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NEBRASKA is done with boy government.

When this cruel war is over and the militia can march home again.

The Democratic party in Omaha and Douglas county have given up the ghost. Bayonet rule killed it.

OSCAR WILDS should call on Dr. Miller. The biggest sunflower in America is planted in the editorial chair of the Herald.

Wharven't yet heard that Governor Long, of Massachusetts, has called on the president for federal troops to suppress the Lawrence insurrection.

The troops have nearly all turned their backs on Omaha, and the song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," is being sung in many households.

IOWA votes on June 27th upon the question of adopting the prohibitory amendment. It is safe to wager that the vote will be the heaviest polled for years in the Hawkeye state.

THE board of education wants the people of Omaha to vote them authority to expend \$15,000 on new school buildings during the present year, and they publish the notice in the reader's Republican.

KANSAS CITY has completed her assessment, the total returns footing up \$24,178,770. A correct valuation of Omaha's property, on the same basis would give a taxable property to the value of fully \$15,000,000.

ATTENTION is called to the registration notices printed in another portion of THE BEE. The coming city election ought to call out a heavy vote. Every voter should see to it that his name is registered.

New York's railroad commission bill is said to stand more than an even chance of passage through the legislature. The anti-monopoly league will deserve a large portion of the credit for the measure.

THE shrinkage in the values of stock exchange securities since the beginning of the year is estimated at \$800,000,000. The increase of the stock gambler's pile can be estimated by Mr. Gould's recent little exhibition.

GENERAL JOHN M. THAYER has recently been lecturing at Kearney and other Nebraska towns on "Genius; its Uses and Abuses." The best use General Thayer can make of genius is to wrestle with some of the living issues of the day.

JAY GOULD has been making a little investment in New York real estate. Last week he became the owner of sixteen lots on Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets for the trifling sum of \$1,000,000. This represents about one year's good shearing of Wall street lambs.

Mr. Tilden is glad that the laborists at Omaha have been quelled. He says that the Omaha Herald hasn't spoken the English language beautifully for several days.—Denver Tribune.

The beautiful English of THE Herald is diffused among a very select circle of snobs, and its circulation will soon be exclusive enough to suit the most aesthetic taste.

COMPLAINTS of the excessive cost of living in Omaha are well founded. Provisions of all kinds are exorbitantly high. This is especially the case with all farm produce and vegetables. The reason is not difficult to find. If Douglas county were settled as thickly as Washington or Cass counties the prices of these articles would take a very surprising drop. As fine farming lands as can be found in the state lie unoccupied within a radius of ten miles from Omaha, within two hours' drive of the best market in the state. They can be bought as cheaply as improved lands in other settled sections of the state. Devoted to fruit, vegetable and poultry raising, the investment would pay handsomely. Taxes in Douglas county are reasonable and facilities for transportation unequalled. What this county needs just now more than anything else is an influx of ten thousand farmers and gardeners.

BRINGING WESTERN RIVERS.

Numerous bills are now pending in congress authorizing the construction of railroad and wagon bridges across the great western rivers. Many of these projected bridges may never be built while others will doubtless be erected to accommodate the growing demands of commerce. It is manifestly the duty of congress to enact some general law prescribing the conditions under which bridges shall be built across the navigable rivers of the west. Such an act would do away with all special legislation and afford to all localities and all parties equal privileges and facilities for traffic. At the same time it is also the duty of congress to prevent the obstruction of the navigable rivers by bridges that do not afford proper facilities for the passage of boats.

With a view of aiding congress in practical legislation on this important subject the St. Louis merchants exchange have had a bill prepared by a committee of experienced river engineers, which was recommended to congress at a meeting held by the merchants of St. Louis last week. This proposed bill as drafted is entitled "an act to authorize the construction of bridges across the Missouri river between its mouth and the mouth of the Dakota and James river, and across the Mississippi river between the port of St. Paul, in the state of Minnesota, and the port of Natchez, in the state of Mississippi, and across the Illinois river between its mouth and Peoria, in the state of Illinois, and to prescribe the character, location and dimensions of the same.

