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OMAHA continues to hold, her position way up in the list of clearing house

gives to the Servian war. Our readers. will be interested in knowing that the war is for a city, and not for wounded affection. Tire St. Louis Republican's war editor has not a very exalted opinion of the disturbance of the peace that is now going

on between Servin and Bulgaria. He

Rhode Island and Posey county, Indiana. Title supreme court of Illinois has confirmed the sentence of Mackin, the Chieago hallot-box stuffer, and Chicago has passed a new election law to secure the purification of the polls. Illinois has evidently decided that the burn politicians and election frauds must go.

MISS CLEVELAND has ordered that all lady correspondents shall be admitted to the white house entertainments the coming winter. It is safe to say that there will be more lady newspaper correspondents at the national capital than ever

A JAPANESE court has recently fined an editor for not crediting an article clipped from a contemporary. If such fines could be imposed in this country, a large number of editors would be liable for not crediting the Omaha BEE for articles appropriated from its columns without credit.

A JURYMAN in Boston was so drunk in the box last week that he had to be removed and the trial postponed. This is equalled by a recent case in an Omaha court, in which the lawyer defending a criminal was too drunk to proceed, and the court had to adjourn to give him time to sober up.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL evidence is a dangerous thing for a jury to trifle with. A story comes from Millintown, Pa., of a young man who now turns up well and hearty after having been looked upon as dead for several years. His father was twice tried for his murder and acquitted on the second trial.

Iowa proposes to celebrate over a republican majority of 8,000. Times have changed. Not long ago the democrats would have had bonfires in Iowa over the smallness of a republican majority of 30,000. Reckless leadership and dishonest party management have slowly dragged the state from the former commanding position as the leader of the republiean vanguard.

The Chicago Tribune publishes an in-Heresting letter from Senator Sutton, of Iowa, showing the beneficial workings of the high license law in Nebraska. Here cently made a personal investigation of the matter in Omaha and Lincoln, and in his comparisons between Nebraska high license and lowa prohibition he shows conclusively that the former is by far the more practical and beneficial measure.

THE Philadelphia Record makes a touching plea for women in an editorial entitled "Don't Forget Her," and incidentally it calls upon the newspapers to devote more attention and space to the topics that interest the ladies, who comprise more than one-half of the population of all our great cities. The BEE heartily endorses this sentiment and has acted in accordance with it for years. No department of the BEE is more popular with the fair sex than our "Honey For the Ladies."

WHILE we have been stimulating other industries our egg growing industry seems to have been neglected. Last year this country bought from the Canadians eleven and a half million dozen of eggs, for which we paid them two millions of dollars. When there is so much complaint of hard times and of a lack of light employment for women it is a wonder that the poultry business does not get a greater degree of attention. It is a business which does not admit of being carried on in a wholesale way. Large colonies of bees do not thrive. They are subject to visitation of disease which carry them off by hundreds. But fowls can be made a source of income to thousands of small farmers, paying them better than more costly and laborious invest-

HORACE B. CLAFLIN, perhaps the most widely known merchant in the United States, died last Saturday at the age of 74 years. Mr. Claffin's long career in business, though generally considered a successful one, is an example of the vicissitudes to which every merchant is subjected however prosperous or industrious His firm during its history was three times forced to ask extensions from Its creditors, the last time in 1873 when its annual sales were averaging over \$72,-600,003. 'Five business men out of every ten," says a New York business maxim, fail to weather financial storms." It was to Mr. Claffin's credit that every dollar of his firm's indebtedness was liquidated in each instance, and that the conesty of the partners made the financial standing of the establishment as secure after as before the failures.

