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MEMPHIS has closed all its gambling houses under a law making gambling a felony.

So far as predictions and observations in the west are concerned, the signal service seems to be a signal failure.

A FREE trade in spoils with offices for revenue only, is a plank upon which all factions of the democracy can agree.

MR. FARNELL is opposed to Irish emigration, but evicted Irishmen keep coming to America by hundreds and thousands.

THE Venezuela cow tree yields a liquid with the flavor of cream. Omaha milkmen should at once set out a few thousand.

THE storm has temporarily delayed paving, but paving will permanently stop damages to our streets like those committed by the late storms.

MR. VANDERBILT drew a million out of the Chemical bank on the day of his departure for Europe and the Paris peddlers of chromos are anxiously awaiting his arrival.

LIGHTNING struck the Standard Oil works at Jersey City and destroyed a million dollars worth of property. The company will make it up in their next year's rebates from the railroads.

Now that the supreme court has decided that states have the power to fix freight and passenger charges on the railroads we shall hear less of the vested rights of the companies to extortion at the pleasure of their managers.

The only influx of capital in Ireland about the present time seems to be capital punishment. Timothy Kelly on his third trial has been convicted and will hang with the rest of the Phoenix Park assassins.

THERE is great commotion among the men with wrought iron check in Germany. Bismarck's latest scheme seems to be to crush out the insurance companies in Germany so as to give the government the insurance business.

In the recent division of spoils by the Nebraska delegation, Senator Van Wyck secured the appointment of a whisky granger for Datus Brooks, who is presumed to represent the anti-monopoly element of the republican party.

TALKING in Boston last week, Anthony Comstock declared that at a recent trial in the United States circuit court, "the court was turned into a free love meeting." Mr. Comstock is a reformer who frequently permits his bile to get the better of his brains.

The Republican is of the profound opinion that THE BEE has aggravated its libel against Mr. Reia. No doubt it is very aggravating to Mr. Reia to discover that THE BEE didn't swoon when it heard of his \$10,000 libel suit and the phalanx of lawyers who retained themselves to prosecute it.

A FEW more speeches by Roscoe Conkling would restore harmony in New York. There would only be one faction and Mr. Conkling could devote his attention to his law practice. The 213,000 republican voters in New York state last fall knew the difference between a "boss" and a leader in spite of Mr. Conkling's declaration that no such distinction exists.

DURING last month New York city had 159 fires where \$10,000 or more was destroyed. The aggregate losses foot up nearly five millions and a half or about \$34,000 as the average destruction by each fire. In addition to these the aggregate loss by smaller fires is estimated at \$1,000,000. Thus we have \$6,500,000 as the month's contribution toward the annihilation of individual and national wealth through this one means. With absolute loss of national wealth amounting nearly one hundred million dollars a year from this cause, it is strange that better methods of building and more conservative plans of insurance make their way so slowly.

CROP PROSPECTS.

There are always two extreme parties whose estimates of the growing crops must be taken with a great deal of allowance. These are the bulls and the bears on the Chicago board of trade. The first are interested in predicting a failure of the crops in order to raise prices, the latter in overestimating the future product, with a view of depressing present quotations. The truth will generally be found to lie between these two extremes. From the best sources of information there is every reason to believe that we shall have a good average crop this fall, although compared with last year's crop there will be somewhat of a falling off. The average condition of the winter wheat crop is said to compare with last years as follows: Ohio, 65; Indiana, 70; Illinois, 65; Missouri, 80; Kansas, 70; Michigan, 90; Kentucky, 75; Tennessee, 90; West Virginia, 80. These figures indicate an aggregate possible yield of a hundred and ninety-four million bushels, against two hundred and sixty-six millions, three hundred and ninety-six thousand. Taking into the estimate the Pacific slope and the middle and southern states, there is a probability that this year's crop of winter wheat will be eighty-four millions and a half bushels less than last year.

The advices from spring wheat are not so full but a slight falling off in condition is noted with a somewhat increased acreage. Estimates place the deficiency at some eight million bushels but the statistics may be greatly changed by future reports. Corn is late in planting but a largely increased acreage is everywhere reported and with average weather there will be an immense crop.

ATTACKING THE SEWERS.

