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MAYOR CHASE's position on the gas question is summed up in four words: He burns coal oil.

BOB INGERSOLL is in Denver on two missions-one being to lecture on "devil-Dorsey.

The executioner's axe has fallen. Corkhill's head is off, and the ghost of Guiteau is gleefully dancing a jig in Hades.

WHAT has become of the Omaha mint! St. Louis and Denver are trying hard for it. Why can't Omaha carry off the prize?

ST. LOUIS moves slowly. She is preparing for an exposition in 1892. She ought to get up a good one in eight years.

MR. HUNTINGTON defies the government, but he may presently discover that the government is a bigger man than he is.

ANOTHER civil rights bill has been redead letter.

THE average wages of iron ore workers in Pennsylvania are sixty-two cents a day. It strikes us that high protection and high wages do not always go hand in hand.

A BAILROAD pass for Mrs. Crittenden Missouri, who thus evades the constitutional prohibition of the acceptance of passes by state officials.

OMAHA is again being overrun by disinfectant to the impostors of the

AT last another new field for office has been introduced in congress to pro-

SENATOR EDMUNDS' MISTAKE. When the Thurman Pacific railroad time. bill was before the senate five years ago,

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

Senator Edmunds was one of its ablest In twenty years only two persons have and staunchest supportors. His scathing review of the methods pursued by the been legally hung in Nebraska. During Pacific railroad magnates in their attempt the same period a dozen murders have to evade their just responsibilities aroused been lynched by an exasperated populace the whole country. Mr. Edmunds who have no faith in the due process of pointed out Jay Gould, Sidney Dillon the law. Unprovoked murderers have and C. P. Huntington, in the galleries been committed in nearly every county. of the senate, and charged directly that but such murderers as have been convicted escaped the gallows through the they were seeking to improperly influence members of the senate. His bold interposition of the supreme court or the and fearless denunciation of these cor- clemency of our governors. As a result morants created such a public sentiment some of the assassins have gone scot free that many senators who had pledged while others are in the penitentiary with their votes to Gould and Huntington a fair chance of being released sooner or against the Thurman bill did not dare to later by some outgoing governor who is go upon the record as voting against it made to believe that the convict has suffored enough. The prime object of inwhen it came up on its final passage. flicting capital punishment is to protect We are not a little surprised that Senator Edmunds should have fallen into a society by removing assassing. It is a snare which the Pacific railroad managers well established fact that a person who have laid through the so-called United commits a wilful murder seldom stops States commissioner of railroads. It is with one victim if he ever gets the oppornotorious that the influences which se- tunity or provocation. Murder is a cured the appointment of Mr. Armstrong sort of mania, and the persons who are as successor to Mr. French, who had afflicted with the murder mania are dantry" and the other as the attorney of sold out to the Central Pacific, were not gerous enemies to society. And yet there is not one murderer out such as would commend him as a man oi who could be trusted to protect the in. fifty for whom the plea of executive clemency is not terests of the government in any controinvoked under some pretext. Poor Richard's versy with the Pacific railroads. On the contrary it was almost notorious that almanac says a man who will commit a Mr. Armstrong was a friend of the rail. murder while drunk should be hung for roads in all that the term implies as con- it when sober. There is great deal of coarse homely sense in this maxim.

strued by Mr. Huntington. One of the pet schemes of the Pacific Many assassins nerve themselves up with railroad millionaires has been to stave off liquor and at the same time plead drunkthe payment of the debt which the gov- enness as a bar to justice. The power ernment assumed for them in aid of the conferred on the state executive to reconstruction of their roads. This debt prieve criminals was never intended to was originally secured by first mortgage be used for the abolition of capital punupon the roads, but the sainted Oakes ishment. When a governor attempts to Ames and his Credit Mobilier confeder- overrule juries and courts he assumes a ates, in and out of congress, procured an very grave responsibility. The jury that amendment to the Paciforailroad charter tries a murderer are on their oaths to which made the gove mment loan a second acquit unless the man is guilty beyond a mortgage, and gave the Credit Mobilier reasonable doubt. When twelve imparsyndicate and Stanford, Huntington & tial jurors bring n a verdict of guilty, it Co. the first mortgage. The bouded debt is presumptuous for outsiders who have ported, but as long as civil rights cannot of the Pacific railroads due to the United no responsibility to ask the governor to be enforced in the south, it is simply a States was \$64,623,512, and the interest overrule the jury and the court. Our accrued on this debt, on the 1st of July, laws throw every safeguard around the 1883, after deducting repayments in the accused, and our courts give him the shape of transportation, amounted to benefit of every flaw in the technical pro-\$42,444,713.26. In other words, the Pa- ceedings of the trial. The only valid cific railroad debt has accumulated to right for the exercise of executive clemover \$107,000,000, and still continues to ency must be the discovery of proof that

