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Those Unsurveyed Lands. Congressman Weaver of this state has introduced a bill which provides that when the land grant roads have surveyed and located their lands they shall be given three years in which to dispose of them at the end of which time the lands are to be subject to homestead and pre-emption entry.

The original grant to the Union and Central Pacific roads provided that all lands remaining unsold after five years from the date of the completion of the road should be thrown open to pre-emption and homestead entry, and that the proceeds should be placed to the credit of the companies as a partial offset of their debt to the government.

The present thaw is suspected to be the result of the recent publication of Tennessee's spring poetry.

Senator Cullum has introduced a postal telegraph bill. It remains to be seen whether he is sincere in his efforts in that direction.

The Nebraska prohibitionists will hold a conference at Lincoln in January. Mr. Finch will be there, if the cold-water signals are correct.

The enemies of Senator Van Wyck refer to him as an imported statesman. Nebraska would do well to import a few more statesmen like him.

Congress is being flooded with land grant forfeiture bills, which goes to show that congressmen are beginning to realize the popular sentiment.

Weaver is in favor of the postal telegraph. It is not our Weaver, but the Iowa Weaver. There is a good deal of difference between the two men on questions of anti-monopoly.

The December thaw has its drawbacks and its benefits. It may be hard on the coalmen, but it is a godsend for bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters and outdoor laborers. It is a good thing, too, for the doctors.

The hog cholera has not yet thinned out the ranks of the moss-backed Omaha hogs. They are still grunting about heavy taxes and continue to obstruct public improvements at every step. They will neither build nor let anybody else build.

Grover Cleveland may eat pie with his knife, but the office-seekers in Nebraska wouldn't care if he landed them out on a Christmas piece with his fingers. They want pie and want it bad. How it is given to them is a matter of no moment so long as they get it.

The Philadelphia Press continues to urge the appointment of Kate Field as governor of Utah. Why wouldn't the appointment of Miss Cleveland do just as well? Her portion of the president's message has demonstrated her ability to give polygamy a blow straight from the shoulder.

The board of trade has let the contract for the chamber of commerce, and the building will be completed in 1886. The directors are entitled to a great deal of credit for the energy they have displayed in view of the many obstacles which they had to encounter in the enterprise.

Those Tenth street claimants remind us of the libel claimants. The lowest claim is a libel suit for \$10,000, and from \$25,000 to \$100,000 is nothing unusual. The juries award from five cents to five dollars to the average claimant in libel suits, and \$100 is regarded as a very liberal allowance.

OMAHA has an ordinance requiring the prompt registration of every birth and death, but it is not properly carried out. It is important that it should be strictly enforced, and any neglect on the part of a physician to register a birth or death should be punished.

The postoffice department reports an unprecedented number of applications from Nebraska for the establishment of postoffices. This is clearly indicative of the large interior growth of this splendid state.

Of course it is a matter of domestic postmasters, too. Schlarf's Herald.

In some of the frontier settlements you have to skinnish around for miles before you can find a democrat.

SENATOR VAN WYCK continues to look after the interests of the homesteader and homeseeker. He has introduced a bill providing for the sale of a part of the Winnebago Indian reservation in Nebraska. This will throw open for settlement about 35,000 acres of excellent land. This bill will probably be passed at this session of congress so that the land can be taken up next summer.

The demands of some of the Tenth street property owners for damages on account of the proposed viaduct are very modest. They only want about all the property is worth. If the experiment could be made to have a viaduct on Eleventh street for about two years, these claimants for imaginary damages would be raising a purse to have the viaduct relocated to save their vacant stores from going to decay.

In the re-arrangement of the senate standing committees Senator Van Wyck has been assigned as follows: Chairman of the committee on the improvement of the Mississippi, and member of the committees on agriculture and forestry, pensions, public lands, and mines and mining. Senator Manderson is a member of the committees on military affairs, printing, rules, territories, transportation routes to the seaboard, and to investigate the condition of the Potomac river front of Washington.

CHRISTMAS, CHIMES.