The Hughitt Compromise. General Manager Hughitt of the North western railroad is alarmed at the de-

termination of Omaha business mentunto the Elkhorn valley. As a conceseny Mr. Hughitt proposes to construct a stubline from Kennard to Omaha and that no competing road will be built by Omnin capitalists into the Elkhorn valley, the headquarters of the Sioux City & Pacific which are now at Missouri Valley, will be located and maintained at Omaha. This indication of a change of policy on the part of the Chicago & Northwestern managers will be hailed with satisfuction by our people. It shows that the railroad magnates who control the Chicago & Northwestern realize that Omaha is in a position to enforce her demands for fair treatment and proper facilities from the railroads. At the same time, we doubt very much whether it would be judicious and prudent for our citizens to let the "Figureso for Sophia" is the heading present opportunity go for securing a which one of our eastern exchanges railway into the Elkhorn valley that will always be operated in the interests of Omaha, A stub road to Kennard will operate very much like a stub line to Oreapolis on the managers of the Northwestern may faithfully earry out their pledges to place Onaba on an equal footing with Sioux City with regard to northwestern Nesays it is about the size of a war between braska traffic. But who knows when a successor to Mr. Hughitt may reverse the policy. All we know now is that Omaha has been deliberately out off from the northwest territory whose traffic naturally belongs to her. It seems to us that her interests demand such guarantees as cannot be reversed by any changes in the management of the Chicago & Northwestern.

The Free Text Book Problem.

The free text book question resolves itself simply into this: All the money at the disposal of the school board is needed for salaries of teachers, the purchase of school lots and the building and furnishing of school houses. The only way in which the board can provide for free text books is by a special tax levied for that purpose through the council.

Now, we doubt very much the propriety of any such special tax at the present or for some years to come. Omaha is a growing city and her needs in every direction for material improvements, such as water supply, sewerage, police and fire protection, street cleaning, etc., entail a heavy burden upon the property owners, even apart from the special taxes levied for paving and grading. It is, in fact, desirable that for many years we should be relieved entirely from local school tax. Our revenue from licenses and fines, with the state school tax apportionment, should cover the entire cost of school management.

The main object of free text books is to relieve the poor and people of limited means from the outlay for the purchase of school books. A large proportion of this class do not educate their children above the primary grades. Probably not | Riel's sanity, and under the circummore than ten per cent, of the grammar stances he should have been given the school and less than ten per cent, of the | benefit of that doubt, high school attendants belong to the class that cannot afford to buy their own school books. Why not make a beginning in the free text book effort with the primary grades next year, and leave the higher grades until the board is in condition to extend the system, if it seems advisable. The text books for the primany grades are not expensive. The board probably can lay aside money enough to supply these books without asking for a special tax levy If the experiment proves a success, after a fair trial, the ways and means may be found to include all grades. We do not believe that the council will be justified in levying a special tax for free text books.

THE objects of the citizens' league or-

ganized last night are commendable. To enforce existing laws, to protect the young and to encourage a healthy public sentiment in the community, are all aims which deserve support and to which no one can take exception. The trouble with law and order leagues in Omaha has been that they began and ended their careers by passing resolutions and calling upon the press of the city to expose the cyils which it was their own duty to bring to light and eradicate. The BEE had a little experience of its own in this matter when the high license law first went into effect, and it speaks by the eard. We are inclined to believe that the plan of the Chicago citizens' league as explained in the meeting at Boyd's opera house is the most off it ant which could be adopted to further the ends desired. That plan is the employment of a special agent with all the authority of a policemen, to report violations of the law and prosecute o fenders in the name of the society. The trouble before this, has been that business men and ministers shrank from the unpleasant notoriety and unpopularity which active work of this kind is certain to create. What was everybody's business was noboly's business, and the result was a notable failure. The great mass of our people are heartily in favor of law and order and will sustain any practical and sensible effort to secure the enforcement of the one and the preserva. tion of the other.

THE Herald is greatly agitated because the press of Omaha do not refer to the projected new railroad as the "Omaha Northern." Why should it be referred to by that name? The "Omaha Northern" is nothing more nor less than the paper extension of the Missouri Pacific towards Yankton, Dakota, and Mr. Me-Shane indignantly denies that his project has anything to do with the projects of that corporation. The jobbers of Omaha are not crying for closer rail connection with Yankton, and the people of this city are exhibiting no anxiety to make donations for lines of rail elsewhere than towards the northwestern interior of our own state. For that matter, we do not care what the new road, so long as it is built, is named. What we are most con-

