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ALPHONSO charges his cabinet about as often as he does his night-shirts-once a week.

SENATOR GROOME, who has been retired to the shades of private life, will now sing, "Maryland, My Maryland,"

THE Wilsons are becoming quite numerous in the United States senate. Maryland's new senator is a Wilson,

An earthquake shock disjointed a few atovepipes.

It has been about twenty years since Maryland has had a man of brains in the United States senate. Her politicians seem to delight in retiring every man as soon as his term expires, and probably the country suffers no loss thereby.

THE sugar-growers, in national convention assembled, are endeavoring to sweeten everything for themselves. course they want to continue the sugar tax to encourage that infant industry in it does the view of very many cities, and Louisiana

THE national bankrupt law convention favors the recommendation to congress of the law prepared by Judge Lowell, of The nation at large is asked to contribute the United States circuit court. The toward the remaining \$100,000. Up to convention has made about only forty the present time the bulk of the fund recall of Arabi Pasha, now in exile at amendments.

COLORADO sandsotne has finally got a small wedge inserted in the streets of the hundreds of thousands of people Omaha. The council has ordered a por- scattered over the land. Considerable tion of Ninth street to be paved with work has already been accomplished on this material. As the Union Pacific will the pedestal, which is being erected have to pay the largest share of the ex- by General Charles P. Stone, late of pense, no more appropriate place than the khedive's army. There are eighty fram the Arab tribe Koreish, to which for the sandstone experiment. If it superintendents who inspect every par. would preclaim a religious war against proves a failure the city of course will ticle of cement and stone used. When the impostor, causing all the Bedouin ing the intersections.

to give Gentleman George and civil ser- the United States, the governors of all only remedy, says Mr. Payne, is to elect tion. a democratic president. This is a pretty board hint that Mr. Payne aspires to the presidential nomination. His denunciation of civil service reform is in accord democrats, who have in view a great hunt

THE Iowa Farmers' Protective association is an organization of earnest deter- for themselves as patent practitioners. mined men whose principal object is to fight the Washburn & Moen barbed wire those receiving the highest salaries, rangmonopolies. The association is in good ing from \$1,400 to \$4,500. These men, financial condition, and thus far it has by their long experience, have become been quite successful in its efforts to re- experts in the patent business, and have sist the tyranny of monopoly. A similar acquired a practical knowledge of invenorganization is to be formed in Nebraska tions and mechanism of all kinds, which for the purpose of preventing imposition they have found would prove of greater by land sharks, and protecting the value to them as patent lawyers and patrons of railroads from extortion and agents than as employes in the patent rapacity. This association proposes to office. The salaries paid, while seemingengage some of the most eminent lawyers ly high, are insufficient to retain the seriu the state and pay them a yearly salary vices of men who have become specialists. to attend to all litigation in which the In the majority of cases it has been members may become involved. The demonstrated that these experts who plan is to meet the corporations and have established themselves in independmonopolies on their own ground. It is a ent practice are making more money plan that is bound to meet with univer- than they could ever hope to earn as govmen will co-operate to make it a success, as it is to their interest to do so.

gard to the Texas Pacific land grant, and cover a wide field, involving a number of prominent persons still on the stage of action. Of course the additional correspondence is looked fer with a good deal of interest. Huntington had prepared to spend a large sum of money in Washing-ton this winter, in order to carry out his would not heaitste to pay the ton this winter, in order to carry out his scheme of capturing the Texas Pacific land grant, but he can now put his money to some other use.

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THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. Bartholdi's statue of "Liberty En-

ightening the World" is nearing compleit was suggested that this statue should ies. be erected at the cost of the French government, in commemoration of the American centennial, the understanding being that America should contribute an equal amount toward the pedestal. In nearly every city in the United States sums of one dollar, the idea being to give the people of this country an opportunity to become personally interested to that extent in the great work. These contributions are to pay for the pedestal. It seems strange that something has not already been done in Omaha in this matter, and it is hoped that our city will not be unrepresented in this great enterprise. The pedestal proper will be 184 feet high, and upon this will be placed the colossal statue, 150 feet in height. Two quadrilles can easily dance in the head, while the little finger nail is fourteen inches in width. In the hand of the figure is a torch which will be supplied, at the expense of the American government, with an electric light. This statue will be a greater monument of stovepipes at Wilmington, N. C., on man's handiwork than the Colossus of Friday. The dispatch doesn't state Rhodes, which in its day was regarded olis of that region, has been evactuated whether there were any bricks in those as one of the Seven Wonders of the by all non-Mohammedans. It is estimat-World.

The statue is built in sections of twenty-two feet, of ribs of steel and iron, and be anchored to its pedestal by steel rods, securely enough to bear against wind coming at the rete of one hundred miles to the hour, which is twenty miles more than is allowed for the Brooklyn bridge. The selection of Bedloe's Island, as the site for this testimonial of affection from one liberty loving people to another, has been deemed a wise one, commanding as also being a visible point to incoming vessels from foreign climes.

