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PEACE lovers around Porcupine creek. It seems to look as if the good Indian preferred to be a live Indian.

THE Kansas City Globe shrieks "God help Kansas City!" That is asking a great deal.

EMIGRATION is the golden key to prosperity in the drought-stricken districts of Nebraska.

ON the silver question Mr. Cleveland zealously sticks to the proverb that "Silence is golden."

THE best way to increase the export of corn is to cultivate a healthy demand for it in the old world.

SENATOR SHEA strikes a hopeful field for reform in his bill limiting the compensation of county officers.

THE herb wire trust might profit by the fate of the harvester combine. The legal barbs of the nation are dangerous to trifle with.

SENATOR INGALLS' assault on the millionaires of the country was in the nature of an indictment of the senate. Perhaps present company was excepted.

THE government aid railroads are willing to pay 2 or 2 1/2 per cent on their loans, but will insist, as heretofore, that the producer pay double that rate on their water soaked capital.

EMMA ABBOTT left the bulk of her estate to worthy charities, and her money will live to do good after her. Few self-made millionaires have made better dispositions of their riches.

THERE is little danger of an immediate investigation into the operation of the congressional silver pool last summer. The time is too short and the members are not over anxious to turn the light on their profitable bullion deals.

THE three balance-of-power farmers in the Illinois legislature have agreed on a man for United States senator. As his name isn't Palmer there is a wall of ice in the democratic camp.

IF the legislature intends to do no business until the supreme court finally decides the gubernatorial issue, the destitute settlers will die of starvation, and we shall have the most prolonged and expensive session on record.

BY a sweep of the legal pen the courts of St. Joe wiped out \$400,000 in delinquent city taxes. The decision marks an era of economy in the somnambulant Missouri. It saves the city the vast amount of paper heretofore wasted in carrying an annual list of taxable deadheads.

THE school book trust is flooding the members of the legislature with newspaper arguments against state publication. It is not found as a result of this disturbance, a great deal of time and money have been wasted.

IT can be said of the Indian outbreak that its results might have been infinitely worse, but that if the best advantage of its lessons is taken we need have nothing hereafter even as bad as this.

CORN AND THE FOREIGN MARKET. Secretary Risk is about to ask congress for an appropriation to enable him to develop the foreign market for corn and other agricultural products.

THE problem of the exportation of American farm products is complex and contains many diverse elements. As the prosperity of our great agricultural interest in a measure depends upon it, no effort should be spared to keep the statistics of the subject up to date, or to widen the demand for those products of which we are constantly increasing the supply.

FREE PASSES TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

The practice of railroad corporations supplying public officials and members of legislatures with free passes is not peculiar to any locality. It is a general custom, quite as common in the older states as in the newer, and everywhere prompted by a similar motive.

There are students of our farming conditions who take an entirely different view of the question, however. Basing their calculations upon the fact that our home market is growing more rapidly than our production, they figure that by 1895 we shall have no products of the soil to export, except cotton.

There can be no reasonable question as to the demoralizing effect of allowing public officials, in whatever capacity, to accept free railroad passes, and yet officers in many of the states to abolish the practice have failed.

GENERAL MILES AND THE INDIANS. It is perhaps a little early to say of the Indian war that patience has done its perfect work, but the best indications point at this writing to a peaceful and bloodless settlement of a trouble that once threatened to develop into one of the most terrible of Indian wars.

By the joint advice of General Miles and Colonel Cody, General Colby has sent home a part of the state militia, withdrawn the rest from the country districts, and holds it in readiness for departure. It is to be hoped that this action will not prove premature and that no issues will be taken after so much trouble and expense have been incurred by the state to make the frontier perfectly secure.

One thing can be said with perfect safety, however, and that is that General Miles' management of the situation has thus far been masterly. He has protected the settlers and restrained the Indians without rushing into needless battles and shedding blood unnecessarily.

But even if the end of the war has really been reached, the great Indian problem still remains to be solved. No assurances of peaceful intentions should lead the government to withdraw the troops before the Indian braves are disarmed and dismounted.

THE annual report of the building superintendent exposes again the folly of the fee system in vogue in that department. A law designed originally to secure an accurate record of building improvements and to enforce compliance with vital principles of construction, virtually places a premium on falsehood and gives official sanction to bogus estimates of the cost of buildings erected during the year.

It is not at the very inception of an improvement with a demand for the city's share of the proposed expenditure, under the pretense that the city will protect him from the machinations of contractors. He is compelled to pay from one to five dollars for a permit for a building costing under \$5,000 and fifty cents for each additional \$1,000 added to the cost.

A radical change should be made in the fee law so, that the city can obtain an accurate official record of the cost of buildings. It would be far more profitable to the city to pay for more general fund the expenses of the building department than to place on record a report of improvements notoriously wrong and misleading.

Omaha should encourage building enterprise rather than tax it according to the liberality of the investment. But above all the city should not become sponsor to a report of building improvement that is notoriously false.

STATISTICS of railroad building for 1890 credited Iowa with one mile of new main line. The report was instantly seized and held by the railroad organs as conclusive proof of the claim that corporations had ceased building in the state on account of unfriendly legislation.

