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JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL SWAIM, rather than stand a court martial trial, will probably resign, but it is not very likely that his resignation will be accepted.

MINISTER LOWELL, the cable informs us, has so far recovered from the gout that he can walk up and down stairs. Mr. Lowell would probably rather have the gout than be compelled to climb the golden stairs.

THE house of representatives adjourned without the drunken frolics, which usually disgraces the last night of a session. This should be taken as an evidence of improvement in the morals of our congressmen, who ought to be rewarded with a blue ribbon.

OUT of over 10,000 bills and resolutions introduced during the last session of congress only 170 became laws, and among the bills passed there are quite a number that are of little or no value. It is no trouble to introduce bills, but the difficulty is in determining among the vast number what ones possess sufficient merit to become laws.

THE controversy aroused by Herbert Spencer's recent article on "Religious Retrospect and Prospect" is to receive an important addition in a rejoinder from Mr. Spencer entitled "Retrogressive Religion." This article and the one by Frederic Harrison on "The Ghost of Religion," with which the rejoinder chiefly deals, are to be published in the August *Popular Science Monthly*.

THAT Dodge City Spanish bull fight having proved such a brilliant and exciting success, the next thing that we shall hear of will be a cow-boy bull-fighting combination, which will give exhibitions in the principal cities of the east, "to illustrate the sports of the wild west." The fearless cowboy and the untamed bull are to have opened to them a very useful field. They will rival Buffalo Bill and his fiery untamed Indians.

A REPORT has started that Governor Sherman, of Iowa, stands ready to call out the militia to close the saloons in Dubuque, if the demand is made by the sheriff or mayor. This story is improbable on its face, as the militia cannot be called out until after the civil officers prove themselves powerless to enforce the law owing to open resistance or riot. If the authorities of Dubuque are in sympathy with the saloon-keepers and do not close them up, the militia cannot be called upon to perform that duty for them.

THE cholera has jumped from France to Germany, it having made its appearance at Constance, in the duchy of Baden. This is in accordance with the prediction of the eminent German physician and expert Dr. Koch, who stated on Monday last that the prospect of the spread of the disease all over Europe was hourly more certain, and that perhaps it would ultimately reach America. London is crowded with Americans who have been frightened out of France, and will soon return home. It is not at all unlikely that some of them will carry the scourge with them, and possibly they may, if their return is delayed much longer, be subjected to a long quarantine before landing. Meantime every American city ought to take immediate sanitary precautions, the principal of which is the thorough cleaning of streets, alleys, sewers, and all other places where filth has been allowed to accumulate.

THE city of Minneapolis is troubled with tramps, and her principal citizens are endeavoring to solve the problem, "what shall we do with the tramps?" At a recent meeting the question was practically discussed, and it was recommended that a house of eight or ten rooms be secured in the central part of the city, and that a woodyard be maintained in connection with it—meals, lodging, and baths to be furnished only after the performance of a certain amount of wood-sawing. Instead of giving money and food to every tramp in every part of the city, the citizens are to supply themselves with meal tickets, costing ten cents each, and these tickets are to be presented to tramps instead of money or food. But the tramp cannot get this meal until after he has sawed enough wood to earn it. This is undoubtedly the best plan that could be suggested for driving out the tramps, as not one in a hundred will accept a meal ticket conditional upon his sawing wood or doing any other work. Rather than saw wood the average tramp would rather steal or starve. The Minneapolis plan is respectfully suggested to the citizens of Omaha.

THE regular British troops of to-day are evidently not composed of the stuff that soldiers are generally supposed to be made of. At a recent sham fight near Aldershot hundreds of the youthful soldiers displayed an utter lack of stamina, and fell out of the ranks during the evolutions. Many were sunstruck and others incapacitated by sore feet, summer complaints and other ailments. The ambulances were kept constantly occupied in carrying the sufferers to the rear, and the hospital is now crowded. If a sham fight thus disposes of hundreds of brave Britishers, what would be the effect of a real battle? Is the British soldier played out? Has his old-time strength deserted him, or is he shamming sick in order to give a realistic effect to the battle? At any rate we will wager that the Nebraska militia can undergo the hardships of a sham battle much better than the bloody Britishers at Aldershot.

