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CINCINNATI is now the Venice of America.

A reduction of 1/2 per cent by the Morrison tariff bill would save to the people \$30,000,000 a year.

The tobacco rebate bill has passed both houses, the house having concurred in the senate amendments.

An Atlanta policeman has been off his beat a year. He differs from some policemen who are always on the beat.

The young lady who married the "living skeleton" a short time ago refuses to live with him. She is supposed to have found him "too thin."

It will be in order now for every democrat to set up a shout for a "horizontal tariff," while the republicans can continue to cry up their "perpendicular" tariff.

We are glad to be informed that the remarkable development of earthquakes last year lends new force to the theory of an eminent seismologist that the present period of the century is one of great seismic energy.

Tax attorney general will probably be directed to bring suit to compel the Union Pacific to settle its indebtedness to the government, and in case the company refuses an injunction upon its dividends is likely to be taken out.

A BALTIMORE firm that advertises extensively sent to the postoffice the other day seventeen tons of almanacs.

This accounts for the numerous fresh jokes that are now appearing in the "funny papers."

The determination is evident in the convention now in session in Washington, on the part of the friends of the Mississippi river improvement and the friends of the Hennepin canal, to make a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together.

Eggs have advanced materially in Chicago since the holidays, and are now sold at 40 cents per dozen, which is considerably more than is asked for a bushel of potatoes.

The democratic legislature of Ohio has passed a bill restricting the state. On the vote of 1880 the democrats will have ten more districts and the republicans nine, with the two Hamilton county districts in doubt.

The court has granted a divorce to Mrs. Robert P. Porter. Mr. Porter has paid \$10,250 alimony, the provisions being that the divorce should be granted on no graver charge than that of desertion.

ENGLISH statesmen who complain of the abuse they receive from the opposition, receive consolation from the Pall Mall Gazette, which compiles from speeches made in Canada in 1878 by Sir Richard Cartwright the following list of epithets applied by this minister of the crown to his opponents.

CONGRESS is now engaged in discussing the pleuro-pneumonia bill. It is certainly an important matter, and if pleuro-pneumonia exists among our cattle—and it is claimed that it does quite extensively—every effort should be made to stamp out the disease immediately.

A SPECIAL to the New York Herald says that there is absolutely no foundation in the report that cabinet changes are to be made; that Mr. Morton would be called from Paris to the treasury, Folger become attorney general, and Brewster minister to Paris.

A MORE LIBERAL COMMERCIAL POLICY.

The New York Herald says the tariff has become such a jungle, and so intimately bound up with the industrial economy of the nation, that any attempt to deal with it as a whole excites a determined and organized resistance from parties who believe that their prosperity depends upon keeping it unchanged.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer gives the result of an elaborate canvass of Indiana which it has made by means of several thousand circulars, asking the opinion of prominent citizens in regard to presidential candidates. The following lists present figures representing the number of localities favorable to each man:

A very pleasing incident occurred during the opening session of the river convention at Washington. A Kansas delegate offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the sergeant-at-arms to display the national flag in and about the hall during the meeting of the convention.

The Austrian government is in possession of trustworthy evidence of a plot to assassinate the emperor, and the New York Herald's Vienna special of the 5th inst. states that along with the emperor are included the empress, the Crown Prince Rudolf, the Crown Princess Stephanie, Baron Rothschild, all the editors of the Neue Freie Presse and the Wiener Tagblatt, Prefect of Police Koticka, Commissary of Police Frankel, ministers, bankers and deputies, many of whom belong to the liberal party, and many merchants.

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fourteen years' renewal, if the same rights be granted in return by foreign governments to American authors, has been reported to the house with the unanimous approval of the judiciary committee.

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"What's he after now?" Senator Van Wyck is after Jay Gould, Sidney Dillon and other Union Pacific manipulators, with a very sharp stick. Senator Van Wyck is after the truth in regard to numerous allegations which have been made concerning the methods of those gentlemen in watering Union Pacific stock to the extent of millions of dollars and pocketing the proceeds.

The New York Times, under the head of "Some of Gould's Transactions," shows what Senator Van Wyck is after. It says that he has secured the adoption of another of his pertinent resolutions of inquiry, the answer to which will probably be of some interest to the public.

