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THE BLOUNT REPORT.

What is presumed to be the most important part of the report of Commissioner Blount to the State department, setting forth the testimony obtained by him regarding the events which culminated in the overthrow of the monarchy in Hawaii and the establishment of the provisional government, is made public.

Whether or not the revolutionary movement would have succeeded had the American minister maintained a position of neutrality and made no armed demonstration in the Hawaiian capital it is impossible to say, nor is the question of any consequence in considering what is the present duty of our government in the matter.

It is not to be expected that the report of Commissioner Blount will be allowed to stand unchallenged. Undoubtedly ex-Minister Stevens will have something to say in rebuttal of the testimony presented by the report, as will others who sustain the cause of the revolutionists.

LAND OFFICE CONSOLIDATION.

The information relating to the consolidation of land offices, which was supplied by Secretary Smith upon request of the senate in September, has been published in pamphlet form.

The reason for the recent abolition of land offices is found in the law making appropriations for the expenses of the land office department for the present fiscal year, which enjoins it expressly upon the secretary of the interior to consolidate the district land offices so as to bring their total cost within the appropriation of \$529,000.

CHAIRMAN WILSON of the ways and means committee is said to view the income tax as sound in theory but bad in practice. In other words, he is afraid to stand the consequences of its introduction as a measure of the democratic party.

THE BEE has for months been agitating a suppression of the smoke nuisance evil. It was among the very first to comply with the spirit and letter of the city ordinance upon this subject and it has not ceased to insist that other buildings that are pouring forth clouds of black soot and filth should be provided with smoke consumers of one kind or another.

while at Lincoln there was not a single acre subject to settlement. When it was rumored that the Bloomington office was to be removed to Grand Island the register and receiver of the land office at Lincoln protested and asked for the union with Lincoln because their business was the smaller of the two.

OMAHA, OF COURSE, is not to be compared directly with Chicago and Cleveland any more than it is with Minneapolis and St. Louis. Let us look at some smaller places. There are nine cities in the United States which supply their own gas.

It MUST have been a severe trial to some of the members of the executive committee of the National Civil Service Reform league to vote for a resolution, at their meeting a few days ago, which was an implied condemnation of Mr. Cleveland for the appointment of Van Alen.

ONE of the most objectionable features of the proposed fifty-year gas franchise, and one that has up to this time been entirely overlooked, is the section which provides that the city can insist upon the extension of mains and pipes in the suburbs only in case it procures for the gas company a written guarantee that ten consumers for every 400 feet of mains will continue to use gas for the period of one year.

THESE seems to be a movement all the way from North Dakota to Texas looking to an increase in fire insurance rates. From the point of view of insurance companies there is some justification for an advance of rates.

WITHOUT considering the merits of the controversy between the employees of the Lehigh system and the officers of that road, it may be regarded as singularly unfortunate that an extensive strike should have been undertaken at the present time.

POPULIST leaders deny the rumor of a proposed reorganization of their party on the lines of free silver coinage. The free silver men must swallow the whole bait or none.

THE PRICE OF GAS. The only argument the advocates of the proposed fifty-year gas franchise ordinance have put forward in its defense has been that the price charged for gas in the city of Omaha is not exorbitant and that the schedule of prices established in that ordinance is perfectly proper and reasonable in itself.

\$153,000 per year. In 1893 the net price is not to exceed \$1.20 per 1,000; in 1894, \$1.15 per 1,000; in 1895, \$1.10 per 1,000; in 1896, \$1.05 per 1,000; after 1897, \$1 per 1,000.

Gas matters were "arranged" in Cleveland less than two years ago. Cleveland consumes about 700,000,000 cubic feet of gas per year. The price to all consumers is 80 cents per 1,000, and in addition to this the company annually covers into the city treasury 64 per cent of the total gross receipts.

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While these places are perhaps slightly better situated than Omaha as regards facilities for securing coal and other materials, yet they show that gas at \$1.75 in Omaha must be a profitable investment for the company. The use of our streets under such circumstances must be worth some concessions to the city even for a much more limited period than fifty years.

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WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE. 513 FOURTEENTH STREET. WASHINGTON, NOV. 20.]

In the supreme court today a decision was rendered, which is of general interest to all who have anything to do with practical operation of railroad property. It is important, especially to train employes and section workmen. The case comes from the supreme court of South Dakota, and is known as that of the widow of John Elliott against the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railway company. John Elliott was a section hand. He and his men were at work in a little town in South Dakota. While a freight crew was engaged in switching about the yards a running or flying switch was being performed, which is a violation of the law in that state and many other states. Seeing his hand car and two of his men were in danger by a flying section of the freight train, Elliott tried to cross the switch in time to give warning, but was caught by another section of the train engaged in the act of making a running switch and was killed. The South Dakota court held that Elliott was guilty of contributory negligence, in that it was not necessary for him to endanger his life as he did, and therefore refused to give his widow the damages sought. There were some grounds set up against the suit by the railroad company, but the supreme court of the United States, in affirming the decision of the court below, stood upon the plea of contributory negligence.

Has No Jurisdiction.

In the case of J. Leslie Thompson and others against the Sioux Falls National Bank from Sioux Falls, S. D., the supreme court here reverses the decision of the court of South Dakota and remands the case back for adjudication to the court of Moody county. This is also an interesting case. It arose during the territorial days of Dakota and is really a contest between the First National and the Sioux Falls National banks of Sioux Falls. It seems that at a meeting of the commissioners of Minnehaha county the county treasurer, Howard, was asked as a matter of good faith to produce the funds which were in his official hands. The commissioners evidently did not believe that he had the money. Treasurer Howard went to the Sioux Falls National bank, and, as a personal favor, asked the cashier to make a cashier's check for him for the sum of \$500, which covered the deficit in the county funds. The treasurer stated that he simply wanted to borrow the check for a few minutes for the purpose of convincing the commissioners that he had the money belonging to the county. To the surprise of the treasurer the commissioners retained the check and cashed it at the First National bank. The Sioux Falls National bank then claimed the check, and the supreme court here remands the case back for adjudication, it having no jurisdiction. The court of the county in which the transaction took place has the jurisdiction.

Reserve Agents Designated.

The Omaha National bank has been appointed as reserve agent for the First National of Chicago as reserve agent for the Nebraska National of York, and the Northwestern National of Chicago. Mr. E. M. Nelson was today appointed postmaster at Edgerton, Charles Mix county, S. D., vice K. Westersholm, removed. William Evans and wife of Council Bluffs are at the Lincoln. PERRY S. HEATH.

About Four Weeks More.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Assistant Secretary of War Grant says that his resignation is to take effect about the middle of December.

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