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Tax collector's ambition of the patrons of the prize ring is to find a man who can down Sullivan.

The Mortonian democrat in Nebraska are in deep mourning.

Henry Brown, a colored man aged 121 years, died yesterday at Niagara, Ontario.

The oleomargarine manufacturers have testified before the investigating committee of the New York legislature that oleomargarine butter is perfectly harmless.

There is a tide in the affairs of women, as well as of men, which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune.

The latest advices concerning the cattle plague in Kansas are to the effect that it is not the foot and mouth disease, but genuine epizootic apthæ.

The coming city election as usual promises to be a carnival for the bumpers and hoodlums.

Dynamite is to be introduced into the science of war.

An erroneous impression has been created by an advertisement inserted in THE BEE for a certain piano firm in this city last Saturday.

"RICHIELEU" ROBINSON introduced a bill in the house on Friday to give a pension of \$2,500 to Mrs. Septimia Randolph Meikleham.

The possibility that the tariff will divide the democratic party raised the question with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The office hunters in the G. A. R. are making great efforts to turn that organization into a political machine.

The Bowtell observatory for Doane College, Crete, is nearly completed.

A gang of knave notings at Stoughton, Webster county, wrecked the interior of a church there, recently, and threw the books in the Sunday school library out the door.

A proposition in Columbus to bond the city for \$25,000 for the erection of a high school building, purchased of bonds, etc., while receiving a majority of the vote cast, failed of getting the requisite two-thirds, and was therefore defeated.

G. A. R. posts are admonished to purchase their own uniforms.

"Speaking of expediting," says The Falls City News, "we would call attention to the fact that it was 2 o'clock when Judge Broady arrived in this city."

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The speaker's pulpit. "The speaker's desk," writes a Cleveland Leader correspondent, "is a sort of marble pulpit behind which Mr. Carlisle sits in a great arm-chair and holds in his right hand the oblong handle of an ivory-headed gavel."

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RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYERS.

The relations existing between employer and employe, or master and servant, form one of the most interesting and important elements of common law. It has always been held that the master is bound to exercise toward his employe or servant due care and diligence in providing a reasonably safe place at which to work; that machinery and appliances must be in good and safe condition; and that provision must be made against exposure to danger while in the discharge of duty.

The practice has become quite common among the railroads to require a man, upon being employed, to sign a written agreement releasing them from all liability for personal injury from accident caused by the negligence of a fellow employe. Such agreements, however, are not worth the paper they are written on. This has been demonstrated very clearly by the result of several lawsuits based on these very points.

A foreman or boss car repairer of a railroad company was put in charge of three subordinate car repairers, whose duty it was to repair cars while standing on the track in the yard of the company in which trains were to be made up at St. Joseph, Mo. The company left everything concerning the work of repairing the cars, the control of the subordinate employes, and their protection while at work, to such foreman or boss repairer; the foreman directed a car to be set on the track at a particular place for the purpose of being repaired; he then ordered two of his subordinates to go under the car for the purpose of repairing it; these employes took with them the tools necessary to make the repairs, and while they were engaged in repairing the car, the other cars pushed this car along upon the track in such a manner as to cause the car to break and mangle the arm of one of the subordinate employes.

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Omaha never will be a great city until there are a few more funerals among her old moss-backs and obstructionists. Thousands upon thousands of people who came here to locate during the past twenty years have been driven away by this class of selfish, short-sighted and narrow-gauged property-holders. They have not only stood in the way of progress, by asking exorbitant prices for their unimproved lots, but have always blocked every scheme of public improvement.

The failure of the proposed Farnam street grade is due entirely to the lack of public spirit and hogghisness of these obstructionists. Omaha needs and should have at least one great thoroughfare that is not cut up by railroad tracks, and affords an outlet to the country west by easy grade. The fact that Farnam street is laid out in uniform width the whole length to the city limits, and there connects with a straight road clear to the Elkhorn river, makes that street of all others the great outlet to the west. Farnam street today is the principal business street of Omaha, and the establishment of the proposed grade would have transformed every lot east of Twenty-second street into business property within five years. It would have made an easy and splendid roadway beyond the new court house and enhanced the value of all the property the entire length of the street from fifty to five hundred per cent. No sooner had the project been placed before the council than the very men who were largely benefited by the proposed change began to set up a howl about their terrible damages. As a consequence several sets of timid appraisers refused to serve after they were appointed for fear that they would displease some Omaha.

Finally, a set of appraisers did qualify and went to work in earnest. One of these, however, Mr. B. E. Kennedy, unfortunately belongs to the old moss-back fraternity. Although the law, under which the appraisers were acting, expressly provides that they should take into consideration the benefits as well as the damages, Mr. Kennedy set himself up as the supreme court and overruled the law. He figured out several thousand dollars damages on a piece of unimproved land belonging to his brother-in-law, near the city limits, which was almost sure to double in value, if the street was improved according to the new grade. He allowed twenty cents a yard for every yard of dirt to be removed, when, as a matter of fact dirt can be removed for half that money, where the demand for filling is greater than the supply. With such figuring Mr. Kennedy's bill of damages on the street would have been over \$80,000, whereas in fact \$10,000 ought to be a liberal compensation for the real damages, when the benefits are deducted.

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RAILROAD AFFAIRS.

Incorporation of a New Road in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kas., March 15.—Articles of incorporation were filed here to-day by the Salina, Lincoln & Fremont Railroad, the object being to survey, locate, construct, operate, and maintain a line of standard gauge railroad from the counties of Salina, Ottawa, Cloud, Clay, and Washington, Kansas and Nebraska on the north line of Washington County. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$1,000,000, and the general offices of the company are to be placed at Washington, Washington county. The directors for the first year are William Kahlohofer, Hanover; W. H. Collins and Thomas Goody; Washington; C. C. Furnell, Chicago; D. M. Gillespie, Carmel; H. B. Baker and O. P. Hamilton, Salina; S. C. Schmitt, Beatrice, Nebr.; John W. Burke, Lincoln, Nebr.; W. H. Dickinson, Wahoo, Nebr.; G. W. E. Dorsey, Fremont, Nebr.

STATE NOTICES.

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