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WHITTAKER has been dismissed from West Point for deficiency in his studies. The consideration of those ears didn't enter into the question.

THE CHINESE must go. Both houses have passed the anti-Chinese bill and the heathen Chinese question is forever taken out of politics.

It takes four hours to get a photograph by means of the electric light. The woman who can "look natural" for this length of time can secure one of these prizes.

THE only Colorado man who hasn't been precipitated on the interior portfolio is Tom Bowen. Every other "prominent politician" has been mentioned for the place.

If the mines on the Pacific coast are giving out, agriculture is doing her very best to make up the deficiency. Wheat is reported as the most promising for acreage in many years, and seeding is actively progressing.

A BILL has been introduced in the Ohio senate prohibiting the railroads from giving passes to public officers or delegates to political conventions. Ohio seems to be taking the "anti-monopoly disease" as the monopoly organs call it.

OHIO and Michigan have both completed their redistricting. In Ohio seventeen out of the twenty-three congressional seats are reported as safe for the republicans, while Michigan expresses confidence in securing a solid republican state. Old Elbridge Gerry's little scheme still brings forth political fruit.

THE patent office is one of the self-supporting departments of the government. The excess of receipts over expenditures last year was \$248,493.61. Over thirty thousand applications for patents were filed last year, and 17,620 were granted. During the year 4,638 patents expired.

COLLECTOR ROBERTSON laughs at the idea that he is to be displaced from the New York custom house. He has just returned from a visit to Washington and asserts that President Arthur and himself have a perfect understanding. Mr. Robertson's laugh will bring sadness to a number of hungry New York politicians.

INDIANS are interfering with the progress of work on the Northern Pacific and a company of troops from Fort Meade has been ordered out to protect the laborers. This is a much more praiseworthy occupation for the federal forces than the overwing and intimidating of laborers in a quiet city on the ground that they were a riotous mob and needed to be kept under control by military force.

RAILROAD men ought to be specially interested in a bill now before congress, requiring all freight cars to have the "bumpers" of a uniform height. One of the most frequent causes of death from coupling cars is caused by the fact that the bumpers are of different heights, and, passing one another, crush the brakeman or yardmen between the opposite platforms. Different manufacturers of cars have no uniformity in the height of the bumpers from the track. The bill should certainly pass in the interests of human safety and human life.

ACCORDING to the voracious and voracious was correspondent of the Lincoln Journal, Omaha merchants have been very rude toward the militia that came here to protect us from a red-handed mob. The voracious and voracious was correspondent says Omaha merchants refused to sell the boys even a collar, cuff or handkerchief. This is very mean, but there isn't a word of truth in it. We have never known an Omaha merchant to refuse the money of anybody that wanted to patronize him. It is possible, however, that some of our merchants declined to sell goods on

OUR NATIONAL SIZE.

Our atlas compilers will be compelled to reverse their figures of state areas since the publication of the final census bulletin relating to the subject. Great care was taken to secure absolutely correct figures as far as possible and the result is a number of important changes which affect nearly every state and territory in the Union. Texas still leads as the largest state territorially, having 262,890 square miles, and Rhode Island is the smallest, with 1,085 square miles.

A DANGEROUS MEASURE.

MAYOR BOYD informs us that he has instructions from the state authorities to call on General Crook, under the standing order of the president, for the services of the regular troops at Fort Omaha in any emergency which may hereafter arise of a character similar to that which necessitated the presence of the troops in this city. It, therefore, remains to be suggested to the riot and strike leaders that discretion in their case is still the better part of valor.

CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

According to an observing Washington letter writer some curious and time-honored customs, which are fit subjects for congressional investigation have clung to the United States supreme court ever since its first establishment. Most of these are very questionable, and make demands upon the national treasury. On this account their discussion by the public cannot be considered as an unwarranted intrusion upon the privacy of the demure gentlemen who wear the somber gowns and drowsily read over cases which are already three years behind the calendar.