The city of New York and some adjacent towns have already raised \$150,000 \$5,000; it is now desired that small sub scriptions of \$1 or less, shall come from Ninth street could have been selected men at work on the pedestal with eight have to stand the less incurred in pav- completed, each state of our union will tribes to forsake El Mehdi." be represented on the pedestal by a STANDARD OIL PAYNE has banqueted will attend the transportation and erection and it is more doubtful whether Arabi the Ohio legislature. He took occasion of the great statue. The president of vice reform a stab by saying that civil the states, the delegates from abroad, as service reform was like trying to clean the well as other distinguished citizens, will Augean stables with a tooth brush. The be invited to be present at the celebra-

> RESIGNATIONS IN THE PATENT OFFICE.

The old axiom that "few die and none with the sentiments of the majority of resign," as applied to government appointees, does not hold good in regard to certain employes of the patent office, quite a number of whom have resigned from time to time, to engage in business

The resignations have occurred among

sal approbation, and the farmers, the ernment employes. In some instances merchants, the mechanics and laboring men who have gained a reputation for unusual cleverness in some particular branch of the arts and sciences are given an interest in an established business Ir was an unfortunate day for C. P. where the first year's income is three Huntington when he refused to settle times that paid by the government. Of with Mrs. Colton, preferring to let her course the patent office suffers from the A private letter from Canton represents of affairs in Egypt. with Mrs. Colton, preferring to let her bring suit. Had Mr. Huntington foreseen the result, he would never have allowed Mrs. Colton to go into court for a settlement of her claims, thus giving her an opportunity for the production of the Huntington letters, which have caused a national sensation. The result, however, will prove beneficial to the public. Over 14,000,000 acres of land are to be restored to the nublic domain. to be restored to the public domain. not be allowed to stand in the twenty years wielded enormous power, but does not steal a cent, and decapitates but does not steal a cent, and decapitates everybody whom he suspects of stealing. Huntington's letters has hastened action on the part of congress. It is now stated ernment can well afford to pay salaries high order. His chief of the staff is an that several hundred of the letters have that will induce such men to remain in expert executioner whose presence durnot seen the light, but are expected to the service. It is a matter of the utmost ing councils of war must exert a powerappear in due time. They relate to importance to inventors, manufacturers The Marquis Tseng intimates that the many subjects beside the contest between him and Thomas A. Scott, in re- by patents to have men perform the work ing before all is over.

a patent, although he asks for one, because, where he is not entitled, if a patent is granted i'e is simply exposed to tion, and arrangements are being made expensive litigation if he uses the invento provide for the pedestal, in New York tion claimed. The fact is that, unlike harbor, upon which the colossal structure any other branch of the government, the is to be erected. The statue is a gift patent office is not only self sustaining, from "the young republic in the old but yields an annual revenue, and for world to the old republic in the new this reason, if for no other, the governworld." At a banquet in Paris in 1875 ment can well afford to pay liberal salar-

THE retirement of Mr. Carl Schurz, a few weeks ago, from the editorship of one of the leading journals of New York, on the ground that irreconcilable differences of opinion existed between contributions are now being received in him and his associates with regard to the conflict of the telegraph and railroad men with their employers, has awakened curiosity in no ordinary degree; and hence when he defines his position upon the question at issue, viz: "Corporations, their Employes and the Public," as he does in the North American Review for February, he is sure to command an attentive hearing.

> THE house commerce committee has voted almost unanimously in favor of mmediate retailiatory measures against France and Germany.

> > OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The authority of the khedive in the Soudan is practically at an end. Scarcely any of the Arab tribes now remain loyal to Egypt. Khartoum, the metroped that there are 11,000 Christians and Europeans who will be the victims of Moselem fanaticism unless they can be is covered with beaten copper. It will immediatly transported to upper Egypt. It is stated that a large number of the Christian population of El Obeid have been murdered by the followers of the False Prophet. Large caravans of the Coptic populace are on the way from Khartoum to Berber under a guard of troops. Arab mobs are attacking the Copts throughout the provinces of upper Egypt. Everything throughout upper Egypt indicates the immediates spread of the insurrection to lower Egypt. All the European and Coptic merchants have evacuated Berber. At this critical juncture Captain Richard Berden, of the British army, the recognized authority in Mohammedan movements, advises the has been in subscriptions of from \$100 to Colombo, Ceylon, and the use of his services to suppress the Mehdi revolt. Capt. Burton writes: "The Soudan once thoroughly aroused, the light of the fire will inflame the whole Moslem world. Arabi Pasha has already proclaimed El Mehdi, of the Soudan, an impostor, urging that the savior of Islam must come Arabi Pasha belongs. Arabi Pasha

> It is doubtful, however, whether Captain Berden's advice would be followed Bey would undertake the difficult task of driving back the hordes of El Mahdi.