The proposed bill is very lengthy and we can only point to the principal features that apply to the bridging of the section of country in which we are located or with which we have commercial relations. The bill prescribes in detail the conditions under which all bridges crossing the great western rivers shall be erected and maintained. It provides that all low bridges over the Missouri and Mississippi rivers authorized by this act be so located that a good channel can be kept and maintained for the passage of boats at all navigable stages of water, and that the channel shall be made easily accessible by boats at all such stages, and the draw or pivot spans shall be located over the channel in such a manner that one or both of the openings can be conveniently and safely reached by boats at all navigable stages of water; and that one opening at least of a draw or pivot span shall be over the best and most convenient channel of the river, for all classes of river traffic, at any stage of water.

That in case the approaches to draw-span opening, channel-spans or raft passages in bridges authorized by this act are found to be dangerous or difficult of access by any important class of river traffic, the secretary of war may, upon the recommendation of a board of engineers, appointed as hereinafter prescribed in this act, order the construction of such sheer booms as will obviate the difficulty.

That any person, company or corporation authorized to construct a bridge over the Missouri, Mississippi or Illinois rivers shall, before commencing work, give notice for two weeks of such intention by publication in papers having a wide circulation in the cities of St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Omaha, concerning bridges to be built over the Missouri river; and in newspapers published and having a wide circulation in the cities of St. Louis, Quincy, Peoria, Illinois, Keokuk, Davenport and Dubuque, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota, for bridges over the Mississippi river above St. Louis or Illinois river.

And that any such person, company or corporation shall before commencing work on any such bridge submit to the secretary of war for his examination a design and drawings of the bridge and piers, and a map of the location, giving for the space of at least one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shorelines as high and low water, the direction of the current at navigable stages, and soundings showing accurately the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and if the secretary of war is satisfied that the provisions of the law have been complied with in regard to location, the building of the piers may be at once commenced; but if it shall appear that conditions prescribed by the act cannot be complied with at the location where it is desired to construct the bridge, the secretary of war shall, after considering any remonstrances detail a board of experienced engineers to examine the case, and may on their recommendation authorize such modifications in the requirements as to location, piers and number of high spans as will permit the location and construction of the bridge.

It has cost the government something more than five millions of dol-

lars to keep the Indians in subjection since the Modoc war, in 1872. This sum represents only the actual expenditure during campaigns. To this ought to be added the costs of maintaining the army west of the Mississippi, whose principal duty is looking after these wards of the government, and which will average some \$25,000,000 a year in addition. The Indians are very expensive wards at any price.

CROW DOG'S TRIAL.

The trial of Crow Dog for the murder of Spotted Tail is now in progress at Deadwood, and much interest is naturally manifested in the result. Spotted Tail, chief of the Brule Sioux, was murdered at Rosebud Agency on the 5th of August, 1881, and the general belief among people on the reservation is that he was the victim of a murderous conspiracy. A large number of Indians have been cited to Deadwood as witnesses to establish the claim of the defense that Crow Dog acted on the first law of nature, self-preservation. The prosecution on the other hand is ready to prove that the shooting of Spotted Tail was a cold-blooded murder as a part of a conspiracy led by Crow Dog to make Black Crow chief of the Brule Sioux. There was also the hint of a scandal in connection with the crime, the exact nature of which was never disclosed. The assassination was cowardly, Crow Dog getting the drop on his chief and firing without warning. The shot was a deadly one, and Spotted Tail did not live long enough to shed any light on the mystery. The assassination caused great excitement at the time, and but for the prompt arrest of Crow Dog as an accessory before the fact the conspiracy which had led to the murder might have led to the inauguration of a reign of terror among the Brules and trouble at the agency. By this decisive action the tendency of the Indians to centralize power in the person of a chief who was bitterly opposed to the policy of the government to civilize the Sioux, was frustrated. The crisis at the agency passed with the prompt arrest and imprisonment of the murderous conspirators.

Spotted Tail was hated by the designing men of the tribe for his friendly relations with the whites, and his death was deeply deplored at the agency and throughout that section, which, together with the natural prejudice against the cowardly act of assassination accounts in a measure for the interest manifested in the trial of his murderer.

When Omaha was dependent entirely for fire protection on the water supply from cisterns and wells, there was some excuse for exacting high insurance rates. But now that we have an ample and constant supply from our water works, insurance rates in Omaha should not be higher than they are in any other western city. In fact, they should not be as high as they are in most cities, because our streets are very wide and the risk from destructive fires comparatively small. We remember very distinctly that our local insurance agents promised a great reduction in fire rates just as soon as our water works would be completed. Although the water works have, as yet, not been officially accepted, they have been in good working operation since November, but not a word has been heard from the insurance agents.

