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party is holding a protracted wake in pre emption laws was to reserve the with a large majority of their conera is very alim.

CONGRESSMAN BELFORD, better Colorado, expects to be struck by lightening on the senatorial race track.

Sr. Louis is repaying her principal granite. This goes to show that St. Louis is profiting by her costly ex perience.

THERE is a terrible row in dramatic circles of New York over an incident in the play of "Forbidden Fruit-" Playing forbidden fruit is always an extra hazardous incident.

THE American hog is creating good deal of trouble on the other side of the water just now; but then the American hog has always been a privileged character.

SENATOR SAUNDERS has introduced a bill for the admission of Utah as a state-by request. The bill will be embalmed and buried in the pigeon holes of the committee on territories.

CONGRESS is making another liberal appropriation for the poor Indian, and we may soon hear of a renewed effort on behalf of the Poncas and Choctaws or some other tribs by some noble-hearted and disinterested champlon of the race. Where is Tibb es ?

THERE is now a trial in progress at Columbus, Ohio, which cannot fail to have a very salutary effect. William A. Wright, a member of the logislature from Hocking county, is being tried upon the charge of soliciting a bribe. The testimony so far taken shows that Wright was inclined to be on the make.

REPEALING THE PRE-EMP-TION LAWS. Congress is wrestling with the problem of preserving the public lands for the use of actual settlers. During the past fifteen years a vast empire has been given to great corporations as a subsidy for constructing railroads

across the continent. The area of public lands subject to homestead entry is growing less every year and the problem presents itself how to

public domain. A bill introduced cut-throat will promise to behave him-

present pre-emption laws and amend the homestead laws with a view to the

committee on public lands have direc ted their chairman to report favorably

upon this measure. To justify this radical change the committee have

homestead act left little use for the known as the red headed rooster from pre-emption law as those who desire of reasons, and at the same time be-

law. The pre-emption act as a rule streets in the business centre with has of late "been used only to be been committed under this law in

traffic in pre-emptions. Mon are em-

and contracts are made to transfer the land so acquired the moment the title vests in them. Instead of reserving the lands for actual settlers, the preemption laws have opened a vast field for dishonest speculators who are

willing to become parties to perjury and fraud. This state of things has reached such alarming proportions that very few bons fide settlers can now acquire land for a home without paying a good round sum to the specu-

> time in which homestead claimants can and that we cannot do. commute payment should be extended from six months to two years and a half. The proposed re-

peal of the pre-emption laws and the amendment of the homestead act has been repeatedly urged by the McFarland calls attention to the existing abuses in the land system, and the

longer brook the insolent domineering of these monopoly apologists. - Colum bus Journal

THE Great Father will be walted on in a day or two at the White House by Red Cloud, who is said to have gone to Washington at the expense of Agent McGillicuddy. If the Great Father will only kill the fatted calf and provide Red Cloud with a liberal

Legislative Caucus.

York Tribune (dep.

Just now we would say a word to our members-sleet to the next legislasolution of the problem. The house ture, and have them canvas the matter thoughtfully. It is about entering the republican caucus before the time comes for them to decide whether or not they be hedged in and governed by any caucus or not. The given their views in an elaborate Tribune is of the opinion that it will statement. The design of the original be much better, and in conformity

St. Louis. The attendance of mournal settlers. The effect of this law has U. S. senator, and we advise them been beneficient. The passage of the not to be hampered by caucus dicta-

We have, what seems to us, the best in good faith to establish homes on lieve it advantageous to our legisla-

the public lands can do so to much tors to stay out of the caucus. better advantage under the homestead not only for the caucus to say which one of the many republicans of the state shall receive the support of the republican members of the legislaabused." Most extensive frauds have ture. One reason why we advise them not to go into the caucus is: If many sections of the country. In near- you go in you must first promise to vote for the man for United States ly every town where a land office is lo- senator who shall be chosen by a macated a gang of land sharks jority of the caucus. After looking are driving a lucrative business in the over the field since election it is our opinion that a majority of the republicans elected are apt to put ployed and paid so much per quarter in nomination a railroad man, and section to make pre-emption locations our members should remain free to

oppose the election of such an one This state demands ananti-monopolist for United States senator. The people want that kind of a man, and they will have one of that kind; and for the good of their constituents, and for their own future good, our mem-bers will do well to steer will do well clear of the state political machine which has been running the party so long, and which came so near defeat. ing it at the late election by running men who are not, nor never were in sympathy with the masses.