The conservative press of Great Britain express great hopes that there will be a dissolution of parliament before the end of the session. Liberal opinion seems likely to split up on several important points. One of these is the representation of minorities which has always been a bone of contention between the whigs and radicals. It is now believed that the government will introduce a franchise bill only without the redistribution of seats. If Mr. Chamberlain should sucseed in conferring upon the Irish equal rights with the Scotch and English, the most prolific cause of discontent in Ire and would forever be removed. Among Irish nationalists a rupture is threatened upon the question of the amount of support that the national league should give to Michael Davitt and Henry George in their land nationdization campaign in England and Scotland. Mr. Parnell is opposing the Davitt-George combination, and approves of the proposition that the national league should hold aloof therefrom. The United Ireland attacks Mr. George as no real friend of the Irish party. Mr. George's lecture, however, promises immense pe-cuniary return. No league support is wanted, as the public interest in the quesion is sufficient to insure success.

capture of Sontay. The Black The Southern Pacific railway company Flags have burned several villages on has also taken initial steps for a direct the left bank of the river. A concerted line of steamers from Trieste to New Orattack upon Bacninh is expected to be made in a few days. Meantime China is preparations for larger imports of Amermaking extensive preparations for war.

rifles. Strong earthworks and fortifications are being constructed upon the roads leading to Pekin, especially on the road from Chang Hai Kouan, as the Chinese engineers think that invasion by any other route is impossible. The Ger man government will send Captain Paar chen to take command of the German naval squadron in China, which comprises two corvettes, the Slosch and the Leipsic, and two gunboats, the Wolf and the litis. Captain Paarchen is instructed to co-operate with Admiral McDowell. commander of the British squadron, in the protection of commercial interests.

The situation in Spain is ominous of rouble for Alfonso's rule. The coalition between the two factions of the liberal party under the lead of Senor Herrera, by which a working majority in the cortes was secured for the ministry, has come to an end. Senor Sagasta shrinks from carrying out the programme of reform to which the ministry committed themselves in the recent speech from the throne, and the republicans refuse to act with Senor Herrera and his advanced iberals, because they are monarchists. As a consequence, the ministry have failed to secure a majority by a coalition with either the party to the right or that to the left of them, and a dissolution is imminent. In fine, the device of parliamentary government, which once was thought a political cure all, is breaking down at once in England, the country of its invention, and in the continental the late trains have to stalk up from the countries which have adopted it from depot enveloped in styrian darkness and her. To succeed it requires the existence of two parties only; and the tendency to individuality in modern politics has resulted in giving, not two parties. but half a dozen, to every national legis lature in Europe.

The full text of the treaty between Chili and Peru has at last reached us. Its terms are such as naturally would be set Brownsville, Falls City and elsewhere. by a power that won the eight by conquest to impose its own conditions. Tarapaca is ceded absolutely to Chili, and Tacna and Arica are to be occupied by Chili for ten years, at the end of which period there is to be a vote to ascertain whether the inhabitants desire to become Chilians or to remain Peruvians, and the annexing country is to pay the other \$10,000,000. Half tae guano hereafter will be done at the new buildings. produced is to go to the creditors of the treaty, which is reinforced by an Barb Wire company, which was incor additional protocol, giving Chili the right to maintain an army of occupation until ts terms are ratified, and binding Peru meantime to maintain the occupying forces by the payment of \$300,000 a of means, who will push things lively. The company will erect buildings to the there seems no escape from them. They leave Peru a dismembered and bankrupt

The Duke Calvino, of Trapani, Sicily, who was recently captured and carried off was actually paid the Sicilian papers do their factory in this city. not say, but the negotiations seem to have been undisturbed by justice or the law, and the duke was released loyally by the brigands on receipt of their ultimatum, which in Italian mercantiletransactions is always half the original dethe condition of Sicily is so generally outlawed that no section of the country can be taken in hand separately. Travelers intending to visit those shores may

Rev. Mr. Shaw, the English missionary at Madagascar who was so roughly treatthe methods of civilized nations in dealbarrels of rum were imported at Tamathe people, who are fond of it, are becoming debauched soul and body. They will no longer work more than enough to into the finest hostelry in the state. supply their pressing wants, and appear The great demand of Nebraska City i to be rapidly approaching the condition now "more tenement houses," and the of degradation which has supervened capitalist who will invest his means in upon the introduction of civilized methods into the Sandwich Islands. Mr. Shaw, speaking of the particular responsibility of his own countrymen, says:

Barnum house, and remodel it into a ibility of his own countrymen, says: Barnum house, and remodel it into a "The British nation with one hand sends strictly first class opera house. The locathe Bible and missionaries to teach these people and with the other pours into the country that which washes out at one sweep both the moral and religious life of the natives, and conducts them to an early and certain grave. It is to the disgrace of those speaking the English has already signified his intention of tongue that it was their voice which was starting a canning factory of large uplifted to prevent the native government from imposing a higher duty upon this importation, and so restricting in some measure the evil effects upon their

The Austrian government has concluded to foster more intimate commer-cial relations with the United States by a new steamship line. The minister of commerce has approved the scheme for a regular monthly line of steamers between According to French accounts the sit-uation in Tonquin continues favorable to the French. Admiral Courbet telegraphs to the minister of marine that piracy has to the minister of marine that piracy has materially decreased since the Black The Southern Pacific railway company leans via Havana, and proposes making ican cotton, owing to the unsettled state

PERSONALITIES.

Barnum once tried to hire Arabi Pasha. Secretary Lincoln looks careworn and thin. "Brick" Pomeroy is as bald as an egg and

Mr. Gould, it is said in the street, has ordered a new variety of mouse trap.

There is no Indian blood in General John A. Logan, if The New York Herald statement that his parents were Irish is correct.

A GREAT REVIVAL.

Nebraska City Wakes Up with the New Year.

And Starts in With Plans for Great and Small Improvements.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jazurry 17 .- Nebraska City, the famous old town on the "Big Muddy" is waking up from her Rip Van Winkle sleep of nearly twenty years and may be said to have started in with the new year on the top of a little boom, which, with the inflatus of capital and enterprise will reach enormous proportions before 1884 shall have

The new year ushered in many im provements and new enterprises which reflects credit on our city and I will try and enumerate a few for the benefit of the readers of THE BEE.

The "sun shines by day" but dark nights; our pathway is illuminated with gas. Our city council have entered into a six year's contract with the gas company to light our principal streets. No more does the stranger to the city from depot enveloped in stygian darkness and his other clothes, but rather he walks our streets with as much confidence as he would do so in broad day light.

The Morton house, our new hotel, and the finest in the state excepting the Paxton of Omaha, was opened to the traveling public last week. It is run by that prince of landlords, Joe O'Pelt, formerly of the principal hotels of Lincoln, The Morton is furnished throughout in elegant style, is heated by steam, has electric bells and fire alarm in each room, glevator, etc., and under Joe's watchful care it cannot fail becoming one of the leading resorts of the state.

Our new B. & M. depots were used for the first time to-day, and hereafter all will be done at the new buildings.

Conspicuous among the enterprises Peru. These are the main provisions of which have started is the Nebraska City porated last week, with a capital stock of \$40,000. E. S. Hawley, R. F. Mc-Comas, C. B. Bickel and Geo. M. Fish constitute the company, and are all men of means, who will push things lively. amount of \$20,000 at once, and proceed as soon as same are finished, with the manufacture of barbed wire in immense

quantities.
The Nebraska City Turbine Wind Mill company has also commenced operations. by brigands, has been released after 35 The company is composed of F. C. Lamdays of arrest, of which the greater part beth, G W. Svoab, D. T. Hayden, J. F was passed in a hole under the bottom of Welch and A. H. Southwick, the patena cave, while the brigands treated with tee. They manufacture the celebrated the family of the prisoner for his ransom, California Turbine wind mill, and calcuwhich they fixed at 50,000 francs. What late to supply the entire northwest from

Our second pork packing establishment, which has been the subject of much notice from the state press, is still in the prospective—and a splendid prospective, too. Our citizens have already raised the \$6,000 necessary to secure the mand. Nothing is likely to be done, for grounds as a bonus to the new enterprise. Cupid, that little winged dairy, with no clothes but a bow and arrow, is rushing things lively now a days, no less than ten weddings per week being the outcome of his labors.

Since the opening of the new hotel a spirit of rivalry has taken hold of our uptown business men, and many are the ed by the French, give a sad account of schemes advanced to head off the business to the new hotel. One of these is ing with the friendly nations of that said to be a solemn compact entered island. If we may believe him, 10,000 into by the west end merchants to buy no goods of a drummer who steps in the tave in a single year. The stuff was so east end. A more commendable scheme cheap it could be bought for a sixpence is that a syndicate of "Up-town Dutch," a quart. As a result of its introdution so called, has been formed for the pur-

20 to 50 tenements is on the sure road

tion is one of the best for the purpose in the city, and that we need a good opera house is patent to all. Several capitalists have settled amon

us, snd are preparing to invest their means in Nebraska City. One gentleman has already signified his intention of capacity, providing he can secure a part ner in the enterprise.

One of our saloon-keepers advertises two glasses of beer for a nickel and three whiskies for a quarter, and still som folks are not satisfied.

While your readers are smacking their lips and pondering on the last-mentioned know more about our city in the future. "EYE SEE."

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