grow. This debt is in the shape of would go to mitigate the crime. In thirty-year bonds, bearing six per cent some states, notably Pennsylvania, and "family," includes the governor of interest, payable semi-annually. A great the governor has no power to portion of this debt will be due within pardon or reprieve. The power eight years, and all of it within twelve to review trials and grant reprieves.

years. Instead of making provisions to commutations or pardons is vested with a compel the Pacific roads to meet their board which is a quasi judicial body, and obligations as they fall due, a bill has is governed by no emotional sentiment. quacks. We may have to apply a little been introduced by Senator Edmunds We constantly hear complaints about the with a view of granting an extension to laxity of our criminal code, and the ease Mumey and Aldrich brand who are these corporations by issuing a long- with which criminals of the worst stripe making themselves numerous hereabouts. time bond to redeem the out- manage to go unwhipped of justice. standing debt. This bill, Mr. Edmunds Who is to blame for this state of facts? seekers is about to be opened up. A bill frankly stated, has been prepared by the The people. No matter how heinous United States railway commissioner, its the crime, it is no trouble to procure

day until the last trump of recorded in public funds through local banks in and learned senators discharge by accept-time."

plates that public funds should be ready at any time on call.

## ACQUITTAL OFJAMES NUTT. The acquittal of James Nutt for the murder of N. L. Dukes, the traducer of his sister and the murderer of his father.

will be received with general satisfaction

all over the country. The case has ex-

cited the deepest interest, and the pro-

ceedings have been watched closely. It

Dukes deliberately assassinated Colonel

Nutt in his office, and se, up the plea

him. Dukes was tried and acquitted,

much to the surprise of everybody.

Hardly anyone believed the charge made

general impression was that Dukes'

money had been used freely to purchase

walked forth from the court room a free

man, but loathed and despised by every

nan and woman. In spite of warning,

he persisted in remaining in Uniontown,

in which he had committed his terrible

Nutt met him on the street

family by shooting him down.

At the trial the defendant's lawyers set

up the plea of emotional insanity. It

seems to us, however, that the plea of

ustifiable homicide would have been

more manly and sensible-for if there

ever was a case in this country in which

one man was justified in taking the life

of another it was this one. James Nutt.

f endowed with the least spark of man-

hood, could never have lived in the same

city with Dukes without being tempted

every time he met him to shoot him

down. He waited until after justice had

failed to be meted out upon the assassin

in the courts, and then he took justice

THE government now pays \$350,000 a

ear to pension agents to disburse the

noney due to veterans who are entitled

to pensions. A number of these pension

agents have amassed considerable wealth

from their lucrative employment. It is

now proposed that congress shall enact a

law to do away with these middle-men by

requiring the United States treasury to re-

mit directly every month in checks made

payable to each pensioner. This may ne-

into his own hands.

crimes.

and

the jury which cleared him. Dukes terest.

One day young James

avenged the wrongs of his

which they have a direct interest. While there may be reasonable security through the bonds which they give, it is certainly risky, to say the least, to have the public money loaned out, when the law contem-It is absurd to expect senators or representatives to give other men's sons six dollars a day when they have boys of their own who can satisfactorily perform the patrictic work of drawing their sala-

An Ancient Relic.

