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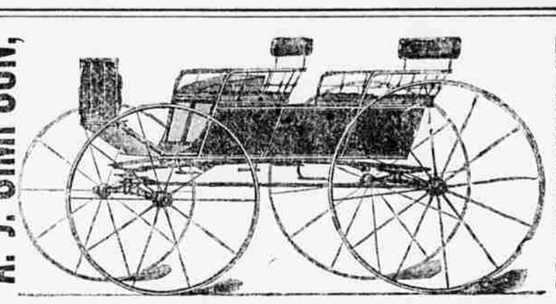

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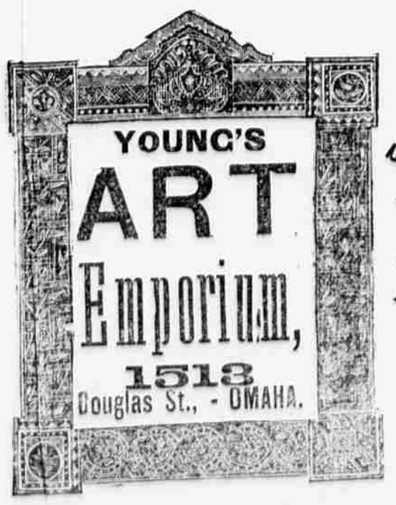

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LEAVES FROM LINCOLN.

The Capitol Corner-Stone Laying—Delegates to the Omaha Tournament—A Land Leaguer Protesting—Convict Labor—Other Capital Clatter.

LINCOLN, July 20, 1884.

Special correspondence of THE BEE.

The news of the week in Lincoln has been very much like the weather, reasonably varied without any extremes of sensation or yet a dearth of diarnal doings worthy of transformation to the type. The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the capitol on Tuesday last rather broke the monotony, but with the exception of the most interesting Masonic ceremonies with which the proceedings were accompanied and the remarks of Ex-Governor Furnas, the event was decidedly tame. The address was certainly a model one, being devoid of the usual rhetoric that is twined around new corner-stones like the ivy with which orators covers the aged and crumbling arches made by man hundreds of years after their architects are mingled with the dust. The ex-governor gave in a plain unostentatious manner the history of the wonderful progress of Nebraska in a nut shell and his address is a document well worth preserving. His comparisons between the Nebraska of the past and that of the present are really surprising, even to us who have lived amid all this progress, and, perhaps, added a little to its development. What a brilliant showing for any commonwealth is the contrast between the grand assessment roll of the state in 1873, which was $78,418,580, and that of 1883, which was $110,543,644, a gain in ten years of $32,124,064 In 1873 there were only 1,107 miles of railroad in Nebraska. In 1884, 2,685 miles, an increase of 1,578 miles. 211 of which was contracted between 1883 and 1884. In 1883 the report of the superintendent of instruction showed the number of pupils in the state to be 185,524; amount of money apportioned $182,344; amount per pupil 98 2-10 cents. In 1884 number of pupils 209,387; amount of money appropriated $404,404; amount per pupil $1 44 9-10, a gain of pupils in one year of 23,845, money appropriated $121,020; amount per pupil 46 7-10 cents. The ex-governor says: "Where there were no forest trees when the settlements were first made in the country are now to be found 244,356 acres, or 605,514,168 trees in flourishing groves planted by enterprising settlers and local owners. Add to these 12,033,112 fruit trees and 2,906,754 grape vines and you have the treeless American desert in your mind's eye."

The firemen of this city are making great preparations for the tournament to be held in your city Tuesday. There will be two companies from this city and a large delegation of outsiders. The Fitzgeralds will go up Tuesday, about 30 strong, officered by John Bagley, foreman, W. H. James, first assistant, and C. M. Carpenter, second assistant. They will have a running team of eighteen, under the management of John Templeton, and, from the fine work the boys have been doing lately, I will bet a pea against a pagoda that they carry off a prize. The merchant's hose will not go up until Wednesday, and will merely take part in the parade. They will have twenty men, in charge of W. H. Newbury, foreman, Robert Barham, first assistant, and I self second assistant. Chief Engineer Quick will also be on hand and I will raise my former bet and go two peas against a pagoda that he will be the finest looking man in the line, Jerome Pentzel, the Adonis of the Thurstons, to the contrary notwithstanding. Chief Quick may not run in the running race for chiefs and assistants, but for physique and general make up, Harry Howard, in his palmiest days, could never equal Lincoln's red-shirted knight. Let there be a special detail of police to keep the ladies on the sidewalk while Quick is passing in the procession. Ex-Chief I. L. Lyman and assistant, Menche, will be there and I can assure my firemen friends in Omaha that the capital city will furnish the said guests during the tournament, of which they can well feel proud to entertain in the best manner possible.

