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THE BELL LINE ANACONDA.

The operations of the Union Pacific, anaconda, better known as the belt road, are decidedly mysterious, but they will not mystify the citizens of Omaha much longer.

Before the term of the present city council expires the anaconda will swallow up several more of our public thoroughfares under the pretense of a right of way, without paying a dollar to the city or indemnifying the property owners.

The widow of John Brown has climbed the golden stair, and her soul goes marching on with that of the old man.

The republicans have given Iowa prohibition. It remains to be seen whether the prohibitions will give Iowa to the republicans.

The republicans of Iowa are protectionists in everything except the liquor traffic. By enacting prohibition they have voted free trade in rum and beer.

The governor of Massachusetts has been asked by a man if he can marry his cousin without violating the law.

The month of February was rather remarkable for its numerous changes of weather. Possibly it was because that month had five Fridays.

MONOPOLY RULE IN CALIFORNIA.

For nearly fifteen years California has been a mere province of the Central Pacific railroad kings.

They have ruled the land with an iron rod, robbed, oppressed and taxed its people to enrich themselves, while they in turn have shirked the just burdens of taxation.

Exasperated and embittered by the outrages to which they have been subjected, the people of California rose in rebellion against the tyrants five years ago, and endeavored to emancipate themselves from the monopoly monarchs.

A new constitution, which conferred upon an elective railroad commission the power to regulate railway tariffs, and prescribe penalties against extortion and discrimination.

The constitution was adopted after a desperate fight, but when the people thought they had come to their own, Stanford, Huntington & Co., through their henchmen and cappers, succeeded in defeating the popular will.

The result was that the Central Pacific syndicate remained undisturbed in its highway robberies, and the people of California were powerless because under the new constitution their legislature had no right to make prohibitory extortion and regulating tariffs.

Polk was about 50 years old and leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters. He was a graduate of West Point, and was prominent on the confederate side during the war of the rebellion.

CITY WALKS AND TALKS.

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RETRIEVING THEIR DISASTERS.

The tide has turned in Egypt, and the reverses which have overtaken the British army have at last been retrieved by a decisive victory under the leadership of Gen. Graham.

A desperate and bloody battle has been fought near Trinitat between the British forces, numbering about 4,000, and the rebel Egyptians under Jaman Digna.

The engagement is described by the war correspondents of the London press as very hotly contested on the part of the rebels, who were armed with Remington rifles, and whose fortified camp was defended by Krupp guns.

The rebels, after retreating, left 900 of their dead on the field, and it is safe to estimate that double that number were wounded.

General Graham's victory will have a telling effect upon the followers of the false prophet. Until now they have regarded their great leader as invincible, and it is mainly this prevalent belief that inspired among the Arabs and savage tribes that inhabit the Sudan a confidence in the ultimate expulsion of all foreigners.

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