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"Take any shape but that." Brooks. "Oh, carry me home on a shutter." Hascall.

I SEE the hand writing on the political dead wall—Thurston.

GATH thinks that the first step to lose the presidency is to get it on the brain.

WHERE were those "Citizens" that pledged themselves to elect J. W. Kennedy?

"That 'citizen' dodge was a fizzle. Let's all join the Labor union."—Charlie Green.

THOSE six chapters of Holly had a more terrible effect than six gatling guns.—Dr. Cushing.

THE heavy movement of grain at lake points indicates that stocks there are not materially less than last year.

IS Maryland wife-beating has just been made a penal offense. Maryland is nearly a generation behind the age.

A HEAVY reward is offered for the discovery of the fragments of the Hascall combination of mechanical kickers.

JAY GOULD'S son George is distinguishing himself by paying \$150 for single seats for the Patti opera in New York.

CARRY the news to our Val. The workmen of Omaha have swept the field in the first skirmish of the campaign of 1882.

THIS is terrible. I thought I had set those pins just right to elect Hascall. I'll never play "citizen" again.—Casper Yost.

THE question whether New Jersey is a state or a railroad station is pertinent in view of the recent queer transactions in that state.

JUSTICE BLANCHFORD, of the supreme court, took the oath Monday. For the first time in years the United States supreme court is filled with healthy and able bodied men.

"For years I have prided myself on being a stalwart of the stalwarts, but in an evil hour I deserted the 'old flag and an appropriation' to become a 'citizen.'"—Vandervoort.

WITH the killing of Jesse James and the arrest and imprisonment in the penitentiary of a number of his companions, Missouri railroads can now dispose of a few of their arsenals.

THOSE 2,000 trades union mechanics that made McGavock, Hascall, Hornberger and Redman their candidates, are like the lost tribes of Israel—you can find them all the world over and you can't hunt them.—Dr. Miller.

WITH two riders tacked on the army appropriation bill, the scope for debate is correspondingly increased. The first has reference to the adjustment of war claims, and the other provides for compulsory retirement of officers at 62 years of age.

By the passage of the "Pond law" Ohio secures a license system which levies a tax of \$300 on all places where liquors are sold in cities of the first class. In addition to the tax a large sum as a guarantee of good behavior is required from each saloon keeper.

WEALTH accumulates wealth. Since Vanderbilt invested some \$60,000,000 of his property in government four per cents the bonds have increased ten per cent. in price, and he has received eight per cent. in interest. This adds eleven millions of dollars to Mr. Vanderbilt's fortune.

BOTH Gen. Kilpatrick and Stephen A. Hurlbut, ministers respectively to Chili and Peru, have died within the past two months, and Secretary Frelinghuysen will now be able to complete his South American tour with new men, without embarrassing the friends of the late administration.

APPLICANTS for pensions as well as congressmen ought to rejoice in the order just issued by the commissioner of pensions, providing that "cases will be made special only when such cause therefor is shown to the com-

missioner in writing as would satisfy the other worthy claimants whose claims precede it, should they know the facts, that such action is proper. Hereafter no case will be made special that is not brought clearly within this rule." This order, if carried out, will effectually stop all favoritism in the pension office. The great cause of delay in getting through claims has been the existence of the special system, by which is meant the taking up of cases out of the order of their filing, irrespective of merit, and hastening them through to a speedy decision, while thousands of others equally meritorious are so much longer delayed.

COMMISSION COWARDICE. In nine cases out of ten congressional commissions are the cowardly expedients of the majority to escape a vote upon embarrassing questions. Every subject which the people desire to have speedily settled, but which congressmen are equally desirous of having postponed, is relegated to a congressional commission, which is expected to collect statistics bearing upon the question, and to delay a final report until a more convenient season. This was the case with the anti-polygamy commission, the bankruptcy commission and a number of others which might be named. Commissions are also called into service to do work of a more intricate and arduous nature than the average congressman cares to engage in. Senator Van Wyck has called attention to the fact that commissions like corporations never die. The occasion for which it was created may pass away, but the commission still continues to thrive and flourish, with never ending demands upon the national treasury for the incidental expenses of its existence.

