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While the city of Omaha pays \$1.75 per day to laborers, and contractors for public works pay from \$1.50 to \$1.75 for day laborers, the Union Pacific cuts down the pay of men who were earning \$1.40 per day to one dollar and twenty-four cents.

The extent of the great Blaine meeting in Iowa may be judged from the fact that a resolution of instruction for the plumed knight was voted down, after a fierce and bitter debate, by a majority of seven.

Great anxiety is everywhere expressed for the safety of General Gordon, and all sorts of schemes have been proposed for his relief. Among these is a proposition to construct a narrow gauge railroad from the Red Sea toward Khartoum with a view of transporting munitions of war and troops for the relief of that city.

ALL is not lovely for Mr. Tilden's boom, either. It is a boom that booms not among the southern congressmen and senators. The paralytic of Greystone has not forgiven these gentlemen for the support they gave the electoral commission in 1876, and their general lukewarmness in his cause at that time.

SENATOR KELLOGG'S vindication by the Washington court is not worth much. It saves him from the penitentiary, it is true, and regularly establishes his innocence, but that is all. It is not likely to raise him very much in the opinion of his countrymen, chiefly because of the manner in which it was obtained.

Why is it that saloon keepers, of all people in the world, never seem to understand their own interests? Here are the saloon keepers of Minneapolis for instance. For a long time that city and the state of Minnesota have hovered on the verge of prohibition.

The refusal of the mechanics and laborers employed by the Union Pacific to submit to the outrageous reduction of wages ordered by the Boston syndicate was liable to become a very serious affair, both to the company and to the public.

NEBRASKA AT CHICAGO.

Nebraska will be represented at the national republican convention by an un-instructed and unplugged delegation. The refusal of the state convention to trammel or embarrass the delegates by an expressed preference for any candidate was tantamount to a vote of confidence in the political integrity and sound judgment of the men who will cast the vote of Nebraska in the national convention.

In the discharge of the responsible trust we have no doubt the delegation will be actuated solely by the supreme desire for the triumph of their party in the coming presidential campaign. Every delegate from Nebraska goes to Chicago as a free agent, unhampered by pledges and entirely free to cast his vote for any candidate who, according to his best judgment, can carry the doubtful states most successfully.

While Mr. Blaine has a very enthusiastic following in Nebraska, the most ardent champion of the plumed knight can not assert that the Nebraska delegation is obligated to support him as the embodiment of the expressed preference of his party.

This cannot be construed by candid men into hostility to Mr. Blaine, but it is an emphatic declaration that Nebraska does not give preference to Mr. Blaine over any other candidate, and especially President Arthur, whose prudence, sagacity and statesmanship commends itself to the respect and esteem of the country.

The individual preferences of the delegation, as far as can be ascertained, outside of convention clasp, are divided between Blaine, Arthur and Edmunds, with Arthur as the second choice of every Blaine and Edmunds man. This is perfectly satisfactory to the friends of President Arthur, who desire to see Nebraska in a position to take a prominent and decisive part in the nomination of the next president.

REAL CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

President Arthur is said to be more gratified at the warm and hearty endorsement which his administration has received from every republican convention than he would be were he absolutely sure of a renomination. He rightly regards this manifestation of universal esteem as a high tribute to the purity and ability which he has shown in his office.

However widely opinions may differ as to the political ability of Charles Stuart Parnell and the wisdom of the policy he advocates, there can be no doubt that he represents more nearly than any other man the dominant public sentiment in Ireland, and that the party of which he is the leader retains the full measure of confidence in him.

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upon them for employment. They have turned the thumb-screws of economy until it has become unendurable.

First they reduced the number of working hours, and in that way cut down the income of the men. Next they weeded out from the shops all men who were believed to be independent, leaving those whom they thought were bound to submit to any arbitrary order.

Now the real object of these gradual changes becomes manifest. It was to prepare the way for wholesale reduction of wages.

It is but natural that the men who resisted this last turn of the monopoly thumb-screw should have the moral sympathy of all classes of people, capitalists as well as wage-workers. It is immaterial where the tyrant order came from. The object was plain and the effect was the same, from the Missouri river to the Rockies and beyond.