NINE YEARS FOR NOTHING.

An Outrage Equalled Only by the Heartless Landlords of Ireland. The St. Joe & Denver Land Sharks—The Eviction of Farmer McDonald.

TEKAMAH ITEMS.

TEKAMAH, March 20.—St Patrick's day at this place was celebrated by a grand ball given by the members of the Pleasant Hours association. Notwithstanding the numerous engagements of Prof. Messier's orchestra, of Fort Omaha, the president, Mr. Zuercher, had secured the services of this gentleman, and in company with Mr. Sands, Mr. Shedecker, Mr. Rubin, and Mr. Underwood, Prof. Messier delighted the audience with his excellent music.

PRO IRON KELLY, who is also chairman of the ways and means committee, has found himself forced to bow to the decision of the republican caucus, and has reported a bill to the

A VETERAN'S VISION.

How the Old Boys of the Army Will Run Politics. By Electing Gen. Thayer Senator and Our Own "Si" Governor.

Vandervoort for Congress from the East District Part of the Scheme.

A Story that Resulted from Too Much Camp Fire.

Special Correspondence of THE BEE. LINCOLN, March 23.—The more enthusiastic members of the Grand Army of the Republic have been here this week to welcome the advent and speed the departure of their most worthy commander, General Merrill. Having accorded him a hearty reception and swapped stories all around concerning their individual exploits in the late sanguinary episode, they have gone home again. There is, by the way, a suspicious amount of activity

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just at present, which betokens an intention of taking a somewhat active part in the coming campaign. Meeting one of the warriors last evening who was a little too deep in his cups, your correspondent tackled him as to the whereabouts of the G. A. R.'s present onomy.

A LITTLE FUN

"What is the programme you have set for yourself?" "We're going to make John M. Thayer our next senator."

"How do you propose to do that?" "Get up a boom for him, of course. The next state convention is to be held at Grand Island (Thayer's home) in August. That was a cut-and-dried performance. Then Thayer is going abroad to address all the posts, and organize new ones in his own interest."

"Are you going to endeavor to pack the next legislature with veterans?" "You tumble to the scheme. Then we are going to elect Alexander governor."

"What else?" "Ed Roggen is to be the candidate for secretary of state."

"What else?" "Vandervoort for congress from the eastern district."

This last horrible suggestion so staggered your correspondent that he was unable to further. When he recovered his equanimity the veteran had departed. The question which now arises is: Was the man drunk enough to tell the truth?

The governor still refrains from calling the legislature together, on the indefinite plea that "there is plenty of time." Numerous members of the legislature have been here during the past week to gain some positive information on this subject.

Parties are now engaged in numbering the stores and residences in this city, preparatory to inaugurating the system of letter delivery by carriers. The Philadelphia system of numbering—100 to a block—will be adopted.

There is talk of putting Judge Mason up as a candidate for mayor on a temperance ticket. The republican city convention meets on the 1st of April. Alderman Doolittle will probably be the nominee for mayor.

The report of the county poor farm shows that it cost, last year, \$2,510. The average number of inmates was twenty, and the average cost per head per week eighty cents.

The Holman English Opera company is in "Patience" Duprez & Benedict, and Thomas W. Keene, are the coming theatrical attractions for next week.

Now, sir, I give you the facts of the case as Mr. McDonald gave them to me. Nine years ago McDonald homesteaded the quarter section in question (Sec. 11, T. 5, R. 1, S. 1) at Bear's River, paying the regular land office fee. The family at once moved upon the place and commenced improvements, or, in other words, went to work and worked hard on the place from that day until the 16th inst.

After living on the place five years and some months, McDonald was informed by one of the railroad officials that the railroad company claimed his land, and for the consideration of \$200 he could have a quit claim deed from the railroad company.

McDonald now goes to the land office at Beatrice with two witnesses to prove up having faithfully fulfilled his part of the contract with the government. The government official in the land office now informs McDonald the St. Joe & Denver City railroad

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