Congress has already appointed one commission at the present session, and is discussing the advisability of a second. A number of gentlemen will be shortly called upon to investigate the liquor traffic with the aid of \$10,000 appropriated from the treasury. This sum ought to be sufficient for very extensive sampling operations. It is safe to say that four-fifths of the members of congress already know more about the liquor traffic than is good for their own interests or those of their constituents. And the only reason for the creation of the liquor commission was the desire of congress to get rid of an annoying question and shirk the necessity of a vote.

In the same way the tariff commission now under discussion, is to be used to prevent an embarrassing vote upon the question of maintaining or diminishing our present customs duties. Congress knows as well now as it will two years hence at just what point the tariff needs remodeling. Both parties, however, are anxious not to make a record upon which they may be compelled to fight during the next presidential campaign, and congressmen from doubtful districts do not care to complicate their canvass by any decisive vote upon a much discussed and very perplexing problem. Hence another commission. It is safe to say that as long as the congressional conscience remains as elastic as it is at present, commissions will continue to flourish.

MASSACHUSETTS FACTORY HANDS.

Labor is an unusually important element in the population of Massachusetts, owing to the large manufacturing interests of the state. A bureau for the collection of labor statistics is maintained by the state government, and the results of these investigations are annually published for the benefit of employers and employes. The latest volume issued deals with the three great cotton manufacturing centres of the state, Fall River, Lowell and Lawrence. In these cities nearly 32,000 factory hands find employment, of whom nearly ten per cent. can neither read nor write.

Fall River is characterized as the worst of the manufacturing towns socially and morally. Drunkenness is said to be everywhere prevalent. The tenement houses are owned by the capitalists, and entire families work in the mill, an obligation in the lease of the tenements requiring the lessee to furnish a certain number of employes to the corporations. The consequence of this family labor is a great increase of misery. The agents of the labor bureau report that they rarely meet with happy and contented people among the Fall River mill hands, while in Lowell and Lawrence even the poorer classes secured many of the comforts of life. The average weekly wages in Fall River are less than \$9 per week. Some operatives earn as little as \$2. The wages of entire families are often insufficient to procure comfortable food and lodging. In the meantime the Fall River mills continue to pay heavy dividends to their stockholders. The death rate in Fall River is larger than in the other cities, and the average age at time of death is also lowest there. The marriage rate is also lowest in Fall River, while the birth rate is greater than in Lawrence and less than in Lowell. Fall River is, as regards its mill population, a city of tenement houses; Lowell, one in which there is nearly an equality be-

tween the tenement and boarding houses, while in Lawrence the "home," as distinct from either the tenement or boarding house, is pre-eminent. The report states there are no trades unions in Lawrence connected with the mill operatives, and that no strikes are necessary. Many interviews are given to show that the relations of operatives and employers are very cordial, and that a sort of mild manufacturing millennium reigns there. It is singular that while this report was still damp from the press the news of the great strike at Lawrence on account of a twenty per cent. reduction in wages was being telegraphed over the country.

A MARKED decline in railroad construction is noted. Locomotive builders report a lessened demand for engines, which they attribute to the loss of confidence on the part of the public in railroad securities and the failure of capitalists to place the bonds and stocks of new ventures. Bradstreet considers the situation a healthy one. It argues that it is far better for the country to undergo a gradual lessening of ventures in this direction than to continue advancing until a crash should suddenly come upon the country as the legitimate outcome. What with the double dealing of the leading operators on the New York stock market and the construction company business, the public have learned prudence, at least temporarily, and a wholesome check is furnished to profitless railway building. The promoters of new ventures must rely upon a sound basis for investment rather than popular enthusiasm. It claims that at the present time the outlook is that the volume of general business will continue reasonably satisfactory. Crop accounts are favorable as to cereals, and this is the chief factor at this season of the year. The tide of immigration, as anticipated, is exceptionally strong. Much is to be expected from this constant addition to our population of energetic people who have capital to supply their immediate wants.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has vetoed the anti-Chinese immigration bill, on the ground that it is in distinct violation of existing treaties with China. The president holds that the right to regulate immigration under the Burlingame and Angell treaties does not imply the right to lay a complete embargo on immigration. He expresses the opinion that the principle involved in the operation of the bill is undemocratic and hostile to our institutions, besides having a certain tendency to destroy our Chinese trade, which is of recent growth and constantly increasing in value.

