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RUSSIA is in far more danger from famine and its resultant social evils than from foreign armies.

THAT much abused Mississippi constitution contains one commendable section; it provides for quadrennial sessions of the legislature.

WASHINGTON'S birthday has been celebrated by David Bennett Hill as the appropriate occasion for trying his little hatchet upon the Cleveland cherry tree.

THE park commission is not obliged to purchase the grounds incorporated in the proposition voted upon by the people if public funds can be saved by buying equally as good property for less money.

CONGRESS has been in session since the first Monday in December and has not yet adopted its rules of order. This is explained by the fact that the Democrats have control of the house by an unwieldy majority.

CONGRESS probably has no constitutional right to legislate against the Pinkerton abuse, but public sentiment in America is with the alliance congressmen in their efforts to discover some means for its suppression.

A NEW YORK judge has decided that a street car conductor need not change a \$5 bill to collect fare. This will very materially ease the financial pressure on the individual who has hitherto offered a \$10 bill.

DOUGLAS county can grow as good sugar beets as any county in Nebraska, and Omaha alone consumes as much sugar as the remainder of the state.

A DEEP water canal from Lake Superior to the Hudson river would not only cut off a long distance between Buffalo and the Atlantic ocean via the St. Lawrence, but it would turn the whalback vessel traffic through New York harbor.

GENERAL BENJAMIN F. BUTLER'S autobiography has been issued from the press and within a very few days the persons who charged him with a certain spoon episode will wish they had never been born.

SECRETARY RUSK hits some organization in Nebraska a wicked blow between the eyes when he says, after raking the skin off Dr. Billings, the hog inoculator of our experiment station.

A CORRESPONDENT asks what persons in the south are under disability which would have to be removed by congress in order to enable such persons to enter the military or naval service of the government.

DENVER has inaugurated a campaign for home patronage, taking the Omaha plan as a basis. Council Bluffs has just organized a manufacturers' association devoted especially to the development of Council Bluffs manufactures.

DEFENSE OF LAKE CITIES.

There is almost as large an amount of wealth in the cities on our great lakes as there is in the seaport cities that would be objects of attack by a foreign fleet in the event of war, and the lake cities are entirely defenseless.

This matter has engaged the serious attention of government officials, and a convention is soon to be held composed of persons interested in the better protection of the lake cities with a view to urging the government to take measures for their defense.

The collector of the treasury has recently ruled that the treaty of 1817 with Great Britain does not exist. He says that according to the revised statutes the treaty was abrogated by congress on February 9, 1845, and that the statutes do not show that the treaty was again enforced by act of congress.

On the 20th of January, 1892, the convention of lake men will ask congress to abrogate the treaty, if congress shall decide that it is still in force, and to make provisions for the proper defense of the lake cities.

There is a very earnest feeling on this subject both in Washington and throughout the lake region, and a very strong pressure will be brought to bear upon congress in behalf of the desired action. This feeling will be sure to be warranted when account is taken of the wealth of such cities as Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo.

ARE RAILWAYS PUBLIC HIGHWAYS?

Judges and courts make more laws than legislatures. The enactments of law-making bodies like state legislatures and congress must run the gauntlet of judicial approval before they are sure of their standing.

Originally the idea prevailed that railroads were public highways. Upon no other theory can their right of eminent domain be excused. The right of eminent domain can only be asserted for the public good and in the public interest.

The difficulties attendant upon the indiscriminate use of a railway track by locomotives or trains of cars belonging to persons not connected with the corporation operating the road have been so numerous that the literal idea of making a railway a public highway is impracticable.

Except with reference to making rates, preventing discriminations, enforcing orders for the safety of the public, and compelling roads to provide proper facilities for transacting their business, the courts have come to deny in great measure the proposition that railroads are public highways.

court went even further toward the private property idea, and held that though a railroad is in one sense a public highway it differs materially from a turnpike or county road, and a demurrer to an indictment against the Nashville railroad as a public nuisance for failing to keep its tracks in good repair was sustained by the superior court.

A HAWAIIAN CABLE.

The attempt was made by a syndicate to secure through the Fifty-first congress a subsidy for a cable from San Francisco to Honolulu. The effort failed of success. Funds were provided however for taking soundings and the Albatross has recently completed its survey.