We repeat. do not bind yourselves lators. To prevent the consumma. to vote for a machine man. This ex tion of the same class of fraud now pression of our opinion may not, and no doubt will not meet the approving practiced under the pre-emption laws, nod of some of our friends, but there the committee recommend that the is no help for that but to remain quiet,

Keep out of the caucua!

## Iron-plated Millionaires The New Yank Journal.

A morning paper said yesterday that "Mr. Jay Gould when he rides down town has an armed man beside commissioner of the general land of- him. Mr. Vanderbilt the same, and fice. In his last report Commissioner the Stewart marble mansion is always under the eyes of detectives." If this be true it is a curlous com-

## THE U.S SENATORAHIP.

Now, By St. George. Valentine's Hour Org

"Now, by St. George, the fight goes Valentine for the bravely on United States senate, that's the ticket, Better material for a United States Senator is not to be found in Nebrasthe government to give his version of ka than E K. Valentine. It was the the difficulty between himself and general opinion of Mr. Valentine's friends during the campaign that the vile abuse that was heaped upon him would react in his favor and perhaps be the means of causing a republican neers who desire to scille on the supply of fire water the old Ogalialia logislature electing him senator. The more commendable act than to bestow this honor opon E K. Valentine, who has been and will continue to be a conscientious, a painstaking, and most efficient public servant. The more

we think about it the more are we that convinced that "Val" ought to be self. known in Washington and elsewhere after next March as Senator Valentine. Pass it around; Valentine for the sonate.

The Anti-Monopoly Choice. chuyler Suo

General Connor, of Kearney, will doubtless be the anti-monopoly candidate for United States senator. If the anti-monopoly members of the legislature can be united on him, he can either be elected or his friends dictate who shall be Saunders' suc-COSBOT.

A Boom for Nance. vracuse Journal.

We nominate his excellency Goyernor Nance as a suitable candidate for senatorial honors at the hands of the Nebraska legislature. A young man in the prime of life and vigor of manhood, one that has been tried in various places of trust and never found wanting-a gentleman in every sense of that word-broad in culture, strong in intellect-he would prove himself beyond a doubt equal to any emergency he might encounter in the senate chamber and would reflect an honor to Nebrasks of which any state might well be proud.

Connor or Stickles Ararahoe P.onter.

Gen. A. H. Connor, of Kearney, is being very favorably spoken of by anti-monopoly republicans in connec-tion with the United States sonatorship to succeed Saunders. Capt. J. H. Stickles, of Thayer county, Nebraska's farmer orator, also looms up as a possible candidate. Both are men of whom Nebraska might feel proud to have as her representative in the national legislative halls at Washington, and if either are successful much good may reasonably be expected through the united efforts of Senator Van Wyck and the senator soon to be chosen in the correction of the many evils which have been treated so lightly by our former roresentatives.

Paddock For Hver. Beatrice Express.

As for The Express, it is for Padlock until the final ballot is taken. We have been there before and "stayed;" but be that as it may, we are not against any republican further than he might say, "he who is not for me is against me.

Not For David,

good. Half a dozen postmasters means by which settlers could acquire gain. What then are they afraid of David Butler is a man through

## PERSONAL ITIES.

Grover Cleveland writes a poorer hand than Horace Greeley ever did. Mr. Bill Nye, of the Laramie Boom-trang, speaks of Eider Cannon as a four-oly pater-familias.

Anna Dickinson says she is not going to retire from the stage. It will be remem-Rufus Hatch is solemnly condemned by ne bull in the city as the greatest blather-

skite in the market, -- Cinconnati Ecquirer. The fact that Beecher has a red face, white hair and a blue eye is considered by The Courier Journal as a great compliment to the stars and stripes.