born Valley, and not a trunk line extension to the north, is what our jobbers and wholesalers need most, just at the preshave an independent line of their own | ent time. Such a line, controlled by Omaha capital and managed with sion to the commercial interests of this definite guarantees of trusteeship, so that it can not be diverted from the object for which it is proposed to construct it, will intimates that with proper guarantees, receive liberal support from our people. It will be useless, however, for any man or combination of men, to use the present popular eagerness for a road to the north-

west to further their own private schemes

to construct a line in some other direc-

tion. Our commercial interests are a

of the city. A railroad tapping the Eik-

what conditions. GENERAL HOWARD has been making a careful examination of the military necossities of the northern Nebraska frontier, and gives it as his judgment that Forts Niobrara and Robinson should be made permanent and large posts. He recommends the entire rebuilding of the latter, which will be soon reached by the railroad. It will take united and hard work on the part of our delegation to make the demands of Nebraska for adequate military protection felt at Washington, but no time should be lost in pre-B. & M. Mr. Hughitt and the present paring and presenting the case. With these two important points on the flanks of the Sioux reservation guarded by large and durable posts, the settlement and safety of the upper country will be as-

> Kansas City's stockmen have come forward with a proposition to bear half the expense of a permanent exposition and to combine with it a fat stock show which for several years past has been held in the neighborhood. We suggest to the managers of the Omaha district fair that some such arrangement might be made with the stockmen who make Omalia their headquarters and who are interested in the stock yards here. A union of the stock and business interests in Omaha would assure us a permanent exposition at the fair grounds worth

> THE decision of the board of education to sell the Eleventh sireet school house and lot is a vise one. The school is now only half filled while others are crowded. The location has ceased to be a proper one for a school and residences have given way to stores and business houses all around it. The lot is a valuable one and with the proceeds of its sale the board will be able to provide another school house elsewhere. The resolution to sell the lot, which means to discontinue the school at that location, was a proper and timely one.

> RIEL'S troubles have ended with his hanging, but it looks as though Canada's troubles were just beginning. The French Canadians and half-breeds will be slow to forget the execution of this man. Rebel though he was, he was the leader in a cause that had been created by unjust treatment on the part of the government. Furthermore, there will always remain a doubt as to

> "GENEROUS JAY GOULD," who swindled the west out of \$10,000,000 in one railroad deal, has disgorged \$5,000 for the Galveston sufferers, and his sycophant admirers are gyrating with enthusiasm over the nobility which prompted the gift. Patrons of the Unio r Pacific system pay annually in interest \$599,000 on account of Gould's manipulations of that stock. and may be pardoned on that account for not charing in the enthusiasm of his ditorial lackeys.

The street car company is just like any other corporation. It pays little or no attention to the laws regulating it, and consequently the public is constantly inconvenienced. It is about time that the street ear company run its ears until midnight on all the lines, in accordance with he city ordinance. The city authorities, whose duty it is to see that the ordinances are enforced, should do their duty in this matter, and do it at once.

RIEL has met his death at the hands of the law, but the Canadian government will surely reap the results of the executive folly in making a martyr of the leader of the half-bree is in their revolt igainst oppression and misrale. The entire foreign population of Canada is bitterly incensed, and will, doubtless, make itself felt before long in a way which Sir

THE Herald assumes to itself a little too much when it says that "it alone of the city press has been the steadfast advocate of the free text-book scheme." The BEE urged the adoption of this new departure from the very first, and we are under the impression that it was the first paper to make the suggestion. However, the Herald is entitled to credit for its co-operation.

THE railroads have plenty of use for water in the inflation of their stocks, but they have no use for the Missonri river, which contains altogether too much navigable water to suit them. It does not surprise us, therefore, that such railroad organs as the Herald should violently oppose any appropriations for the improve-

Mississippi has no bar association, but is taking steps to supply the deficiency Bar associations, generally, are organizations which meet semi-occasionally for the purpose of passing obituary resolutions concerning deceased mem-bers. It is remarkable how Mississippi has existed sc long without it.

THE street cars in Lincoln have been made comfortable for the winter by being equipped with stoves. If a Lincoln street car company can do this much for the comfort of its passengers it seems to us that the Omaha company could do the same thing for its patrons.

As illustrated eastern paper prints a picture of the shooting of the Omaha street-car robber, and locates Omaha in Missouri. Omaha's reputation is bad cerned about, is that it shall be built in enough without being called a Missouri the right direction for the best interests town. She can stand anything but that. The Rustness Situation.

