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RAILROADS.

RAILROADS have captured the Missouri legislature. In fact, there have been no unaptured legislatures in session this winter.

THE LEAVENWORTH TIMES.

The Leavenworth Times is just now enjoying a \$10,000 spring libel suit.

THE ACCIDENT ON THE ELEVATED ROAD.

The accident on the elevated road in New York, in which ten men met their death, whispers a pointer to Omaha.

NEW YORK IS TO HAVE AN EVENING SUN.

This gives the metropolis two suns and one star a day. Some one ought now to start The Moon in that city.

A DALLAS, TEXAS, PAPER SAYS.

"Colonel Frank James, the noted Missouri ex-bandit, is here for the purpose of investing in real estate."

THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED FOR TWO DAYS.

There would have been some sense in adjourning sine die. It is too late in the day, however, to expect an exhibition of good sense from that august body.

THE RECENT MONTE CARLO EARTHQUAKE.

closed the gambling houses there. Earthquakes and members of some judiciary committees will ruin the gamblers, if something is not done to prevent it.

A BILL APPROPRIATING MONEY TO MAINTAIN THE STATE MILITIA.

failed to pass in Missouri. Unless something is done by volunteer companies, Missouri will be without protection.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND HAS FINALLY SUCCEDED TO THE SEDUCTIVE INFLUENCES OF A "JACK-POT."

and in a little game of "draw" with his private secretary and several congressmen lost \$46. The good luck of the man of destiny is certainly on the decline.

THE DISCOVERY IS MADE THAT CLEVELAND IS A POKER PLAYER.

The star-eyed goddess of reform ought to investigate this matter. The president, as commander-in-chief of the armies of the United States, has no more right to monkey with cards than a one-horse lieutenant.

WHEN CHICAGO FOUND ITS HOG BUSINESS MOVING WESTWARD.

attempts were made to make that city a literary center. All efforts in that direction have failed, however, and Chicagoans have come to the conclusion that the hog after all is a more reliable source of profit than literature.

A DISPATCH FROM NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

reads: "Rev. Matthew C. Julian, pastor of the Trinitarian church in this city, will receive a call from Plymouth church, Brooklyn, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Ward Beecher."

PHINCK BISMARCK GAVE A DINNER TO THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES VOTING FOR THE SEPTENNATE BILL.

And it is understood that Pat O. Hawes dined the members of the legislature after they had passed his bill allowing him \$4,000.

THE SALTATION ARMY, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD, IS ENTITLED TO CREDIT FOR ITS UNWINDING PERSISTENCE.

Regardless of the sneers and jeers of street hoodlums and the interference of city authorities, it continues to parade and hold its meetings. Recently, at Charlotte, Mich., a jury gave a judgment against the city for \$200 to James Cathcart, captain of an "Army," who was locked up fourteen hours for leading a parade in violation of a city ordinance.

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW SENATOR EDWARDS, IN REPLY TO THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE CHANCES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN 1888, SAID:

"Believing that the republican party represents the best principles of the government, and having confidence in the intelligence of the people and their ability to discriminate, I expect the republicans to be restored to power."

Call the Miscreants Away.

The state capital is infested with drunken bums and boozers. They are there and have been there all winter long in the interests of railroads and other corporations.

But the horde of cormorants have stood between the people and honest legislation.

They have made a wretched and miserable farce of the proceedings. The state treasury is being raided to bear the expense of a sixty days' session.

There are yet left ten days. In this time much good legislation could be secured if the corrupting gang of vagrants and procurers were driven away.

A tax-rider would be pleased to hear plain and distinct answers to the following questions:

Who pays the hotel bills of Mr. Frank Walters? From whom does he get the money which has made him the best customer at the Capital hotel bar?

What particular business did John Manchester have at the capital for some six or eight weeks? Is he not, and was he not then, on the pay rolls of the Union Pacific railroad?

What part did Mr. Packerell, the Gage county striker play—and what is he doing there now? To whom does he return his expense account?

From whose bank account does Paul Vandervoort draw to liquidate his hotel bills?

Thrown on his own resources could he afford to play sixty days in a hotel barroom, with champagne, brandy smashes and cigars hauled up by the porters to his quarters after midnight?