CHALMERS must go. The house committee on elections has decided to report in favor of Lynch, who was awarded out of his seat from the famous "shoe string" district in Mississippi, because several hundred of his ballots contained a printer's dash below the heading of the ticket. The license question in Ohio entered largely into the local elections yesterday and operated greatly to the disadvantage of the republican ticket, which was heavily defeated in Cincinnati and Columbus. The German element voted generally with the democratic party.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CHAMBERLAIN, Brule county, claims to have \$300,000 in buildings now under contract. The people of Custer are jubilant over the sale and transfer of the Penobscot mine near that place. Mayville has 1,000 inhabitants and good prospects of a \$3,000 school house being built at an early day. Twenty-five citizens of Fargo have subscribed to the capital stock of the Fargo opera house an amount sufficient to erect a \$25,000 building. Montpellier, a new town at the mouth of Beaver creek in Stutman county, is located in one of the prettiest places in the valley of the James. Wells dug near Carlisle, Pembina county, to a depth of 100 feet bring clear water which rises to the top of the well, and in some cases overflows. A good body of horn silver ore has been struck in the Trent mine, Black Hills. The shaft had been sunk five feet into ore body with good promises of holding out still further. Asbestos is the latest rage over about Custer. Mica is getting more common. A full fabric of asbestos is now made for firemen's suits that is as pliable as cloth and wholly incombustible. There were entered at the Grand Forks land office one week recently one hundred and forty homesteads, seventy-eight pre-emption and eighty-seven free claims. The number of acres entered during the same time were 48,646, or more than two entire townships.

WYOMING.

The Laramie graded school has 329 pupils enrolled. There are eighty-one subscribers to the Cheyenne telephone system. Brick work has been commenced upon the new Catholic parsonage, Cheyenne. Cattle men and cowboys are flocking to Cheyenne. The spring round-up is near at hand. Seven freight train crews on the Laramie division of the U. P. have been laid off for want of work. The rope used for the lynching at Rawlins was new 7 1/2 inch rope. It is preserved for future use. Senator Saunders is working to secure the passage of a bill giving members of the legislative assembly \$6 instead of \$4 per day. The Sutton brothers, of Cayote creek, have bought Wm. Matthews' band of 1,000 sheep, running on his range north-west of Rock Springs. A man in Laramie City dislocated his nose by running against an obstruction in the street, one dark night. He sued the city for \$100 damages before Bill Nye, who

is a justice of the peace. Bill decided that the accident improved the plaintiff's nose, and gave judgment against him for that amount. The money was used to remove the obstruction.—Cheyenne Leader. The stock association is making it lively for cattle thieves, and a number of arrests have been made of men who have heretofore enjoyed a good reputation. It is reported that the section foremen between Green River and Rawlins, who have had white laborers, have received notice to discharge the same and employ Cheyennes. The townsite of C-popopolis, on the North Platte, is the finest natural site in Wyoming. The river forms a bend around it, and there is an immense supply of water in the stream. Reports from the northern grazing lands state that the grass is sprouting, but owing to the exceeding dryness it will amount to little, unless rain or snow is a thing of the near future.

COLORADO.

A ten cent dipnote ended in the death of a policeman in Leadville, last week. About three hundred children have been driven out of the Denver schools by measles. The labor sharpshooters, of Denver, have issued a challenge to shoot with any ten men in the world. The contract for building the mining exposition at Denver has been awarded to E. P. Halleck, for \$135,000. The Denver and Rio Grande road holds new contracts for a distance of sixty-three miles from Gunnison and 451 from Denver on the Utah extension. Lieutenant Governor Tabor, of Colorado, is enormously wealthy, having within the last four years acquired property valued by estimate at from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000. The Denver glass works, incorporated with an insured capital of \$100,000, will commence operations as early as September next, when their new building will be completed. A party of Denver and Rio Grande engineers, lately arrived in Montrose state that, when within twenty miles of the Utah line, they were ordered by the Utahs to skip, and skipped accordingly.

NEW MEXICO.

