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That proposed Nicaragua canal treaty seems to have hit the John Bull's eye.

Now that Hon. N. K. Griggs has been indicted, perhaps he can indite a poem on the beauties of land grabbing.

The Spanish treaty has raised the determined opposition of the cigar makers who are all heartily wishing it may end in smoke.

The postmaster at Chaco, Texas, has been killed by Mexicans, who anticipated the cutting of his head by the incoming administration.

The all important question now agitating the faithful herbivores is whether the coming meeting of the democratic state central committee will be a secret convocation or an "open session."

We are led to believe that the recent cold snap was owing to the sudden departure from Nebraska of Captain Howgate, the defaulting signal service chief.

If congress wants to do anything in the line of canal building, it had better do something towards the construction of the Hennepin canal than for the Nicaragua scheme.

It looks as if there is some truth in the report that J. Sterling Morton is circulating for signatures a petition that he be made chief democratic soup dispenser in Nebraska.

The British lion sets up a roar against the proposed Nicaragua treaty. The matter is respectfully referred to Richelieu Robinson, with the request to give the lion's tail another twist.

CONGRESSMAN REAGAN is making headway with his inter-state commerce bill. It has been substituted for the house committee bill, and thus defeats the railway commissioner scheme.

NEARLY all the banks in Vienna have become embarrassed owing to the financial distress of the Bohemian land mortgage company growing out of the crisis in the sugar trade.

THE Dakota bill has passed the senate by a strict party vote, and when it comes to the house it will be defeated by a strict party vote. Republican Dakota is wasting its time in fooling around a democratic congress.

EVIDENTLY the dynamite party is endeavoring to give practical effect to Macaulay's prophecy relative to the traveler from New Zealand standing on the broken arch of London bridge and gazing on the ruins of St. Paul.

GENERAL ROSECRANS said among other things in reply to a question by a colored journalist as to what he thought would be the policy of the party toward the negro race: "Your people will not know that there is a democratic president in the White House." This must certainly be consoling to the freedman.

THE trouble with Griggs and Ashby and their associates is that they did not gobble enough land. If they had gobbled the whole Otse reservation it would have been an eminently respectable steal, and the probability is that they would have escaped punishment. That is generally the case with wholesale plunderers.

SENATOR VAN WYCK will probably gain his point on the open discussion of the Spanish-American treaty. He is opposed to the secret session on general principles, and it will probably be done away with entirely except in cases of great emergency, when important state secrets are to be discussed and acted upon.

REMARKS does not seem to have a controlling influence over the reichstag. It refused to give him an assistant in the German foreign office, notwithstanding his strong appeal that a refusal to comply with his request would embitter his life. By a vote of 141 to 119 the reichstag concluded to embitter his declining days. The old chancellor is evidently losing his grip.

JAY GOULD understands the art of hedging. He has not forgotten his famous declaration: "In a republican district I was a republican. In a democratic district I was a democrat. In doubtful districts I was a democrat. In doubtful districts I was a democrat. In doubtful districts I was a democrat."

EX-STATE SENATOR BOVEE, of New York, expresses his opinion very freely concerning Lord Roscoe Conkling, as follows: "He has climbed away up on top of a lofty pedestal from which he is supposed to survey man and all of his political works with supreme indifference and a weary disregard for the opinions of his followers."

HE has climbed away up on top of a lofty pedestal from which he is supposed to survey man and all of his political works with supreme indifference and a weary disregard for the opinions of his followers. He is so consumed with a sort of sublime egotism that he really believes the country is blinded to his real feelings and entertains an opinion that he is a sort of demigod, free from the bitterness and weaknesses that characterize the majority of the race.

SUMNER'S DEFEAT.

The defeat of Congressman Sumner, of California, retires from the national legislature a friend of the people and one of the ablest men in that body. He had arrayed himself against the railway oppression exercised over the people of California by the Central Pacific railway, and had called the attention of congress to the outrageous abuses of that monopoly and of the Union Pacific, and advocated the reduction of passenger fares on all land-grant railroads to three cents a mile.

Upon all railroad questions Mr. Sumner was found fighting on the side of the people. It is no wonder, therefore, that his defeat was accomplished by the railroad influence and monopoly money of California. He was congressman at large, and the mass of the democratic party of San Francisco desired his nomination under the districting plan that took place subsequent to his election, but that nomination was sold to another person by the political boss, and the railroad lobby by use of money succeeded in getting the state convention to pass a resolution condemning Mr. Sumner's course in congress and thus creating the impression that the people of California repudiated him.

But the second congressional district convention, representing thirteen counties, nominated Mr. Sumner with only two dissenting voices, although he was in Massachusetts at the time and had expressed his protest against nomination. However, he returned and made a vigorous canvass, and everywhere was enthusiastically received.

At every point he found the money of the Central Pacific and the telegraph companies placed against him. It is believed that no less than \$50,000 was spent to defeat Mr. Sumner. In Sonora, a small town, with only about 500 voters, the sum of \$27,000 was distributed, and it is stated that one hundred votes were bought in Yuba county the night before election.

All along the line of the railroad men were bought and intimidated in the effort to gather ballots for the monopoly candidate. Yet in spite of all this, Mr. Sumner was defeated by only 117 votes out of about 32,000, but the monopoly organs claim a majority of 1,000.