Who keeps Will Gurley, Charley Greene, Telephone Crawford, Dave Mercer, Captain Lee, Bob Richardson, Ed Carns, Herb Leavitt, and a score of such roustabouts at the leading hotel in Lincoln supplied with entrees, drinkables and incidentals?

Have these men any legitimate calling that would justify their laying around halls of legislation?

Why should a set of miscreants be allowed to ply their vocation, from dawn to day-break, in defiance of law and decency? Is it not about time that they be called away by their corporate masters?

Omaha Gets the Reunion.

Omaha has secured the next Grand Army reunion. This is the first time that the metropolis of Nebraska has been selected for this notable annual gathering of the veterans of the war.

That they will be handsomely entertained there is no question. The reunion will doubtless prove beneficial in many ways to Omaha. It will bring here many citizens of Nebraska who have never been to Omaha, and who will be delighted at this opportunity of seeing one of the most prosperous cities of the west while they are at the same time enjoying the pleasures of the reunion.

There is no doubt that the coming reunion will be the most largely attended of any ever held in Nebraska.

We would suggest to the managers that, in conjunction with our leading business men, they endeavor to make this an inter-state reunion and invite the comrades from Iowa, Kansas, North Missouri and Dakota to attend. Thousands of old soldiers would thus be brought together from the different states for the first time since the war.

Old acquaintances would be renewed and old memories revived.

At former reunions in Nebraska old friends have met for the first time since they were mustered out of the service in 1865.

If the BEB's suggestion is acted upon it is safe to say that the attendance will be nearly double what it would be if the reunion is limited to Nebraska alone.

That Challenge.

A challenge appears at the head of the editorial columns of G. M. Hitchcock's paper which we cheerfully accept on legitimate business conditions.

A wager of \$1,500, in three parts of \$500 each, is proposed to us that we cannot establish the claims made by this paper with regard to relative circulations of Omaha and Nebraska dailies.

Messrs. N. B. Falconer, S. P. Morse and John T. Bell are named as umpires.

We regard betting as illegitimate, but we will deposit \$1,500 in any bank as against an equal sum to be deposited by any Omaha publisher on condition that if we fail to sustain our claim the amount deposited shall be donated to the charity hospital and if we make good our claim the money deposited by the challenging party shall be paid over to the hospital and ours refunded.

The comparison of relative circulations must be made under the following conditions: General circulation shall be computed on the basis of aggregate bona fide subscriptions and sales during the period covering three months ending March 15, 1887, certified to in detail under oath by each publisher and verified by the publisher's books.

City circulation shall be restricted to actual paying subscribers and sales to news stands within the city. Computation to be made on the aggregate circulation for the period of three months ending March 15, 1887, sworn to by publishers and verified by the subscription books and receipts placed in the hands of the umpires.

The claim as made by the BEB is— First—That its general circulation is nearly double the combined circulation of the Herald, Republican, World and Lincoln Journal.

Second—That the BEB's city circulation is four times that of the World, and about double that of the Herald, Republican and World put together.

Third—That the gain made by the BEB during the year ending March 1, 1887, is greater than the total bona fide circulation of any other Omaha paper.

We are ready to submit to a decision on these three specific points by the umpires named on the above conditions and on none other.

The BEB has made public its actual circulation from day to day during the last year under oath of its bookkeeper. No other paper has dared to publish or furnish a sworn statement of circulation.

We mean business, but we insist that the umpires shall have access to the books and subscription lists of all the papers. Let the challengers

come to time or drop the subject.

We will not bandy words to advertise papers and concerns that are imposing on advertisers with bogus claims bolstered up by promiscuous give-away circulation.

Horse Sense and Horse Railways.

Mayor Boyd has a queer way of doing things. He signed the ordinance of the Omaha horse railway company for a cable franchise, but pinned to his signature a buncombe message, which translated into plain English, would read about as follows: "This ordinance does not meet my approval because it leaves the horse railroad company the option of not building the cable road for which a franchise is asked."

I should veto this ordinance if it was not shoved under my nose just before the spring election."

Mayor Boyd's objections to the ordinance as it is drafted give evidence of good horse sense, but as he signed the message his annex is the merest bosh unless the horse railway company shall see fit to act upon the suggestion and come forward with a guarantee that it will build a certain length of cable road within a given reasonable time.

This is really what the citizens of Omaha will insist on before they vote the franchise to the company.