The irregularities discovered would have discouraged the first Atlantic cable builders, but in these days nothing is regarded as impossible, and hence a ravine 800 fathoms deeper than the banks on either side, or 3,200 fathoms below the surface of the sea, is regarded merely as an incident.

THE DUTY ON ART.

It is stated that the committee on ways and means will pay no attention to the demand for a repeal of the duty on works of art. It will be remembered that the original McKinley bill, as passed by the house, put works of art on the free list, but the senate insisted upon retaining a duty, and it was finally decided to make the duty one-half the amount that was fixed by the tariff act of 1883.

OLD AGE AND POVERTY.

Many people regard poverty as a sort of disease which shortens life. Others naturally enough think wealth with its comforts, luxuries, medical attendance and refined sanitary appliances would promote longevity. The facts are against both these theories.

THE CONTEST IN LOUISIANA.

Probably no local election in the union has awakened greater interest than the contest in Louisiana which is to determine the fate of the Louisiana lottery. The proposed constitutional amendment giving the lottery company an exclusive franchise to do business for twenty-five years is the paramount issue of the campaign.

THE CHILIAN WAR deprived nobody of sleep outside of the nitrate beds. CITY ATTORNEY CONNELL should inquire into the matter.

the newspapers of New Orleans except one and nearly all the banks of that city are fighting for the amendment. Bulldozing, bribery and every nefarious practice known to unscrupulous gamblers are resorted upon to carry the day for the lottery.

AGAINST ANTI-OPTION LEGISLATION.

The national board of trade, in session at Washington the past week, adopted a resolution against the anti-option bills that have been introduced in congress. The board is composed of delegates from some fourteen hundred commercial bodies, so that its action must be presumed to represent the consensus of intelligent opinion in those organizations.

Peace With Honor.

The president's policy has apparently cleared the way for an amicable, honorable settlement of the controversy between this country and Chile, and the general hope will be that the way will be made smooth and easy to the end of such peaceful settlement of it.

Has Herea So Long Time.

The report published by the Omaha World-Herald regarding the finding of Sloan frozen to death was a fake. Telegrams from the locality where it was claimed Sloan was frozen to death are to the effect that the World-Herald is getting to be a notorious fake factory.

Draw First Blood.

The disputed question of the ability of women to solve difficult problems of life and conduct is partly cleared up by the case of Mrs. Murphy of Omaha, who, finding a burglar in her room, promptly put two bullets into him. A testimonial of some kind in recognition of her public service would be not improper.

Applauding Heroism.

It required courage of an ordinary kind to induce a man to leap into the icy waters of the East river such a day as yesterday in order to save the life of a fellow creature. That was what John Carlin, the cook of the steamboat Municipal, did without a moment's thought for himself when he saw a woman on the point of drowning.

Free Pass Abuses.

The question will be asked, and rightly, why should members of the legislature be refused the right to travel on free passes, while judges of the courts, members of the governor's council, county commissioners, heads of state departments, etc., are allowed that privilege.

AMONG THE FUN MAKERS.

Motto for an undertaker: "You kick the bucket; we do the rest." Philadelphian Ledger: Experiments in the department of agriculture show that lettuce can be grown in one-third less than the usual time under the influence of the electric light.

STUCK A PAV STREAK.

The poet wrote in litty strain Of earth's inebriated gain How men in seeking worldly gain Pursue the higher life. But he, since none would buy his verse, Turned to the lowly and cheap. 'Till at last he filled his purse With rhyming 'ads' for 50 c.

When vapors rise and never pause.

And microbes gather every where, In other words the breeze because. It is a melancholy ail.

Washington Star: Heavier the ceremony concerning a difficult engagement.

Oil City Blizzard: It is only to note the manner in which some people, with none of the spirit of worth in their souls, indulge in a forced laugh. A grinful spasm, a dry cough and the hollow mockery is over.

HAS LOST ITS DEATH-LIKE GRIP.

Desperate Struggle Made by the World-Herald to Hold the City Advertising.

THREATENING AND CLUBBING COUNCILMEN.

Expose of the Reprehensible Methods Employed by Hitchcock to Perpetuate His Contract—How He Got Left.