Whether he intends to contest the election is not yet known, but it is to be hoped that, in the interests of the people of California, he will not retire without making an effort to retain his seat, to which he is entitled by the unpurchased votes of his district. The California monopolists have great fears that he will make a contest, and if he does the prospects are very favorable for his success. The manner in which he was defeated was a disgrace to California politics, but the people of that state may expect a repetition of just such campaigns whenever the monopolists take a hand.

CITY ATTORNEY CONNELL has officially rendered an opinion regarding the title of the old Douglas county court house site. Mr. Connell holds that the property, when abandoned for court house purposes, reverts to the city. This opinion is in direct conflict with that rendered by County Attorney Cowin, and very naturally, unless mutual concessions are made between the county commissioners and the city council, this difference may lead to tedious and needless litigation. The city of Omaha sustains the same relation to the county that a man does to his wife, which is very intimate, and it strikes us as very foolish to quarrel over the title of this property.

The corporation limits of Omaha include nine-elevenths of the value of the property in the county, and on the question of the old court house title this difference is about as much as between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee. The best thing that can be done by the commissioners and the council is to conclude such arrangements with regard to this property as will be most beneficial to the tax-payers. The city now has more real estate than it really wants for practical use, and the county needs funds with which to complete the new court house. By exchanging lots and passing titles the city may acquire a very eligible site for a city hall, and the county will get all the money it needs without inflicting additional taxation upon the people. This seems to be the shortest way out of the difficulty.

THE portland Oregonian, speaking of the election of Charles S. Voorhees, son of Senator Voorhees, as delegate to congress, says that he has drifted into congress on the railroad issue, which may never float a democrat into office in the territory again. His majority is 140 in a total vote of 41,844, of which 10,000 or 12,000 were cast by women.

MR. BARNUM, chairman of the democratic executive committee, has announced the names of the committee that will have charge of the inauguration ceremonies. Out of respect to Mr. Barnum the committee ought to engage seven mules to haul the presidential carriage.

IF there is a democrat in Nebraska carried a torch during the recent campaign that does not expect to be rewarded with an office, he can obtain a permanent situation at a good salary in any enterprising dime museum. Apply to Dr. Miller or J. Sterling morton.

THE Car Coupler problem. Boston Advertiser. The petition to the railroad commissioners on behalf of certain roads which are using the Union car coupler to have it recommended for adoption was informally heard yesterday. Mr. Crockett, division superintendent of the Boston and Lowell, stated that there was a mistake in the announcement that they had petitioned for it, as they were only trying it on a dozen cars, and were not yet ready to specially recommend any coupler.

General Superintendent Furber, of the Boston, Maine & Eastern, arrived late, but told the commissioners that while he had not been a member of the committee, he was well pleased with this and it was doing good service on their roads. About 100 Boston & Maine cars are equipped with it, about 125 Eastern cars, and about twelve Maine Central cars, so it has become of some interest to the consolidated roads to be permitted to use this coupler. It may be added that the Boston & Providence are now trying it for carver. Mr. Crockett proposed that the Boston & Providence, in order to transportation of the eastern, told the commissioners that when they began to use the coupler it was wrongly attached to about twenty-five cars, and several slight accidents occurred; but since this mistake was corrected it has given entire satisfaction, and it is completely automatic with running heads better than any other with which he is acquainted.

The commissioners gave no intimation of their conclusions, if they found any. In this connection it may be proper to state that they have not indicated whether or not they shall continue their recommendation to one coupler. The prevailing opinion, however, in railroad circles that they will permit the use of more than one. It is apparent that several have reached a good degree of utility for service with the present multifarious varieties in use. It is also tolerably clear that the Union car coupler will be superseded in a year or two by a coupler of the future. Inventors are at work and master car builders are studying the devices and criticizing, comparing, laying aside and partially commending. Whenever they can agree upon one superior to all others, that will probably come into speedy use throughout the voluntary action of all the roads in the country or through legislative compulsion. Until then, everything must be tentative. The commissioners are becoming thoroughly informed on the whole subject. They have yet considerable work to do, and it is not probable that there is any fear that they will compel costly changes unless decidedly advantageous, nor that they will even make any such rigid rule or selection as will exclude the "perfect coupler" when it comes. The language of the law is such as to require only a gradual change, and the rate of it will be very much in the hands of the roads, whatever device or devices the commissioners prescribe.

Arthur as a Party Leader. New York Commercial. President Arthur renews the recommendations contained in his previous annual messages for a revision of the tariff. Since 1881 he has repeated his advice—a fact which proves beyond question that the tariff law of 1883 was not as far-reaching as it should have been. Mr. Arthur has been a student of the tariff for some time, because the tariff has been a special study with him during the years he has been in the custom house. In his first annual message to congress he made such radical suggestions for a revision of the tariff that he seemed to startle the members of the Forty-sixth congress, and accordingly his suggestions were not acted upon.

The defeat of 1882 showed the republicans, however, that they had blundered. Yet the "tidal wave" of that year was not confined to New York, but swept into Massachusetts, and extended even as far west as Ohio. A physician was called from Humphrey, and though there was in his opinion great danger for her life, she is now at last accounts improving a little.

Under the New Regime. How Washington Ladies Regard the Coming of Cleveland. Chicago Herald. On the whole it looks as if the foreboding of certain of our ministers' friends that the white house would be a dreary question which has come up prominently in the last three years.

But his advice was disregarded then; and the opportunity to efface the troubles of 1880-81 passed away, perhaps forever. The student of political affairs in looking over Mr. Arthur's state papers will say that the man who had his advice so prominently in the last three years.

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