III Effects of a Narrow Policy.

The consequences apprehended from the failure of the deficiency bill are being realized. The work in several branches of the public service which was thus left unprotected for is necessarily greatly curtailed, or must be omitted altogether.

The effect is to impair the efficiency of the neglected services, while in some cases the loss to the government may amount to a considerably greater sum than the appropriation that will be saved.

This is very likely to be the result from the inability of the internal revenue bureau to properly enforce the oleomargarine law.

More officials are required for this purpose, but there is no money to pay them. The opinion of the commissioner is that if the required men could be employed the additional amount of taxes collected would pay for their services and leave a handsome balance.

The omission to employ them will lose to the government this balance and prevent a full and impartial execution of the law.

The failure of this bill is also an injury to the signal service, which is forced to restrict its work and give less information to the public than has been the custom.

In other directions the failure of the deficiency bill is having results to the disadvantage of the public service and the public interests.

The cause of the failure of this measure is well understood by the country. It was held back until the last day of the session and finally passed too late to be engrossed.

The primary fault in this matter lies against the policy of the appropriations committee of the house in paring down appropriations to the lowest figures for which there is any appearance of reason, regardless of the estimates of the heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus.

The motive for this is not wholly economical, as was quite conclusively shown at the last session, but takes also a political direction.

A part of the purpose is to throw the responsibility for apparent extravagance upon the senate, which as to nearly all appropriation bills has found it necessary, in the interest of the public service, to increase the amounts as they came from the house.

It will be remembered that the matter was earnestly discussed by senators during the last session, and there was a quite general expression among them that if the evident policy of the house shall hereafter be adhered to the senate may determine to let appropriations pass as they receive them, thereby throwing on the house whatever injury may result to the public service from inadequate allowances.

The remedy for annual deficiency bills is to be found in placing more confidence in the judgment of heads of departments and bureaus as to the requirements of the services under them.

Experience has shown that when the estimates of these officials have been largely cut down it has rarely happened that the public service did not suffer or that efficiencies and a proper execution of the public business were not maintained upon conditions which rendered necessary a deficiency bill.

The Inter-State Commission.

"A hopeless patriot" writes the New York Herald as follows: "I have been forty years in business. During that time I have seen the railroads take absolute possession of this city."

I have seen the railroads gain control of the state of Pennsylvania.

I have seen the railroads of the nation direct the legislation of the government at Washington.

Nobody will dispute me. Now, I wonder how long it will take for the railroads of this country to capture the five men to be called "the inter-state commerce commission."

The Herald responds, "Alas! we do not know." Yet it might be well to say that if railroad corporations continue in their greed and avarice, the time will be short indeed. The fact that the government has passed the law, gives reason for the hope that its enforcement will be carried out to the letter.

If it were left to the average legislature—say like the one at Lincoln—"a hopeless patriot's" question would need no answer.

The hoodle gang at Lincoln, in collusion with the members who are working for needless and extravagant appropriations, has managed to overturn the action of the house in ordering the legislative grand jury investigation of the bribery charges. The known object of this move was to give the hoodlers and bribe solicitors a chance to harmonize their stories before the committee and throttle the inquiry by the customary device of spiriting away important witnesses.

The howl about open sessions and against star chamber proceedings was a concerted effort. It was agreed on Tuesday night in room 28, Windsor hotel, between Russell, Bowman, Slater and one or two others of that peculiar stripe. If that session in the Windsor hotel, had been open the house would hardly have dared to play into the hands of the conspirators.

Another street railway company has been incorporated. It is called the Omaha & South Omaha company. The incorporators are men of ample capital, and evidently mean business.

The proposed railway will give a great boom in South Omaha property, in which the majority of the members of the company are heavily interested.

A Disgrace to the State.

H. C. Russell, who goes by the title of colonel without ever having been a corporal, has been chosen as commander of this department G. A. R. Never was a more unworthy man recognized and honored by any organization in Nebraska.

The idea that a brazen hypocrite and an unmitigated fraud should be chosen to fill such a position must make every honest old veteran blush with shame.

The boom companion of dissipated bums, who have demoralized and debauched the legislature with their orgies, is honored with a position which had been made respectable by Governor Thayer.

The influences that have brought to the front are the same as those which have made Nebraska a mere province of corporate monopoly.

