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Cornering Brick.

When Omaha had 15,000 or 20,000 population, it was well enough for the brick-makers to be also builders and contractors. In those days it would have been rather risky for a firm to confine themselves to the manufacture of brick alone.

The brick might have been left on their hands as dead capital, unless they had contracts from builders for all the brick they turned out. Omaha has now reached a stage when men can with safety manufacture brick for sale, without any risk of loss by the lack of demand.

Brick making and brick laying need not go hand in hand. In fact this combination has become a serious detriment to the growth of the city.

As long as the brick-maker only proposes to turn out brick enough for the building contracts which he has taken, it is to his interests not to sell bricks to others who might underbid him in building contracts.

The effect of this is that every year we have suffered from a brick monopoly which discourages people from building small houses. Brick-makers are asking twelve dollars a thousand for brick which actually cost from five to six dollars to make.

They are willing to lay brick in the wall for about the price they ask for the brick alone. Mechanics of small means who want to take contracts on their own account cannot do so without loss as long as they have to pay twelve dollars for brick.

This compels them either to work for the big contractors or leave the place altogether. In this matter we are going through the same process every year.

Half a dozen heavy contractors who own brick yards have created a brick monopoly and put up the price until they have all the contracts they consider worth taking.

For the rest, they care little whether the men of small means are able to build or not. Many people who would otherwise build small houses give them up, and many small jobs of brick-laying are made so costly that they might as well be termed downright robbery.

This matter has no relation to the question of bricklayers' wages. The cost of making bricks is not increased by that and even the slight increase asked by brick-moulders and laborers does not justify the exorbitant price put upon brick in the yards.

The time it seems to us has come for large brick-making concerns which have no other business than brick-selling. Brick building is a separate trade and it is to the interest of Omaha that this system of cornering brick every spring should cease.

Sparks and Van Wyck. The great hue and cry which the anti-Van Wyck press makes about the difference between Senator Van Wyck and Mr. Sparks about the seizure of timber out by Hall & Bros. in Idaho Territory is after all merely cannibalism.

Whiskey and Dynamite.

The main trouble in all these labor riots is whiskey. If liquor could be kept away from workmen when they are on a strike, there would be very little danger to life and property.

The anarchists and communists who want to destroy property for the sake of building up a new system are not numerous anywhere. Sober workmen would spurn their counsels and refuse to follow them in any attempt to create disturbance.

On the contrary if the saloons and gin mills were closed in every city where there are labor troubles the sober, moderate counsels of conservative, honest laboring men would prevail.

They would reason with their employers and adjust their differences without resort to violence. Mayor Harrison is largely to blame, in our opinion, for the fatal effects of the Chicago riot. He has now issued a proclamation against the assembling of crowds in the streets and public meetings of agitators.

Had he issued his proclamation at the outset to close all the saloons until the trouble was over, we doubt whether there would have been any bloodshed. It is now, as a matter of safety, the saloons in Chicago, and in all other cities where large numbers of workmen have walked out of factories and mills is required as a matter of safety.

Large droves of drunken men, whether they are laborers or belong to any other class, are likely to bring about riots and commit outrages upon property. If at any time there should be any serious trouble in Omaha we should feel it the duty of the mayor to close all the saloons and keep them closed until the trouble is over.

Dynamite is dangerous, but whiskey and dynamite together make a terrible combination. Reports from throughout the state show that the acreage corn will be greatly increased in Nebraska this year, especially in the central and southern portions.

Corn is the surest and the safest crop for Nebraska farmers. Our soil and climate are specially suited for its cultivation. But, for all this, it is a question whether wisdom does not dictate a greater diversity in the products of our farms than has been the case during the past five years.

The mere fact that the corn crop is so certain and prolific ensures a heavy production and consequent low prices. Where farmers are far removed from the markets the cost of transportation consumes a large part of the profits.

If our farmers could be brought to see that corn on the hoof is more profitable than corn on the ear they would soon notice the difference in their annual balance sheets. Stock feeding in the corn country would revolutionize many sections of our state.

With portions of the farms turned into pasture and hay lands, the corn fields would become largely independent of railroad facilities and freight pools and combinations. The establishment of canning factories in several counties opens up a new avenue for profit from truck farming.

The richest farmers of the east are the vegetable growers of New Jersey and Long Island. A few acres, carefully and industriously tilled in vegetables for which there is a steady market, would bring in handsome returns than five times their number in corn.

Is high time that the city council should take steps to have proper signs placed at every intersection.

In the city, either upon lamp posts or in some conspicuous place. Senator Van Wyck and the board of trade found no difficulty in agreeing on a bill for the relief of the Union Pacific, which, if passed, will protect all the interests involved—those of the government as well as of the people.

GENERAL HOWARD finds San Francisco the most delightful city in the country and its people the most hospitable. The general must have kissed the blarney stone on one of his numerous trips abroad.

THE tariff bill is reported as practically dead. It is no more so than the party which has been vainly attempting for months to unite on a policy of tariff reform.

Imprisonment for debt has been abolished in New York state. A baby born in New York during a terrible storm has been called Cyclonia.

Based on the names in the last city directory, St. Louis claims a population of 430,000. The marshals in Southern Illinois towns have procured blood hounds to hunt down burglars.

Daniel Arnold, of Macon, Ga., hid \$700 in a hole near his house. The flood came and he is now offering \$600 for the hole. Mark Twain told a recent visitor that he could print single copies of General Grant's book for 50 cents each. The selling price is \$3.50.

Preaching does not seem to be in England. The Rev. Arthur Gray-Hove recently left \$30,000,000 to the poor—that is to say, to two sons. A Montreal merchant has been fined for exposing in his show-windows two statues of "Night" and "Morning" after Michael Angelo.

The agricultural department is sending out large quantities of the eggs of the silkworm, it having been proven that the leaf of the orange makes as good silk as the mulberry. The big gun recently cast at Boston has been taken from the cooling pit and is reported perfect. When finished it will be thirty feet in length and fifty-four inches in diameter.

John Dubois of Clearfield, Pa., is consideration of \$1, has just decided property amounting to eight or ten millions to his nephew, John E. Dubois, aged twenty-five. The uncle is a bachelor, and cuts off his brothers, sisters and other heirs to insure the carrying on of his affairs in singleness of heart as he himself has conducted them.

THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. Troy carpenters have gained the eight hour day and 30 cents per hour. In St. Louis quite a number of industries have adopted the eight or nine hour day. Cincinnati is spending \$4,000,000 in repaving her streets, mostly with granite pavement.

Marathon pipe and foundry works are to be erected at Chattanooga, Tenn., which will give employment to 600 men. A separate federation, similar to the Knights of Labor and working in harmony with it, is to be established in Great Britain. A gas and oil company has been organized in Pittsburgh to develop a belt of nearly 14,000 acres of gas and oil land in Allegheny and Washington counties, Western Pennsylvania.

Notwithstanding the depressing effect of labor agitation upon the industries, the New England boot and shoe manufacturers have manufactured and shipped 3,500,000 more pairs of shoes so far this year than last year. Even if times are hard people will not go without shoes. Last week 55,000 boxes of boots and shoes were sent from Boston to the west and south.

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