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It is the irony of fate that Dakota sends telegrams of consolation to the blizzard sufferers of the east.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy threw up both hands when the western roads "held up" that system to restore freight rates.

Why did not the railroad club managers import the Mendota carpenter for their banquet? He can double discount Hepburn, the Burlington railroad arroyo, without half trying.

Roscoe Conkling could look the president of the United States in the face. But he couldn't look into the eyes of a full grown blizzard five minutes the other night in Union Square.

Senator Wilson's astounding revelation of the way railroads and shippers violate the provisions of the interstate law shows that this law is as full of holes as one of Harvey Deuel's skimmers.

Denmark, following the example of Germany and France, prohibits the importation of American pork and lard. We can stand the embargo against pork, but when it comes to keeping out cottonseed oil on the grounds of trichinae, we've got to protest against the discrimination.

It was eminently in accord with the eternal fitness of things that Jim-Jams Newcomer, the best patron of the Lincoln bar-rooms and railroad oil rooms during the last session, should call loudly for the submission of a prohibition amendment through the republican state central committee.

There will be an effort made this season to reduce the time of crossing the Atlantic. The best time ever made was six days and three hours. It is announced that some of the ocean greyhounds will make the journey this season in less than six days. This discounts the "overland flyers."

The Mann Boudoir Car company has been swallowed up by the Wagner Sleeping Car company. The next step most likely will be a sleeping car trust between the Pullmans and the Wagners. The average man will then have to double himself up like a jack-knife and allow the porter to go through his pockets in order to enjoy the comforts of a berth.

The Union Pacific is out of politics but its general political attorney, John M. Thurston, has placed himself at the head of the league of republican clubs. John M. Thurston is out of politics but he has enlisted for the campaign and wants to head the Nebraska delegation to the national republican convention.

The Burlington & Missouri railroad is out of politics but its hand was visible in the club convention which was manipulated by its oil room attorney, Charley Greene and his aid camp, Breckenridge. Charley Greene has given up politics since his time has been monopolized by injunctions against the Union Pacific locomotive engineers and firemen, but he very modestly asks his friends to pool their issues and send him to Chicago to represent the republicans in this district in the national convention.

Time is decimating the ranks of the great chieftains in the Franco-German struggle of 1870-71. Chanzy, the most conspicuous of the commanders of the armies of the republic, is dead, as is also Ulrich, the gallant defender of Strasburg. Bazaine is disgraced and in exile, while MacMahon, aged and infirm, is waiting patiently for the grim messenger whose coming cannot long be delayed. Dead, too, are the "Red Prince" Frederick Charles, the greatest of the field commanders of the German army, and Manteuffel, the grimest and most formidable of its fighting generals, while the death angel is even now hovering around Frederick I, who, as the Prussian crown prince, was one of the most intrepid and successful of the military chieftains of the fatherland. Fifteen years ago Napoleon III, breathed his last in exile in Chislehurst, while yesterday the bells in Berlin were tolling a requiem for William I, his illustrious antagonist. Victor and vanquished alike are going down before the great conqueror.

Factionism Rampant. It has been the misfortune of the republican party of Nebraska during the past ten years to be torn up by factional feuds. With an assured majority of from twenty to thirty thousand for the national ticket Nebraska republicans have within that period witnessed several revolutions that have brought disaster upon their state, congressional and judicial tickets. For this period turmoil and disaster the republican leaders who are enlisted in the service of the railroads are chiefly, if not wholly, responsible. With the tremendous power and corporate influence at their command they have time and again forced disreputable and dishonest candidates upon the party, and compelled self-respecting republicans to repudiate the action of packed conventions at the polls.

This is why this congressional district, with its six thousand republican majority, elected a democrat to congress by over seven thousand majority sixteen months ago. This is why the Third judicial district, with nearly three thousand republican majority, repudiated the republican judicial ticket of last fall and gave the opposition candidates from two to four thousand majority.

With such forcible rebukes fresh in their minds we had reason to expect that the men who have led the party to the brink of wreck and ruin would have common sense enough to heed the lessons of the past and give the party a breathing spell.

The convention and banquet have demonstrated that the monopolistic and bumper factions have again rallied under the party flag with the undisguised purpose to keep the state under the domination of the railroads and jobbers. Of all the republicans in Nebraska the most offensively active railroad politician is the silver-tongued general attorney of the Union Pacific railroad. When the republican club league placed John M. Thurston at its head it deliberately defied public sentiment among the rank and file of the party.

When Brad Slaughter was elected secretary it simply added insult to injury. The selection of orators for the banquet was in full keeping with the performance at the exposition building. The Honorable Charley Greene, the Honorable Mr. Breckenridge, the Highly Honorable Dave Mercer, and the Right Reverend Burchard Tate were singled out as representative republicans.

