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Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 3d day of March, A. D. 1888. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS were defeated in the local election at Des Moines. The prohibition plant is dying at the roots—cause, too much water.

It is a plain truth that California will support nobody for president who is not known to be in hearty sympathy with the Chinese immigration restriction bill.

THE New York Sun suggest Jeremiah Rusk of Wisconsin for president. Add to this, Tom Reed of Maine for second place. Wouldn't Tom and Jerry be a drawing attraction, though?

SENATOR INGALLS made the halls of congress ring with genuine oratory in his recent speech. The cockles of the old soldiers' hearts were warmed as the gallant Kansas statesman poured his shells into the democratic ranks.

The little bluff which the members of the Council Bluffs board of trade had with Mr. Her will, in the end, do the Chautauque enterprise considerable good. It has brought the project prominently before the public. Everybody is talking about it and public sentiment in Omaha is aroused in its favor.

MR. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS pretends to be mortally afraid that the Union Pacific road will forfeit its charter if it refuses to handle and switch Burlington cars. Mr. Adams knows better. Did not the Union Pacific violate its charter years ago when it refused the B. & M. terminal facilities at Kearney? Hasn't the Union Pacific disregarded charter obligations time and again during the past fifteen years when compliance was deemed inconvenient or unprofitable?

THE Iowa state senate is struggling with a railroad bill. A day and a half has been spent in discussing an amendment to insert the words "undue and unreasonable" before the word "preference," where it relates discrimination in the bill as reported by the committee on railroads. The senate is cutting up the committee's report which was originally framed in the interest of the people, and perverting the bill so as to favor the railroads. In the state as in the national legislature the senate is always with easier reach of the corporation lobby than the house.

DR. MILLER, we are assured, feels very confident that the Union club will revive the Yankton project and give Omaha that much needed railway connection with northern Nebraska and southern Dakota. This is good news, and we hope the club will speedily redeem the doctor's promise. There has been altogether too much bluster and blarney about this project, and we fear that Dr. Miller's backers will back out just as they have done whenever they were asked to plank down a liberal subscription. Too sure, Jay Gould may, when he returns from Europe, decide to build that road as an extension to the Missouri Pacific. In that case Jay Gould, and not Dr. Miller and his club, will furnish the ways and means to build the road.

THE course of Mr. Barbour, of Virginia, senator elect to succeed Hildreth, in retiring from the chairmanship of the state democratic committee for the reason that he is not in sympathy with the policy of the national administration, is an episode in current politics of more than ordinary interest. Mr. Barbour is very strong with his party in Virginia, and the practical repudiation of the administration which his action implies can have no other effect than to cause thousands of democrats in Virginia to follow his example. As the democratic chances in that state were not particularly brilliant before this disaffection was developed, they are certain to become far less so now, and it can be no means an exaggeration to regard as an unreasonable expectation that with a strong presidential candidate the republicans may carry the state. Certainly the action of Mr. Barbour ought to prove a strong encouragement to republican effort in Virginia, as undoubtedly it will. Another effect may be to lead democrats in other southern states to an equally courageous course, to the further weakening of democratic hopes. Such circumstances should have their value in stimulating republicans to their best and wisest efforts.

Emperor William's Impending Death. The impending death of Emperor William of Germany opens a field of almost illimitable conjecture as to what may be the effects of that event upon Germany and Europe. Although the world has been fully prepared for it at any time during the past year, and especially so since the illness of the crown prince had become an added source of wearing anxiety to the aged emperor, yet in the present condition of European affairs it is impossible that the death of this powerful ruler of a great and thoroughly loyal nation could fail to have most important and far-reaching consequences. Nothing has been more conspicuous in the affairs of Europe since the termination of the Franco-Prussian war than the empire he ruled had the remotest concern, and it has either given form and direction to the policy of other nations or restrained them from action that would have antagonized it. Undoubtedly very great credit is due to the wisdom, the foresight, and the courage of the great man who have been the counsellors of the dying emperor, and who will survive him, but he has had a wisdom, foresight and courage of his own and was never merely the creature of his advisers. No one of them was more patriotic than he, none of them had a higher standard of national elevation and power, none believed more firmly in a great destiny for Germany. The arts of statecraft and the details of politics he could leave to others, but the objects to be achieved for strengthening the empire and increasing its security he actively concerned himself with, and therefore merits an imperial share of the honor that belongs to those who have made Germany powerful and prosperous. The world knows that it was the will of the kaiser that has maintained the peace of Europe during the past two years. "While the emperor lives there will be peace" was a declaration made long ago, which has since done more than almost anything else to give a sense of security to those who desire peace and to curb the zeal of those who have been eager for war. The emperor believed the true policy of Germany to be one of peace, a belief not altogether due to the natural conservatism of age, and his influence was steadily directed to the maintenance of this policy.

