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The Cameronian idea of independence in politics is independence of every other faction but their own.

OMAHA is the only large city in the United States whose assessment rolls do not show a corresponding increase with the rise of property valuation.

RICKETY balloon framed shells built in the business portion of our city emphasize the necessity of a building law and an inspector of buildings in Omaha.

GOVERNOR KIRKWOOD again announces authoritatively that he is not a candidate for congress. It looks as the people will make him one in spite of his protest.

Of course the state must be redivided, but how to satisfy three hundred candidates with three districts is a problem which has never yet been completely solved.

WHEN it comes to defending home industries Mr. Blaine is a success. The Henrietta mine of which he was a fifth owner has just been sold in London for \$1,500,000.

REPORTS from Winnipeg confirm the stories of destitution among the immigrants who are insanely rushing to a new country which has not the means of supporting a sudden influx of population.

SPREADING about contracts and silent partners, the editor of the Herald has had the floor for some weeks past, the subject being that little monthly diary on the contract for transferring freight at the U. P. transfer.

INVESTIGATION music promises to be annually lively at the present session of the legislature. There is an impression that as Carns has had his dance he may now be called upon to pay the piper.

POLITICS and private business are two very different matters. Silent partnerships in railroad eating houses, suitors and freight transfers are beneath the notice of the great Nebraska sunflower who edits Jay Gould's democratic organ in Omaha.

THERE is at once a quaint humor and a grim truth in the remark of a witty and fighting Irishman to the editor of The Albany Express: "The hamrock, my dear sir, is merely the ace of clubs painted green, and Ireland has been forced to use it for the past seven years."

THE Omaha Herald begs to say that it has made no charges except that a democratic member of the legislature has been awarded a surveying contract in Nebraska. This awful condition of affairs under a republican administration demands prompt investigation.

"AN infuriated mob" is the language used by Governor Nance in his message to characterize the Omaha strikers. The safety of Governor Nance and his staff together with every other citizen of Omaha during the late labor troubles gives the square lie to such a statement.

SINCE the Omaha Herald is howling so loudly for some one to "come into court," a continuance of that little printing steal inquiry, which Dr. Miller's partner skipped to Colorado to escape at the last session, will be in order. Investigation chickens often come home to roost.

SENATOR MITCHELL, who is the acknowledged leader of Pennsylvania Independents, sent a dispatch from Washington disclaiming all approval of the recent convention at Harrisburg which was manipulated by Don Cameron. He claims that the proceedings of the convention "typified the one-man power against which fifty thousand independents protested last fall and which thries that never will be able to have the chance, at the ballot-box."

Harmony in Pennsylvania seems farther off than ever.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Irish assassinations have been the theme of comment at home and abroad during the past week. English sentiment which was beginning to veer rapidly towards Mr. Gladstone's policy of amnesty and conciliation has, as predicted, experienced a remarkable change.

The principal features of the new coercion bill appeared in detail exclusively in THE BEE's telegraph columns of yesterday. They abolish trial by jury in cases of treason, murder and agrarian outrage; power is granted in proclaimed districts to search for suspicious characters, to arrest persons prowling at night, and to arrest persons deemed suspicious by the government.

The viceroy is granted authority to remove foreigners who are considered dangerous to society, to suppress all secret organizations, to dissolve all unlawful meetings, and to throttle newspapers considered seditious. Additional police are empowered to be appointed, the expense to be levied on the districts, and the inhabitants of regions where mainings, outrages and murders are committed will be held pecuniarily responsible for their commission.

There was some expectation that the Scandinavian sympathies of Sweden would enlist her, in case of a continental war, against Germany, as the power which deposed Denmark of Schleswig. Prince Bismarck, it seems, has anticipated this danger, and has secured Sweden as ally by the offer of Finland. This, the finest of the outlying provinces of Sweden, was wrested from Sweden in 1809, after a stout resistance, in which Finns and Swedes co-operated heartily.

The Norwegian government has determined to send an agent to the Sandwich Islands to investigate the condition of the poor devils who were enticed from their native land by the Hawaiian sugar planters, who treat them like slaves and pay them a pittance for their work, which really amounts to less than the obligation incurred by the ex-southern slaveholder, who had to care for his chattels after they became superannuated.