AN IMPROPER USE OF THE ARMY.

Cleveland Leader.

During the famous railroad strike of 1877 the federal government was called upon to send troops to Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The same thing has just been done in Nebraska upon the requisition of Governor Nance. It is befittling that law and order should be at all times maintained, and in all parts of the country, but the growing practice of calling for federal troops to repress local disturbances, or overawe a few people disposed to be riotous, is exceedingly questionable. The states have their own militia and possess the necessary means of defending themselves except in case of an overwhelming rebellion. We can readily conceive that cases can arise, like that of the Dorr rebellion in Rhode Island, when the federal government may properly interfere to save the legitimate authorities from overthrow, but the use of federal troops in a state when the local authorities are competent to deal with the cause of trouble can scarcely be justified. It was an acknowledgment of weakness on the part of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as it is now on the part of Nebraska, to call for federal troops. Nebraska has a militia force of her own sufficiently strong to deal with the Omaha strikers, and the governor should have relied upon this force to preserve the peace. During the mining troubles in this state, Governor Foster never thought of calling for federal aid. He relied upon civil authorities and the state militia to repress all aggressiveness, and the same course should be pursued by other states. This matter of appealing to the federal government for troops whenever a little local disturbance occurs ought to be checked. If, however, it is left to grow into a habit, it will become necessary by and by to enlarge the regular army to the extent of a hundred thousand or more. Let the states be made to depend on their own militia, and let the regular army be confined to its legitimate duties. This course of procedure is in keeping with the spirit of

our institutions, and will be generally approved by the people.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

San Diego had her monthly earthquake on the 11th.

Nearly \$500 have lately been expended in books for the university library.

The town of Alameda has been appointed \$10,259.52 of the state school fund.

Nearly every newspaper in California denounces the new scheme adopted in San Francisco for gambling in wheat.

Chinatown, at Dutch Flat, which was recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt as fast as lumber can be procured.

One hundred thousand white fish and five thousand eastern trout were shipped last week from the state fish hatchery at San Leandro to Lake Tahoe.

Daniel Whiting, an English sharp, is preparing to go to the people of San Bernardino that if they will subscribe \$20,000 he will put up \$5,000 and start an ostrich farm.

Oil matters at Newhall are progressing satisfactorily, and large amounts of money are being expended in the development of the industry, with corresponding returns.

A couple whose domestic infelicities led them to procure a divorce in Los Angeles last week, were married just twenty-four hours after the marital bonds had been dissolved.

A Pacific coast paper makes the alarming suggestion that the climate of California is changing, the weather appearing to grow colder every winter. The present winter has no record parallel thereto, with the low degree of temperature attached or the number of days of frost.

The Central Pacific Railroad company has sent a party to the coast to prevent the collection of taxes by the several counties in the state, on the assessments of the state board of equalization. The superintendent has notified that the taxes must be paid or the roads will be closed.

Should the river levees again become endangered by floods, it is proposed to have a boat towed up and down to windward of the levee, with canvas bags full of cotton towed to the levee, and a line of floats attached to the tow.

A special correspondent, who accompanied the engineer who are running the Tacon & Gulf of California road, writes that the party have run across a wonderful mineral country near and in Myer's district, about seventy miles west of the mouth of the Colorado. Prof. Van Buren, who accompanies the expedition a mineralogist, says it is the most extraordinary mineral section he has ever seen. The quantity of mineral on the surface is described as wonderful.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

The North Pacific line between Portland and Kalama was permanently located last week.

The cattle market from Yakima City, W. T., says that cattle buyers are offering \$20 per head for cowboys, taking lands through, including yearlings, which is a double the price paid at this time last year.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation company vary next month will dispatch a boat from Celilo to Priest Rapids, the best of navigation on the Columbia river, with a cargo of general merchandise. A large number of boats will be in operation, and the farmers of Yakima and Kittitas valleys are hauling their surplus of grain and other products for a return cargo. If the experiment is successful regular traffic will be inaugurated during the summer.

A boy who stole a Comstock hoisting works was released on habeas corpus by the District Court on the ground that the value of the work was not sufficient to justify the detention of the boy.