Lieut. Wissman, a German explorer, has just finished a walk scross Africa. The nature of his trouble with Mrs. Wissman before starting is not known.

Senator Mahone's dosk is decorated with A handsome bouquet about every day. Mahone labors under the impression that he is a very fair sort of daisy him-

Miss Chamberlain, an American beauty who has attracted great attention in Eu-rope, is said to have captivated Sir Henry Maisy Thompson, with an income of £20,-000 per year.

A newspaper having stated that Freddy Gebhardt was a bigger man than old Grant, the Buffalo Express says the real question is whether he is a bigger man than old Langtry.

Boston's opinion of the Jersey Lily is summed up in this sentence. "Her beauty is chiefly beauty of outline, which is most apparent while she is in repose." Is this a possible suggestion that Mirs. Langtry would appear to better advantage as a dummy than as an actress?

A dispatch from New York says that "Mr. Joe Coburn has not yet decided whether he will appear at a public enter-tainment." The last public entertainment at which Mr. Coburn appeared was on the occasion of his being sont to the peniten-tiary for fourteen years.

The two-headed monstrosity known as Millie Christine has brought a libel suit at Fort Wayne against the business depart-ment of Adam Forepaugh's circus. The allegation is that when Millie was exhibit-ing herself there the Forepaugh people dis-tributed handbills calling her a "revolting and herid mentreality " and horrid monstrosity.

Henry Cary, the Milwaukee young man who left town suddenly with a shortage of about \$1,000 in his accounts, has returned, and a dispatch says that "great sympathy is felt for him." It is cortainly haid on an able-bodied young man to be able to get away with only a thousand dollars.

Away with only a thousand donars. King Kalakaus, of the Hawaiian Islands, celebrated his birthday with great cere-mony November 16. The festival contin-ued three days. It is estimated by expe-rienced birthday celebrants in this coun-try that nearly a week must have elapsed before the king was able to put on his hat without using a shoe-horn.

Sarah Stokes, lately tried at Little Rock for a homicide, is a professional beauty. She told a reporter who viewed her in her cell that she was not looking her best, as trouble had injured her complexion and "expression of girlish sweetness;" but yet she impressed him as almost perfect, and he has no doubt that she is, as she claims, the most beautiful woman in Arkansas. P. T. Barnum was liberated from the Danbury, Conn., jail fifty years ago, and the other day the semi-centenial of the occurrence was duly celebrated at Bridge-port. His imprisonment was for an al-leged libel published in a local newspaper. At the celebration Mr. Barnum delivered an address on the "Freedom of the Press," an address on the "Freedom of the Free," speaking in the same court house where he had received his santence. After the speech a cannon was fired, and the veteran was toasted at a public dinner.

Joe Howard writes of Gen. Grant: "Rich Joe Howard writes of Gen. Grant: "Rich now beyond the dream of his most ambi-tious fancies, largely interested in affairs of moment, in daily contact and nightly intercourse with men of talent and finan-cial brain, he finds it necessary to couform himself more to the dictates of customary mine. He means a bick silk hat fashing tried upon the charge of soliciting a binses in the land system, and the bribs. The testimony so far taken shows that Wright was inclined to be on the make. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Half a dozen postmasters and mail contractors from Oregon and contractors from Oregon and mail contractors from Oregon and the contractors from Oregon and the target of the contractor or the oregon and the target of the contractor or the contractor o for miles. Now, as I have said, it is rare that his countenance attracts the eye of "as who knows him." BDISONS MONOTRIC LIGHT.





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and mail contractors from Oregon and Washington Territory are on their policy of congress maintained for way to Washington to tentify in the Star Route cases. They have been cash sales, with a view to their occathere twice before on the same errandbut they are not adverse to the trip. as they get \$100 a piece for mileage, besides their expenses.

enough bills for the civil service reform. The senate has the bill by Mr. Eaton, called the Pendleton bill, and supplemental legislation having placed that of Mr. Dawes. The house has homestead parties on an equal footany satisfactory way.

