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The scheme to take off all the taxes from tobacco ought to end in smoke.

The question of stock feeding is only second in importance to Nebraska farmers to that of "stock watering."

When THE BEE makes a plea for "cheap gas" it has no intention of laying mains for the circulation of Republican editorials.

KEELOOG, of Louisiana, has been given his certificate, but Count-Em-Out Chalmers is still casting wistful eyes at the other side of the congressional Jordan.

The Republican's rejected bid for state printing was nearly double the amount at which the contract was finally let. The Republican evidently thought that it was figuring on U. P. job work.

J. C. SANTEE, postmaster at Niobrara, indorses Valentine for senator. Santee is in the habit of heisting the name of every congressman for the senatorship. It is purely a matter of postoffice with Santee.

The government is making haste slowly in the second star route trial and every effort to insure a good square jury is being taken. It is safe to say that there will be no \$500 fines without costs in Judge Wylie's court.

The U. P. organs are taking up the question of the value of a franchise. The public would like to be informed of the value of their franchise for the railroad printing.

LONDON has had a \$15,000,000 fire, and Chief Shaw, of the London brigade, who turned up his nose at the American system, has come to the conclusion that the blasted Yankees know something about putting out fires after all.

His Hawaiian majesty, who knows how to get drunk in six different languages, has conferred an order of nobility on Adolina Patti. The telegraph fails to chronicle just where Mr. Nicolini Patti came in at the gift distribution.

DR. HAMILTON has refused to accept the award allowed him by the committee which audited the claims for attendance upon the late president, and has signified his intention of bringing suit against the private estate of Garfield for the full amount of his claim of \$25,000. The historic hag sinks into insignificance compared with Dr. Hamilton.

VALENTINE'S home organ at West Point says: "Valentine is after the Union Pacific railroad with a sharp stick. He introduced a bill on the first day of the session to compel it to pay the cost of surveying, selecting and conveying lands granted to it." "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child." This is the way the congressman elect from the Third district pays the railroad for sending out its glee club during his campaign and continuing their salaries. But the road can stand this base ingratitude. It is not afraid of the consequences.

This story comes from Washington that General John Gibbon, colonel of the Seventh infantry, which has been recently removed from the department of Dakota to the department of the Platte, has just narrowly escaped a court martial. General Gibbon has long held that when the general commanding the department where he was stationed left it, he was entitled to act as commander by virtue of his rank. The war department held otherwise and was fortified by an opinion from the attorney-general. General Gibbon permitted, and when General Terry recently paid a visit to his home in Cincinnati he tried again to exercise his authority. General Sheridan then summarily ordered his regiment over to the department of the Platte and reported to General Sherman that Gibbon ought to be court martialled, in which view Sherman coincided. Secretary Lincoln, however, decided to let General Gibbon off with a warning that he must never occur again. All of which goes to show that even in the army everything is not lovely and serene among those high in command.

radical reduction in taxation, and congress seems disposed to meet the demand. At present the fifty million inhabitants of this country are contributing an average of six or seven dollars each a year to the government, which is some \$100,000,000 annually in excess of what is needed by the national treasury. How to relieve the public of this unnecessary burden is the problem presented to congress.

There are two methods of taxation. One consists in levying customs duties on various articles from abroad which enter into domestic consumption in this country, thus enhancing their price in proportion to the tariff imposed. Indirectly, also, the customs duties increase the price of every article of the same class manufactured at home, because they cut off foreign competition. A tariff is a tax which is necessary just in proportion to the necessities of the treasury, and the protection which it affords to industry through its operation.

Another method of taxation is that which levies imposts on intoxicating liquors and tobacco. These taxes experience has proved do less harm and constitute less burden upon trade and industry than any other taxes known to the science of finance. They are paid more readily and with less grumbling than any other taxes. People would sooner smoke and drink out their taxes than contribute to the government in any other way. The report of the secretary of the treasury shows that the revenue of the government for the last fiscal year was \$403,025,250.28. Of this amount, in round numbers, \$220,500,000 was derived from custom duties, \$140,500,000 from the internal revenue and the remaining \$38,000,000 from miscellaneous sources.