The general condition of business throughout the country indicates a gradual but steady improvement, and the signs for the future continue hopeful litteral or social. while showing no strong evidence of an approaching boom. The return to prosperity is necessarily slow. The wreckage must first be cleared away before the strong structure of commercial olidly dude, can rise. But there is a well sustained activity and strength in the situation which is encouraging. The volume of business has decreased a little owing to continued unfavorable weather conditions, but the trade movement during unit as to their needs. Our people know the past week has been vigorous. Mills and factories are generally well emwhat they are willing to assist and under ployed, and, with few exceptions, manufacturers and distributers express themselves confidently and hopefully coucerning the commercial and industrial

situation and outlook. The iron trade is showing special strength. Steel rails have advanced, and mills are crowded with orders, while other branches are fairly active and values well maintained with an improvng tendency. Prices in cotion have declined slightly, but the demand for export and home consumption continues good. The sales of wool are much in excess of what they were a year ago, while the production of woolen and worsted goods is estimated to be 25 per cent larger. The dry goods trade continues quiet owing to moderate weather. Corn attracted more speculative inter-

est last week than for a long time past. The weather has been unfavorable for the maturing and gathering of the new sorn, and the moderate interior movement and poor grading of receipts have produced a panie among the shorts in the speculative market, where outstanding contracts have been largely covered at advancing prices. The November ortion was the center of interest, and the fluctuations in prices in Chicago especially have been numerous. The hand of manipulation is apparent in these changes, and, while it is evident that many of the windsellers have bought their way out of an uncomfortably tight fix, it is uncertain to what extent the market may still be oversold. and therefore difficult to forecast the immediate future of prices. The temper of speculation is bullish on the near options, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the new corn crop, but the magnitude of the crop harvested weakens confidence in next year's deliveries. Legitimate business in corn has been quieted, owing to the excitement in the speculative market and the disposition of foreign buyers to hold off for larger offerings of new corn. The wheat markets have been alternately higher and lower, as a result of speculative manipulation; but the net change for the week is in favor of the long interests, who have sustained the market in the face of a further accumulation of stocks and utter apathy on the part of exporters.

Not a Very Big War. St. Louis Republicant: It is not a very big war which King Milan, of Servia, has declared, but it is the biggest he has in

Men Who Drive.

N. Y. Ledger Bonner says that men the drive much are never ill-natured Aspiring authors who have their manuscripts regularly returned will hardly believe that Mr. Bonner drives every day.

The Difference Between Vt. and Ky. Pittsburg Chroniele: A cablegram in an esteemed contemporary is headed: "Minister Phelps Ents." This is the advantage of being a Vermonter. Had be een a Kentuckian it would have been

An Inference.

Norristown Herald: Since 1828 over \$5,000,000 have been spent on the Cologne cathedral. It is interred that the building is either being constructed by the government or the Philadelphia Public Building commission.

What Ingersoll Was Thinking About. St. Louis Post-Dispatch: When Bob Ingersoll said "Let the gods have the heavens, but let us have the earth," he was evidently thinking about those land grabs in which he had acquired an interest with Dorsey.

Converts Come Hard in Good Towns. Chicago Herald: The boy preacher made only twenty converts a day in Milwankee during the first week of his engagement there, but that was more than his record in Chicago. Sinners come hard in these good towns, where most people belong to the church.

Business Hours.

A notice to the following effect is posted up outside the office of certain works in the Manchester district: "Notice! The hours of attendance in this office are: To canvassers for church subagents, 2 to 4; commercial travelers, beggars and advertising men, ALL DAY, attend to our own business at night."

Don't Forget Her.

Philadelphia Record: More than half the population of all our great cities is of the feminine gender, Acute business men in some few occupations do not lose sight of this fact, and some of them have made a fortune by remembering it. After all the pushing and palling which are called "transactions" in the business world, in which men are constantly at the front and appear to be the moving cause, the hard faut arrived at, by whatever patient Gradgrind undertakes to investigate it, is that half the money goes for wemanly expenditure. A woman may not cat as much as a many but she is as large a consumer in the matter of dress, and she, as the manager of household disburse ment, is the great luvestor. We only have in the world absolutely what we cat and drink and wear; other possessions are relative and commonly enjoyed with others, or else not enjoyed at all; so in the methods of civilized life it napens that our most material comforts are all shaped and fashioned to our use by woman.