A fight between a wildcat and a bulldog is announced in a Virginia (Nevada) paper, and the manager of the carnival proclaims that nothing will be said or done during the fight, but that could offend a woman so delicate as to be in the last stages of consumption.

The valley of the Muddy river, in Lincoln county, is well adapted to grow cotton. On the Virginia river, a tributary of the Muddy, it is well adapted to grow cotton, and the settlers on the Virginia river are woeen by the St. George mill from cotton raised by the farmers thereabouts.

The Nevada Supreme Court has recently rendered a decision which compels the Bonanza firm to pay \$90,000 penalty tax on a violation from the California and Nevada mines. The Board of county commissioners released them from payment of this penalty, but the court held that they had no power to release. The Storey county treasury will now be flush for a while.

It may be of interest to San Franciscans of "vigilante times" that the old "Monument" engine bell, which summoned the Vigilance Committee of the Golden City to their meetings, and which rang the death knell of more than 100 men, is in use in Trucks as the first bell on the engine house of the Truckee Lumber Company. It is just as good as ever, and no doubt will ring the death knell of the "ring out" the life of any enemy of the public as readily as of yore.

MONTANA.

The Montana cattle company will add 2,000 head of cattle to its Muschelsherd.

Thirteen hundred head of cattle were last week sold in Chestnut valley for the sum of \$39,000.

Over 10,000 people are working directly and indirectly on the territory on the line of the Northern Pacific.

The owners of the Consolidated Salisbury and North Star mines have been offered \$100,000 for their properties.

Building improvements in Benton during last year amounted to \$400,000. These in contemplation for the present year will cost \$450,000.

Forty electric lights having been substituted for the lighting of Helena business houses by electricity is only a question of a few weeks' time.

NEW MEXICO.

The tide of immigration to the territory is enormous.

Los Lunas is a bad hole for thugs, robbers, and unscrupulous.

The district court of Socorro has ordered that dance halls be closed.

Escalero Indians are to be removed from their reservation south of White Oaks; \$100,000 appropriated for the purpose.

WYOMING.

Cheyenne revels in the luxury of street lamps.

The Cheyenne telephone exchange is expected to be in working order by the first day of April.

When Omaha has a dozen more strikes they won't make so much fuss over it.—Cheyenne Leader.

The Fort Steele soldiers had a fight on the 17th. One of them, named Debar, was stabbed and is now in a critical condition.

Capt. Murdoch has picked a site for the new fort on Ashley's Fork, in accordance with orders, and the work of removal has already commenced.

The U. P. shops at Evanston were destroyed by fire last week. The loss will foot up \$30,000. The shops will be rebuilt on a larger scale.

the Phoenix Iron company's works and went out with them, but afterwards returned to work.

Sulzida.

National Association Press.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—A. Vandevender, a well-known farmer of Grundy county, Mo., hung himself in his house on Monday.

Workmen.

Before you begin your heavy spring work after a winter of relaxation, your system needs cleansing and strengthening to prevent an attack of Ague, Bilious or Spring Fever, or some other Spring sickness that will unfit you for a season's work. You will save time, much sickness and great expense if you will use one bottle of Hop Bitters in your family this month. Don't wait. Burlington Hawkeye. mar17/12

"Oddities of Southern Life."

By Henry Watters.

Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

See the APRIL CENTURY MAGAZINE.

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OLORADO.

Commissioner Mears, of the Ute Indians, has resigned.

The Rio Grande railway company now operates 1,662 miles of road.

A bogus agent of an eastern art journal swindled the F. F.'s of Denver to the extent of \$3 a head.

The capacity of the Colorado Springs water works will be largely increased during the coming summer.

Besemer, near Pueblo, boasts that a nixotax eating liquor are sold within the limits of its corporation.

It is estimated that \$100,000 has been sunk in the variety show business at Leadville in the last two years.

An extensive stock owner of Greeley has recently purchased 3,000 head of cattle in Washington territory, and will drive them overland to Colorado.

The system of irrigation of the future as applied to Colorado will be that of artificial canals. By this means thousands of acres of land can be reclaimed which now can be used only for stock grazing.

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DAKOTA.

Grand Forks is to have a telephone exchange.

The young ladies of Bismarck are establishing a public library.

A telephone company have established an exchange at Spearfish.

Deadwood was never in better condition to fight fire than at present.

