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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 26th day of August, 1888.

By AND BY America may get back to her former glories in fishing and fighting if Miss Canada acts ugly.

POOR stricken Florida! The dreadful scourge of yellow fever is spreading its ghastly arms over her people despite all efforts to check the epidemic.

THIRTEEN crocodiles on their way to the Zoo at Hamburg escaped into the Elbe and frightened the Germans out of their wits.

AS THE end of the base ball season approaches the public feels great relief. The national game has become a national bore and is degenerating from year to year.

THE new observatory about to be erected in Colorado is promised to excel the now famous Lick observatory in California.

IN connection with the scheme to reclaim the great deserts of the west, the argument made by Joaquin Miller in an article on the "North American Nile" is plausible.

THE last few days have brought news of a shortage in the wheat crop of the United States and of Europe.

Mortgaging South Omaha.

The special election which takes place to-morrow in South Omaha vitally concerns every person interested in the growth and prosperity of that magic city.

First. Shall the city of South Omaha issue sixty-two thousand dollars of six per cent twenty year sewer bonds?

Second. Shall the city of South Omaha issue seventy-eight thousand dollars in city six per cent twenty year bonds, the proceeds whereof shall be used to construct one viaduct across Q street and another viaduct across L street?

Third. Shall the city of South Omaha issue twelve thousand dollars of ten year six per cent bonds, the proceeds to be expended for paying street intersections?

Fourth. Shall the city of South Omaha issue thirty-five thousand dollars of ten-year six per cent funding bonds, the proceeds to be used to pay off the floating debt created by the city since it was incorporated in 1887?

A strong sentiment in favor of voting all these mortgages has been worked up by the owners of large tracts of land, which are to be improved at the expense of the small taxpayers, by contractors who expect handsome returns out of sewer and viaduct construction, and lastly by creditors who have bought up the warrants that constitute the floating debt.

South Omaha has as yet no general plan of street grading and no well-matured plan of surface drainage and underground sewerage. No city managed on business principles will undertake extensive public improvements, involving an outlay of ten per cent on its assessed property valuation, without carefully matured plans, especially designed by engineers who have large experience in sewerage and grading.

It is a very serious matter to vote mortgages upon South Omaha that will compel an annual tax of over ten thousand dollars for interest alone, independent of the sinking fund to pay off the principal.

Whatever the temptation and pressure to vote all these bonds may be, every citizen that has the welfare of South Omaha at heart should pause before he casts his vote for them. There is no danger that South Omaha will lose anything by delay.

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Is there never to be found a remedy for this sort of high-handed robbery? The combination of railroads and mine owners in Pennsylvania violates the fundamental law of that state, but the leniency of the corporations appears to be sufficient to prevent proceedings against them.

The Idaho Pan Handle. An obstacle in the way of the admission of Washington Territory to statehood is the question of adding to the present area of the territory what is called the Idaho Pan Handle.

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lord has told the story as no one else can tell it.

THE details of the siege—and the grandest in military annals—cannot be related here. It requires volumes to do the subject justice.

JOE'S WIFE. The Judge. I am feeling mighty triffin' An' right low spirited; An' I wish my sixty years, 'N' hadn't this married life, I'd jes' turn in an' hev 'er cry On yon four-posted bed.

WE'VE LAURY HELL we married I never shed a cheer; But when she was a darter I knowed her man was stiddy, 'N' didn't seem to keor.

SHE'S MIGHTY CUTE an' pruttly, I'm not gaisany' sick; Her skin er white er taller, An' er sweeter er kinder, An' if she heint' stole my Joe, I'd like the mittie witch.

OUT IN NEW Mexico they caught the other day a rabbit with the tail of a cat.

AT Castagnon, near Lucarno, in Switzerland, a woman, aged thirty-six years, recently gave birth to a boy and two girls.

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