"Mr. Van Wyck has learned from experience that the wording of his proposals is apt to be criticized by one or two senators, and he evidently had this in mind when he drew up the preamble to his resolution. It simply quoted from the legislative, executive and judicial expenses act of March 3, 1873, the provisions that after the passage of the act no dividend should be made by the Union Pacific company except from its net earnings, that no stock should be issued or mortgages or pledges made on the property or net earnings without leave of congress, except for the purpose of funding and securing its debt, then existing, or the renewal thereof, and that any director or officer of the company doing any of these prohibited things should be punished by imprisonment and fine.

A very peculiar argument for railroad discrimination is made by an Iowa paper. It asserts that if the men who ship large quantities of freight are not given lower rates than those who send smaller amounts, "it is useless to talk of building up either manufacturing or wholesale centers in Iowa." Lower rates to the big men are demanded, it declares, by the wholesaling principle which gives better terms to the larger buyer than to the small buyer, and it asserts to be fully to talk of returning the world-wide principle of wholesaling rates in the railroad business alone. To all of which the answer lies on the very surface of our commercial system to-day.

Nothing has contributed more to accelerate or dome more to create the remarkable tendency of our times to monstrous combinations and monopolies in almost every business and industry than the practice of the railroads in giving lower rates to large shippers. It is in this which has created and which sustains the Standard Oil company. On a very large part of its business its profit consists solely of the difference of freight rates in its favor and against its competitors.

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his retirement, and announces it the most commendable of his recent public acts, and his most valuable service to government. With no wish to make him feel uncomfortable, it is bound to say that his retention of office has for months been a public scandal. Of Mr. Henry D. Lyman, chief contract-clerk of the department, who succeeds Mr. Elmer, it is sufficient to say that his record during some years of service and responsibility is one of exceptional intelligence, industry and readiness in mastering the details of work.

A "PACIFIC" AND TIMELY MOVE.

A bill introduced in the house by Representative Anderson, of Kansas, in regard to the sale of Pacific railroads, has for its object and purpose the timely aim of preventing the sacrifice of the government lien, in case the managers should take a notion to squeeze out. Congress, it will be remembered, some years ago, permitted the companies to issue first-mortgage bonds which should have priority over the government lien. It is not necessary to say, at present, by what means this action was procured. The act, to say the least that can possibly be said, was a very unwise one; some think it was corrupt. Very inadequate provisions have been made for the payment of the government bonds loaned to the companies. And it is quite possible that Gould, Dillon, Huntington and their associates may take a notion, when the time has come, to throw the whole concern into the hands of the first mortgage bondholders. This would be a short and easy cut to get rid altogether of the government bond. It would leave to the government taxation as its only practicable way to get pay on its bonds. To say the least, there is no superfluity of caution in the method proposed by Representative Anderson to provide against such a move.

DR. GEORGE L. MILLER has landed in New York upon his return from Europe. The proper thing now will be services of thanks for his escape from the perils of the deep, and for his safe return to Omaha.

THE frequent duplication of pay accounts might be a good argument with some people that army officers ought to have their pay increased on the ground that they are being insufficiently paid. The latest case of making the government pay double is that of Captain Keyes, of the Tenth cavalry, who is now being tried by court-martial at San Antonio, Texas.

How Monopolies are made.

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STATE NOTINGS.

LINCOLN. The haunted house stories are convenient "fill-ups" for hard pressed reporters. Work on the big well which is expected to supply the city with water, will soon begin. Ben Burghers are growing bold. George Bonnell is the latest victim to the extent of a set of harness. Schuyler Colfax will lecture in Lincoln on the 13th of March, for the benefit of the mail carriers of that city. George R. Wendling is billed to explain the Methods of the Devil, the proceeds to go to the Home of the Friendless. It will not be an experience meeting.

PLATTSMOUTH.

The ladies of St. Luke's Guild will give a masked ball on the evening of the 14th. The holders of the high school bonds, amounting with interest, to \$48,023.72, have proposed to the city to surrender them for 20 year bonds, bearing 6 1/2 per cent interest. The old bonds draw 10 per cent, and the change would effect quite a saving for the city. A special meeting of the council will be held soon to act on the proposition.

PREMONT.