Socorro wants gas. Santa Fe wants the Indian school. Ore from the Bear Springs district asayed as high as \$13,742.86. It costs \$35 per ton to ship hay to Albuquerque from Las Cruces, while it can be brought from Kansas for \$12. Small pox has subsided on the A. & P. railroad and it is said that the disease is becoming less frequent in all parts of the territory. UTAH. The Utah Central has discontinued work on the Spanish Fork branch. Large numbers of tramps are in Ogden. They have raided the premises of the Union Pacific railway company, broken open cars, and stolen goods therefrom. Twenty miles of the Ogden and Wyoming railroad have been surveyed and located. The road is a narrow gauge designed to tap coal beds thirty miles away. There is considerable activity around the Denver & Rio Grande depot in Salt Lake City in the way of receiving railroad iron, spikes and plates, ties, bridge and building timber for the Utah extension. There are great stacks of this material on the ground. Iron has been quite a good strike made from lately northwest of Beaver Lake. Reports say a ledge 80 feet wide of iron ore going 60 per cent iron and only two per cent silica, and is mostly a soft black iron. The road is a narrow gauge. The discovery is about 17 miles from Frisco and eight miles from the railroad.

MONTANA.

Butte is producing \$70,000 bullion a week. Helena pays thirty mills on the dollar city tax. The electric light works satisfactorily in Mullan tunnel. The Montana Stock Board at Butte is in working order. Work on the Northern Pacific is booming in Jefferson county. The Alice company at Butte will produce \$100,000 for the month of March. The Utah & Northern will be extended within a few months to Deer Lodge. A Grand rush has set in from Miles City to the Maginnis country, where numerous and rich discoveries of mineral are reported. Eastern capitalists are organizing a corner on stock by buying up vast herds throughout the territory. Prices range from \$20 to \$30 per head. The new coal mine on Sand Coulee, Meagher county, has been developed to a depth of 40 feet and shows an eight foot vein of an excellent quality of coal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Oregon Short Line will reach Soda Springs, Idaho, about May 1st. Seventy murders have been committed in San Francisco in the last two years. The output of bullion from Eureka district during the present year will be larger than any previous year. Wood River men who have wintered in that country, caution men against too early a stampede. They think the spring has set in at least a month too soon. An exodus among mechanics is taking place at Oakland, Cal., in the northern part of the city. They are going to Texas, Arizona, Colorado and other new lands where they may pursue their labors to more profit. The Oregonian, of Portland says that the Northern Pacific will within a short time receive about 9,000 coolies from Hong Kong. The work of gathering these coolies has already begun, and a fleet of three steamers and seven sailers has already been chartered to convey them to Portland. Woman's True Friend. A friend in need is a friend indeed. This noncan drug, especially when used in moderation when one is sorely afflicted with disease, more particularly those complaints and weaknesses so common to our female population. Every woman should know that Electric Bitters are woman's true friend, and will positively restore her to health, even when all other remedies fail. A single trial always proves our assertion. They are pleasant to the taste, and only cost fifty cents a bottle. Sold by Schroter & Becht. Take "BLACK-DRAUGHT" and you will never be bilious.