The conflict between the employes and the company was short, sharp and decisive. The managers have discovered that there is a limit to economy, beyond which it is not safe to go, and they have wisely concluded to abandon the scheme of making dividends out of the wages of working men.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Egyptian question still remains the most difficult problem with which the British ministry have to grapple. On the one hand the khedive has notified the British government that owing to the undecisive policy of England in Egypt his position has become absolutely dangerous.

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OSCAR "GETS BACK."

What the Esthetic O. Wilde Says About Our Culture. The New York Sun says: A large audience assembled at the Crystal Palace at Sydney a few days ago to hear Mr. Oscar Wilde's lecture on his impressions of America.

Imperial receipt was promulgated, informing the Reichstag and the people that all true political power came from the crown, and that their powers were really nothing more than advisory, not a few individuals predicted a revolution. But it did not come.

The man of blood and iron "wants a new constitution which will give the throne a permanent military budget, and throw a test oath which will exclude socialists and the reactionary representatives generally from the Reichstag. If the Reichstag does not obediently furnish the required instrument, a congress of the German princes will be called to supply it.

The more singular is the submission of the Germans to despotism in the light of the fact that they become free citizens as naturally as a duck takes to water. In this country they vote, as a rule, intelligently, and the garb of liberty sits as comfortably on them as if they had worn it always.

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visited Leadville, the chief characteristic of whose people is the constant use of the revolver. He lectured to them on "Benvenuto Cellini, His Life and Works," and was received by his hearers for not having brought that artist with him. The explanation that he had been dead for some little time elicited the inquiry, "Who shot him?"

THE OYSTER TO THE STRAWBERRY.

The Rounder Oyster Advises the Tenderfoot Berry. "Yes, air," was the reply, "but you should have seen it before the war."

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph says: A dissipated oyster that had just completed a winter's round of orgies at church fairs and Sunday school suppers met a young and unsophisticated strawberry on the first trip from home.

"I've an eye on you," said the oyster, leering at the strawberry in a way that made it blush. "Come up to 'tend the spring festivals, I suppose?" "I thought of so doing, air," modestly replied the strawberry.

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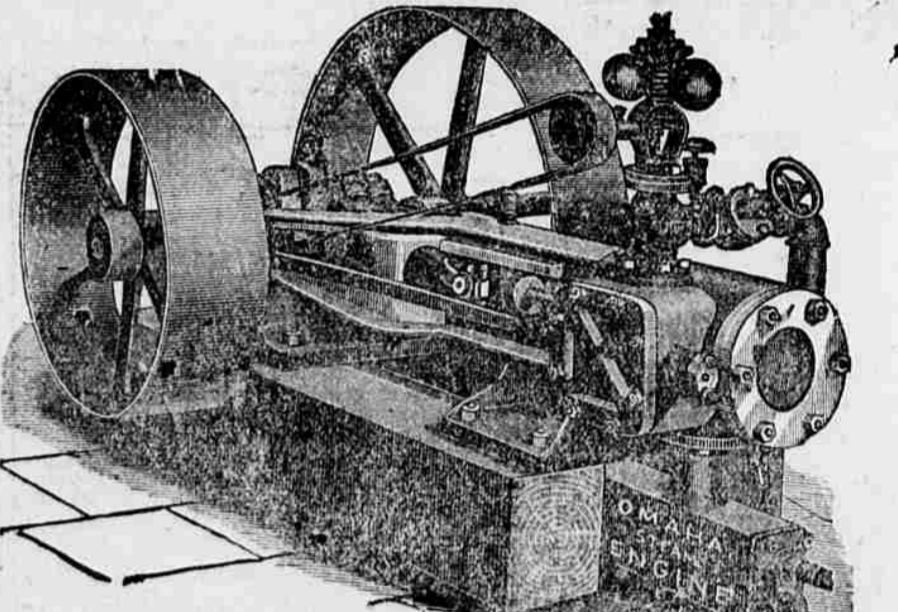
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