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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION had better go slow before joining with the boodle gang...

CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY declares the president should "by constitutional prohibition be made ineligible for a second term."

BLAND and the rest of the filibusters in congress who oppose the postoffice building appropriation for Omaha...

The overworked postoffice clerks have got as far as the house committee with their grievances.

That provision of the constitution which permits a congressional district to be represented by a citizen who is not a resident of it...

A row in the faculty, though not down on the university catalogue, appears to be one of the standing courses in these institutions west of the Mississippi.

THE National Civil Service Reform League, a non-partisan organization, has been quietly looking up the record of Commissioner Atkins of the Indian Bureau.

A Convention of Republican Clubs. The vice-president and the member of the executive committee of the republican national league for Nebraska...

HASCALL'S estimate of grading Douglas street from Seventeenth to Twentieth and Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets between Farman and Dodge, is \$150,000.

GREENWOOD, a lively town in Cass county, has sent a committee to Nebraska City to inspect the Boys' High school mill at that point.

Banker Spitzer, of Toledo, has become infatuated with Nebraska's gilt edge gold cards and has bought \$50,000 worth of them...

The Public Building Question.

A few members of congress who court notoriety as advocates of economy have proclaimed a sweeping opposition to measures for the construction of public buildings...

There was every reason to expect that this would be approved by the house when the bill was reached, but when it came up in its order the persons who profess so much regard for economy were successful by recourse to parliamentary filibustering...

Wall Street Reform. A dispatch from New York says: "Wall street still says," and that a petition signed by the most prominent and influential brokers on the street will be sent to the governors of the stock exchange asking for the appointment of an auditor who shall investigate and report upon the actual condition of the various corporations who have their securities listed on the board.

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Is Up in the Profession.

As an adroit manipulator of meaningless words, Dr. Mackenzie, User Fritz's physician, takes the royal bun.

Fate's Finger. The finger of Fate is pointing at Mr. Conkling, says the Chicago Mail. And you are quite sure that the thumb of Fate is not at the same time resting playfully on the tip of Fate's nose!

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The editor of the Loup City Transcript is a feather weight champion of Sherman county. He agitates the hand press at 127 pounds. A 250 pounder, with a crushing swag and a loose tongue undertook to show the scribe how to run the paper.

Henry Miller, of Phelps county, went out with a gun for ducks. The gun was a regular shoulder dislocator, and was loaded with fine slugs. Henry braced himself for the shot but the gun went off at both ends. The breech of the gun broke the miller above the eyes, breaking the skull and depressing the brain.

The Butler county commissioners were paralyzed last week with a bill of \$3,300 from Lawyer Cowin for services in the matter of the Blue Valley road. The county voted \$53,000 in bonds in aid of the road, but they were declared void. The litigation cost the county \$11,000.

DAVENPORT is negotiating for a cable street railway. Centerville had a sensation last week in the marriage of a white man and a colored woman. Keokuk has stopped the use of stone flagging for street crossing purposes and will use brick.

The third reunion of the Twelfth Iowa volunteer infantry will take place at Waterloo, Black Hawk county, Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6. The women of Fort Dodge have sworn out their infantries against swindlers and keepers of that city, and declare that they will close every saloon.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state Monday by the Garden City Canning and Pickling company, of Pella, with a capital of \$5,000.

Children returning from school near Fairport Wednesday evening found an obstruction on the track and flagged an approaching train, which stopped just in time to avert a serious accident.

The Davenport Cremation society is going right ahead, and at a late meeting of the board of directors a few more approved plans presented for the crematorium, work upon which will be commenced as soon as practicable.

Just for the fun of the thing a man in Dubuque the other day saturated his pants with kerosene and then touched them with a match. A few minutes later he was outside the house rolling in a snow bank to put out the flames.

The State Teachers' association adopted the reformed spelling of the following twelve words and recommended that teachers use them and teach them: Hav, atalog, dew, whit, gard, giv, hed, shal, tho, thru, will, wish.

A hair-raising horror is reported from Davenport. Wednesday a bright little girl thirteen years old was left alone in the house where she was employed as a domestic. A strange man came in, transformed her and cut her hair off close to her head. The police are looking for the mysterious tonsorial artist who perpetrated the rape of the locks.

Jamestown has secured an electric light plant. Fargo sent a carload of provisions to the Mount Vernon cyclone sufferers. The Fargo board of trade proposes to invest \$5,000 to secure the Catholic see for that city.

Senator Stanford, of California, has sent a check for \$5,000 to the Dakota university at Mitchell. Huron has positive assurance that the Manitoba grade between Watertown and that city will be ironed and in operation by the 15th of June.

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porting four ounces of second-class matter for 1 cent and exacting 8 cents for sending a letter the same distance.

It is no more expensive, nor does it require any different service to transport a letter weighing one ounce for 1 cent, than it does to furnish postal cards for 2 cents, the first transportation costing \$1.14 per pound as first-class registered matter.