The thinkers and philosophers who control the journalism of the country ought to learn a lesson from the wiser dealers in mcrchandise who appeal with shrewder judgment to mankind rather than to man. Why should the special than to man. Why should the special themes which interest men rather than women fill up nine columns out of ten in the daily newspaper which goes into the householdshalf tilled with women? The Russians have a proverb that

member." It often happens that the de termined member wears a petticent. is never safe to forget a matter so obvious and so necessary to remember in all our encalations, whether commercial, po-

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Prince Waldemay of Denmark parts his hair in the middle, but he is by no means a

Mr. Beecher announces his belief in a purgatory. This will be consoling doctrine for the mugwinnes.

Of the forty-even representatives to the house of representatives from Suffolk county (Boston) twenty-five are Irish-Americans

The governor of North Carolina is named Scales. His triends think he is a wall-bulanced man, besides having a good way about It is now said that the oppose habit was the

conduct, but this doesn't account for Mr. De-DOW'S. Ferdinand Ward's employment in the Sing Sing penitentiary is said to be making stoves.

cause of Andrew Johnson's extraordinary

If the stoves are not red-hot Mr. Ward should Both of Gen, Logan's parents were pure rish. The story that he is of Indian extraction is therefore unfounded, although he was

lately on the warpath after scalps, as it were. President Cleveland's autograph sold for even cents at an auction in Massachusetts. Had that autograph been stoned to a commisdon for a fat office it would have been worth

Henry Ward Beecher, who did noble serice last year as a Cleveland mugwump, 10turned to the republicans, and what was the coult? Why, he had his pocket picked of a

"Russell Lowell" has given up official life and will hereafter devote himself to literature. Has some ruthless Harvard freshman called him "Jimmy" that he has thus curtailed his birthright?

Ruskin, it is said, won't come to America because we have no ancient ruins. He should not let a little thing like that deter hin . It is thought that if he should engage an English ballet troupe he could bring his auclent ruins with him.

While hunting in Wisconsin recently, James Dana, a brother of Mr. Butler's distinguished newspaper friend, mistook a man for a deer and shot him through the back. James appears to be almost as short-sighted as a lumter as his brother is as a politician.

C. H. Van Wyck.

Kearney Press: The distinguished citizen, whose name heads this article, is the senior United States senator from Nebraska, and one of the most fearless and untiring workers in the interest of the toiling masses there is to-day in that body of railway and banking tools. In fact, he is the only man in the United United States senate who has during the past five years stood up and made a manty and fearless light for the rights of his fellow-men. In politics he is a republican, of the genuine anti-monopoly type, and has justly carned a national reputation by his bereeulean and tireless efforts, to secure for the great mass of his countrymen justice at the hands of pooled capital. During the last session of congress Van Wyck secured the passage of the house bill through the ite, forfeiting millions of uncarned hand grants to the government, and thus estored these lands to the public dominin.

Senator Van Wyck, is a republican of the Lincoln type; a man who believes in legislation and laws that will scente the greatest good to the greatest number, amblicanusm is not of the type which allures the republican editor, of to-day to his support. We think, that at least three-fourths of the republican papers of Nebraska, are to-day van Wyck's re-election to the U.S. ser ate. The question naturally arises, why is this? It is because Van Wyck is for and of the people, in their great battle with the giant power of consolidated and pooled capital. It is because the rail ways of Neuraska fear him and his power to accomplish good for the people they would enslave. For these reasons, they will spare neither pains or money to secure and compass his defeat.