Christmas presents as well as absents make the heart grow fonder. Never look a Xmas gift in the mouth unless it is a pitcher of beer.

On Christmas eve stocking on the mantel piece is left with two on the feet. You cannot find a boy who has not told dad what he wanted for Christmas.

The man with an empty pocketbook wishes Christmas would come only once a century. No, my dear children, you do not always find stockings on the limbs of Christmas trees.

Fashion note: This is the season of the year when every one is looking for something in new stockings.

One of the chief uses of the Christmas card is to take the place of something which would cost a good deal more.

Stockings did not become fashionable until the time of Queen Elizabeth. Christmas did not cost so much in those days.

Christmas poets have an easy time of it. Joys, toys, holly, jolly, chimes, times, berry—the rhymes flow like wine from a bottle.

The store clerk who gets \$7 a week, and spends \$20 for a Christmas present for his girl, should be classed among "Christmas greens."

It will be the fashion for Chicago girls to hang up their gloves instead of their stockings. This might prevent numerous fatalities in the city.

There is not so much difference between the two after all. A green Christmas makes a fat chimney, and a white Christmas makes a good deal of speckling.

If a man and a woman suffering wife finds a good rolling pin in her stocking on Christmas morning she will think Santa Claus gave her something which her husband's head stands the most in need of.

The fashionable racket now is for ladies to embroider suspenders for gentlemen. The young clergyman will be covered with suspensions of his neckties. They will keep up his trousers so that his papers worked for him last year can be seen.

Nothing makes a man feel the value of an economical wife so much as when he finds that the hundred dollars he had given her to buy Christmas presents with has been invested in paying her dressmaker's bill and buying him a corn-cob pipe.

A HINT TO MILLIONAIRES. The man who gives each employee a Christmas card. Will fill their hungry hearts with gloom. And never hear their growl.

A SAD CHRISTMAS. "Papa," said a fashionable young woman, as she wound her arms around the old man's neck, "you used to give me a new seal skin sump for Christmas, as you promised. I can make the old one do for another winter. I realize that this is a sad Christmas in that household, for the fashionable young woman will spend it in an asylum, hopelessly insane."

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT EVERYWHERE. (Clerk to Mr. Isaacstein in the back room.)—Don't let Isaacstein says he will give four dollars for dot seven dollar and a co-venturer's overcoat.

Mr. Isaacstein—"Dot was a happy and jolly Christmas day, Jacob, and I don't want to make no profit on those goods, Jacob, make dot shentlanss a Christmas present of dot penitenti cod vor twelve dollar and a halit."

A SEASONABLE JINGLE. "What kind of fruit do you love best?" He questioned the maiden fair. "The juicy apple with rosy cheeks, Or the sweet and luscious pear?" The gentle maiden smiled and said: "The fruit that pleases me Better than all the fruits I know Is the fruit of the Christmas tree."

HOLIDAY LICENSE. The fragrant scent of Christmas trees, Borne like rich incense on the breeze, Permeate the ambient air. But why is odor does not increase The misers who their money squeeze And have no cent to spare.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Reports from various business centers show that while there is no decided activity in the wholesale markets the volume of business in most lines is very fair and the general movement of equal proportions with that of last week.

The western and southern states contributed more than half of the total of all failures reported last week for the United States, and Canada. In the other sections of the country the number of business suspensions is about up to the average.

Wool continues very strong in all markets, and trade has exceeded expectations for this usually quiet time of year, but demand is not active. The outlook for this staple is very favorable to sellers. Dry goods have been moving fairly in execution of bank orders, but new business in most lines is moderate in volume. Prices are generally well maintained. Grocery staples have lost 1-16 to 1/4 of a cent of the previous week's advance.