IT now transpires that congress after all failed to pass a sufficient appropriation to pay for the substitutes for letter carriers during the vacation of two weeks granted them. Only $50,000 was allowed for this purpose and that will permit of only seven days leave for each carrier in service, and if a longer vacation is taken, they will have to pay their own substitutes for any excess of that time. Congress only provided for carriers now in the service for 365 days, while it should have provided for 380 days. This will prove a great disappointment to the hard-working carriers, who were looking forword to a well-earned vacation without losing their pay.

THE zeal of John B. Furay for giving printing contracts to the highest bidder was almost equal to what it used to be when he was in the mail service to get his official wares in the *Herald*. "Everybody reads the *Herald*," was Mr. Furay's old refrain.—*Omaha Herald.*

Well, if everybody does read the *Herald*, the editor should not feel indignant upon being asked to tell under oath just how many people subscribe for the *Herald* in the city of Omaha. If the *Herald* circulates half as many papers in this city or even one-third as many as the BEE it will get the printing contract. If it does not, its lower bid is the higher bid by a large majority.

THE BEE, as usual, leads its contemporaries in publishing the news. It published the fullest associated press report, together with specials, of the national republican convention, and it is now doing the same thing in regard to the democratic convention, while our morning contemporaries have printed abbreviated accounts. So far it has printed every line of the regular press report, besides important special dispatches. THE BEE'S enterprise is being appreciated, as it certainly ought to be.

AFTER several weeks of litigation it is announced that the secured creditors of Grant & Ward will realize from the assets about one cent on the dollar. We are surprised that they will be able to realize as much as this after so many lawyers have had their hands in the affairs of the defunct brokers.

LELAND STANFORD, C. P. Huntington, Charles Crocker, Timothy Hopkins, and W. V. Huntington have been re-elected directors of the Central Pacific railroad. It is the same old deal resulting in the usual ace-full hand—Stanford, Crocker and Hopkins representing three aces, and the two Huntingtons a pair of knaves—and all from a "cold deck."

TICKETS were hawked about at $12 for the day or $25 for the convention, while thousands of indignant democrats stood out in the streets as mad as hornets over their failure to get in. When it became known that 2,000 chairs in the hall went unoccupied throughout the day, there grew a suspicion that somebody was turning an honest penny by means of the show.—*Chicago Special.*

It is a cold day when the party of economy and reform does not turn an honest penny.

ONE guess at the first ballot in the Chicago democratic convention is as follows: Cleveland, 434; Thurman, 138; Bayard, 90; McDonald, 60; Butler, 34; Carlisle, 26; Waller, 14; scattering 11. Necessary to nominate, 534⅔ votes. This guess was made last Monday by the Philadelphia *Press*.

TALMAGE asks: "Shall we have the Tombs for a man who steals an overcoat and all Canada for a man to range in if he robs the people of three millions?" It seems that about the only way to get hold of the defaulting bank presidents and other wholesale plunderers would be to annex Canada.

NOW Councilmen Furay and Kaufman have incurred the displeasure of the *Herald* because they insist that the actual circulation of the official city paper shall be known. In other words that city advertisements shall not be inserted in readerless newspapers.

MARSHAL CUMMINGS, of Omaha, has served notice upon the gamblers to take their usual vacation. Those who are not wanted to testify in the Chase case will probably go to Spirit Lake or Lake Minnetonka for a month or two.

THE republican committee of the third congressional district has called the convention for the 20th of this month to nominate a successor to Valentine, and there will be music in the third district from now on.

THE intelligent contraband who was expected to arrive in Chicago during the national democratic convention has not yet put in an appearance. Perhaps Ben Butler can explain his absence.

INSTEAD of painting their white hats red, after the style of George H. Brooks of Nebraska, the Thurman enthusiasts in the national democratic convention drape their hats in red bandana handkerchiefs.

THURMAN got more applause than any other delegate as he entered the hall of the democratic convention, but he is not nominated yet.