If two ounces of circular enclosed in an envelope can be sent all over the country for 1 cent, what is there to prevent the sending of a sealed letter weighing one ounce for 1 cent?

The average weight of letters sent through the mails is five to the ounce, returning the government 10 cents per ounce for its services, as against 1 cent for two ounces of circulars or 1 cent for four ounces of second-class matter.

We have confidence that penny letter postage would be self-sustaining within two years. It would lead to changes in the character of the matter mailed that would go a great way to offset the reduction and also would lead to savings in many branches of the service.

The surplus in the treasury is a constant menace to the general welfare. The public good is the first consideration in adding the treasury of its bondings. Free sugar, adequate compensation for American ocean mail service, and penny postage brings relief to every citizen, while expenditures for public buildings, pensions, etc., only indirectly benefit the people at large, besides establishing bad precedents when beyond our real needs.

We boast of no standing army, but an enormous surplus of revenue has fostered raids on the treasury, until in 1886 the government paid \$83,000,000 in pensions, while Germany expended \$85,000,000 to support her entire army, while her pension list was only \$5,500,000. Stop the use of public money for private good and give us a cheaper and better mail service.

In 1880 the post office department reported a revenue, \$3,228,000 less than its expenditures. Since then it has reduced rates of postage, increased the number of offices 12,000, extended free delivery in cities and greatly improved the service in the rural districts, and still in 1887 its expenditures were only \$3,555,000 more than its receipts, a difference in seven years of only \$327,000, during which time the salaries of postmasters were increased \$4,200,000. Are not the people alone sufficient to warrant the granting of penny postage for one ounce letters?

Cheap postage is one of the most active and useful educational factors that a nation can bestow upon its people. It would stimulate conversation quite as much as cheap transportation develops an increase in passenger traffic. Every letter mailed is a source from which springs one or more other communications. Besides individual benefits, penny postage would increase the commercial relations between different sections of the country. Thus far the present administration, while satisfactory to the people, has done nothing to make it live in history. If it should do nothing else than establish penny postage its history would be made and its action remembered through coming generations. Let us hope that it will not fail on this subject as it has with the ocean mail service, the tariff reform and other important measures, but promptly respond to the popular demand for penny letter postage.

Overworked Railway Managers. The retirement of the Union Pacific's general manager, Potter, broken down by overwork follows soon after the death of Hoxie and Talmage from the same cause and suggests the need for some effective legal curtailment of the exceedingly onerous and multifarious labors now imposed on the general managers of railroads. Such curtailment would be a merciful protection to the body politic and to the people at large as well as to the general manager himself.

It is not merely the physical and mental strain of responsibility proper that kills this munificently salaried drudge. It is not traveling by day, working by night, investigating department details, studying commercial situations, etc., that kills him. An army of well-chosen, well-organized subordinates makes his labors in that field comparatively light, and his pathway smooth. In England and other countries where this is all the strain he has upon him, the railway manager is a man of elegant leisure—robust, long-lived and never complains of overwork in charge of the most expensive railway business.

But in addition to real railway business the general manager of a railway in this country has as many as twenty cares and responsibilities as the Czar of Russia. He is required to run the caucuses and conventions of both political parties; to handle state legislatures and city councils, as well as boards of trade, and to attend the courts, as well as stock exchanges; to work all the wires of government in the large district which he rules over as the pro-consul for the Caesars of Wall street, and from which it is his business to extract the largest possible returns of revenue for his masters at the lowest possible expense and with the least possible political friction. What kills him is the moral strain that is put upon him, the manipulation of the wires of government, the exercise of the terrible power of discrimination in trade to build up one trading point or interest and destroy another.

All these labors and responsibilities should be diverted by law from railroad managers to the hands of the people. The general welfare it should be made a punishable crime for any railroad manager to exercise such functions, or for any railroad company to impose such labors on him.

Had No Steak for Him. Chicago Tribune. Strange requests are sometimes made of senators by applicants for office and the capitol. The telephone in the office of the secretary of the senate rang violently one day this week, as if some hungry applicant was determined upon an immediate hearing and resolved that nothing should interfere with his pressing wants.

"Hello," came through the telephone. "Hello!" "Is this 277?" "Yes, go ahead?" "Yes, there?" mentioning the name of a well-known senator. "Yes." "Tell him to come to the telephone." "All right."

The senator, who, by the way, bears the same name as the well-known restaurateur in this city bears, was called and promptly stepped to the instrument. "Hello!" "Is that you?" "Is that ahead?" "Where is my steak? Send me a beefsteak at once!" "Send you a what?" "No, not a what—a beefsteak." "What did you say? Say that again, I can't hear you." "A beefsteak—a beefsteak—beef."

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beef, 4-6-8-10, steak—beefsteak. Do you catch that?

"No, I don't," shouted the frate senator, losing all patience and throwing down the receiver. "What does the fellow want anyway?" turning to an attendant. The latter, whose pranks have set the secretary of the senate more than once, stepped to the telephone.