The breadstuffs markets have been excessively dull, and prices have declined 2 to 3 cents per bushel on wheat and 1 to 2 cents per bushel on corn. The supply of wheat in sight has increased 1,300,000 bushels, although the movement at primary points has fallen off. There is a fair foreign demand for corn, and the weakness in prices is due to free selling in anticipation of larger receipts of better quality. The coal trade is fairly active on line and city orders, but stocks at tidewater are accumulating in consequence of the "slack" outside demand, and on manufacturers' sizes current rates are being shaded 25 to 30 cents per ton. The iron trade is more active and a better feeling prevails. Special brands of pig-iron have been advanced in price and values generally show a hardening tendency.

Better Fire Protection Demanded. Omaha has been fortunate so far in escaping from disastrous fires, but there is no telling what a day may bring forth. Attention has been called time and again by Chief Butler to the fact that a very large number of the hydrants in the southern and western portions of the city cannot be depended upon for putting out fires. They are no protection whatever unless for the purpose of furnishing water to fire-engines. The engines were withdrawn from service when the waterworks were completed, the supposition being that they would no longer be needed. The waterworks company owes it to the city to see that wherever it is possible protection should be given to property. It should immediately take steps to build standpipes to raise water to the proper height in exposed locations. If this is not done, the city should put the fire engines into service again and maintain them in these unprotected sections of the city. Every property owner in Omaha is entitled to fire protection. Business houses have been established in the elevated portions of the city, and on St. Mary's avenue, West Leavenworth street, West Avenue, and elsewhere on Capital hill, and not one of them could be saved from destruction by fire, nor could a fire be checked from spreading to adjoining buildings, with the present waterworks service. There is a possibility of a fire breaking out during a heavy gale and sweeping the entire city if it is not checked in time. It strikes us that the city council should take prompt action on this matter. If the waterworks company cannot give us hydrant service with sufficient pressure and render fire engines unnecessary, we must go back to the steamer service, let the cost be what it may.

ACCORDING to the latest advice from Washington, Mr. Sparks will probably be banished to a foreign country with a commission of some kind. Mr. Sparks has proved to be honest and energetic in the important office of land commissioner to suit the land grabbers, with whose interests he has seriously interfered. Mr. Sparks may be obnoxious to land grabbers, perjurers and fraudulent land-claimants, but his course so far has met with the approval of the public. Whatever he has done has in no way injured the honest homesteader, but has opened the way for large tracts of land being taken away from the sharks and thrown open to honest settlement.

MR. QUIN BOHANNAN, the professor of orthography under sentence of death for simply killing a young man who differed with him as to the spelling of the word "peddler," has received a welcome reprieve. The lord high executioner of Nebraska City will not be compelled to execute Bohannan on the 15th day of January, but will attend to his case some other day.

It was a big day for bills in the house on Monday. Over one thousand bills were introduced before adjourning for the holiday recess. The great majority of these bills no doubt were of a private character, and probably most of them will never get much further than an introduction to congress.

CONGRESS will give itself and the country a rest until January 5. It is hoped that some of our representatives will turn over a new leaf with the advent of the new year.

THERE is just about time enough for one more railroad to be built in Nebraska this year.

KEEP THE CHINESE OUT.

In China there are between three and four hundred millions of people, a quarter of whom would come under the head of laborers. Without doubt 25,000,000 laborers could be spared without injury to the industries of the country.

The laborer whose time is worth \$2 per month in China can earn from \$15 to \$25 per month in California. He is a man requiring a little skill he can readily earn from \$8 to \$10 per week. It will be seen that it is worth while for the Chinese laborer to pass from China to the Pacific coast. If he can get the cost of his passage in the business of importing them for any company which has the machinery to handle them.

The United States has passed a law for importing Chinese laborers to land on American soil without proof that they were in this country at a certain date. It is not the present law in force. The Chinese companies readily give about \$100 to their agents and keep \$125 for themselves. Under any possible enforcement of the law there would be no way to see and to identify a cunning and unscrupulous. Violating an American law does not shock their moral instincts. They act always upon the assumption that the law is not looked out for. If they can beat the law they hold that they have a perfect right to do so. They have not found much trouble in getting the best of American officials.

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Would Have to Be Enlarged. If the new number of congress were half as big as he feels the capitol would have to be enlarged.