There would be little reason to apprehend any departure from this wise policy if the Crown Prince Frederick William were in a physical condition to assume the imperial rule. But his life hangs upon a thread, and his removal from San Remo to Berlin—from the warm and genial climate of the Italian town to the harsh and wintry weather of the German capital—may suddenly snap that thread and place the destinies of Germany in the hands of Prince William, the grandson of the dying emperor. Whether justly or not the succession of Prince William would be regarded as a menace to the peace of Europe. He has recently in a public address disclaimed any warlike sentiments, but it is generally believed that he has a soldier's ambition, and that he would not be long content to simply enjoy the glory and achievements of his ancestor. While his father, the crown prince, has been in full accord and sympathy with the policy of the dying emperor, Prince William is charged with having been in persistent opposition, so much so as to have incurred the displeasure of both the emperor and the empress. For a time he would undoubtedly give heed to the advice of those who had been the counsellors of his predecessor, but the danger of his yielding to the military influence with which he would doubtless be surrounded would always be imminent, and the apprehension of this could not be favorable to the maintenance of peace. The influence of Bismarck would be potent for a time, but how long no one can foresee. Young men elevated to great power are apt to rebel against the counsels of the aged, even though it have the warrant of a long record of wisdom and great achievements to commend it.

Still other questions of deep concern relate to the possible attitude that Russia may assume upon the emperor's death, and to whether the alliance with Austria will be maintained. May not the czar see in this impending national bereavement to Germany his opportunity to strike and promptly avail himself of it? These and other possible complications naturally suggest themselves, presenting altogether a host of contingencies that invite endless conjecture. But there has recently been such an exhibition of patriotism and loyalty on the part of the German people as to warrant the expectation that whatever difficulties they may be called upon to encounter, as the consequence of the emperor's death, they will be bravely met and successfully overcome, and that the unity of the empire will not be endangered.

Impolitic Action. The action of the democratic majority of the committee on ways and means in refusing to permit any of the interests affected by the proposed revision of the tariff to be heard before the committee, except in the form of communications to be filed, was not generally expected. It was supposed that as a matter of policy, since the majority had framed the tariff bill without any consultation with the republican minority, they would at least accede to a proposition to allow the most important interests affected to be heard. It was doubtless unreasonable to expect that all interests would be permitted to consume the time of the committee in elaborate presentations of their objections to the proposed measure, but certain of the more important interests could have been allowed to do so without fairly subjecting the committee to a charge of giving undue preference. It seems also, that it would have been especially politic to have allowed properly delegated representatives of labor to be heard before the committee, but a proposition for this was likewise rejected.

This action was a mistake, and it will make an impression unfavorable to the democratic members of the committee and therefore damaging to the party at the age of seventy-two. He crossed the plains from Pennsylvania early in the '50s, and had passed the greater part of his life since then in hunting and trapping. He presented President Buchanan with a buckhorn chair of his own manufacture in 1857, and made a similar present to President Lincoln in 1864. President Johnson and President Hayes also received presents of a like nature from him.

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There are no three men alive who, when they make a speech or write a letter, can command such worldwide attention as Blaine, Bismarck and Gladstone, it is almost a wonder that Gladstone's name didn't begin with a B.

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On Saturday, March 10, L. O. JONES, American Clothier, will sell 500 Men's New Spring Suits, made from all wool cassimers and worsteds, all colors and stylish patterns, Coats either sack or four-button cutaway. Not a suit in the line with a particle of shoddy in it, and not a suit worth less than \$8.00. Many of them are worth \$10.00 and \$12.00. The special price on the entire line for Saturday will be \$6.00 a suit, and those coming early will have the best selection of styles and sizes. Jones always does exactly as he advertises, and Jones' special sales always draw a crowd. Heed the warning and come early.