The desperate efforts of the World-Herald to retain the contract for city advertising at a rate higher than that named in the contract just made with THE BEE is exciting unfavorable comment among all those who know the facts.

Early in November Manager Berkley came to THE BEE with a proposition to pool interests. He offered to make a contract with THE BEE to divide the city advertising contracts without competition, so that the two papers might secure any rate agreed upon by them.

When Comptroller Goodrich was directed to advertise for proposals the notice was inserted in the World-Herald with other official advertising, and when the day came for the bids to be opened the World-Herald, it was found, had failed to bid.

Thereupon the old council declined to open THE BEE's bid and ordered a re-advertisement for proposals. The second notice was inserted by Mr. Goodrich in the World-Herald with the same result. Only one bid was received in the bid of THE BEE, and that was the World-Herald's bid. The World-Herald had some scheme on hand to hold the city advertising at all hazards, by claiming that there was no competition.

It will be remembered that when the charter fight was before the legislature three or four years ago, when the present clause respecting city advertising was inserted in the World, the old Herald and the defunct Republican all three combined to exclude any reference in the charter to city circulation of the other organs. They rallied to a cause through, making it mandatory upon the council to let the contract to the lowest bidder.

Three weeks of January elapsed before the new council took the matter in hand, and that of course gave the World-Herald that much more time to make an effort to hold THE BEE, with a condition that made it optional to use either morning or evening edition, or both at the same time. But Hitchcock applied to Judge Keyser for an injunction. The judge had been his private attorney before his election and Hitchcock expected to have it all his own way.

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ALPINE WINTER.

They sit before the open grate, Filled with its mass of glowing coal. The night is cold; the hour is late; Soon will the hour of midnight toll.

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It is the absolute satisfaction we give with every transaction that has been as much the means of leaving all our competitors behind as the fact that we are the recognized leaders in high quality clothing at satisfactory prices.

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doing so they saved money to the taxpayers by reducing the contract price of 1891 from 15 to 25 per cent. The city attorney holds that the contract having been signed and the official paper having been declared by the council through the resolution cited above, directing the mayor to make the contract, all conditions have been complied with and all that is left for the council to do is to examine and approve the bond that accompanies the contract.

EDUCATIONAL.

At least 400 students at Yale have been afflicted with the grip during the past week and attendance at recitations has been extremely irregular. Prof. Hixon, assistant professor of political economy in the University of Michigan, has been elected to a full professorship in the University of Missouri.

The annual report of the superintendent of public schools in Washington City shows a total enrollment of 38,386; 24,239 white and 14,147 colored. The average daily attendance is 39,101; 25,000 white and 14,100 colored teachers. During the year \$549,513.09 was paid in salaries to teachers and supervisors, and \$45,345 for janitor services.

The largest library in the world is that at Paris, which contains upward of 2,000,000 printed books and 160,000 manuscripts. Between the imperial library at St. Petersburg and the British Museum there are about 1,500,000 volumes. The royal library of Munich has now something over 900,000, but this includes many manuscripts.

Miss Conway, principal of the Conway institute in Memphis, has introduced the daily newspaper as a text book in her classes. All the leading journals are on file in the school library, and though at first Miss Conway cut all offensive matter from the papers, the young ladies now open the paper in class just as it comes from the press, being influenced by the teacher's taste and judgment in their selection of matter.

The size and importance of the student colony in Baltimore have become more noticeable this winter, as many of the students have taken the course of the winter term, which denote the institutions they attend. With such head coverings and piles of books under their arms they form striking groups on the streets. The city is becoming more and more of a university town every year.

At present, it is the undisputed educational center of the south. Most of Johns Hopkins university students come from below Mason and Dixon's line, and the growing library of southern publications and manuscripts will surely attract more of them in the future. Between 50,000 and 100,000 students of all ages are in Baltimore schools.

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Philadelphia Enquirer: There is a flavor of Chile sauce in that correspondence. Philadelphia Press: President Harrison continues to be "persona grata" to the American nation. New York Advertiser: Let us be strategic. We might continue the correspondence until the cable-tolls cripple the finances of Chill and leave her helpless at our feet.

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