The railroad henchmen within the Grand Army, of whom Paul Vandervoort is the acknowledged leader, have elevated and knighted Russell for the aid and comfort he has given them in their infamous work at the state capital.

For weeks these influences have been at work to make the Grand Army subservient to their personal ends and the interests of their corporate employers.

Mr. Russell's elevation will not, however, vindicate his reputation or establish his character. The high regard in which the veterans of the late war are held by all loyal Americans will not palliate political betrayals or corrupt conspiracies.

THE NEW act of the Kansas legislature which grants to women the right of suffrage in all local elections, authorizes the authorities to exclude from registration as voters, all women who were not born in this country.

It was to have been hoped that know-nothingism had had its day. Shades of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Helen Gougatz! Can this be the result of your long life dream? Has it been left for female shriekers to say that foreign born educated wives and daughters of naturalized citizens and taxpayers are to be excluded, while ignorant women are to be enfranchised only because of the privilege of birth?

The "freedom" for which these women have waited and howled for years and years is accepted in Kansas by native born women, while those of foreign birth are held in the "chains of bondage" of which they have always prated.

In passing a law granting to women the elective franchise, the legislature of Kansas was, as Mr. Bumble would say, "an idiot—a ass," but the man or woman drafting the bill, was not only a native but a natural born fool.

THE RECENT enactment of a law excluding all causes from United States circuit and district courts which involve less than \$2,000 will greatly increase the business of the state courts, especially the district courts.

This innovation will have a direct bearing upon the dockets of this judicial district, which are now many months behind.

At the private funeral of Henry Ward Beecher, the Beecher family wore none of the traditional habiliments of woe.

The Philadelphia Record, commenting on this departure from a custom so generally regarded, says "outward trappings of sable black do but poorly express, after all, the inward sense of desolation."

ALL members of the legislature are to be congratulated upon the happy fact that during the discussion regarding the investigation Mr. Agee was absent.

And if Mr. Agee's jaw bones were capable of appreciating a good thing they also would rejoice.

THE ILLINOIS legislature has decided to submit to the voters of the Sucker state the question of adopting a prohibitory amendment. Chicago without whisky would be like sheol without fire.

However, the amendment can never be carried.

THE NAMES of the incorporators of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Bridge company are an assurance that the bridge will be built.

This enterprise would prove a great benefit to both cities, and the work should be begun immediately.

If the Mendota carpenter could be induced to return to Nebraska, his chance to be elected commander of the G. A. R. would be excellent, judging from the high standard of the last selection.

STRICT attention should be paid to the enforcement of the fire limit ordinances. The rebuilding of fire-traps and the erection of any class of frame buildings within the limit should not be allowed.

TRAT union depot location ought to be definitely settled at once. Various enterprises are awaiting the determination of this important question.

THE REPORT of the discovery of a plot to bombard the czar of Russia, is confirmed. Uncasy lies the head that wears a crown.

THE CITY assessors have taken a step in the right direction by increasing property valuation 20 per cent.

FAST presses and heavy bank accounts don't make newspaper circulations.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Mr. Tennyson persisted in being an excessive consumer of tobacco.

Carl Schurz is still suffering considerably from his recent accident.

W. W. Cole, the young showman, neither drinks, smokes, chews nor swears.

Ex-Governor Hoody began work in his New York law office on Thursday.

Professor Alexander Agassiz, of Cambridge, Mass., has returned from Europe.

W. L. Greeley, a grand nephew of Horace Greeley, is the village barber and fiddler at Spring Creek Station, Pa.

Munkasy gave a great banquet in Paris when he heard that Wasmaker had bought his "Christ Before Platte."

Francis Murphy's son Tom has wound up a blue-ribbon campaign at Vincennes, Ind., where 4,000 persons signed the pledge.

Simon and Don.

General Simon Cameron says that his son Don would have been a great man if he had not been born rich. This remark should edify the increasing number of people who regard wealth as the basis of greatness.

Vandervoort.

The BEB says Paul Vandervoort is a candidate for trustee of the state soldiers' home. In the name of common decency it is hoped he will not get the place.

The sign of Paul Vandervoort for one doing an honest day's work would cause the morning stars to break out once more in song and the mountains to skip like lambs.

Why We Smile.

