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The fast mail, delayed at the transfer two hours, is altogether too slow for Omaha.

The Blaine-Logan alliance is said to be off. We don't believe there ever was such an alliance.

The Rocky Mountain News calls the red-headed rooster of the Rockies James Blatherkite Belford.

Great changes will be brought about in our commercial relations with Mexico by the ratification of the treaty and the opening of the Mexican Central railway.

Mr. McGuckin is going to have it all his own way. He proposes to have the republican primaries delayed until the Saturday evening before election, so that the newspapers can't say anything.

April is near at hand, and the assessors ought to be looked after. What Omaha needs and must have is an honest assessment.

The Texas cattle men, who have been greatly annoyed by the fence-cutters, now threaten to resort to fence-cutting themselves. It seems that the state land board has decided to raise the price of leased land from five to eight cents.

Dr. Mary Walker is considerable of a man after all. While in the room of the house committee on claims, a colored messenger took her silk hat and put it on his own head.

Fred Douglass was a constant attendant at the recent Woman's National suffrage convention, as he had been upon previous conventions, but this year he was deliberately snubbed and not invited to address the convention.

A bill establishing the whipping-post and providing that wife-beaters be punished by flogging on the bare back, was introduced in the house of the Massachusetts legislature on Tuesday by Mr. Gore.

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THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

A cattle plague, called the foot and mouth disease, which is comparatively new and unknown in the United States, has made its appearance in various parts of the country, and is creating a great deal of alarm.

The disease affects the mucous membrane and interdigital space of such animals as cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, and in some instances it has been transmitted to horses, dogs, poultry and human beings.

The plague is liable to make its appearance at any date among the cattle of Nebraska and the western plains, and our butchers and milkmen, under the circumstances, cannot exercise too much watchfulness until the danger is past.

Whenever the plague breaks out immediate steps should be taken to check its spread by the killing of the infected animals, the destruction of the carcasses, the thorough disinfection of the grounds, fences and stables with which they have come in contact.

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public improvements without overburdening the tax payers. If prohibition had carried there would probably have been just as much liquor illegally sold and consumed, and not a dollar of revenue would have been derived from the tariff.

THE NORTHWESTERN EXTENSION TO DENVER.

The latest railroad rumor is to the effect that Vanderbilt, having been forced out of the Union Pacific and Rock Island directories, now proposes to retaliate on those companies by extending the Sioux City & Pacific division of the Chicago & Northwestern to Denver.

The American dynamiters now propose to organize a dynamite corps to reinforce El Mahdi and assist the false prophet in his war against the English.

A RATHER singular suicidal coincidence occurred on Tuesday. A New York youth, aged eighteen years, upon being reprimanded by his father, shot himself in the head five times.

"A POOL and his money are soon parted," proved true in the case of Tiller, the Pacific express robber, who was captured by the merest accident together with his plunder.

If there are any dynamiters in Omaha they are advised to keep sharp, as President Arthur has directed United States attorneys and marshals to keep an eye on them.

The Iowa legislature is now waiting the time of the people in wrestling with woman suffrage, when there are so many other matters pending that deserve attention.

A Chapter of Political History.

It is well known that Mr. Seward entertained different views from Mr. Lincoln, in 1861, on the question of sending reinforcements to Fort Sumter. In his position he was sustained by General Scott, who was then properly regarded as the military authority on questions of this character.

ment from the military recommendation. Lincoln repudiated the voice of his cabinet, and adhered with dogged pertinacity to the policy iterated in his inaugural, to maintain the dignity of the country, but quietly concealed, that the secretary of state had, in his zeal for accommodation, prompted by the most patriotic motives, promised the people of the south that Sumter should be evacuated.

On the 12th of March the navy department, at the instance of General Scott, had sent the steamer Mohawk to the squadron of Pensacola to re-inforce, substantially, Fort Pickens. The turning things now had taken was astounding to the president. He could see no justification for this action and change of programme, and promptly decided to reinforce Sumter, and gave orders to that effect.

Two days before Mr. Lincoln was inaugurated president, in a confidential letter from General Scott to Mr. Seward, the general (Scott) advised, as a last resort, to "permit the wayward element to go to peace."