Ought to Apply to Congressmen. Senator Plumb's bill to prevent gambling among soldiers should pass, but it should, we think, be amended if possible so as to apply to members of congress.

Do Not Materialize. The demagogue heart was buoyed up with the report that thirty new postmasters were to be appointed at once in Nebraska. They do not materialize and the expectant bounties are weeping.

Christmas of No Use to the Go-wier. Of what use is Christmas? Certainly of no use to the man who goes gawling and snarling through the world, never seeing any good in anybody or anything. A cemetery will be of no use to him.

Hard to Believe. Senator Hale never speaks himself for a set speech without submitting the draft to his colleagues. It is hard to believe, considering some of the speeches made by the gentleman, as the lady is well known to be a capable, sagacious and accomplished person.

Legislation in the Interest of the Few. There never could have been such a swollen fortune as that of the Vanderbills accumulated in this country in single hands without the aid of legislation which puts it in the power of one man to grab the money of the many. Until Commodore Vanderbilt got in his able and unscrupulous control of the machinery of a great corporation he picked up his dollars by handiwork rather than cart-loads.

Operation of High License in Illinois. Prohibitionists are crying out for high license for Illinois? Well, it has reduced the number of saloons from 13,000 to 9,000. In Chicago it has shut up 60 of the lowest dens and increased the revenues from \$20,000 to \$1,200,000. Prohibitionists may say "it is good money," but one thing is sure, it makes the evil worse. A larger portion of the expense it entails upon sober people, and is so far good until better things will be upheld by public sentiment.

An Imported Statesman. Senator Van Wyck is called "an imported statesman" from Oregon county, Oregon. Isn't it? Everybody else who held an office in Nebraska was born and raised within its borders. Clough Howe was born on the banks of the roaring Neudala; Governor Dawes on the foaming Blue; C. H. Cole on Salt Creek, and Jim Laird on the classic Stinking Water. Nebraska all to the honor of Oregon. And though Senator Van Wyck came to the state long before any of these were ever heard of, he is still an "imported statesman." The native is so very bad the people are not to be blamed for preferring imported ones.

Leasing School Land. The county treasurer has been busy this week making out leases for school lands. The recent sale of lands in this county was approved by the commissioner of public lands and the necessary money for the purchase of the lands has been paid for lease. There have been a large number of applications for leases filed and forwarded to Lincoln for approval. The amount of land applied for is five hundred and one-eighth sections. While the demand for school land is pretty brisk, there has been no competition whatever and all the land leased has been at the lowest rate of rent, to wit, one dollar per acre per year. This is accounted for by the fact that the land has been leased principally in quarter sections to parties having land of their own adjoining the piece leased. If this is a fact the recent sale and leasing of school lands in this county will add very little to the population, but the increase in the production will be considerable.

Condition of affairs presents a problem in the future settlement and development of this county, in common with others in northwest Nebraska, which must soon be solved if the country is to continue to develop as its magnificent resources deserve.

There is very little, if any, government land in this county which has not already been filed upon. There are many, it is true, who own several claims who will eventually sell all but one to enable them to develop the remaining one, but this presents the sum total of the possible development of this county, unless the vast amount of school and railroad lands, and lands held by speculation can be sold to actual settlers, who will develop the same.

The railroad lands have been placed on the market as the law compels the company to do, but as the B. & M., which owns the land has no interest in the building up of the country, it has been placed in many instances, at such a high figure that for practical purposes it is withdrawn from sale for some time to come. There is no remedy for this unless we must remain in this until the improvements of settlers have made the land worth the figure it is set at. The state in justice to settlers should so handle the school and railroad lands as to not sacrifice the interests of the school fund.

All Housekeepers should use JAMES PYLE'S PEARLINE in their washing and save time and labor. It may be used without injury to the finest fabric, and a housewife is unacquainted with giving and receiving presents, a true friend.

THE SENTIMENT is dying out of Christmas. It is degenerating into a mere occasion for giving and receiving presents, a true friend.

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