Water works have to be built in Bismarck the coming season.

The Sidney stage company have lost twenty-four horses from pinkeye.

The property owners of Fargo have to pay \$3,000 a year for the electric light.

A man who paid \$3,000 for a farm near Grand Forks last year, has refused \$25,000 for it this year.

A half interest in ten placer claims on Deadwood gulch was recently sold for a consideration of \$12,000.

Gilmer, Sall bury & Co. have secured the mail contract for Pierre to Rapid City, to go into effect July 1.

A company who had been in Denver, with a capital of \$1,000,000, to develop a mining property near Deadwood.

The business men of Fargo have subscribed \$25,000 towards a foundry which is to cost them from 100 to 200 hands.

A company, many of Englishmen have bought 60,000 acres of land near Deadwood, and propose to break up 5,000 acres this year.

Deadwood has appointed a committee to take care of the Black Hills counties to be used as an argument in favor of a new contract.

A bill has been drawn and forwarded to Delegate Pettigrew, authorizing the Black Hills counties to vote bonds in aid of railroad construction.

The Pembina Pioneer is responsible for the statement, that a piece of real estate in that town jumped from \$5,000 to \$15,000 in value in one day.

CAPITAL NOTES.

MISSOURI.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The report that Senator Teller is to be given a cabinet position is denied. The popular rumor is that the cabinet will be reorganized for the interior.

Cabinet action in the Whitaker case was that the finding of the court be set aside owing to certain irregularities, and he be released from arrest, but dismissed the service on recommendation of the academy board.

The president has had many calls and hosts of petition to pardon Sergeant Mason.

The Northern Blizzard.

National Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, March 21.—Reports from the pending blizzard show it to be constantly growing more fierce in character. The Manitoba trains are snow bound—one at Buxton and the other at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The drifts in the road are enormous, and increasing hourly. Trains on the Northern Pacific, between Fargo and Bismarck, are snow bound, two freights being stuck in a drift near Valley City, and the west-bound passenger stuck behind another freight train between Jamestown and Valley City. Snow-plows and shovellers are hard at work, but the blowing wind piles the snow back as fast as removed.

A dispatch from Glencoe, Minn., says the Hastings & Dakota roads are completely blocked up at Rush City, Minn. More snow is falling in this storm than during the whole winter. It is over ten feet deep at Hastings, and the first blockade of the season and comes just as rail-roads men and the traveling public were feeling themselves safe from vexatious stoppages, which is their regular winter diet in the northwest. Up to this time Wisconsin has entirely escaped, there being no detention of trains between here and Chicago.

Punishing a Recrout Striker.

National Associated Press.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., March 21.—The residence of Jas. Hickey, watchman at the Ettruscan works, was visited this evening by a gang of ruffians, who pelted the man with stones, breaking windows and damaging the property. The cause of the attack was that a young man who boarded with Hickey joined the strikers at

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177, House 2 rooms, full lot on Douglas near 20th street, \$700.

176, Beautiful residence, full lot on Cass near 19th street, \$12,000.

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

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

173, One and one-half story brick house on Douglas near 23rd street, \$1,700.

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

171, One and one-half story house, 3 rooms and well, half lot on Couvent street near St. Mary's avenue, \$1,800.

170, House three rooms on Clinton street near shot tower, \$325.

169, House and 1/2 acre lot on 18th and 19th streets, \$5,000.

168, House of 11 rooms, 4 lot 23x130 feet on 18th and Hart street, \$5,000.

167, Two story house, 9 rooms & closets, good coal, on 15th street near Poppleton's, \$4,000.

166, New house of 6 rooms, half lot on 14th and 19th street, \$1,500.

165, One and one-half story house 6 rooms on Howard near 24th street, \$2,400.

164, One and one-half story house of 3 rooms near Hancock Park, \$1,000.

163, Two houses & 3 lots, closets, etc on Burr street near 25th, \$3,500.

162, House 6 rooms, full lot on 19th street near Leavenworth, \$2,400.

161, House 4 large rooms, 2 closets, half acre on Burr street near DuPont, \$1,500.

160, Two houses, one of 5 and one of 4 rooms on Burr street near 25th, \$3,500.

159, House of 13 rooms on 18th street near Leavenworth, \$2,400.

158, House of 10 rooms and 1 1/2 lots on 18th street near Marcy, \$3,000.