IMPORTANT CHANGES PROPOSED. In addition to the proposed modification of the anti-pooling section of the interstate commerce law, the senate committee has agreed upon other important amendments, some of which are in pursuance of the recommendations of the commission.

A proposed new section makes it unlawful for any common carrier, or for any agent or officer of such common carrier, to pay or allow directly or indirectly to any other common carrier, its officers or agents, any commission or thing of value for procuring or influencing passenger transportation.

THE legislature still persists in its refusal to communicate with the de facto governor of Nebraska, James E. Boyd, concerning the condition of the state and the necessities of state institutions for which the legislature is expected to provide.

WE may have a blizzard within the next three days and yet the legislature is frittering away precious time in an unseemly squabble over the journals of last week's joint convention, instead of pushing the bill for the relief of destitute people on the frontier.

WHATEVER may be the qualifications of the democratic majority to manage city affairs, there is now no doubt of their ability to play the festive game of freeze out.

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TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF.

A Desperate Effort to Suicide by a Young Farmer Near Havelock. DEPONDENT REGARDING A MORTGAGE. An Inquest into the Murder of John Sheehy Commenced—Supreme Court Decisions—Other News About Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 14.—[Special to The Bee.]—Frank Perkins, a young farmer aged about thirty-four years and living near Havelock, attempted to commit suicide last evening. He had made all the preparations for hanging himself, but was discovered in time by his young brother-in-law. It took the combined strength of eight men to get Perkins back to the house and in the meek the young brother-in-law called a terrible kick in the left breast from which he was suffering very much today. The story is a very sad one.

Some time last spring Perkins, whom Judge Parker says he has known a number of years, as a hard-working sober man, rented a farm near Havelock for \$50 a year. He had to pay this amount in advance in cash and to get money he mortgaged the growing crop and his stock. He had very poor luck. Last year his crops were almost a total failure and the family were compelled to take in boarders to make both ends meet.

The murder of John Sheehy is still the all-absorbing topic of conversation. There are a number of cases on file in the county jail. The case with which Sheehy was murdered has been identified as one formerly belonging to Captain Charles H. Parker, first lieutenant of the 10th Iowa. The captain himself identifies the case and says it was his last day at the time that Bohannon's barn was burned. Other stories that are current in the prison connected with the crime are also related but these not published.

This morning an inquest was held for the first time in the history of Lancaster county it was in secret and consequently caused considerable indignation, as it was believed that such a proceeding was without the authority of law.

The jury was as follows: T. C. Munger, James Atkinson, Joseph H. Parker, Robert McKeown, F. R. Walters and W. G. Mead. On assembling Mr. McKeown moved that the inquest be secret, urging as a reason that if the jury should be called to the purpose of finding out the guilty man and did not want the proceedings made public. This motion was carried unanimously.

Before calling any witnesses the jurymen held an informal discussion of the matter, during which one of them insisted that Mrs. Sheehy should be the first witness examined. This was refused, as she was but a short distance away when the deadly blow were given, that she was the last person that saw him before he was struck.

Court met pursuant to adjournment. McCleghans vs. Reed. Reversed in name of Sophia J. McCleghans, administratrix of estate of John Reed, deceased. Death of plaintiff suggested by defendant.

THE IRON BANK. Omaha Loan & Trust Co. S. E. Cor. 16th and Douglas Sts. Paid in Capital \$100,000. Subscribed and Guaranteed Capital \$200,000.

ATTACHED TO THE WAGON. Joseph Brown, of Westley Springs, proprietors of the depot saloon, was arrested this morning by Detective Pound on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday. Both were released on their personal recognizances to appear for trial on Monday afternoon.

EMMA ABBOTT'S WILL. It calls for an Electrical Test Which Will Be Made. Chicago, Jan. 14.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—No definite arrangements have been made to carry out the wishes of the late Emma Abbott, as expressed in her will, that her body should be subjected to a test by electricity to make sure that death had really occurred before it is consigned to the flames in a crematory.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensioners. Washington, Jan. 14.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Pensioners were granted today to the following Nebraskaans: Original—Christopher Irwin, Sioux City; Corneilus Brown, Ansley; Lorenzo Beckwith, Burwell; David Sutherland, Steele City; William H. Rider, Nemaha City; B. Knowles Long Pine; John L. Herrick, Omaha; Seth Craig, Borehard; James Bennett, Fremont; Olen Hooten, Norfolk; Louis Davis, Stanton.

A Notable Wedding. Washington, Jan. 14.—One of the most notable weddings from a social standpoint of view in Washington since that of Nellie Grant, was celebrated at St. Matthew's church today with all the pomp and impressiveness of the Catholic ritual and the presence of Washington's distinguished people.

OUR DOGS. "Sissy" called the boy, as he ran up to a girl standing at the gate in front of a house in High Street, "run in and tell your mother that your brother Johnny has having a dog fight in the barn!"

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

DRINK EXCELSIOR SPRINGS No. 1. Nature's Tonic, Diuretic and Uric Solvent. Sold only in bottles by C. B. MOORE & CO. Agents, 115 Dodge St.

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