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lot on Izard near 19th street, \$1,350. 164, One and one-half story house 8 rooms on 18th street near Leavenworth, \$3,500. 161, One and one-half story house of 7 rooms near Hannan Park, \$1,200. 168, Two houses 6 rooms each, closets, etc on Bart street near 24th, \$3,500. 164, One and one-half story house on 16th street near Leavenworth, \$2,400. 166, House 4 large rooms, 2 closets half acre on Cass near 18th, \$1,200. 165, Two houses, one of 5 and one of 4 rooms, on 17th street near Mary, \$3,300. 164, Three houses, one 7 and two of 8 rooms each, and corner lot, on Cass near 14th street, \$3,000. 163, Small house and full lot on Pacific near 12th street, \$2,500. 161, One story house 6 rooms, on Leavenworth near 10th, \$3,000. 160, House three rooms, lot 92x11 near 20th and Farnham, \$2,500. 159, House of 8 rooms, eight rooms, on 18th street near Leavenworth, \$3,100. 147, House of 13 rooms on 18th street near Mary, \$4,000. 146, House of 10 rooms and 1 1/2 lots on 18th street near Mary, \$6,000. 145, Two large rooms, lot 67x210 feet on Sherman avenue (16th street) near Nicholas, \$4,500. 143, House 7 rooms, barn, on 20th street near Leavenworth, \$2,500. 142, House 5 rooms, kitchen, etc., on 16th street near Nicholas, \$1,375. 141, House 3 rooms on Douglas near 20th street, \$600. 140, Large house and two lots, on 24th near Farnham street, \$5,000. 139, House 3 rooms, lot 60x160 feet, Douglas near 18th street, \$3,500. 137, House 5 rooms and half lot on Capitol avenue near 23d street, \$2,300. 136, House and half acre lot on Cuming street near 24th \$350. 131, House 2 rooms, full lot, Izard near 18th street, \$900. 129, Two houses one of 6 and one of 4 rooms, on leased lot on Webster near 20th street, \$2,000. 127, Two story house 8 rooms, half lot on Webster near 19th \$2,500. 126, House 3 rooms, lot 20x120 feet on 20th street near Douglas, \$675. 125, One and one-half story house on 12th near Dodge street lot 25x50 feet \$1,200. 124, Large house and full block near Farnham and 18th street, \$3,000. 123, House 6 rooms and large lot on Saunders street near Barracks, \$2,000. 122, House 6 rooms and half lot on Webster near 15th street, \$1,600. 118, House 10 rooms, lot 30x90 feet on Capitol avenue near 23d street, \$2,950. 117, House 3 rooms, lot 30x120 feet, on Capitol avenue near 23d \$1,600. 116, House 3 rooms on Douglas near 26th street, \$750. 115, House 2 rooms, lot 60x99 feet on near Cuming street, \$750. 113, Brick house 11 rooms and half lot on Cass near 14th street, \$3,800. 112, House 4 rooms, cellar, 4 1/2, half lot on Izard street near 16th, \$2,000. 99, Very large house and full lot on Harney near 14th street, \$9,000. 97, Large house of 11 rooms on Sherman avenue near Clark street, make an offer. 96, One and one-half story house 7 rooms 24x40 feet, stable, etc., on Sherman avenue near Grace, \$7,000. 94, Large brick house two lots on Davenport street near 15th \$1,900. 90, One and one-half story house and full lot on Dodge near 18th street, \$7,000. 89, Large house 10 rooms half lot on 20th near Cuming street, \$7,500. 88, Large house 10 rooms 3 rooms 5 acres on Saunders street near Barracks, \$2,000. 85, Two stories and a residence on leased half lot near Mason and 16th street, \$500. 84, Two story house 8 rooms, closets, etc., with a screen of ground, on Saunders street near Barracks, \$2,500. 83, House of 9 rooms, half lot on Capitol avenue near 15th street, \$2,500. 82, One and one-half story house, 6 rooms full lot on Pierce near 26th street, \$1,900. 81, Two 2-story houses, one of 4 and one of 6 rooms, Chicago St., near 12th, \$5,000. 80, House 4 rooms, closets, etc., large lot on 18th street, White Lead works, \$1,950. 77, Large house of 11 rooms, closets, cellar, etc., with 1 1/2 lot on Farnham near 19th street, \$6,500. 76, One one-half story house of 8 rooms, lot 60x82 feet on Cass near 14th street, \$4,500. 75, House 4 rooms and basement, 1/2 lot 16x132 feet on Mary near 8th street, \$675. 74, Large brick house and two full lots on Davenport near 14th street, \$15,000. 73, One and one-half story house and lot 26x132 feet on Jackson near 12th street, \$1,650. 72, Large brick house 11 rooms, full lot on Davenport near 15th street, \$5,500. 71, Large house 12 rooms, full lot on California near 20th street, \$7,000. 66, Stable and 3 full lots on ran in street near Saunders, \$1,000. 64, Two story frame building, store and rooms above, on leased lot on Dodge near 14th street, \$2,000. 63, House 4 rooms, basement, etc., on 33x230 feet on 12th street near Nail Works, \$1,750. 62, New house 4 rooms one story, full lot on 21st street, \$1,500. 60, House of 7 rooms, full lot Webster near 21st street, \$1,750. 61, Large house 10 rooms, full lot on Bur near 21st street, \$5,000. 60, House 3 rooms, half lot on Davenport near 23d street, \$1,000.

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