What shall republicans who earnestly hoped to see the party close its ranks by dropping all factionism, do in the face of such a performance? How can the party appeal for undivided support as long as its ablest leaders are ignored and insulted, and brazen-throated mercenaries and brass-collared nobodies are dubbed as honorables and feted at banquets as the party's most conspicuous representatives? Is it not manifest that Charley Green's lieutenant, Breckenridge, and commanded by John M. Thurston, is mainly designed for corporate political use and incidentally to become the lever for operating the party machinery in the interest of the railway faction in the impending state campaign?

Reciprocal Exclusion. The new Chinese treaty, having been signed by the secretary of state and the Chinese minister, is now in the hands of the president. No doubt is entertained that it will receive the executive approval, and it is expected that it will be promptly ratified by the senate.

The treaty provides for the complete exclusion of Chinese laborers from the United States for twenty years, and reciprocally prohibits laborers from entering China. There is at present in this country an agent of the Chinese government to employ locomotive engineers and firemen to work on the new railroads which have been or are being constructed in the empire, but probably this class of workers would not be included under the head of laborers. If it is contemplated simply to exclude from China unskilled labor from the United States it is obvious that the reciprocal exclusion is very largely one-sided. An important provision relates to the return of Chinese to this country, who, having resided here, may visit their native land. At present a simple certificate that they have resided in the United States is sufficient, and even without this a large number have been from time to time allowed to land by the aid of the federal court in California, thus virtually nullifying the present treaty.

The truth is, the Chinese government has been eminently fair, reasonable, and even generous in dealing with this whole question, and is letting this government off easily in accepting an indemnity of \$275,000 for violence to which the Chinese here have been subjected. If the treaty will remove the Chinese question from public discussion, and take it out of the category of issues affecting the political standing of public men with the people of the Pacific coast, it will unquestionably receive the approval of the whole country.

How to Advertise Omaha. There is a great deal of humbug about Omaha not being well advertised. Omaha is one of the best advertised cities in the world. She is more widely known on the other side of the Atlantic than either Kansas City, Minneapolis or St. Paul.

The council has talked about revising the building ordinance for more than six months, but it is all talk. The present ordinance is very imperfect and needs amending in many essential particulars. The primary object of building inspection has been lost sight of in the effort to raise revenue. The fees exacted for building permits are an embargo on building enterprise and an incentive to misrepresentation.

Other Lands Than Ours. The remains of the late Emperor William have been deposited in their last resting place. The German people have most fully attested their affection for the dead sovereign and their loyalty to his house.

Russia is well supplied with candidates for the throne of Bulgaria, and every little while brings forward a new one. Her present choice for the place which poor Prince Ferdinand is so loath to quit is said to be Prince Nicholas, duke of Leuchtenberg.

Remarkable changes are occurring in the great region in South Africa, nearly a third as large as Europe, which Sir Bartle Frere, late governor of Cape Colony, said was well adapted to support an immense white population.

English affairs are just now conspicuously wanting in general interest. For the time being the attention of the people of Great Britain is most largely taken up with the exposures regarding the mal-administration of the military and naval services and the financial plans of the chancellor of the exchequer.

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The entire interest-bearing debt of the United States. Of this sum \$1,615,000,000 is in consols, \$830,000,000 in new 3 per cents, and \$345,000,000 in reduced 3 per cents. The present interest on the consols is also 3 per cent. The proposition is to convert the three classes of stocks into a single class, to bear interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent for fifteen years and 2 1/4 per cent thereafter. A guarantee is given that the converted debt shall run at least twenty years at the 2 1/2 rate. This gives holders of the present stocks, which are liable to be called at any time, a security which can not be paid inside thirty-five years.

Interest in the future course of Russia has been intensified since the death of the German emperor, and every movement of the Russian government is given great significance. Having induced the port to protest against the election of Prince Ferdinand is regarded as foreshadowing the full reopening of the eastern question, and the announcement that the steamers of the Black Sea steamship company are to be fitted out for war purposes is held to be most ominous of impending trouble.

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This will be done, not necessarily by subverting their governments, but by new principles at stake and new men at the helm, all legally called upon the stage of action by the voice of the ruling majority. The existing railroads have already brought the Transvaal gold fields within twenty-four days of London. There can be no doubt that before many years South Africa will possess the counter-part of our Pacific railroads in the extension of the Cape Colony and Natal lines to the road now building from Delagoa Bay.

At all the city schools yesterday there were on exhibition samples of the work of the pupils of the different grades and the day was the occasion of a visit from many of the mothers of the children. From the number of essays and other productions displayed in each school the teachers will select one or two from each class and the same will be forwarded to the board of education, who will select the best, to be forwarded to the exhibition to be held soon at Fremont.

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SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Billy Anderson is back from his visit to his home. Dr. J. K. Emoret is on a visit from the prohibitionists. St. Patrick's night, will be celebrated by a literary and musical entertainment in Hunt's hall.

TRAMPI TRAMPI TRAMPI TRAMPI! The Boys Are Marching—John M. Thurston and Brad Slaughter Heading the Procession of Eighty-eight.

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