There is not the slightest doubt, but nat Senator Van Wyen has a stronger hold upon the affections of all classes of the people of Nebraska, outside of rail way officials, than any other man in the If it were left to a vote of the peostate. me of Nebraska, as to who they would have for U. S. Senator, Van Wyck would carry the state over any and al competitors by 50,000 majority. But us the light is to be made it is very doubtful whether be will be returned to the senate next year or not. In Buildio are for him and all the anti-monopolists desire his re-election, yet every republican paper in the county is against him and for "anybody to beat Van Wyck." The politicions are also against him. Why? Because the men who own the politicians are against him. The Journal nd Eca, both claiming to be the people, are opposed to Van Wyck because they are under railway control Cunning sain, "the great moulder and leader of public opinion," the man who whelds a pen with such doadly effect, as to pile the earth with his slain, and who rects monuments to commemorate the defeat of justice and the triumph of in justice, in an-editorial not many months since, said that Van Wyck ought to be wearing stripes in the Neoraska penaten tiary instead of holding a seat in the United States senate. Why? Because Van Wyck is a friend of the toiler and Cunningham is the fawning friend of railway robber capital. republicans who have always

claimed that they were anti-monopolists in principle, but believed that all the repeople demanded, could and would be secured turough the republican party, we say, now is the time to make good your assertious and belief, by ralying to the support of Van Wyck to the end that the people, not only of Nebras-ka, but of the whole American Union may continue to have and fearless, tire-less and invincible advocate in that body senator Van Wyck is a good enough au ti-monopolist for us, because he is a true epublican, and we have never ceased to believe in true, genuine republicanism. It may be possible that the republican par-Nebraska may yet change front on Van Wyck. If the party leaders do so and coaclude to support him, it will be because Senator Van Wyck is stronger in Nebraska than the leaders of his party in that case, the republican literary buread will notify its Rhones and Cumning hams that Van Wyck will have to be re elected and that must be the battle cry in the future. Wont it be fun, in that case, to read Cunningham's Van Wyck edito-rials next fall, and listen to him shout for Van Wyck, under any and all ex-cumstances, because Van Wyck is for the the people, and if the politicians of Bulla-lo county shall conclude to support him because they cannot dereat him, this support will not swerve us from our loyalty to the best man there is to day in the U S. senute.

Brother Gardner, of the Lime-Kiln Club says: "Neuralgia, rheumatism weak backs, terrible headaches, and : rheumatism. dozen odder ailments am keepen de doctah busy." He might have added that St. Jacobs Oil cures all these troub-'there is no family without a determined' les and gives "de doctalis" a rest.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. The body of an unknown main was found dead in Wells, Webster county. Friday night, Wayne is again figuring on waterworks, in eastern firm offers to juit in an adequate

Deitrick Engon, an Otoe county farmer, undertook to peaker a spord of barb wire at a store in Talmaco, and was fined \$14.00 before

J. M. Mace, of Oxford, comes to the front with eighteen rattles takes killed at one sitting. His stock of rattlers is sufficient for a generation of Maces. The Blycar old son of C. M. Wisner, of

Hastings, was thrown out of a buggy Sunday. In tailing his foot caught in the spokes of one of the wheels, which instantly broke his ankle and lacerated the flesh terribly. The limb was amputated. A saloon-keeper at Alexandria who palmed

off on the deluted natives a mixture of beer and whisky called "soft cider," was bound over to the district court on the charge of dishonoring the memory of Shoumb and bring-ing discredit on the professional guzzler of straight goods. The cause of the suspension of tracklaying

in the cause of the suspension of the Carlot of the Loop Cify branch of the Union Pacine is explained by Hon, A. J. Peopleton in a letter to the people of the city, in which he states that it is impossible to obtain the rathroad from from the mills. The track, however, will be laid as early in the spring as the weather will be rail. weather will permit. The layestimation into the cause of the death of J. H. Clarin at Oxford last week resuffed in a verifiet of accidental drowning. Facts have sine come to light which show that the unfortunate man was murdered, It's law had been mashed and a full low of teeth knocked out, becaus several abrasions on the least, neither of which could have been produced by a fall on the soft clay of the river bank. The belief is new strong that Clarin was parelesed and the body relied into

Iowa Items.

now under surveillance.

the river. Cinria is known to have several enemies in and about Oxford, one of whom is

A windmill furnishes the metive power of Odebolt's water works.