WHEN the tariff commission sublaws also the homestead party may pura general impression that the reducchase the land entered by him within tions which they recommend in the the same time upon the same terms and tariff on various articles would be by the same proofs as in the pre-emption made during the present session. cases. There is, therefore, no practical necessity for continuing the double Since the committee of ways and system in operation. A repeal of the pre-emption law would simplify the means has began to tinker with the report of the commission it is becompublic business and be in the interest ing more doubtful every day whether of public economy and good adminis-tration, A repeal would, moreover, remove one of the causes of frauds in congress can agree upon any bill which the committee may report. The land entries which have approached great magnitude. The correspond-ence of this office and reports from trouble is that nearly every interest involved has its lobbyist on the ground and they are getting their work in officers and special agents indicate that a material proportion of the prewherever they can. It is but natural emption entries now made are frauduthat an expert in any particular line lent in character, being chiefly placed of business can make a plausible plea upon valuable timber or mineral lands against any material change in his or water rights, and made in the interline. These influences are likely to est and by the procurement of others, and not for the purpose of residence and improvement by the professed create confusion and prevent the passage of any general tariff bill this pre-emptor. session.

EVERY few months we hear of some meet the case, there is every prosgreat invention that is to chespon telepect now that the pre-emption laws graphy wondorfully and will revolutionize the whole system of communication. The very latest is the scheme land, except by parties who desire that will reproduce the handwriting to locate permanently and improve the of the sender without the aid of skilled soil, will be prohibited. operators. This we are assured will

be the most perfect telegraph in the MR. M. K. TURNER administers the world. Pictures, music and scrawls in following dose of allopathic medicine the style of Uncle Spinner may be sent by the same device. This marvel of to the Omaha and Lincoln cranks who electric telegraphy is said to be under turn the railroad organs;

control of a company with twenty-one million dollars capital, and whose stock is owned by leading business men and politicians of great influence. There appears to be almost too much course any man who presumes to think and act politically otherwise than these monopoly organic tools would have him, is a "conundrum," etc., have him, is a section of the agreet of the section of the s promise in this marvelous euterprise. The people will have to possess their souls in patience and wait what comes of it.

precautions. We can see no possibl many years has been to withhold the explanation of their course except in people L. reve themselves to have York Times. pation by actual settlers, and to prebeen wronged-perhaps ruinedvent the appropriation of large bodies by individuals for speculative purposes. The pre-emption system was designed to enable actual settlers to establish

a curiously lamentable, but inevitable do it, but the spirits do not always BEFORE congress gets through its present session it will have more than with the passage of the homestead With the passage of the homestead bills detectives in their hallways, and who to one. Men who live in iron-plated come. act, however, the pre-emption law bedare not ride out without being accome of less importance and recent companied, like a European despot, by an armed defender, unconsciously acknowledge that in some way their ing in all respects with pre-emptors lives and labors beset them with one by Mr. Kasson, and one by Mr. ing in all respects with pre-emption deadly enemies. That the accumula-the special utility of the pre-emption deadly enemies. That the accumula-are figuring. Ex-Governor Butler is a pronounced candidate, and as the have several others. None of these ment on the public lands has wholly not make a man unpopular, we fortu-seems to us to solve the problem in ceased. Any person who could make nately have ample proofs. We have credit him with a liberal following. not make a man unpopular, we fortuyet to hear that Peter Cooper wears a a pre-emption entry can make a home-

stead entry. Any land that can be coat of mail under his dress suit, that entered under the pre-emption laws Mr. Sam Ward has a detective at his can also be entered under the home- excellent dinner parties, or that Mr. mitted its report to congress there was stead laws. Under the homestead James G. Bennett, Jr., requires a military escort when he goes to The

Herald office.