The premature attempt to improve the natural sewer to carry off the storm-water of North Omaha creek, and also certain pieces and parcels of personal real estate, has turned out to be a somewhat damaging experiment. Judge Hascall's South Omaha sewers stand the racket very well in the comparison. -Herald.

The experiment of putting anything to a use for which it was not intended is always risky. The sewer in North Omaha will be large enough and strong enough for every emergency when it is completed and the old creek is filled up as intended. Any half finished job is subject to damages from unforeseen emergencies like the storm of Monday, and no precautions in the present state of the old creek bed would have prevented the overflow. Under the circumstances the sewer did remarkably well. It carried off more water than Mr. Phillips designed and in addition took a large amount of surplus drainage which ought to have found its way into the earth and along the streets, so it will do when the creek bed is put into condition. The damage done to the Woodman oil mill was largely if not entirely owing to carelessness on the part of its builders. They had been repeatedly warned that there was danger in case of an extraordinary rainfall. In spite of the warnings they neglected to keep their overflow pipe open and permitted stagnant water to back itself up to the depth of twelve feet adjoining their property. When the heavy rain came of course the wall of earth gave way.

The storm water sewers in the north and south sides of town are sufficiently large to do their work just as soon as they are completed. There is no theory about the matter. It is a simple question of experience. But during such rare occasions as that on Monday evening, when the rain fell in torrents for hours at a time, the streets and gutters must be expected to do their share of the work, as they do in every other city. Nothing but a gigantic tunnel could drain 4,100 acres under such circumstances unless aided by other resources. What the council ought to do at once is to order the filling in of the creeks where they are crossed by the streets. When that is done private property owners should be compelled to have their lots brought up to grade. That will effectually prevent any more such strains on the sewer as the one to which we have been referring. It will also close the mouths of the chronic grumblers who are anxious to find a chance to run down Omaha and decry all public improvements.

Senator Manderson should take warning from the example of Senator Harrison who is rapidly losing cast as a public man by his never-ending greed as a spoilsman. Get all the offices you can for your friends, general, but keep your right hand under cover unless you expect the horrors of a riotous re-entment long before that long term in the senate expires. -Herald.

The Herald must have forgotten General Manderson's speech of acceptance at Lincoln, in which he laid down his views upon the patronage question in the following language: "I believe there is something higher and nobler in the position of a senator of the United States than that of the simple medium through which the patronage of this government shall be dispensed. I certainly do not desire that this high office should become a mere broker shop for the distribution of offices. I see something higher than that and I will set my aim

higher." There certainly has been a considerable amount of patronage dispensing by removals since that memorable speech but Senator Manderson must be entirely guiltless of the charge or else he has 'set his aim' lower than he first intended.

OMAHA needs an ordinance providing for the width of three on trucks. With our new pavements, this matter must not be delayed. The narrow tread of the majority of our trucks will chip the stone out and cut up the asphalt in a very effective way. In all large cities the width of truck tires is regulated by ordinance. It ought to be so regulated in Omaha as soon as possible. An ordinance should be framed prohibiting after a certain date tires of less than a certain width, say two and three-quarter or three inches on all double trucks or express wagons. Three or four months might be given before the ordinance went into effect, in order to allow ample time for changes and repairs. Some of our delivery men are already having the wheels of their carts changed in advance of the passage of any ordinance by the council, but it should be made obligatory on all.

The New York World has been purchased by Mr. Pulitzer, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. With its transfer ceases Mr. Gould's connection with the paper, in which he is said to have sunk nearly a quarter of a million dollars. No journal that is saddled by monopoly control can retain its influence with the people, and a shortage of the subscriptions list makes the paper worthless as a useful medium for monopolists.

ACCORDING to the Yankton press several members of the Dakota legislature have been indicted by the grand jury for alleged bribery in the passage of the capitol bill. They don't do things that way down in Lincoln.

FORFEITED LAND GRANTS.