The charity ball in Dubuque Thursday comple I have just married were my own night needed \$500 for the house of the friend-

Three dentists tackled the toothackers of Calliope last week, and plowed under every decaying grander in the town. A Chicago commission firm has sued the

Oskuloosa Packing company for \$30,090 for pork held in storage by the company which was sold and not accounted for. The body of William Martin, who mysteriously disappeared from Miles, Jackson coanty, about six weeks ugo, was found in the river of Chiefon Friday. It is presumed to be a case of sub-ide.

A Jefferson father painted his front gate the other evening just before his daughter's young man came for a twilight swing. And now, just in a spirit of meanness, the boys ask the young man who whitewashed him. Chas. W. McCane, a well known citizen of Johnson county, died recently at his home in Solon. It is mentioned as a singular coin Solon. It is mentioned as a singular co-incidence that four of lifs brothers all died at the same hour of the day and at the same

Dakota.

Joseph Nissen, of Alexandrin, has a calf three months old that weighs 300 pounds. A colony of about 200 Russian Mennonites arrived in Bon Homme county last week where they will locate.

George Pettigrew, chief engineer, lost with the Algonia on Lake Superior, was a resident of participality, and had nearly 1,000 acres of land in Statsman county, A peculiar case is before the land office at

his claim, gave a reimquistment and moved off. His w.fe, who had left him, then moved onto it and holds it as a homestead. She is going to ngut for it. The reported killing of Charley Adams in a

saloon right at Buffalo Gap is pronounced a myth by the Rapid City Journal. There has been but one man killed at Buffalo Gap; his name was Fagil, and Adams: the name of the man who killed him was Reardon, not and the shooting did not occur over a game of cards.

Clay's Little Failing.

A Washington correspondent writes: regularly as Seturday night game around In a small up-stairs room in Hancock's on a table they can show you there now, be would sit with some erony all night, faseinated by the Kentucky game was not a good player. He bet reckless-ly for all the fun there was, and lost of course. It is notorious that he lost one night to the father of Dick Bright of Indiana \$1,500, and paid the debt with a deed of 320 acres of land in Kentucks and some stock in a Louisville bank. On one occasion Clay became erazy to own a inckass that Commodore Rogers had brought among a number of others from the Mediterranean. Clay wanted to improve his mule stock at Ashland. must was a pure Andalusian, and had excellent points, according to the standards known to breeders. dore, however, knew the value of his animal as well as did Clay. He wanted to keep him. Then, as now, a great man's wish was law in a social way. know there was a time when if Mr. Blaine should express a desire to buy his neighbor's property the proper thing would be to make him a gift of it. It was so with Grant, and would be with Cleveland if he were the man to tolerate Rogers had to let Clay have his An dalusian jackass, but Clay would not let t be a gift, and returned the com diment by deeding to the commodore what i now called jokingly "Brewster's Park the large corner lot adjoining the department of justice and diagonally from the White House. It is such a piece of ground as Vanderbilt would want if were coming to Washington to live It is worth, probably, \$200,000-more than the posterity of the Andalusian Daddy Longears.

IN LUCK AGAIN.

Senator Jones' Alaska Bonanza. Senator John P. Jones of Nevada, a levelander by birth, after many financial ups and downs has "struck it rich" again, this time the riches coming from an Alaska gold mine. When first ed to the United States senate in 1872 le was worth \$5,000,000 made out of Crown Point mine on the Comstock lode But he lost it all in real estate, building and mining speculation, espin the delusive Sierra Nevada. nearly coincident with the Sierra Nevada's timble surface deposits of coincident with free gold and some promising veius of were found on the Alaska coast about 150 miles northeast of Sitki. placers were worked by the pioneers but the quartz was left for the second comers and capitalist. Finally a John Treadwell of San Francisco went to the new gold fields, and for \$800 bought a mountain claim on reoughts island, a quarter of a mile from the mainland. The claim promised well as claim promised well, and the hote dug in it was named the Paris mine. Freadwell add one-third of the mine to James Freeborn of San Francisco and Senator Jones got half o Freeborn's share, or one-sixth of the mine. The last news from the mine was that two months' work had yielded \$200, 000 prolit, and a net projit of \$150,000 month was promised. The claim is The claim is a mountain of gold-bearing rock, which worked in all direct ons, yields about \$5 a ton. It costs \$1.25 a ton for mining and milling. Experts say that the Pari mountain covers a larger mass of ore tha can be prolitably worked than has ever been found in the entire Comstock lode. The Senator's share in it will probably be about \$300,000 a year to him. The what may be called "striking it rich.