EVERY time you ask for a sworn statement of the circulation of the Omaha *Herald* the editor feels insulted.

GENERAL HAZEN will sail for Europe on August 1st. What will the weather do without "Old Probabilities?"

OLD Mother Hubbard was the temporary chairman of the democratic convention.

Questions for President Adams.

Chicago Tribune.

In these days of betrayal of trusts, of rings, of abuse of franchises, of speculating and peculating managers, it is a matter of no little moment to public interests at large as well as to the private interests most specially concerned in Union Pacific to have a man of the high character, ability and practical experience in railroads of Mr. Adams placed at the head of one of the great transportation lines in the country.

The Union Pacific is not a private business enterprise. It is more of a public corporation than railroads usually are, for the United States as a large bondholder is practically a partner in its business. The people of the United States have therefore the right to "want to know" about its affairs and the probable intentions of its managers. There is a very intense feeling that this corporation has in the past played a very mischievous part in the politics of the country and a very mischievous and tyrannical part in its business by its extortionate charges and its discriminations in favor of pettied shippers against others not so fortunate. These things have been possible because the men at the head of the Union Pacific have been sordid persons, with no views above the making of money and without a glimmer of a sense of public duty, and, as Mr. Adams once said of Mr. Gould, "without a conception of a moral principle." Now that the road has gone into the hands of a reformer, who is by birth, education, and preference a man who loves the right and the right dares pursue, the public will look with a new hope for the exhibition on a grand scale of private virtues in public affairs.

One of the first things that people will want to know of Mr. Adams will be whether under his management the Union Pacific will continue its anti-social course of refusing to pay taxes on the lands it holds by grant from the United States, in the states. They have avoided doing so hitherto by the miserable subterfuge of not paying the costs of the land surveys and claiming that as the paper evidence of title was in consequence thereof withheld they were not the owners of the land, although they have been declared by the United States to be the owners, since they have been allowed by it to issue bonds on the security of these lands. The Union Pacific ought to pay taxes in the states like other property-owners. Not doing so puts it in the disgraceful position of dead-beating the community for its civil protection Does Mr. Adams intend to permit the Union Pacific under his care to continue in that anarchical position?

The civil service of the state of Nebraska is filled with the agents and emissaries of the Union Pacific railroad. The double characters draw salaries from the railroad and from the common councils, the boards of education, the counties, the state itself, and are also on the pay-roll of the corporation. There is, we are told, a political glee club which spends most of its time traveling over the state singing at political meetings which is supported entirely out of the treasury of the railroad. The Union Pacific has its men in the board of public works in Omaha, and when contracts are to be made for stone or other materials which the members of the inside rings of the Union Pacific can supply it is noticed that the board usually gives them to these gentlemen. The road is represented in the board of education, and places in the schools are easily found for relatives and friends of its managers. When the state of Nebraska attempts to exert its power through the legislature to regulate the rates of fare on the branch lines in the state the legislature is prevented from acting by the clever maneuvres of the gentlemen who draw one salary from the people of the state as legislators and another from the railroads as its employes, attorneys, or what not. Wherever the Union Pacific runs its main line or any branch through Nebraska there you will find a coterminous chain of Union Pacific Judges.

All this is very much out of place in a corporation chartered by the people for the public convenience. It was never contemplated by the public in creating the corporation that it would ever have to submit to the despotic and universal rule of the corporation, and that when it attempted to exercise its undoubted powers to govern the corporation its action should be vetoed by the corporation. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road does not maintain a staff of political jockeys to saddle, and bridle, and ride the people of Nebraska, and yet it has pleasanter and more profitable relations with the people than the Union Pacific, which devotes so much of its energy and the money of its stockholders to running the politics of the state and of every town and county through which it runs.

Will Mr. Adams reform this?

SUMMER SPORTS.