Now, taxation may be reduced in two ways. Congress may order a decrease in the charges of the internal revenue department, or it may make a general reduction in the tariff. The increased demands upon the public treasury from the pension bureau makes it probable that the treasury will not bear a greater reduction in the revenue than seventy millions. Mr. Kelly proposes to reduce this surplus by sweeping away all taxes on tobacco, some \$47,000,000, and takes of in addition the internal revenue on matches, bank deposits and checks and perfume, which will bring the total reduction to \$75,000,000. This scheme, if carried into effect, will, of course, block all plans for tariff reform. And this is exactly Pig Iron Kelly's object.

Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, who perhaps nearly represents public sentiment, presents another method to reduce taxation. He proposes to abolish the internal revenue taxes, amounting to \$28,000,000 on all articles excepting on liquor and tobacco, and to make such a revision of the tariff under the report of the tariff commission, as will decrease the tax from customs by \$42,000,000 additionally. It will readily be seen that Mr. Morrison's plan effects a reduction in the very taxes which bear most heavily upon the people. The tax on matches, bank checks and deposits and drug-gists sundries come directly from the consumers' pockets in the increased prices paid by them for the articles which they purchase. The taxes on iron, steel, wool, sugar and the raw products entering into the manufacture of articles of consumption are also paid directly by the people. The internal revenue taxes, aside from those mentioned above, are on articles of necessity. The tariff taxes are chiefly levied on articles of necessity. Mr. Kelly's plan for tax reduction is drafted in the interest of industrial monopolists. Its object is to deplete the treasury surplus without materially decreasing the burdens of the people. Mr. Morrison's method is in accord with public sentiment, as offering a substantial relief to the public in decreasing by nearly one-fourth the entire burden of taxation under which the nation is now staggering.

PRESERVE THE PARK.
While congress is in the reform mood, it will do well to investigate the leasing of the Yellowstone Park to private parties by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Joslyn. This park was set apart as a national reservation for public use by an act of congress, and the interior department is seriously straining its powers when it permits it to be turned into a bonanza for hotel keepers. Already three lines of railroad are pointing towards the park, the timber is being cut down to erect buildings for the New York syndicate which holds a franchise to erect hotels within its boundaries, and there is every indication that with the rush of pleasure seekers and the inauguration of the various enterprises which are now on foot in the interests of money makers the object for which the park was set aside will be defeated. General Sheridan, who made a visit to the Yellowstone last summer, indignantly protests, in a letter to the secretary of war, against these desecrations of the national park. He charges that under their "claims and conditions will arise that may be hard for the government and the courts to shake off." This is without question true. Once in the hands of jobbers, the character of the

is not necessarily destroyed, and the squatters cannot be dispossessed. Not the least of the dangers connected with this raid is the certain destruction of its features as a great game preserve. The rapid settlement of the country has driven into the park immense herds of deer, mountain sheep and which are now, it appears, being exterminated by hunters. It is stated that within the past six years as many as 4,000 elk have been killed by "skin hunters" in the park, and that during last winter alone as many as 2,000 were slaughtered, besides an immense number of deer and mountain sheep. General Sheridan asks that the park be extended in an easterly direction about forty miles so as to add 3,344 miles to its area and "to make a preserve for the large game of the west, now so rapidly decreasing." He promises, if slaughtering game for their skin in its limits is prohibited by congress to protect the park by a guard of soldiers and guarantees that this picket duty shall be effective.

The Park should be preserved as a national pleasure ground, the most unique and magnificent in the world. It is a paltry policy which would "rent it out" to private parties for the few thousand dollars a year which such leasing would bring into the national treasury. And the people of the country will not permit the wool to be pulled over their eyes by a syndicate who seek to monopolize its advantages to put money into their own pockets at the expense of the best interests of the public.

INFORMATION WANTED
A Washington correspondent to the Chicago Tribune under date of December 5th, says:
General Ben LeFevre, of Ohio, is after the land grant roads which have failed to comply with the terms of their charters. To-day, as an initial move to compel compliance with existing law, he introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on judiciary:
"Resolved, That the secretary of the interior be requested to inform the house whether there has been any attempted consolidation of the Union Pacific railroad company, incorporated by an act of congress approved July 1, 1862, with any railroad company or companies, and if so, by what authority such action has been attempted."
"2. Whether any such consolidation has been approved by any department of the government, or by the government directors of the Union Pacific railroad company."
"3. Whether the law affecting the Union Pacific railroad company has been disregarded by the failure of that company to appoint the government directors in places on the standing special committee, as provided in the acts approved July 1, 1862, and July 2, 1864; and, further, by failing to hold regular meetings of the board of directors, at which the government directors would be advised of the conduct of affairs of the company."
"4. Whether the express command of congress contained in an act approved March 3, 1872, has been defied by the Union Pacific railway company, through an issue of bonds and stock prohibited, except with the assent of congress, and if so, whether the department has taken any action in regard thereto, or whether the government directors have been at any time parties to the approval of any such issue of stock or bonds."
This looks like business. It goes a good deal further than any inquiry made by any congressman west of the Mississippi, where the people have suffered most from the rapacity of the land grant railroads.

