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Senator Manderson has been heard from.
Jay Gould has gone to Cuba to introduce his mouse-trap.

Inasmuch as it is proposed to suspend the coinage of silver, we move to indefinitely postpone the building of the Omaha branch mint.

Major Suter slopped over too much when he informed congress that he had no use for another bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs.

The republican state convention of Iowa, to be held at Des Moines, April 30th, will be quite a formidable body. It will be composed of 917 delegates.

The twelve city detectives have not yet found a clue to the perpetrator of the alleged outrage on District Attorney Godwin, and it is safe to say that they never will.

Senator Van Wyck paid his compliments to Suter before the committee on commerce in a manner which thoroughly exposed the arrant hypocrisy of the rip-rapper in St. Louis.

Sidney Dillon has been vindicated by his old "pards" at the old stand, and the usual quarterly dividend on the watered stock of the old credit mobiler monopoly has been declared.

The New York independents are worrying a great deal over the next Chicago platform. In the chaste language of the late General Strickland, it is not morals we are fighting for, but votes.

The editorial correspondent of the Omaha Republican predicted from Washington that Senator Manderson's bridge bill would be slaughtered in the committee. As usual he didn't know what he was talking about.

Tally one for Senator Manderson. His efforts to convince the committee on commerce that a second bridge across the Missouri between Omaha and Council Bluffs was necessary for public convenience have proved eminently successful.

Mr. Valentine's organist may possess his soul in patience. There were no telegraph operators in the plot to divulge the Valentine dispatch about the circuit judge and senatorial succession. Our informant was a gentleman from Nebraska who parts his hair in the middle. Perhaps he invented the dispatch, but we don't believe he did. If his employers at the Union Pacific headquarters insist upon discharging him, we shall be sorry, but we can't help it.

Only four weeks remain before the city election, and it is high time for our people to consider the qualifications of candidates for the city council. Unless the better class of citizens exert themselves and take more interest in municipal affairs than they usually do, there will be no improvement in the organization of the city government. What Omaha needs and must have in the city council are men who have property interests, and who are honest and capable and possessed of business qualifications—men who will serve the interests of the poor as well as the rich. We hope that such men will consent to become candidates, even if it requires some personal sacrifice on their part. Unless they do so, our city politics will continue to be run by the ward bumpers and hoodlums. It is about time that some demonstration should be made in this city to show that the respectable element of society is in the majority.

There are quite a number of Mexican veterans in Iowa and Nebraska who will be pleased to learn that the Mexican pension bill has passed the house. The opposition to it in the senate will arise from the fact that two-thirds of the Mexican veterans are ex-confederates. A similar bill passed both houses in 1877, but was reconsidered and defeated in the senate, owing to the fact that it put Jefferson C. Davis on the pension roll. It was during the debate over this bill that Zach. Chandler made his memorable and last speech. The bill, as it passed the house, will again put the ex-president of the confederacy on the pension roll, but the probability is that he will not live long enough to draw his pension, as he is now over seventy-five years old. Besides, he does not need the pension, as he has been well provided for by the will of the widow Bearvoir, who left him an estate worth \$250,000. We should not be surprised, however, to see the bill defeated by the senate, unless an amendment is made to exclude Jeff. Davis and others who have not been amnestied.

THE NEW BRIDGE.