Base Ball.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

At St. Paul—St. Paul, 2; Bay City, 3.
At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 4; Muskegons, 8.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnatis 3, Brooklyns 4.
At Toledo—Toledos 6, Metropolitans 4.
At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 4, Washington 2.
At Washington—Unions, Cincinnati 1, Nationals 7.
At Boston—Unions, Chicagos 2, Boston 1.
At Quincy—Quincy 10, Fort Wayne 3.
At Louisville—Louisville 5, Baltimore 4.
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee 1, Terre Haute 9.

Saddlebags and Sulky.

MAUD S.'S SLY "EXERCISING."

CLEVELAND, July 10.—While exercising this afternoon, Maud S trotted a mile in 2:12¼.

Jeff Davis' Visit to Sheridan.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The editor of the Sun, Mr. Dana, has agreed to prepare a paper to be read before the First regiment reunion of the veteran army of Boston. It will contain the secret history of Davis' visit to Gen. Sheridan at the front during the last campaign in Shenandoah Valley.

NEBRASKA'S GROWTH.

Statistics Furnished by the Clerks of Twenty-Eight Counties.

The Assessed Valuation of 1884, Compared with 1883.

The Increase in Cultivated Area and the Increase in Population.

We present below replies from the county clerks of twenty-eight counties of the state showing the increase in assessed valuation of property, the increase in cultivated lands, and the general growth of the country compared with the records of 1883, also a tabular statement of the population of forty counties compared with the census of 1880:

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$7,330,950.00	$8,318,340.00
Assessed valuation, personal, ...	3,638,559.83	3,743,035.75
No, acres corn.....	39,668.	50,437.
No. acres wheat...	1,929.	2,308.
Estimated population.....	.....	70,000.

BUFFALO COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate and personal.....	.....	$2,749,711.00
Estimated population.....	.....	13,000.

WAYNE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$675,541.00	$708,328.00
Assessed valuation, personal	$284,149.00	$314.665,00
No. acres corn.....	4,547.	7,291.
No. acres wheat....	925.	1,389.
Total No. acres under cultivation...	8,703.	12,754.
Estimated population	1,826.	2,874.

RED WILLOW COUNTY.

		1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate and personal		$902,352.00
Estimated population, about.....		5,000.

SALINE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate (lands and lots).....	$1,371,108.00	$1,463,691.00
Assessed valuation personal.....	936,677.00	939,768.00
Valuation of railroads.....	451,331.00	613,200.00
No. acres corn.....	93,880	93.983
No. acres wheat....	27,075	19,187
Total No. acres under cultivation..	194,682	199,026
Estimated population nearly.....		18,000

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

	1883.	1884,
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$1,055,668.00	$1,064,160.00
Assessed valuation, personal	829,347.00	864.189.00
No. acres corn.....	52,386	59,775
No. acres wheat,..	13,726	11,409
Total No. acres under cultivation..	78,372	88,546
Estimated population as reported by assessors.....		10,395

RICHARDSON COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$1,854,445.00	$2,190.990.00
Assessed valuation, personal.....	1,220,273.00	745,588.00
Railroad.....		412,400.00
No. acres corn.....		91,491
No. acres wheat...		17,872
Total No. acres under cultivation..		136,409
Population as taken	15,977	17,500

YORK COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$1,288,849.00	$1,532,572. 00
Assessed valuation, personal.....	1,022 504.00	1,064,095.00
No. acres corn.....	99,817	88,231
No. acres wheat...	47,512	36,216
Total No. acres under cultivation...	200,818	209,820
Estimated population.....	16,000	20,000

SEWARD.

	1883	1884.
Assessed Valuation real estate,..	$1,369,649.00	$1,428,218.00
Assessed valuation Personal	976,831.00	1.084,666.00
No. acres corn.....	61,700	88,353.
No. " wheat...	20,518.	15,618.
Total No. acres under cultivation..		126,872.
Estimated population		015,000.

BUTLER COUNTY.

	1883	1884.
Assessed Valuation real estate..	$1,360,517.00	$1,387,655.00
Assessed valuation Personal.....	812,690.60	864,266.60
No. Acres Corn...	56,417.	70,814.
No. " Wheat.	21,768.	14,738.
Total No. acres under cultivation..	63,692.	675,441.
Population	10.713.	11,677.