Perhaps some of the late government directors in these parts can answer some of Mr. LeFevre's conundrums, Joe Millard, C. C. Housel, George W. Frost, and last but by no means least, Val's galvanizd capper that returned in Bart county, and who doesn't know a rail from a hand saw. On what committee of the regular board have these government asses been acting? Did any or either of them protest against the palpable evasions and violations of the charter? When did they ever stand between the people of the United States, with whose money these roads were built, and the carmen who made the millions.

Incidentally it might also be well for congress to enquire into the bogus land suit of Bill Platt against the Union Pacific whereby millions upon millions of acres of land were decreed to belong to the railroad because they had issued a land bond when the road first was chartered. This jug-handled suit, in which the plaintiff was a railroad agent and the prosecution against the Union Pacific was carried on at their own expense and by one of their own attorneys, was decided by the supreme court on a one-sided plea, adversely to the people through the negligence if not through the criminal collusion of Ex-Army General Devens, who in years gone by had been of good service to the Boston end of the Union Pacific.

OMAHA, St. Joseph and Atchison papers came to us yesterday again thirty hours behind time. There is somebody needed to supervise the mail service.—Kansas City Journal.

The railway mail service from Omaha is beneath criticism. And just as long as our local postal officials are too much occupied to attend to the government business it won't be any better. Time expended in junketting trips to the mountains and spent in attending reunions and clam-bakes must be taken out of that paid for by the public.

On the 3d, while C. G. W. Bennett and wife, of Waterloo, were on a boat on the Platte, looking for ducks, Mrs. Bennett was shot by an accidental discharge of the gun and died the next day. She attempted to shove the gun to her husband who was rowing the boat, and the hammer caught, firing the charge into her right leg. A consultation of physicians resulted in amputating the limb, from the effects of which she died.