After a protracted struggle the senate committee on commerce has unanimously agreed to report in favor of Senator Manderson's bill granting a charter for the construction of a railway and wagon bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs. This insures the passage of the bill through the senate. Unless some unforeseen obstacles are encountered the bill will pass the house and become a law at the present session. Great credit is due to both of our senators for this almost unexpected success. No stone was left unturned by the emissaries of the existing bridge monopoly to defeat this competing project. The first effort in that direction was the attempt to smother the bill in the circumlocution office, otherwise known as the war department. Under the regulations governing the construction of bridges over navigable streams it is customary to submit the propositions to the war department for suggestions from the engineers in charge of river improvements. In common with a number of other bills, proposing to charter the construction of several bridges on the Missouri river between St. Louis and Sioux City. Senator Manderson's Omaha bridge bill was referred to the secretary of war and by him through the engineer department to Major Suter, who is in charge of the Mississippi and Missouri river improvements, with headquarters at St. Louis. Now Major Suter had made a report less than two years ago on a similar bill, introduced by Senator Saunders and he could have readily reported back his views within a few days. There certainly had been no great change in the condition of the river at Omaha since his last report, nor had the navigation of the Missouri assumed such a magnitude as to require a revision of his ideas about the obstruction to navigation and the dimensions which bridges at this point should have in order to meet his approval. But he kept the bill for weeks and months until finally the urgent request of our senators brought him to time. When Suter's report was finally transmitted to the senate committee through the war department it was found to be most outrageously partial. In the first place Major Suter, who had only two years ago given his approval of the proposed construction of a second bridge at Kansas City, had suddenly come to the conclusion it was very improper to grant a charter for a second bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs, for fear of obstructing navigation. Major Suter knows that fifty boats run between St. Louis and Kansas City where one goes up the river beyond Omaha. But there may be two bridges at Kansas City, while Omaha must be content with one. In the next place Major Suter, who knows very well how impracticable it would be to construct a high wagon bridge at this point, expressed grave objections to a low draw-bridge, and then desired congress to impose the condition in the charter that the draw should not be less than three hundred feet in each span. The bridge at Kansas City is only one hundred and sixty feet span, and Suter had, at the same time that he required three hundred feet at Omaha, expressed himself satisfied with two hundred feet spans at Rulo, way below Omaha. To impose upon Omaha the condition of putting in a three hundred feet span was virtually to defeat the whole bridge scheme, as no capitalists would venture to construct any such bridge. It is very seldom that a committee of congress overrules the recommendations of the army engineers, but Major Suter's letters were so outrageously biased that our senators, after a thorough exposure of the unreasonable and unfair requirements, succeeded in obtaining the unanimous support of the committee in favor of the one hundred and sixty feet span draw-bridge, which is to be located one-third of a mile north of the Union Pacific bridge, which will bring the crossing somewhere in the vicinity of the foot of Douglas street. There is no doubt that the construction of this bridge will prove a great benefit to both Omaha and Council Bluffs, as the present facilities for intercourse between the two cities are utterly inadequate to the demands of the public, and the accommodations are anything but satisfactory.

ARE WHOLESALERS EXEMPT?

At its last meeting the board of education discussed the propriety of enforcing the collection of \$1,000 per annum from the wholesale liquor dealers. A committee was appointed to take this matter under advisement and report at the next meeting. Inasmuch as the efficiency of our schools must depend upon the means which the board of education has at its command, it becomes a matter of business with the board to see to it that every dollar which rightfully belongs to the school fund from fines and licenses should be collected. Before the high license law went into effect every wholesale liquor dealer was compelled to take out a license and pay \$100 per annum, just the same as any retail dealer. For the past two years and a half these concerns have not paid a dollar. There is no respectable lawyer, whose opinions are worth quoting, that will contend for a moment that the present law exempts any dealer in liquor from the penalties for failure to take out a license. There is not the slightest distinction made in the statute between the man who retails liquor by the glass and the dealer who sells it by the barrel. If there is any hardship by imposing a tax of \$1,000 a year upon liquor dealers, it falls much more heavily upon those who have but very small capital with which to carry on their business, while the wholesale dealer is amply able to pay this tax. It is said that a decision has been rendered at some time in one of

our lower courts in which it was ruled that the wholesale dealers are not included in the provisions of the Slocumb law.

Such a decision would not stand the test in the courts of Judges Neville and Wakeley, and much less in the supreme court of this state. Section 11 of the law regulating the sale of liquors, reads as follows: "All persons who shall sell or give away, upon any pretext, malt, spirituous, or vinous liquors, or any intoxicating drinks without first having complied with the provisions of this act, and obtained a license as herein set forth, shall for each offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined or imprisoned, &c."

Now, we should like to know how any judge or any court can hold that the sale of liquor without license is legal under any circumstances. As a matter of fact our wholesale dealers have laid themselves liable to a fine for every bill of goods that they have sold since the law went into effect. They have feared very leniently indeed, as the city authorities have ignored the statutory provisions in their case, but we do not believe that it will be to their interest to continue the traffic contrary to law much longer. The board of education has a duty to perform in this matter in behalf of the public. The city school fund has already lost fully \$25,000 by the non-enforcement of the law. Twenty-five thousand dollars would have built two elegant school houses, and the hundreds of children that are now huddled together in overcrowded rooms, or kept away from school entirely for want of accommodations, would have been very comfortably provided for. We need more school facilities, and yet our taxes are so high in view of pavements, sewerage, and other public improvements, that the council would hardly be justified in raising the school tax. The trouble in Omaha is that our public officials are too timid when the performance of their duty brings them in conflict with the interests of a rich and influential class like the wholesale liquor dealers, brewers and distillers.

HOT TIMES IN HOT SPRINGS.