SARPY COUNTY.

	1883	1884.
Assessed valuation real estate.....	$ 841,604.00	$ 924,146.00
Assessed valuation Personal.....	705,861,00	721.581.00
No. acres corn.....	37,741.	38,931.
No. " wheat..	3,791.	2,830.
Total No. acres under cultivation..	56,165.	(est)65,000.
Estimated population (census)....	5,323.	5,492.

GAGE COUNTY.

	1883	1884.
Assessed valuation real estate.....	$2,271,527.00	$2,447,322.00
Assessed valuation Personal.....	1,441,490.00	1,676,148.00
No acres corn.....	136,539.	111,864.
No " wheat....	203,539.	10,064.
Total No acres under cultivation..	866,312.	971,827.
Actual population.	19,201.	22,572.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

		1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....		$1,562,073
" " personal,.....		972,073
No. acres corn.....		55,060
No. acres of wheat.....		8,624
Total No. acres under cultivation..		72,524
Estimated population.....		11,500

LANCASTER COUNTY.

	1883	1884
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$3,972,203	$4,740,220
Assessed valuation, personal.....	1,402,186	1,364,900
Railroads and telegraph lines.....	736,248	893,193
No. acres corn.....	135,061	136,508
No, acres wheat.....	14,454	11,389
Total No. acres under cultivation.....	238,854	234,986
Estimated population...		35,000

CEDAR COUNTY.

		1884
Assessed valuation, real estate....		$931,486
" " personal.....		435,303.90
No. acres corn.....		11,251
No. acres wheat.....		4,082
Total No. acres under cultivation.		31,304
Estimated population.....		4,136

JOHNSON COUNTY.

	1883	1884
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$ 793,177	$1,905,251
Assessed val'n personal	665,963	
No. acres corn.....		43,715
No. acres wheat.....		2,677
Total No. acres under cultivation..		94.161
Population.....		9,727

PLATTE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$1,186 376.00	$1,101,146.60
personal.....	995,103.88	1,060,873 40
No. acres corn.....	44,602	54,205
No. acres wheat...	11,535	13,350
Total No. acres under cultivation..	78,752	86,512
Population.....	10,926	11,613

GREELEY COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....$	280,000.00 $	364,959.00
personal	60,000.00	135,515.00
No. acres corn....		13,274
No. acres wheat...		5.736
Total No. acres under cultivrtion...	20,000	23,474
Estim'd population,		3,000

STANTON COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....$	510,654.00 $	763,096 00
personal.....	253,393.00	268,967 00
No. acres corn....	7,997	3,964
No. acres wheat..	2,784	10,758
Total No. acres under cultivation..	18,538	22,123
Estim'd population	2,000	2,781

BOONE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....$	557,743.00 $	665,707.00
personal	314,568.00	399,445.00
No. acres corn.....	30,240	30,870
No. acres wheat...	16,875	10,156
Total No. acres under cultivation..	60,560	70,840
Estim'd population	6,000	7,000

VALLEY COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation real estate.....$	365,534.00 $	518,276,00
Assessed valuation personal	209,629.00	283,385.00
No, acres corn.....	11,672	14,921
No. acres wheat...	4,816	3,022
Total No. acres under cultivation...	12,517	15,951
Estimated population.....	.....	4,869

NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation real estate..†...	$1,072,279.00	$1,110,166.00
Assessed valuation personal	509,253	641,394
No. acres corn.....	39,091	33,659
No. acres wheat...	6,268	3,963
Tot d No acres under cultivation..	62,353	75,739
Estimated population.....	5,393	6,675

SAUNDERS COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation real estate.....$	1,420,677.00 $	1,433,332.00
Assessed valuation personal.....	1,052,963.00	1,971,414.00
No. acres corn....	136.043	99.509
No. acres wheat...	12,889	21,888
Total No. acres under cultivation..	448,659	448,793
Estimated population	.....	20,000

CUMING COUNTY.