William O'Shea, of this city, an Irish nationalist of practical prominence, is not at all satisfied with the position about to be taken by the executive committee of the Irish National Land League regarding American politics. He is now preparing an open letter to send to said committee, stating among other things that the understanding he had with Mr. Parnell personally in Boston when he (O'Shea) as vice president of the Irish Free Soil League, which was the foundation of the land league in this country, consented to use his influence to a change of name was that the American politics should not in any way be mixed with land league matters.

We are constantly hearing of the lack of manufactories in the city and the hesitency of mechanic producers to locate. This can very easily be explained if the citizens of the capital would only take time to consider the matter. Do they ever turn their eyes to the south where stands the penitentiary and think of the contract system there in operation under Boss Stout and others. What honest hardworking stone cutter, no matter what his skill, can compete successfully with the contract labor in the line of stone work? A trunk factory has lately been established in the pen. Is there any inducement for trunk makers to locate in Lincoln now? Even the heathen Chinee—the diamond eyed child of the sun—has a direct competition in the penitentiary laundry and his oriental chop stick economy hardly enables him to successfully meet this competition. It will not be long before boots, shoes, cigars and other merchantile articles will be made by the Nebraska convicts and consequent inroads on all honorable and honest industrial pursuits. It seems that it is about time for the leading classes to examine into this matter. In my humble opinion more good can be done toward raising the dignity of labor and benefiting the sons of toil by regulating the prison contract system than foolgin around a thousand strikes. Let the example of Ohio and New York in these matters be followed. They also say that Boss Stout got his contracts with the state renewed several months before the old ones ran out, thus having the dead wood on the commonwealth. Why is this thus?

Tom Price, with several aliases, who was connected with the killing of Jimmy Nugent, in the Theatre Comique, of your city, has just been brought to the penitentiary from Harlan county, having been sentenced for burglary. Evidently Judge Gaslin had not heard of his Omaha scrape or he would have ordered his acquittal, for the judge has about as much love for the metropolis and its citizens as the devil has for holy water.

Last evening both the republicans and democrats ratified. The city was aglow with bonfires and rockets and a perfect pandemonium of drums, fifes, hurrahs and hoorays. The great trouble here is that the democrats have no speakers and the republicans are all speakers. It would be a great deal better if there was a division of mouth, for really some of the young Demosthenes Benjamins here should be appointed professors of oratory in the deaf and dumb asylum. It would be a God-send to their party if they were as silent and half as solemn as the democratic ones who do not seem to have enough self-composure when before an audience to twinkle their eye. I think if I was a Cleveland man, and saw even a cross-roads postoffice way down in Red Willow county, I would manage to say something intelligible in his favor, even if I had to learn it out of a book. QUID NUNC.

PROGRESS OF THE B. & M.

Completion of the Kenesaw Cut-Off.

From the Denver Tribune.

Telegrams received in this city yeterday announced the completion of the Kenesaw cut-off on the line of the Burlington and Missouri. The cut-off forms the hypothenuse of a right angle triangle to the old line between Kenesaw and Oxford, and runs through the richest farming country in Nebraska. The line will be opened for through business in about a week.

The exact distance from Denver to Pacific Junction by way of the Kenesaw cut-off is 543.7 miles. The distance from Oxford to Kenesaw, via. cut-off being 111.3. The distance shortened being about thirty miles. The new cut-off will make the Chicago, Burlington & Missouri the shortest line to Chicago by 33.3 miles. The cut-off will save over one hour in time between the terminal points when the fast passenger trains are run through between Chicago and Denver.

On July 1, two years since, the Burlington line was completed to this city. The progress made in increased facilities for the safe and speedy handling of both freight and passengers is very marked. Time on freights from the eastern shippers is now uniformly arrived at destination in the remarkable time of seven or eight days from New York, and three to four days from St. Louis and Chicago, and without breaking bulk or detention between St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, or Chicago or Denver.

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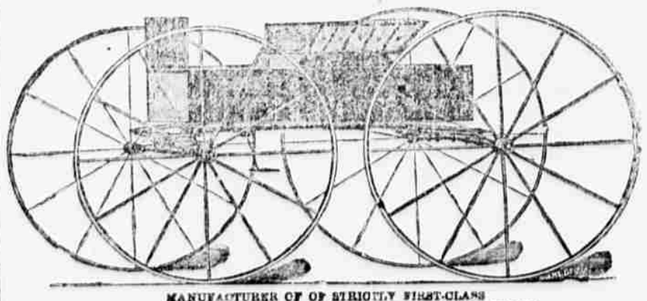

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