Freight Discrimination. Boston Hers'd

The suit of the Erie and New England Express company vs. the American Express company, now pending in the superior court for Saffolk county, and which will soon be tried, will raise an interesting question of international and constitutional law. This is one of the suits among others, brought by the plaintiff company under the laws of the common wealth prohibiting freight discrimination among common carriers. The Erie company, in its declaration, sets forth that on March 7 last the company offered to the defendant a parcel directed to A. S. Simpson, Ely, Vt., endering to the American company at the same time the express charges, but that the defendant company re-fused to transport the merchandise

In view of the fact that the com- so offered. The Erie company mittee has prepared a bill that will claims that by this act of refusal the American company made itself liable to pay not less than \$50 nor more than \$500-the penalty provided will be repealed before congress ad- in the law governing this class of acjourns, and the acquisition of public tions. The defendants will set up in cefense, among other things, that the legislature of Massachusetts can only make laws that can be exercised with-

any law of the commonwealth that prescribes upon what terms or conditions a common carrier shall transport merchandise to Vermont or New Hampshire is unconstitutional and This same point will probably void." soon be raised in a suit against a large The Omaha Republican, too, along with the Lincoln Journal goes into political jim-jams on the thought of Senator Van Wyck, whom they can acarcely mention in a decent way. Of claim that they have a state of this broad union. claim that they have a right to receive or Millard or Valentine. course any man who presumes to think or refuse merchandise without pre-

etc. There are getting to be a great whom they discriminate in this partoo cheap.

oly blood.

The West Point Republican nomiby these men, and the fear nates Valentine for the United States that some of them may at any moment rashly attempt to retaliato with por-States senators is like calling "spirits sonal violence. Such a conclusion is from the varty deep." Anybody can

> A Year for Butlers. lags County Democrat

The question of who is to be the next United States senator from Nebraska now furnishes the conundrum upon which political mathematicians

> The Old War Horse-Frand Island Times.

Our fellow townsman, Gen. Taylor, is favorably menticned by many newspapers and leading republicans of the state for the succession of Alvin Saunders in the U. S. senate. The distinguished gentleman is a part of the history of Nebraska, and his name is as familiar to the people of the state as that of any other citizen. Indeed, it may be said without exag-

geration, that there is hardly a namo better known to the masses of the people of the state or more highly repected than that of Gen, John M. Thayer.

Joseph or Andrew. Hastings Gazette-Jourcal.

Joe Millard or A. J. Poppleton will probably be the railroad candi-date for United States senator from Nebrasks, and will receive the support of the monopoly members of the legislature, whether they be republican or democrat In name. What a man's party has been and nominally is to-day, does not cut much of figure when the bosses issue their orders.

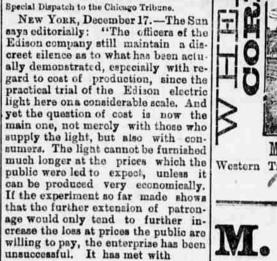
Saunders, Millard or Valentine. North Bend Flail.

In every great controversy, and on every material question Saunders manages to turn up on the right side. Van Wyck is, as the world goes, probably a smarter man. He is capable of in the jurisdiction of the state; that saying a great deal more in the same space of time, and saying it more according to the rules of diction and elocution, but when he comes to act he is fickle and unreliable, while Nebraska's war governor is staunch as a wheel horse and as certain as grim death. We have no special choice,

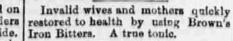
Souls With But a single Thought. Cleveland Leader. Once more the brewers and the pro hibitionists agree. Both think beer is

Give us Saunders,

It is a Fallure so Far Its Cost is Con cerned.



A PRACTICAL FAILURE. There are, besides, grave mechanical difficulties to be surmounted. These relate to the maintenance of the cur rent and to the continuity and uni formity of the electrical supply, and we get hints that they have not been overcome. The officers of the Edison company themselves, however, are as chary of definite information concerning these mechanical obstacles to success as they are about the cost of production. The indications are that the company is running against snags, and that there is not much chance of ever realizing the sanguine hopes of those who expected great things from it, either as stockholders or consumers. We should not be surprised to hear as much as that generally acknowledged before long. Indeed, it would not be wonderful if the failure of the experiment was soon granted, at least so far as the ability to supply the light continuously and with uniformity over a large district for domestic purposes at heap price is concerned."



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