	1884.	1883.
Assessed valuation real estate.....$	1,316,726.00 $	1,001,428.00
Assessed valuation personal	467,914.00	436,418.00
No. acres corn.....	45,300	45,252
No. acres wheat...	21,168	18,016
Total No. acres under cultivation..	82,981	80,695
Estimated population	8,731	8,210

PILLMORE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....$	1,271,938.00 $	1,172,300.00
Assessed valuation, personal.....	795,408.00	952,721.47
Estimated population	.....	14,000

KNOX COUNTY.

		1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....		$562,157.00
Assessed valuation, personal.....		301,020.00
No. acres corn.....		6,109
No. acres wheat...		2,333
Total number acres under cultivation		15.000
Estimated population		5,580
The valuation is about	$200,000	over 1883.

NANCE COUNTY.

	1883.	1884.
Assessed valuation, real estate.....	$376,100.00	$820,126.00
Assessed valuation, personal.....	159,212.94	219,000.00
No. acres corn.....	6,983	8,920
No. acres wheat....	1,903	3,179
Total number acres under cultivation	12,212	25,895
Estimatsd population	2,125	3,212

BURT COUNTY.

		1884.
Assessed valuation, farm land.....		$1,018,649.00
Assessed valuation, village lots.....		1.908,629.00
Assessed valuation, personal.....		920,843.00
No. acres wheat....		12,738
No. orn.....		51,791

POPULATION STATISTICS.

Below we present a tabular statement of the census taken by the assessors in forty counties, this year, compared with the government census of 1880:

	1880.	1884.
Antelope	3,959	8,241
Butler	9,193	11,677
Cedar	3 898	4.186
Dakota	3,216	4,040
Franklin	5,465	5,334
Frontier	934	1,411
Furnas	6,406	5,341
Greeley	1,460	2,879
Gosper	1,674	3,001
Hall	8,562	11,484
Hamilton	8,277	10,950
Jefferson	8 12	10,395
Otoe	15,736	19,507
Pierce	1,215	2,569
Platte	9,554	11,618
Polk	6,855	8,290
Richardson	15,044	17,500
Sarpy	4,239	5,492
Stanton	1,813	2,781
Thayer	6,129	9,184
Valley	2,334	4 899
Wayne	805	2,874
Webster	7,107	8,841
Buffalo	7,511	13,000
Red Willow	3,044	5000
Saline	14,491	18,000
York	11,170	20,000
Seward	11 147	15,000
Gage	13,464	22,671
Washington	8,631	11,500
Lancaster	28,090	35,000
Johnson	7.595	9.727
Boone	4.170	7,000
Nuckols	4 235	6,675
Saunders	15,810	20,000
Cuming	5,569	8,210
Fillmore	10,204	14,000
Knox	3,666	5,580
Nance	1,212	3,212
Douglas	37,645	70.000

Commencing on the school census of the present year the Lincoln Journal says:

Our school census shows 206,581 children of school age in Nebraska. By the census of 1880 we had 135,158 children of school age in a population of 452,000. Hence on the same basis the present population of the state, or rather the population when the school census was taken in the spring is 692,000. This is an increase in four years of a fraction over fifty-three per cent. If the same per cent of increase goes on until 1890, we shall then have a population of twelve hundred thousand. But if the increase be at the annual rate, and not at the annual percentage of the last four years, we shall have a million people.

The Course of the Cholera.

MARSEILLES, July 10.—Twenty five deaths last evening.

TOULON, July 10.—Ten deaths, including the Lady Superior of the Sisters of Charity.

Dr. Blaine Now the Peer of Dr. Miller.

BRUNSWICK, Me., July 10.—Bowdoin college conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Blaine.

Children's Clothiers Collapse.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Best & Co., children's clothing, have assigned. Liabilities, $180,000.

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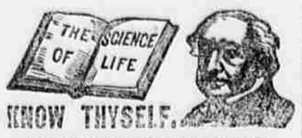

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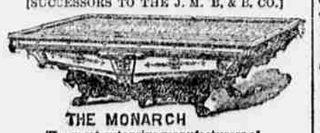

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