There are quite a number of people in Omaha and vicinity who have visited the Hot Springs of Arkansas to receive the benefits of the curative powers of the famous springs, for rheumatism and other ills to which human flesh is heir. To those who have resided at the Hot Springs for any length of time the exciting incidents of that place for the last few weeks no doubt possess considerable interest. Certain it is that no place in the country has attracted so much attention and occupied so much space in the telegraphic dispatches. All the trouble seems to have originated between two factions of gamblers, one party being headed by Flynn, and the other by Major Doran, each of whom had "killed his man" several times over. Flynn was an old resident of Hot Springs, having lived there ten years. He was a boss gambler, owning a large establishment, and in addition to his other accomplishments he was a shrewd politician and a noted desperado. Doran some few months ago had the audacity to come from New Orleans to Hot Springs, with the avowed intention of opening a rival gambling house, but to this enterprise Flynn objected. A division in the ranks of the sporting fraternity was the result, some enrolling themselves under the banner of Flynn, and others enlisting under the standard of Doran. Open hostilities were commenced one day by Doran firing at Flynn without effect. The next encounter was decidedly more serious. Doran and a band of picked followers opened fire with Winchester rifles on Flynn and his intimate associates as they were driving through the street in a carriage, and killed two or three of the party, as well as wounding several innocent persons. Flynn, however, escaped unharmed. The flynn and Dorans were both arrested, and the town, thrown into the most intense excitement, passed into the control of a law and order committee of citizens. The details of this succession of exciting events of lawlessness and bloodshed were given to the country through dispatches sent out by the associated press agent, Moses C. Harris, who is charged with highly coloring his telegrams in the interest of the Flynn faction. It seems that Flynn owned the Daily Horsehoe, of which Harris was the editor.

A prominent citizen of Omaha, who is now taking daily baths in the healing waters of Hot Springs, has sent us a copy of the opposition paper, the Hot Springs Daily News, which has for its motto, in big capital letters under its head, the following sentiment: "Speaking as the spirit moves us; trusting in God, the purity of our intention, the justice of our cause, and our own right arm." The News is evidently the great religious daily of Hot Springs, and the organ of the law and order element. In view, however, of the recent occurrence, we would suggest a brief and more pointed motto for that sheet, namely "Trust in God, and keep your powder dry." The copy of the News which has been sent us, is a "half sheet, 5 p. m. edition." It had been evidently gotten out to fire a parting shot at Moses Harris, the unfortunate editor of the unlucky Horsehoe. The News exultingly makes the crushing announcement: "GONE FOR HIS COUNTRY'S GOOD.—Moses Harris, the editor of the Horsehoe and the agent of the Associated Press at this place, who has so wilfully and maliciously vilified our best citizens and misrepresented facts, was escorted to the train this afternoon by the chief of police, through orders from the citizens' committee, to go hence and return no more."

Poor Moses is now a friendless wanderer upon the face of the earth, and the daily Horsehoe has suspended publication. Thus has the fair fame of Hot Springs been vindicated, and the News is on top by a large majority. It proceeds to take advantage of its victory by boldly announcing that Hot Springs will no longer tolerate the presence and avocation of fakirs, pickpockets, and thugs who have so long made that famous resort a "holy terror." The News charges the Horsehoe with being run in the interest of this class, and that it is owned by them. The police authorities, backed by the best citizens, says the exultant News, are riding the city, quietly but effectively, of fakirs, pumps, bunco steers, and pickpockets, but it does not say a word against the gamblers. Under these circumstances Hot Springs will be very materially depopulated for a while at least, but, in the language of the News, let the good work of renovating go on until the end is accomplished, as "these healing waters—heaven's best boon to suffering humanity—must be placed at the service of the nations, and those who seek their life-giving influence must be shielded from demons in human garb," and following the utterances of the News the citizens, committee makes this public announcement: "To whom it may concern: Gambling is prohibited in all its forms. Fakirs and sharpers returning after being once run out will be tarred and feathered. Quack doctors and their drummers will be treated as fakirs. Visitors who have been wronged are requested to report their cases to the committee, who will see that no harm is done them." The citizens' committee has undoubtedly hit upon the most effective remedy. Quacks, fakirs and sharpers would rather take their chances of making a living elsewhere than to be tarred and feathered. Hot Springs is too hot for them.

Another cold-blooded murderer has escaped the gallows, owing to the customary leniency of the jury. Reid, the man tried at Beatrice for the deliberate murder of his wife, has been let down with a verdict of manslaughter. The inconsistency of the verdict is shown by the fact that nearly everybody expected a conviction in the first degree or an acquittal on the ground of insanity. The jury, not believing him insane, found him guilty of manslaughter, notwithstanding the fact that the evidence went to show, that, if he was sane, the killing of his wife was a deliberate murder.

KENNETH RAYNOR, solicitor of the treasury, died on Wednesday. He it was who excited the wrath of the strong-minded by delivering an adverse opinion upon the application of Capt. Mary Miller for a license as steamboat master. In view of the fact that the woman suffragists have assembled in Washington this week, the death of Raynor is not at all surprising. The poor man thought it was better to die than face their resolutions.