AGENTS FOR BENWOOD NAILS AND LAFLIN & IRAND POWDER CO From the Nashville American At the meeting last night Gen. Thruston presented to the Tennessee Historical HENRY Society a rare old flint-lock gun. It is probably the oldest gun in the state. It is about six feet in length and handsomewill be remembered that Dukes had been ly ornamented with brass mountings. The paying attention to Miss Nutt, a charm- end of the long barrel, where it has rested ing young lady, and, becoming tired of The letters and figures "H. M., 1741," her, he broke off the engagement, and are deeply cut in the brass mounting. deliberately blasted her character by verifying its antiquity and showing that charging that she was unchaste. This it is at least 143 years old. It was doubtless in use when Daniel Boone charge was made in letters to Miss Nutt's less in use when Daniel Boone was born, and was an old gun at the time of Braddock's defeat by Dukes' office to confer upon the matter. the Indians before the revolution. The gun was presented to Gen. Thruston by the chief ordnance officer of the Federal army at Nashville in 1865. He had sethat the deceased had attempted to kill lected it out of 10,000 captured and condemned arms stored in a ware house on the Public square, as the most interesting veteran of the lot. It was reported to have been captured in a skirmish at against Miss Nutt, or that Colonel Nutt Lavergne, Tenn., in 1862. The initials may enable some of our readers in that section to identify it. Its early history would doubtless give it additional in-TORPID BOWELS, DISORDERED LIVER, and MALARIA. From these sources arise three fourths of the diseases of the human race. These symptoms indicate their carbon cer i Loss of Appetite, Bowels certain and the source is the source ache, fullness after ache, fullness after exertion of body ex-of food, Irritatilaty w spirits, A ferling ".h. ed some duty string at the Heart, B. as a core the eyes, highly col-ored Urd. ., CONSTIPATION, and de-mand the use of a remedy that acts directly on the Liver. As a Liver medicine TUTTS PILLS have no equal. Their action on the kidneys and Skin is also prompt; removing all impurities through these three "scav-engers of the system." producing appe-



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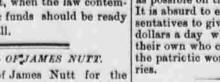
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vide for the establishment of civil government in Alaska, similar to that in other territories.

THE tax-payers of Dodge county will shape of bridges that float down the Platte river. The supreme court of the United States has ordered the commis sioners of Dodge connty to levy the tax.

THE Chinese correspondent of the Omaha Herald has a very elastic imagination. He imagines himself traveling around Canton, Pekin and Shanghai, while in reality he is seated in the old Withnell house, scissoring from the San Francisco Sunday Chronicle.

about establishing a postal telegraph system and buying the existing lines, a new telegraph company is being organized every other day. If the government does not buy up these new lines, it is a pretty sure thing that the Western Union will.

American showmen as to who can make the longest will. Barnum recently spread his last will and testament over 700 pages of legal cap, and now comes Adam Forepaugh with a will of seventy pages. This is like trying to match Jumbo with a baby elephant. Barnum still has the

that with a falling grain market and an advancing railroad grain rate, the farmers of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri will be scarcely better off in the near future than those of Manitobs. There wheat is selling at 20 to 25 cents and oats at 10 cents because of high cost of carriage.

Honons seem perfectly easy between Lionel Cornwallis Sackville West, minister plenipotentiary of her majesty, Queen Victoria, and the Honorable Abram Hewitt, member of congress, late from the Red Sea. The fresh diplomatist of her majesty and the political old tar from New York continue widely at variance about the O'Donnell affair. Unless China should offer mediation, pistols and sausages for two will be the order.

Last winter the county commissioner gave a half ton of coal per month to each destitute family. This winter they have cut down the allowance to a quarter of a ton per month. It strikes us that this is altogether too much economy. In these cold winter months no family can keep warm on 500 pounds of coal per keep warm on 500 pounds of coal per month, which is an allowance of only about 16 pounds a day. The county can well afford to take care of the destitute, if they guard against impostors and pro femional beggars.

bject, he adds, being the termination, if possible, of the controversy that appears tive clemency. Nine out of ten who sign perpetual between the United States and such petitions do so because they have the Pacific railroads as to what they not the courage to refuse, when in their

should pay in. This is decidedly rich. heart they are convinced that the crimhave to pay for their folly in voting It is as natural for the men who now con- inal for whom they are petitioning fully bonds for internal improvements in the trol the Pacific railroads to resist the deserves the sentence which the court collection of interest on their debt as it has imposed upon him. Just now there is for them to evade the taxes on the are two murderers under sentence to be land grants. Their scheme is to trump hung. Both have been convicted of enough charges for transportation of murder in the first degree after a fair troops, supplies and mails to pay the en- trial. The supreme court has reviewed tire debt. And as long as congress does their cases, and found them without a not exercise its power to alter, amend or technical flaw. Both have had extenrevoke their charter, this systematic sions of time to enable them to make the