The trustees of the normal school have located it on Barnard's addition to the city. The Tribune places eight months as the limit until the B. & M. will be running trains into the city. A Cheyenne architect is drawing plans for a \$10,000 private dwelling to be built here this summer. Eight young men of the town have been pulled for smacking "Mammy" Parker's windows. They were out painting the town but tackled the wrong female. There will be a rag party here on the 12th inst., and lest there should be a mistake publication is made "that no one will be admitted on the floor during the dance unless dressed in rags."

THE STATE IN GENERAL.

Thirty-two deer have been killed this winter in the Logan valley. The new opera house at Alexandria will be opened in thirty days. August Hittle, of Madison county, has just passed his 83rd birthday. The Ponca flouring mill consumes 2,000 bushels of wheat per week. There are 6,183 members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska. Dog fights for money are the favorite Sabbath exercises in Elkhart City. The State Bank of Alexandria succeeds the Thayer county bank with a capital of \$50,000. An effort is being made to remove the county seat of Dakota county from Dakota City to Jackson. The Springfield, Cass county, musical association will hold a convention from the 19th to the 22d inst. Henry Wagner, the bartender in Liederkrantz hall, Grand Island, died suddenly last week. Heart disease. Jackson is said to be one of the liveliest towns in northern Nebraska. The town has four saloons, but neither a bank, nor a lawyer nor a newspaper. The commercial men are kicking like stage mules against the recent order of the B. & M. managers prohibiting freight trains from carrying passengers. John W. Clark, a prominent business man of Wilcox, Neb., has been sued by Miss Sarah Armstrong, of Chicago, for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise. The suit against Furnas county to compel the payment of the \$8,000 stolen bonds and interest, in all amounting to \$16,000, has been decided adversely to the county. The residence of C. McMenemy, half a mile west of Blair, was burned on the 1st. All the furniture was saved. Loss on building, \$2,200; insured for about half. The business men of Hartington are organized for the purpose of promoting the material interests of the place. The organization is called the aid and improvement society. Kearney has declared war against the three-per-cent-a-month money lenders who are fattening on the borrowers of Buffalo county. A notable scab in would do much toward loosening the money bars. Mr. Kelly, who resides twelve miles east of Lincoln, purchased a farm two years ago, paying therefor a little over \$4,000. He has just sold the property for \$12,000 cash. Mr. Kelly made a first-class investment, to say nothing of the sale. Peter Westphalen, a farmer of Dodge county, hung himself on the 30th ult. in his barn, and was found dead. Several of his children had died during the winter from diphtheria, and his affliction had operated to unseat his mind. A three year old son of James A. Stewart, of Springfield, Dixon county, met a distressing death recently. The mother set a boiler of hot water on the floor to cool, and then stepped out of the room, when the little one plunged into it accidentally, scalding him fatally. H. B. Holmes, of Bloomington, was burned to death in his stable on the 31st. It was not known for an hour after the burning of the stable that a life had been sacrificed. The cause of the fire is not known. Mr. Holmes was an old citizen of the county, and leaves a wife and three children. Cattle men still have nothing but good words from the ranges in the vicinity of North Platte. There is comparatively little snow this side of Omaha, and in the immediate neighborhood of the town none at all. Cattle are fat and could not be in better shape to sustain the stormy spring months. At a meeting of the citizens of Seward county last week, a resolution was passed requesting the commissioners to call a special election to vote \$75,000 in bonds to the U. P. to build a road from Seward to the northeast to the southwest, provided the U. P. would accept the proposition. A domestic employed at Hartington attempted to walk to her home at St. Helena, a distance of 12 miles last week. She did not know the road and of course lost her way. Fortunately she struck a farmer's house and escaped death from exposure. She was badly frozen and several hours were occupied in thawing her out. The most popular nerve tonic in the world is Dr. Richmond's Samaritan Nerveine. \$1.50. Fits rendered my daughter deaf, dumb and paralyzed, Samaritan Nerveine cured her. Peter Ross, Springfield, Wis. At Druggists.

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Pistols Succeeded When Muscle Fails. St. Louis, February 7.—A St. Joseph special says: In the village of Dealey, Mo., Columbus Spratt an 18 year old boy shot and killed Jas. Mitchell yesterday afternoon, after having been worsted by Mitchell in the fist fight. Spratt provoked the fight because Mitchell was a friend and defender of Frank Brown, the man who murdered Spratt's father five years ago. Spratt gave himself up.

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