The Lincoln Journal is slightly premature in its obituary of District Attorney Godwin. Mr. Godwin still lives, and will not be ready for a post mortem for several days. He may yet outlive the editor of the Journal, unless he is assaulted worse murderously than before.

Senator Van Wyck Declines. The Nebraska City Press of a recent date contains the following letter, which explains itself: U. S. SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., February 29th, 1884.

Dear Sir:—By your paper received to-day my name is mentioned in connection with the delegation from Nebraska to the national convention at Chicago in June. When spoken to heretofore on the same matter I have stated distinctly that my name should be used for that purpose. I believe that the delegation should be made of new men entirely; that the delegation in congress had been sufficiently honored; that there were many men throughout the state who had been candidates for positions in the United States senate and house of representatives who would be pleased with the recognition. Besides these others fresh from the people, without any of the prejudices which naturally gather around the somewhat cloudy atmosphere at the national capital, could better give expression to the desires of the republicans of the state.

Very respectfully yours, C. H. VAN WYCK.

STATE JOTTINGS.

LINCOLN. Judge Pond has abolished the referee system in divorce cases, and hereafter such suits will be tried in open court.

Secretary of State Rogers has completed a roster of Ohio soldiers in Nebraska, which will soon be printed. It shows a total of 1,900.

The Fay brothers, the last two of a gang of horse thieves, were captured in Kansas by a view of securing a permanent water supply. Sheriff Melick and brought back to the capital.

All Lincoln, except the saloons, now swear by standard time. The dispensers of night one glass twenty minutes by the old reliable.

The big water prospecting hole is under way. It is thirty feet in diameter and will be finished with a sixteen inch brick wall. It will be finished in a month. This is one of the ways which the city is constructing with the view of securing a permanent water supply.

Ed Siger, clerk of the district court, has invented an anti "jury fixer." It consists of three little boxes, for the reception of cards bearing the names of the jurors. The names of the entire panel, twenty-four in number, are put in the center box, which is supplied with a spring, which throws the cards one by one, and it is impossible to tell how they are coming out. When a jury is wanted, twelve of these cards are drawn at random and put in one of the side boxes, which is kept locked until the jury has completed its duties. The names on the cards constitute the jury. In case a jury is wanted before the previous one has been discharged the third box is utilized in like manner.

There is great demand for treatment houses here.

The proposition to give the Burlington & Missouri right of way through the streets still hangs fire. A large amount of public sentiment is presented to the council in favor of granting the right of way.

More than nineteen-twentieths of our legal voters petitioned the Union Pacific council to grant the right of way to the Burlington & Missouri road into our city, but the said council utterly ignored the will of the people, so favorably expressed.—Independent.

Grand Island points with just pride to the finest opera house, the best school facilities, the largest and best steam flouring mills, the finest machine shops, the best Masonic temple, the finest law offices, the finest and best equipped post-office, and three of the best banks to be found in any town of its size in Nebraska.

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The Indianapolis Courier presents Red Willow county—"The land of cheap homes, good health and low taxes"—in such favorable light that one is tempted to pack his grip and "steer" southwest. Hoe for quarter section.

Commissioner Vinton, of the Tripartite pool has decided that "in order to prevent the shipment of freight from Loup City, Neb., via the C. B. & V. railroad line to Kearney, all freight from that city should be contracted and billed to St. Paul, Neb., at the Kearney rates."

The two-year-old child of Wm. Frost, of West Point, met with a painful accident last week. It slipped and fell on a slate pencil in such a way as to drive it into his head, at the corner of the right eye, to a depth of nearly two inches. The little sufferer had to be chloroformed to extract the pencil. No permanent injury to the child is expected.

A funny incident occurred in a house of worship in Nebraska City the other Sunday. A zealous pillar of the church was leading the singer, and in an effort to catch a very high note with proper effect, his false teeth flew out of his mouth. Of course there was a general stir on the part of the congregation, and the minister, unable to control his risibilities, said, "Well, let's all laugh." And they did. They roared.

The Hartington Herald thus pictures the growth of the new town: "Before five months have expired this town will have three elegant churches and a large, well arranged, stylish, two-story school house. A school house will be needed of sufficient size to hold 200 scholars. That is larger than is really needed at this time, but this town of 500 inhabitants will, within a few months, contain 1,000 inhabitants. In a year its population will not be less than 1,500."

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DR. A. JENKINS, Great Falls, N. H., says: "I can testify to its seemingly almost specific virtues in cases of dyspepsia, nervousness and morbid vigilance or wakefulness."

Senator Philatus Sawyer, of Michigan, is a stout, thick set man, being the appearance of a successful grocer. He is dressed in a suit with his hands in his pockets and his head cocked on one side like a rooster deliberating which wren he shall eat. Senator Sawyer is, however, said to be one of the best-headed men in the Senate.

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