There is no doubt that an investigation made by a Norwegian agent will do much to enlighten the world as to the real condition of the laborers on the sugar plantations of Kalakaua's dominions. It will be more likely to disclose the true state of affairs than a commission invited by the planters, who would be wined and dined by them into oblivion of all that would reflect on the Island. A Norwegian agent will not be apt to overlook the sufferings of his countrymen as an American might if he had his head filled with the idea that it would be a grand thing to annex the Islands to the United States.

Several ingenious attempts to defraud the revenue laws have been discovered at the Hamburg custom house. A short time ago the owner of a small estate near Hamburg dispatched a wooden case containing a plaster cast of the Venus de Medici, four feet high, to Hamburg, with a written request to the authorities that the figure might be exempted from duty inwards and outwards, as it was only forwarded to the city in order to be repaired.

Upon the case being opened the right arm of the Paphian goddess was found to have been broken off near the shoulder; so the cast was "passed" without hesitation, and taken away by the person to whom it had been addressed.

As a proof of the Slavophil and national tendencies now prevailing in the surroundings of the emperor at Gatchina, the Novoe Vremy states that in a short time the ladies of the Imperial court are to dress entirely in Russian costume, discarding European dress altogether, and all the palace-officials, whose office for the past 200 years has been known under German names, will receive purely Russian titles.

The British government have offered a reward of £10,000 for information within three months which will lead to the conviction of the assassins of Cavendish and Burke, and grant pardon to any person but the principals.

FRAUDS IN THE NAVY.

The construction bureau of the navy department is in need of a thorough overhauling. Congress is annually appropriating hundreds of thousands of dollars for maintaining a navy whose only use seems to be to furnish employment to half a dozen navy yards, and to secure sinecures to half a thousand office holders.

A pamphlet recently published in Vienna gives some striking illustrations of the utter lack of honesty that pervades every branch of the Russian administration. In one case a manufactory of arms had to be rebuilt, and the officials entrusted with the undertaking cost \$240,000 rubles, or about \$120,000.

In the stores of the commissariat at Tiflis there were 1,700,000 pounds of spoiled flour that was sealed up by a commission of inquiry as unfit to be used. Notwithstanding this, however, the seals were broken and bread was made of the stuff for the troops, to their injury, but to the profit of some officials.

The progress of British mercantile shipping is on the steady increase. The tonnage of sailing and steam vessels with cargoes and in ballast entered and cleared at the ports in the United Kingdom has risen from 6,496,485 tons in 1840 to 41,543,250 in 1881, the foreign vessels in the same years rising from 2,949,182 tons to 16,406,286 tons.

The ancient custom for the Pope to make presents to distinguished persons during Easter was duly observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent by his Holiness Pope Leo XII. Golden Rose, supreme recognition and reward of virtue, presented to Archbishop Stephanie.

FORESTRY.

A bill has been introduced in congress for the promotion of forestry in the United States and for the protection of rapidly depleted timber lands. There are indications that the national forestry convention recently held in Cincinnati is the beginning of a general movement to the repair of the woodland growth which is so fast disappearing in this country.

The combined effect of accidental fires, clearings, and the wasteful consumption of our forests in the production of lumber, railroad ties, tan bark, fuel and for other purposes, with a total neglect of the means of reproduction, have depleted our resources to a greater extent than is generally recognized.

The statistics of the national census showed that should the destruction of the forests of the United States continue for the next quarter of a century at the same rate as during the last ten years, trees of a spontaneous growth will begin to disappear. The late convention was called to guard against this calamity by devising plans of forest culture and by suggesting necessary protective legislation.

Mr. Dunnell's bill is one of its results. In a number of our western states, notably our own, the interest in tree planting is on the increase. Arbor days are now anniversaries in several states.

In Ohio roadside planting associations are being organized throughout the rural districts, their purpose being to promote the planting of trees along the highways, and in groves where suitable sites can be secured.

But local enterprise cannot take the place of national legislation, and the bill prepared by Mr. Dunnell ought not to obtain prompt recognition from congress as a measure of the highest importance to one of the economic and hygienic interests of the nation.

New York landlords have been taught a lesson which some Omaha property owners will do well to study. An exorbitant rise in rents has resulted in their being more unoccupied houses in the city than for years, and the rapacious landlords are now begging for tenants, holding out a heavy reduction of rents as a bounty.

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