evasion of obligations will continue. It last appeal through the courts, but now is certainly a humiliating confession of petitions are pouring in upon the govweakness on the part of the government ernor, signed by people out of pure benevto admit for one moment that the United olence, and lawyers, doctors and editors States are powerless to enforce their have been enlisted to plead for executive Now THAT the government is talking claims against a corporate monopoly of clemency for men who showed no mercy

their own creation. The impudence of to their victims. Why should the govthe Pacific railroad syndicate is simply ernor interfere and to that extent weaken boundless. Two years ago, when it was public confidence in the efficiency of our self-evident on the face of their laws to protect life? Why should the als over the railroads, they will find it charter that their unsold lands governor, by overriding the law and the would revert to the public domain, courts of justice, proclaim to the people Huntington, Dillon & Co. came before of this state, in so many words, that the frequent adjournments are caused by the

THERE is a rivalry now among the great all their unsold lands to the government a speedy and unfailing punishment of pelled to pay their fare, they would not at \$2.50 an acre and apply the proceeds murder is lynch law.

to the payment of their debt. Among THE Winnebago Indians, wholive upon these lands were millions of acres of sage brush and sand hills, which were a valuable reservation in this state, have not worth ten cents an acre. A bill sent a petition to the secretary of the inembodying this monstrous proposal was terior asking that their lands be allotted actually introduced in the senate and to them in severalty, and that they be al-

THE Chicago News pertinently says and Edmunds. Unless Mr. Edmunds plies. This is a very sensible move on regards the Pacific railroad debt as be- the part of the Winnebagoes, who have

the people cheap transportation and fair their extra time in working for others. treatment. That may involve the abso- The Winnebagoes are intelligent and industrious Indians, and the allotment of lute loss of a large portion of our claims, but it would compensate the whole coun. lands in severalty will prove a great bentry in solving the problem of cheap efit to them. The probability is that transportation across the continent.

The bill which Mr. Edmunds has in-troduced simply perpetuates a grinding and overbearing monopoly, and gives them an extension of the lease of power which should be exercised by no corpora- them out, as the land of their reservation is very valuable and would command a

high price. If the allotment is made, THE Burlington was to have given a definite answer to the transpartite pool on New Years, another on the 17th and however, a portion of the reservation will be thrown into the market, as it is not likely that the Indians will begiven been so thoughful as to give one of his on New Years, another on the 17th and more than 160 acres for each family.

treasury, but it would save \$300,000 year. If the government is bound to squander such a large sum it can make much better use of it than keeping up a small army of pension agents.

THERE was a sudden drop in real estate in Chicago on Monday, when the city council reduced the annual ground CONNELSVILLE COKE! rental of the exposition building on the lake front from \$10,000 to \$100. The threat had been made by the owners of the building that they would tear it down rather than pay \$10,000 ground rent, and the hotel-keepers of Chicago, fearing that the national republican convention, which was to be held in the building, would go to some other city, prevailed upon the council to knock off the odd ninety-nine hundred dollars.

THE Iowa legislature has already had one adjournment, and as long as the members have their pockets full of mnuconvenient to adjourn every three or four days. This ill-digested law-making and congress with a proposition to sell back only tribunal in which they can trust for pass system. If the members were comgo home so often, but would attend to

> The Ox Team. ekamah Burtonia

their business.

New York Journal.

The Omaha Republican premises its argument on the railroad extortion ques-Br would have been lobbied through had it not been for the opposition of Thurman and Edmunds. Unless Mr. Edmunds the mart of the Winnebacoas who have tion by stating, what in its eyes is the of its class. penetration of mind, can guess. The yond recovery the bill which proposes to obligate the government to refunding the nearly so. The aid that they have reoutstanding Pacific railroad bonds, in. ceived from the government during the says it is not extortion, because no one cluding accrued interest, and extending the time of payment to the next genera-tion, is contrary to sound public policy. The government had better assume the civilization and have become quite ex-pert in the art of agriculture. Their lands are taken by process of law, they sustain loss by lawsuits in defense of their rights, they grows rich over the transaction, and the The government had better assume the first mortgage, take possession when the debt is due, wring the water out of the stances yield considerably more than a stances yield considerably more than a what they are actually worth under con-ditions that will perpetually insure to the stances in working for others.

McClure Emerges from the Darkness Cincinnati News-Journal Aleck McClure jumps on the last day

lands in severalty will prove a great ben-efit to them. The probability is that their petition will be granted. One of sit down and don't disturb "business in-SI OOO Would Not Buy It.

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