"Hello!" "Blank, blank, blanky blank, I want my steak. I ordered it over half an hour ago. I wish you would let me know if you intend sending it before the next Fourth of July?" "O yes, Mr. — will be sorry to hear of your disappointment, but as a senator of the United States he cannot favor your request. There are no steaks here for any one, and all applications must be made directly to the head of the proper department."

There was a discordant hum as of many voices at the other end of the wire, a faint echo as of suppressed laughter, then came an almost inaudible whisper: "It's all a mistake; good bye."

Books and Magazines. A very interesting and instructive work is a recent issue from the Williams Publishing Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and entitled "A Third of a Century in the Gold Fields." The book is edited by Frederick T. Wallace and is a splendidly written tale of the experiences of Chas. D. Ferguson, a 40er during a residence of thirty-four years in California and Australia.

"Life of James Russell Lowell" is the latest from the D. Lothrop Company, Boston. E. B. Hooper, the author, has produced a clever and interesting sketch of one of America's remarkable men.

"It is the Law" is a touching tale of marriage and divorce by Thomas H. Willson and published by Belford, Clarke & Co., New York. The story is interesting throughout.

The Technology Architectural Review is published by the Department of Architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The publication consists of a folio of plates made by the gelatine system and the illustrations are handsome and interesting. The Review will, without doubt, be fully appreciated by the architects and draughtsmen of the country. Mr. Thomas H. Kimball, son of Thomas L. Kimball, of Omaha, is one of the editors of the publication.

S. E. Miner has laid before the public the result of many years' thought and research in books and papers. It is entitled "Creation; Or, the Power Behind Evolution," and is intended to disclose the unity of matter and force. The work is worth a careful reading. Burdette company, publisher, Burlington, Ia.

Cassell's Family Magazine, New York, for March opens with an installment of that spirited serial "Monica," or "Stronger than Death," which bids fair to outdistance some of its predecessors in popularity. "Some Cats of a Larger Growth" is a lively story told by one who has lived among them in their native jungles. The devoted sister who nursed her brother back to health through a case of typhoid fever, gives the conclusion of her experience, which ought to be profitable reading to amateur nurses. Following this the interesting "City of Sheerocks" is described. The "Family Doctor" this month tells what he thinks of so-called tonics which is not flattering to their compounders. The "Cooking Watch" is a thoroughly practical paper, and so is a "Family of Boys and How They Were Started in Life." The two fashion letters are filled with their usual amount of early information from London and Paris. "The New Novel" is usually full and among the novelties it reports is an "electric table writer."

The publishing house of Frank Orff & Co., Omaha, have completed a handsome business directory for the City of Omaha, Neb. The same firm is now engaged in preparing a directory for South Omaha, which will be issued soon.

The Quiver, published by Cassell & Co., New York, for March will be very interesting. The opening article describes "A New Mission Field." The newly married, or even those about to be united in the holy bonds of wedlock, will find much that is new and in the article "How to Sanctify Marriage," by the Rev. Gordon Calthrop. Edward Garrett continues his papers on "The Salt of the Earth," in which he gives sympathetic sketches of some noble lives. "The Young People's Story for young people." "Some Remarkable Church Towers" are described with pen and pencil. There are stories, long and short, serials, poetry, and a bundle of "short arrows" that bring this number to a fitting close.

"The moon of Mahometarose, and it shall set," says Shelley; but if you will set a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in some handy place you will have a cure for the cough, croup, and colds.

The eighth wonder of the world—a benighted man limping with rheumatism who had never heard of Salvation Oil. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Cutting a Girl's Hair. Brooklyn Eagle: Cutting a maiden's hair would seem to be a task of pleasure. My barber tells me this is not so. He is an affable gentleman, with endless patience and small conversational powers. "You'd think I was fun, wouldn't you?" he says to the other day. "Well, lemme tell you it ain't." A girl has just put her head in the door to say that Miss Ethel Black wanted a shingle and would be at home an hour later for the operation. "The people think the quarry."

"People think I don't know my thing as you do, young feller, but they fool themselves. I'll go round there in an hour and a mighty mean time will I have. Ethel will be there, of course. So'll be Ethel's three sisters, her man, her Aunt Sarah, her gran'maw and like as not some of the neighbor's women. They won't none of 'em want her to do it, except perhaps, the youngest gal in the lot, Ethel's made up her mind, but they all want to know why they all yell at the first nip of the shears. Then they begin on me. I've got to suit all of 'em, including the aunt and gran'maw, who can't see no more'n a cat in daylight. It's ketching 'em, from start to finish. When I'm through I'm tired—lucky if I ain't mad. Cut a gal's hair fun? Not much."

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A courtship that had been in progress thirty-one years terminated in marriage at Clinton, Ia., last week. It is supposed to be the longest courtship on record by the lady.