of Sidney at this time for the Black Hills and other points in the north.
M. Evans and wife, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, have come to Hamilton county, where they have relatives, to reside. Their child, a grandchild and great-grandchild number 130.
A two year old child of Andy McConaghy, of Aurora, was playfully switching the legs of a cat on the 1st, when the animal kicked it, fracturing the skull and producing a concussion of the brain.
There will be a reunion of the old settlers of Franklin county at Bloomington on the 15th instant. A dinner will be served in the court house and other features will make up a programme.
The state superintendent proposes holding three conventions of county superintendents, one for each congressional district, at Norfolk, December 23rd; at Hastings, December 25th; and at Lincoln early in January.
Charlie Waterman, aged 17, was trying to pen an unruly cow the day before Thanksgiving when the animal turned suddenly and knocked his horse down, the young man falling beneath and receiving injuries that subsequently caused his death.
Freight thieves have for several months worked on, & M. care at Red Cloud, thereby annoying the officials. On the 21st, June Bent, an employe, was arrested on the charge of theft and has since given information that will lead to the arrest of the whole gang.
A sad case was brought to light at Seward a few days ago. A young woman, deserted by her husband and about to become a mother, was driven from the house by her parents and sought shelter in a little hotel where, unattended, she gave birth to a child.
A young man from Boston had a novel snipe hunt at Sidney last week. Two or three citizens posted him on a bridge, with instructions to hold an open sack while the snipe into it. The sucker held the sack till he dropped to the racket and then went to town without any game.
Robert Kahn, a Swede, 24 years old, committed suicide at Colorado Junction last Thursday by hanging himself to a gate post with a silk handkerchief. He had been a section hand on the Colorado short line and was discharged. This fact was wrought on his mind that he took his own life.
Ollie C. Lee, of Jasper county, and Miss Lizzie Phelps, of Frontier county, went to Plum Creek last week to get married. The license was procured, but before the marriage took place the prospective bridegroom claimed to have lost \$200, which he gave as an excuse for backing out. The lady journeyed home alone.
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Diphtheria is raging in Central City. Fremont is to have another national bank.
A good hotel at Vesta would make money.
Falls City is going to have amateur dramatics.
The assessed valuation of Dodge county is \$2,449,164.
Judge Gaslin divorced ten couple one day recently.
Grand Island wants a government post-office building.
A Missale lodge was organized at Stella on the 31st ult.
The Central City militia has done their new uniform.
A union Sunday school was organized at Brook last Sunday.
The new mill at Grand Island started up the first of the week.
The old postoffice outfit at Fremont has been moved to Wahoo.
A North Platte hunting party returned last week with 33 deer.
The Ashland Episcopal church has indulged in a new carpet.
District No. 19, Harlan county, is building a new school house.
A car load of two of broom corn is being shipped from Alma daily.
Carpenters have begun work on the new Methodist church at Stella.
Government work on the river at Plattsmouth has stopped till spring.
A \$5,000 brick church will be built at Blue Springs by the Methodists.
January 1st is the day set for dedicating the York Congregational church.
The First National of Norfolk is to put up a bank building in the spring.
The Baptists and Congregationalists of Wilber have secured new pastors.
North Auburn's new hotel, the Talmage, will soon be opened. It cost \$6,000.
The Antelope county bar will hold its annual banquet on the 15th at Neligh.
Addison is moving to secure the erection of a new school house in the spring.
The Grand Army boys of Fremont will dedicate their new hall New Year's eve. When it is completed Shelton will have one of the finest frame school houses in the state.
The State bank of Red Cloud is erecting a massive building. Others are contemplated.
A public meeting was held at Madison on Saturday night to consider the creamery question.
Blue Springs is trying to organize a reading society for mutual pleasure and improvement.
The Catholic church at Greenwood is about finished, and will be consecrated in a few weeks.
A great amount of Nebraska corn is classed as "rejected" in Chicago, because it is too soft.
Mechanics are at work on the Presbyterian church at Auburn. It will cost about \$1,400.
Frank Taylor, of Zovon, Sherman county, recently killed seven geese of a flock of ten in one day.
A recent train that left Wymore was composed of 45 cars of wheat, drawn by two locomotives.
Wm. Bangers, of Crete, froze all the fingers of his left hand and two of his right last Wednesday.
The Presbyterians of Sterling realized \$80 on Thanksgiving dinners and bought an organ with it.
The Catholics of Cambridge have decided to build a church and will canvass immediately for aid.
The Baptist church at Fairbury, having been neglected and improved greatly, was rededicated on the 3d.
Mr. T. C. Patterson, of North Platte, has offered a prize of \$10 for the best article on Lincoln county.
A large number of business houses and dwellings have been built in North Auburn in the past few months.
The pulpit of the Tecumseh Universalist church will be presented by James A. Barr, of Jerseyville, Ill.
Occalla shows a commendable public spirit in the matter of Hivewalks, which are beginning to appear.
Philip Young, of Brock, an old settler of Nebraska county, was thrown from his buggy on the 1st and killed.
The Richardson county court house at Falls City has been repaired to a great extent and new furnishings put in.
The winter bridge between Covington and Sioux City is completed, and Omaha & St. Paul trains now run across.
The Presbyterians of Okadale have made arrangements to erect a church right away, if the weather will permit.
King McPherson's buggy was overturned at Red Cloud on the 3d inst., and one of his legs broken in two places.
A thief recently raided the school house in Webster precinct, Clay county, and carried off nearly all the movable furniture.
Chicken thieves are troubling O'Neill City. The villains do not confine themselves to chickens, but take turkeys and coal.
W. G. Sager, of Fillmore county, made five pigs, eight months old, average 325 pounds. He fed them on ground feed and slop.
Sylvester Beers' boy, up in Custer county, set out a prairie fire on the 1st and burned up his father's barn and ten tons of hay.
Mrs. Hans Lamp, of Richland, Washington county, was thrown from a wagon on the 3d inst. and had a couple of ribs broken.
The M. P. track has been built to Papillon, and the town of House (the old junction with the U. P.) torn down and obliterated.
One of the members of the Mason family at Stella that were stricken with trichinosis, has died, and three others are at the point of death.
William Small, a York boy, won first honors in a forest contest between Kansas college and Lombard university at Galesburg, Ill., recently.
Three men were arrested at Hastings on the 5th by a deputy United States marshal for selling cigars without a license at a picnic three years ago.
Pete Baranover, while feeding a job press in the Humboldt Sentinel office, on the 2d, had one hand caught and every finger thereon was broken.
The first of last week was good for hogs at Blair, and up to Wednesday no the buyers had paid out over \$10,000 for them. One lot of 170 brought \$3,200.
Somebody in Seward is killing dogs and skinning them for the hides, as several carcasses have been found. A number of valuable animals, however, have gone this way, hence there is a fuss made.
Charles Stach, an old man recently from Germany, was found dead in a hog lot in Hamilton county on the 4th. A coroner's jury decided he died from an unknown cause.
The new chandelier for representative hall in the capitol has a spread of seven feet and contains 60 burners. It came from New York, and was put up on Thursday.
Jakey Leininger, a 14 year old boy at Loup City, found himself the bottom of a pile, the top of which was a mule, and one of Jakey's legs was broken. Jakey was breaking the Sabbath.
An old man named Fletcher was robbed of \$150 while driving to Creighton last week. Two boys named Marsh are suspected and