Senator Van Wyck's recent letter to Secretary Teller calling attention to the unearned grant of lands to the New Orleans & Pacific railroad calls forth the following comment from the Pioneer Press:

Senator Van Wyck, of Nebraska, who is fond of posing as a champion of the people against the land grant railroads, has written a long letter to the secretary of the interior in relation to the unearned grant of New Orleans & Pacific. This is south of our road which was incorporated and received a land grant in 1871, and has done nothing since except to put bonds upon the market and undergo several corporate metamorphoses. Of course the lands granted have not been patented to the company, and there is no prospect of its earning them, but they remain withdrawn from the public domain and closed to settlement, pending a congressional legislation declaring them forfeited and restored. What Senator Van Wyck wants, apparently, though he is not very lucid in putting his case, is some declaration by the secretary of the interior, in anticipation of congressional action, which shall give public notice that the company had no right to the lands and prevent negotiation of any more bonds upon them as a basis. The case is interesting as a type of several unearned land grant cases, which will probably become the subject of legislation at the next session. Judicial rulings, the action of the executive departments and the tacit consent of congress have established the principle that the right of a railroad to earn its land grant does not expire with the limit of time fixed for its completion, without additional legislation; that is to say, a road may earn and obtain title to lands granted to it even after the limit of time fixed for its completion has expired, unless in the meantime congress, by statute, has declared the lands restored to the public domain. Congress has not yet taken this action in any case, and is not likely to take it in the case of roads like the Northern Pacific, which have built a considerable part of their lines, and are rapidly pushing them to completion. But steps will certainly be taken before long, and probably at the next session of congress, to declare forfeited the grants of roads which have never built a mile of line or spent a dollar of money, except in lobbying and stock-jobbing, and whose lands lie idle and closed to public entry, without forwarding in the smallest degree the object for which they were granted. There is a large number of such paper land grants in the south and southwest, and some in the northwest, and the amount of land withdrawn from the public domain is enormous. These lands would probably have been declared forfeited long ago, had they not been confused in the public and congressional mind with a number of half-completed roads which have established a moral right to their land grants by honestly making efforts to earn them. The revival of railroad building within the last two years has stimulated every company with any vitality at all to earn its lands, however, and those which still remain inactive are sharply separated, and are a fair mark for congressional legislation.

The Best Postmaster-General, The Broadway Longer to The Tribune. Ex-Postmaster-General James says that Montgomery Blair was the best postmaster-general this country has had, judging by the results accomplished under his administration. But it was he who overshadowed by the war. But it was he who established the money order system and registered letter system. He got rid of the old brown paper package and letter bill absurdity and substituted account keeping by stamps. Next to Montgomery Blair, who was a very clear-headed man, Mr. James would rank Marshall Jewell, who strangled the straw-bid monster and placed the department upon an honest and

strictly business basis. Governor Jewell, he thinks, was a very superior business man. Mr. Creswell should have credit for the part he took in getting the franking privilege abolished. Amos Kendall also made a gallant fight during his term against a Virginia mail route ring.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Will T. Rickley, of Columbus, while stooping to take hold of a halter, was kicked in the face by a horse. The blow broke the upper jaw in several places, splitting it under the nose, and mashing it at the side. Three teeth were knocked out, one of them being pushed upward near to the eye, and was tightly wedged among the bones that it was about as difficult to extract as the ordinary large tooth is.

At Beatrice, John Marion has been found guilty of murder. The killing occurred in 1873, and Marion was arrested recently in Kansas for horse stealing. Two murder cases remain to be tried in the same court.

Ed. Hillik, a partially reformer cowboy of Brax, tried to run the other night, among other amusements shooting a hole in the pants of a policeman. He is in the cooler in default of money to pay his fine.

A subterranean river has been discovered on the farm of Dr. Longey, three miles south of North Platte. It is about thirty feet below the surface of the earth, and has a depth of about nine feet of water. It is said that not over one-third of the amount of wheat sown in Merrick county last year will be sown this. Oats are taking the place of wheat. It is estimated that the crop of wheat will be reduced this year.

Frank Ball, of Sidney, tried to commit suicide by taking a dose of morphine one day last week, but restoratives were applied and he will have a chance to try some other sort of self-destruction.

The cloth peddlers who were selling goods to Dakota county farmers, taking notes due in fifteen months, were arrested for selling without license, and one was fined \$20 and costs.

Manager Drake, of the Nebraska Telephone company, expresses the opinion that in less than a year the Nebraska cities will have direct telephone connection with Chicago.

Friends of the Butler county prisoners are seeking to release them, and the sheriff has made a requisition on the governor for ammunition with which to defend the jail.