Omaha is immensely pleased because Kansas City has failed to keep its place in the base ball league. In the upper Missouri view of the case a town which loses its grip on the base ball league is hopelessly lost, whether its bank clearings increase or not.

Rather Mixed.

A man has just been cremated in Buffalo who will find it difficult to prove his exact affinity in the next world. He was born a Jew and married in that faith in St. Louis; then he went to Utah and became a Mormon and married two wives. His first wife got a divorce, and pretty soon he got one from the other two and joined a Protestant church in Omaha. This didn't suit him and he became a Spiritualist, and after this he became an agnostic and died.

How Easy It is to Spoil a Life.

How easy it is to spoil a day! The thoughtless words of a cherished wife, the selfish work of a child at play, the strength of a will that will not bend, the slight in a comrade's scorn of a foe, the smile that is full of bitter things—They can all tarnish its golden glow.

And take the grace from its airy wings. How easy it is to spoil a life!—And many are spoiled ere well begun—in home light darkened by sin and strife, Or downward course of a cherished one; By toil that robs the form of its grace And need makes him meaner than a slave; By the peevish temper, the frowning face, The hopes that go and the cares that stay.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. Grand Island will win. West Point is on the lookout for stray railroads.

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The army of home seekers now pouring into the state is what tickles the soil.

The sod in the hay flats of Cherry county makes an excellent article of meat.

A Rushville tough named Mester was cowhided by a woman at Hay Springs last week.

Twelve of the members of the Nebraska legislature served in Iowa regiments during the war.

Tom Brown has started a museum in Craigtown with a coon, a skunk, trick mule and a baby.

Alderman Twamley, of Fremont, having made \$8,000 in Omaha real estate, has decided to move to the metropolis.

A match and a handful of gunpowder in the hands of a small boy, son of R. H. Minner, of Broken Bow, combined to permanently disfigure his face.

The first accident on the Rock Island extension in this state occurred about 6 o'clock last Saturday evening.

It was near Ellis, a station about six miles west of Fairbury. August Arnesen, an employee, fell between the cars of a boarding train coming this way and was fatally injured.

He was passing from one car to another, and fell apparently lengthwise of the track, as one leg was badly crushed. He died that evening.

A hugging society for church purposes is a late novelty in Pleasant View. The society is a pressing necessity. The published rates for a straight hug of two minutes is as follows: Girls under fifteen years, 30 cents; from sixteen to twenty-five years, 75 cents; schoolmarm, 40 cents each; old maids 3 cents each. Each class is fully entered and no one need be disappointed. The preachers are barred.

She weighed 200 or over and waddled into a real estate office in search of bargains. In a beer-mellowed voice she bid on one which was transferred to a purchaser. "I gif you hundred tollars."

"Don't want to sell." "I gif you dree hundred." "No." "Then go to th' d'fel." "Madame," exclaimed annoyed buyer, "I have never had the misfortune of buying my friend, and cannot accommodate you."

Iowa Items.

Dexter is pushing a coal prospect hole. The monthly enrollment of school children at Des Moines amounts to 2,745.

Carroll county 5 per cent bonds, to the amount of \$50,000, sold at a premium of \$105.

The common council of Des Moines is wrestling with cable street railway ordinances.

The late Judge Call left \$10,000 worth of realty for establishing a state normal school at Algona.

Red Oak councilmen get 20 cents an hour for actual work with their lungs. They talk against it.

The state board of underwriters has removed the embargo on gasoline stoves. Hereafter no gasoline permit will be required to an insurance policy. This will strike the head of the household about right.

Dakota.

A bedspring factory is Yankton's latest. Five hundred sinners professed repentance during a late revival in Fargo.

Another bunch of Nebraska quail have been planted by sportsmen near Rapid City.

A number of business men in Canton have been indicted for gambling and card playing.

Sioux Falls quarries will furnish 4,000 car loads of granite for Chicago paving purposes. Omaha also takes a big contract.

Samuel A. Dickey, brother of ex-Congressman Dickey of Pennsylvania, was convicted in the United States court at Bismarck of selling liquor to Indians.

Mad Bear is said to be the wealthiest Indian in the territory, being the possessor of extensive herds of cattle and horses. It is hard to see why he should be mad.

Since cold weather set in last fall Sioux Falls has consumed 833 cars of coal,