A Remarkable Marriage Ceremony. Chicago Herald: "I have a story for you." said a Chicago drummer; "I don't in an a yarn or a joke, but a simple account of a fact. Last week I was out in lows, and one night I stopped at the Ballingall house in Ottumwi. became well acquainted with a quiet

young man, and through my sequeing anceship with him I was let into a line secret which not half a dozen peopl the town knew. On his invitation I see his room in the evening and he told me that he was a minister of the gospe the had been ordained a few weeks by ere, and had come to Ottumwa form the marriage ceremony for some friends of his. In fact, the ceremony as to take place that very night, in his room. Pretty soon a rather elderly man and woman came in, shook hands warm y with my friend, ending by standing up store him and being married in the nal form. After a time they left and my new friend said to me-That, I think, is the most peculiar

marriage ceremony a minister ever per-formed. I never heard of its equal and never expect to. What do you mean?' Linguired.

of littell you, was his reply only con must bear in mind that it is secret My father and mother were pioneers in a county not far from this city. I was reared on their farm and finally sent of to school. My parents are well to do respected in their neighborhood. About two years ago my father wrote me a left ter, in which he said he was in trouble. of wanted my advice and assistance To make a long story short, and not to stop to describe the peculiar circumstances I can say that my father's tro was that he had never been married to the woman who passed as his wife. For years they had been satisfied with this relationship, but at length my mother began to worry about it. She wanted the eeremony performed legally. My father had no object on, but did not date to go to any prinister or functionary in the neighborhood. You know what country communities are and what unpleasant talk would have followed. Then my father consulted me, and the result of a was a slecision to wait awhile I wo weed a age I was ordained a minister and our plans were then carried out

HANCOCK'S

A Washington correspondent writes

A Famous Old Saloon in Washing ton.

ast week aired another propretor of Hancock's, the famous old saloon on the venue -John Hancock, son of Andrew H. Hancock, the founder of the place. have told something about this place be fore, but somehow the story renews it olf at every favorable opportunity. No aloon in this country has been so famous Miles of newspaper articles have been written about it. Old Hancock came here from Boston, and in 130 started his When Count Bodisco's wine cel lar was sold the old man bought it and the fact gave his house an advertisement with the public men of the time. No congressman came to Washington with out going to Hancock's at some time of other in his career. The place had the best cooks and the best bartenders in the city. Clay and Webster were frequenters of the place, and Clay's poker playing was for the most part done n the old house. The Hancocks, father and son, had a penchant for curiosities and their saloon was a veritable curiosity shop. Among the curios was old Hick ory's white hat, and Wilkes Booth's hat is there also. The greatest curies ty o me is old Bodisco's Russian brandy, which The greatest curios ty o the obliging bartender handled as if it were the quintessence of immortality itself. For a finger of this brandy in an ordinary whisky glass the Hancocks charged a dollar. Of late years smong the habitues of the saloon might often be seen Secretary Bayard, Minister Pendleton, Judge Edmunds and Secretary Lamar. The list of noted men who have patronized the place would include nearly every public man who has cutany ligure in congress for the last forty There is another Hancock com ing old enough to go on with the old Henry Clay's weaknesses were poker shop, and the future great will not be and jacknesses. He actually played away without this interesting place to take a his sidary as congressman and senator as social glass and get a rare bit of cooking.

While Waiting at the Telephone. Bullalo Courier: "I have a new scheme o spread the gospel," said an evac-alist to a Courier r p rier yesterday. know all sorts or people use the t le-phone, and douttless you have obs r ed is unsaintly frame of temper most of them sall into during the interval from 'Hello' to 'Hello.' Well, I'm g ing to form a society whose purpose shair or to chain a free Bible to every telephone in the country. This will give the telephoners something to read while waiting for a response, and so diminish protanity by increasing tranquility. The result will be such a crop of scriptural knowl edge as has not been garnered in years.

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