A colony of two hundred families, have located in Holt county on what is known as the "unorganized strip" lying between the Niobrara and Keyapaha rivers.

Niobrara is said to be the center of travel for emigrants going north. Numbers of teams pass through the town daily on the way to new settlements. The wool growers of Franklin county soon hold a convention for the purpose of electing a sheep inspector to be appointed by the county commissioner.

The first number of a new paper, The Reporter, has been issued at Valentine, a little town at the present terminus of the Sioux City & Pacific road.

One hundred and thirty women in the vicinity of Springfield have signed a remonstrance against granting a license to a saloon in that town.

The country round about North Platte is irrigated, a company having been organized for that purpose. Work will begin in a few days.

The Aurora Republican says half of Hamilton county's lands have changed hands this spring. Farms bring from 16 to \$20 per acre.

The location of the Presbyterian synodical college has been definitely fixed at Bellevue. The cost of the college is estimated at \$75,000.

From the number of prairie schooners on the river in the early part of the season, it is concluded that immigration is booming.

The Central City Courier claims the population of that place will show over 1,000 by the assessor's count.

The corner stone of the new Masonic temple at Lincoln was laid on the 14th with imposing ceremonies.

High wind recently moved the front of the Glen Rock Catholic church a foot off its foundation.

Upwards of 5,000,000 forest trees have been planted by the people of Nebraska this spring.

An Endicott man recently caught 69 ponds of fish with a hook and line in one evening.

The population of Thayer county has increased nearly 17 1/2 per cent. during the past year.

The Cimeron Cattle company has bought 15,000 acres of land in Madison and Boone counties.

The Nebraska spring races will begin at Lincoln on May 16 and continue five days.

The Missouri Pacific paid \$2,920,144 taxes for 1882 into the Nebraska county treasury.

A drove of antelope was seen grazing near Atkinson, Holt county, a few days since.

The court house of Gage county has been condemned as unsafe by the grand jury.

ing into the state from Missouri and Kansas.

The city debt of Plattsmouth is \$90,000. Lincoln has a ten-year-old horse thief. Humboldt city warrants are at par.

One of the cattle kings of Texas Atlanta Constitution.

Henry R. Harris, jr., lately back from a trip to Texas, where he has some extensive landed interests, told me how he found things in the Lone Star state. He said: "I saw in Fort Worth an old fellow that didn't look as if he had a dollar that was one of the cattlemen kings of Texas. He had lately sold his herds to a company of capitalists for \$1,600,000. They had not yet made the payment and were already offered \$2,000,000 for the same herds by a London company. He did not own an acre of land, but simply sold his cattle mark. The tendency is for outside capital to control the business. I rode over with a Mobile capitalist who was carrying \$200,000, with which he was going to set his son up in cattle. He estimated that the money that is, the herds—would double every three years, and that is about the estimate of the best cattle men of Texas."

Call for a Convention for the First Congressional District of Nebraska.

WHEREAS, A call has been made for a national conference of all anti-monopolists to meet at Chicago on the 4th of July, 1883, and that the state of Nebraska was foremost in raising her voice against the relentless grip of corporate power. It is urged that the people of Nebraska should act promptly in furtherance of the matter.

Therefore, I, as chairman of the committee for the First Congressional district, issue this call for a district convention at the Academy of Music, in the city of Lincoln on the 13th day of June, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing four delegates to represent this congressional district in the said national conference, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The several counties comprising said district will be entitled to the following delegates:

- Delegates. Cass... 14 Douglas... 14 Gage... 11 Johnson... 11 Lancaster... 16 Nemaha... 18 Osage... 18 Pawnee... 8 Richardson... 15 Sarpy... 15 Saunders... 16

Total... 129 In localities where there is no other anti-monopoly organization that will act it will be proper for the Alliance to elect delegates to said district convention.

It is time that the people individually should inquire into the alleged vested rights of corporate power, and see if their rights are now claimed are not in themselves inalienable so that no legislative enactment can alienate or court decision transfer, and see further if corporate power has secured by purchase corruption a fraud right that belong to the people in their sovereign capacity. They should be compelled to disgorge and surrender those rights to the people to whom they belong.

This can be done through the cheap and peaceful instrumentality of the ballot, instead of the costly conflict of the ballot. ALLEN ROOT, Chairman District Com.

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