles will be in Oregon and 170 in California. Most of the route is in mountainous, and consequently pretty hard work. The Eureka Leader publishes a compilation of statistics, giving the yield of over 800 miles in that district since January 1, 1873. It places the total number of tons at 761,371 750-3000 and the total value at \$80,046,002.32. The destruction of timber on the west side of the Sierra and the immense growth of underbrush and second growth, is proving favorable to wild animal life. Bear, sheep, rabbits, goats, etc., are much more plentiful than they were ten years ago.

Portland has decided to build a \$75,000 city hall. The tools are not all dead. A cargo will leave Liverpool April 1 for the land of the latter day sinners. Nineteen men, four ladies and four or five children constitute the population of Akaha, Idaho, a small water town. A citizens' meeting has organized for mutual protection against thieves, robbers and incendiaries about Ketchum, Idaho. An immense bed of sulphur has been discovered at San Pedro, eight miles from Wallace, A. T., on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. Horse thieves raided a harness shop and stable in Hawkins, on the 17th, and were detected by the plunderer when greeted by the sheriff. He is now in jail. Aged Gratitudes. Flint, Mich., June 22, 1881. H. W. WARNER & Co.: Sirs—I am 72 years old, and have not been so well in 26 years as I am to-day, thanks to your Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, the best remedy in the world.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA. A gentleman in San Bernardino county sold his place the other day for \$24,000. A year ago he offered it at \$7,500. The bonded debt of Lassen county on January 1, 1882, was \$4,466.88. Warrants redeemed February 6, 1882, \$955.63. Present in elections, \$4,511.85. The American colony of Southern California has been organized by excursionists from the east. Four thousand acres of land will be purchased. The capital is \$100,000. Santa Cruz county has 3,738 school children, and the amount apportioned from the state on the 1st of January, this year, amounts to \$26,240. Monterey county, with 3,189 children, gets \$22,386.78. A Baptist minister in Napa created a sensation lately by proposing marriage to one of the members of his congregation, an old lady 50 years old, who had come into possession of a large farm in Lake county. The clerical suitor is 70. At first the lady refused his proposal, but after this meeting of his love she wavered and was about to accept him, when her friends saw through the thin disguise of the minister and a stack of old nay, just put a face around it; or if you want your daughters to marry off quick, load up a shotgun and threaten to shoot any young man that comes around.

Sharp & McKnight, formerly of Avery, Monroe county, Iowa, have bought out J. W. Mann, our pioneer grocer, who goes to Clarinda. He was the first man to break ground and build in Blanchard, two years ago last July, hauling his lumber from Clarinda. He had built up a large trade and was one of our most enterprising and substantial business men. Sharp & McKnight are also well known in business circles as honest and energetic men, and will fully sustain the reputation of the old firm. They will enlarge and refit the Pioneer Store building, and open up in a few months a large stock of general merchandise. At present they have opened up a fine stock in the building opposite A. E. Pratte's. Judge Hurst, one of our early settlers in Missouri, has sold his fine farm three miles southwest of town, to Joseph McElroy, of Burlington Junction, Mo., and goes with his family to Oregon in search of health. The judge is one of our most prominent and highly esteemed citizens, who has represented Atchison county in the legislature on the greenback ticket. He will be much missed. One of our neighbors south of town tells us of a haunted corn crib. He had noticed for some time the mysterious disappearance of corn from the crib. One night he saw the strange spectre vanishing from the crib, carrying a sack of corn. He followed with his shot gun and commanded his ghostly host to halt, but it made no response. He then raised his gun and fired, but the apparition paid no attention, and was just disappearing in an opposite direction when he raised his gun higher and fired again. This time the spectre dropped the sack, threw up a pair of bony, ghastly arms, and cried, "Oh, my God!" It then vanished from sight, leaving him in possession of the sack. He thinks that the ghost will not make its appearance again soon. Knox

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175, Two houses and 1/2 lot on Dodge near 9th street, \$1,500.

174, House three rooms, two closets, etc., half lot on 21st near Grace street, \$500.

173, One and one-half story brick house on two lots on Douglas near 20th street, \$1,750.

172, House two rooms, well furnished, stable, etc full lot near Pierce and 18th street, \$1,500.

171, One and one-half story house six rooms and well furnished, on Convent street near St. Mary's avenue, \$1,500.