PERSONAL
Ed Tiermon, of St. Louis, is in town.
W. B. Loring left for the east yesterday.
Mrs. De Russell, of Denver, is at the Paxton.
Hon. Theron Nye, of Fremont, is at the Millard.
Col. Frank P. Ireland was in the city yesterday.
John McCrary left for Ogden, Utah, yesterday.
C. A. Dodge, of Yankton, Dakota, is at the Paxton.
Geo. M. Bacon, of Chicago, is a guest of the Millard.
Jay Norton and his wife left for Chicago last evening.
Mrs. J. H. Nelson, of Denver, is at the Metropolitan.
H. E. Barber, of Moline, Ill., is at the Metropolitan.
Harry Hall, the popular railroad man, is at home again.
Manager Jack Nugent has returned from Kansas City.
E. W. Howe, wife and son, of Atchison, are at the Paxton.
M. C. Keith, of North Platte, was in the city yesterday.
J. Silverstein, of St. Joe, registered at the Metropolitan Sunday.
A. H. Baker, of the Rock Creek eating house, came in from the west yesterday.
E. E. Coventry and wife, of New York City, registered at the Millard yesterday.
M. Sachs, the western representative of Stubbendorf & Co., is at home for the holidays.
Harry N. Showell, cashier of the Nebraska City bank, was in Omaha over Sunday.
Mr. J. H. McAlvin, of the U. P. land department, returned yesterday from Granger, Wyo.
Judge E. S. Dundy left for Topeka Saturday evening to take the place, temporarily, of Judge Foster.
A. F. Flicking and lady, and George Spangler and lady, of Council Bluffs, died at the Paxton yesterday.
Sam J. Gorman, H. Deitrick, and Tom E. Fitzgerald, of Salt Lake City, registered at the Paxton last evening.
Joseph J. Faerth, Fremont; Mason Gregg, Red Cloud, and E. F. Warren, of Nebraska City, are guests of the Paxton.
J. D. Stine, Factoryville; C. S. Potter, Lincoln; L. M. Brewer, Bloomington, are among the Nebraskans at the Metropolitan.
Mrs. Edwin Bartlett, mother of Hon. E. M. Bartlett, of this city, who has been visiting her son, left yesterday for her home at Monroe, Wis.
Miss Antoinette Ogden, sister of our well known fellow citizen, Hon. Charles Ogden, left for her home in the Sunny South yesterday, after an extended visit in this city.
Mrs. M. Wynne, of Golden, Colorado, (formerly Fannie Whipple, teacher at Brownell hall), is visiting friends in this city, and is the guest of Mrs. and Mr. D. B. Sargent.
Frank Farrell, business manager of the Madison Square Theater company, which appears at Boyd's next Saturday night with W. H. Gillette as "The Professor," is at the Paxton.

Good Babies.
To a jolly day from East and West, For children thrive and mother's rest, The darling girl all round Victoria, And with a smile says, they have Castoria. It is a fact, there is no "may be." A mother's milk can't save the baby; While sweet CASTORIA digests their food, Gives them health and makes them good.