The secretary of state and the general-in-chief of the army, consulted of their superior sagacity and experience of the untrained president and the inexperienced secretaries of the war and navy departments, assumed to direct secretly the land and naval movements in this "perilous emergency."

Owing to the unfortunate complications, which things were getting somewhat intricate, Mr. Seward was sent by Mr. Lincoln to Charleston, South Carolina, with instructions to effect, as far as possible, harmony regarding disputed and vexatious questions then involved.

This nondescript diplomatic action by a member of the new administration was a bombshell. Yet when Lincoln then well knew that he must assert himself as an important factor in the body politic in the struggle for the life and preservation of the nation.

The inherent power of this government was not disturbed even by this departure from routine. In the magnanimity of his greatness Lincoln looked only to the success and supremacy, victory and re-establishment of government.

The next grew out of an episode in the incipency of our troubles, just when the dangers began to thicken. A patriotic woman, born in Massachusetts, then residing with a brother near Manassas Junction, in Virginia, the brother an engineer near on the railroad from Richmond to Washington, within the rebel lines, came to Washington on a secret mission for the president at that time was very innocent.

General Scott reported against sending supplies to the fort, in which sentiment and policy Secretary Seward heartily concurred. There was but one member of the cabinet—viz, Mr. Blair—who dis-

sent the other members of the confederate cabinet, with other distinguished friends, desired him to run a special train for them to the confines of the confederate picket lines for observation; that, being unacquainted with the lay of the country, they would rely on him, etc.; that he authorized her to say that he would, if necessary and desirable, take the risk of running his train through the lines, and deliver his passengers to the federal forces, which he was satisfied he could successfully do.

Had this Massachusetts engineer's programme been successfully carried out the war of the rebellion might have terminated with the year of its commencement.

General Scott not long after this resigned his position in the army; and it may well be considered doubtful whether, after his fifty-four years of honorable and distinguished military life, his great usefulness to his country, the honor he conferred upon it, and the honor it had conferred upon him, he was satisfied to quit it, or it was satisfied to have him quit; but age and infirmities contributed as a necessity.

Following this, and before the expiration of the first year of the war, another cause of the disturbance and division of opinion in the cabinet arose out of the "Trent" affair—the arrest of Mason and Slidell.

The excitement resulting from the capture of these men added nothing to the tranquility of the president. He was constantly and persistently harassed and afforded new cause for apprehension of trouble, and little occurred that cast a ray of sunshine through the lowering clouds besetting his saddened heart.

Time proved the wisdom of Mr. Lincoln's apprehensions; and a war with England was only averted by a surrender of the prisoners and an apology. Mr. Seward had wonderful powers of adaptability to circumstances, and in no case did he ever display greater diplomatic ability and genius than in this case.

They Stopped a Thief. William Garrison is an employe of the oil works at Bergen Point, Jeremiah Hathaway of Pittsburg, a friend of his, is paying him a visit.

Garrison and Hathaway headed off the flying man and seized him. He pleaded with them to let him go, declaring that his pursuer had robbed him of his watch and was chasing him to secure his pocket-book.

"This man has got my pocket-book!" exclaimed the latter. "Please hold him until I get it."

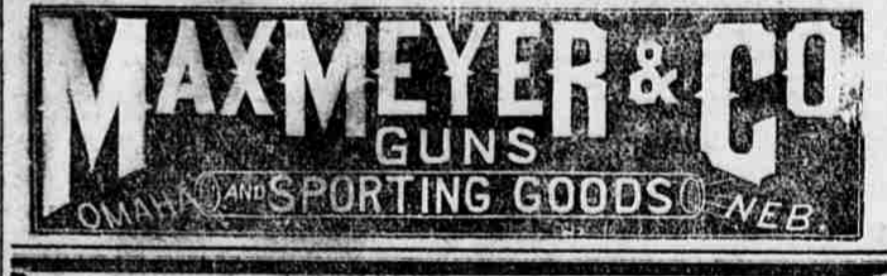
In spite of the protests of the hatless man and his emphatic declaration that the other man had robbed him, the two captors held him until the panting individual had taken a wallet from one of his trousers pockets.

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