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CANADIAN RAILWAY COMPETITION.

In the course of the debate in the senate on the postoffice appropriation bill, Senator McKim referred to the Canadian Pacific railroad as the natural enemy of the transportation interests of the United States.

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REFORM.

The revised revenue code of Iowa will have some novel features, designed to overcome inequalities in the assessment and taxation of property.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

Table showing circulation statistics for the Omaha Daily Bee, including daily and weekly figures for various months.

IT LOOKS AS IF THE TOBACCO TRUST MIGHT GET UP IN SMOKE.

When we get those new patent fire alarm boxes will we get reduced insurance rates?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE AN EX-SCHOOL TEACHER AND EX-LAWYER AND AN EX-FARMER TO BECOME AN EXPERIENCED HYDRAULIC ENGINEER?

For the answer apply to the State Board of Irrigation.

BAR SILVER IS QUOTED AT 68 CENTS PER OUNCE.

Yet the free coinage advocates persist in pretending that the government owes it to the silver producers to declare by law that an ounce of silver shall be accepted at the old price of \$1.20.

IF VANDERBILT AND DEPEW WERE ONLY IN THE THEATRICAL BUSINESS THAT DIABOLICAL TRAIN ROBBERY STORY WOULD LABOR UNDER WEIGHTY SUSPICIONS.

It is true that this alien corporation violates the interstate commerce law, that it cuts rates and that its competition is damaging to the American railroads with which it competes.

AS SOON AS COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON GIVES THE WORD THE PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBT FUNDING BILL WILL BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS.

There is evidently another job in the proposed city jail deal. The members of the council most active in log-rolling for this scheme appear to be working in suspicious harmony with the real estate men who have been commissioned to negotiate the lease with the city.

THE RAILROADS HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER MAKE SPECIAL RATES TO CHEAP COMPANIES.

But they are still in position to furnish the freedom of their lines to all the professionals that strut and rant on the political stage and play their parts in political conventions.

DOWN IN KENTUCKY IT IS SAID THAT THE A. P. A. IS BEHIND GOVERNOR BRADLEY'S PRESIDENTIAL HOPE.

Here in Nebraska, however, the local organ of the order is still flaunting its choice for W. S. Linton of Michigan for president and John L. Webster of Nebraska for vice president.

REV. FRANK CRANE HAS COME AROUND TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PATRIOTISM IS NOT TO BE MANUFACTURED BY LAW NOR CREATED BY THE WAVING OF FLAGS AND THE THUNDERING OF CANNON.

Mr. Crane should have remained in Omaha long enough to have expounded his views on this subject for the benefit of some of the noisy patriots who are infesting this vicinity.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC OCTOPUS SEEMS DETERMINED THAT NO LEGISLATION SHALL BE ENACTED BY CONGRESS AFFECTING THE BONDED PACIFIC RAILROADS THAT WOULD ENDANGER ITS HOLD UPON THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

The prosperity of the Union and Central Pacific roads, however, must depend upon their union and operation as a single line. So long as the Southern Pacific is permitted to divert traffic that belongs naturally to the Union-Central Pacific system, rates must be high and default of interest imminent.

INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO AND FROM THE STATE FAIR WERE MOST PEXPLEXING DRAWBACK TO THE FIRST YEAR'S SHOW IN OMAHA.

This was due to the fact that the railroads did not reckon on the vast number of visitors that favored Omaha last year. Now, however, they know what to do and it goes without saying that every line running to the grounds will be fully equipped to meet all possible demands.

THE PROMPT PASSAGE BY THE SENATE OF THE BILL TO PENSION GENERAL JOHN M. THAYER WAS A GRACEFUL COMPLIMENT TO A WORTHY VETERAN OF THE WAR.

The bill now goes to the president, who will doubtless attach his signature without ceremony or delay and the aged ex-soldier who has served his country in so many capacities will be assured a comfortable living during his remaining years.

building, located on a separate block.

At the very worst the opportunities for leasing suitable buildings at reasonable terms are not so rare that the present offer has to be snatched up and the interests of the public sacrificed to it under the pretense that the city is getting a great bargain.

More than two years have elapsed since the fact was disclosed that ex-County Treasurer Snyder's books gave evidence of a shortage of about \$8,000.

As time wore its weary length along Snyder's bondsmen were sued by the county and judgment rendered against them for the amount. Now they ask the county commissioners to permit them to examine the books and records of the treasurer's office in order that they may unearth errors in the hope of evading payment.

As the building season approaches evidences of increased activity in building circles continue to multiply.

The special feature of building operations this year promises to be a large number of cottages and residences. At no time in recent years could a house be built at less cost than it can be erected this year.

Now that the school year is drawing to a close members of the school board are mustering up courage enough to revise the salary lists.

It is proposed to reduce the pay of janitors and teachers for the next school year and effect a saving of about \$30,000. This needed reform can be brought about better now than there is no school board election in sight than later on in the year.

Happy Old Benny.

The joyous chuckle of that happy young bridegroom, Benjamin Harrison, indicates that one man has found it possible to resist the present boom and still be very well contented.

Growing Output of Gold.

It would be strange indeed if the increase in the production of gold should bridge the gap between it and silver before legislation is enacted to prevent it. It is impossible, according to the Rocky Mountain News, the returns for the first three months of 1896 indicate a production of \$85,000,000 in Colorado, \$29,000,000 in Utah, and \$1,000,000 in Nevada.

Rev. Frank Crane on the Flag.

The heated zeal to enforce the flag law is well known, but it is a species of flamboyant patriotism that offends sound sense. Patriots are not made by parade and fanfare by impassioned applause of stock in the streets, but by the quiet observance to any symbol.

What Democracy Costs.

When President Harrison came into office March 4, 1889, the national debt of the United States was \$55,105,220 and the annual interest thereon \$4,398,460. By November 1, 1892, the debt had been reduced to \$33,022,000 and the interest to \$2,512,523.

Small Pace of Justice.

It is a year since the body of Blanche Lammie, the victim of the notorious crime, was found in the belly of a San Francisco church where her brutal murderer had left it, and the perpetrator of the crime is still in jail in a comfortable cell.

A Day of Hope.

Mr. Crane complimented the United States supreme court upon its decision in the Kentucky railroad case. He said: "When the railroad company pleaded that its charter, having been issued prior to the recently adopted constitution of Kentucky, gave it by implication the right to acquire control of parallel lines, which no express fact legislation can annul, the court holds substantially that no privileges can be taken in violation of the constitution, and is a license in reality. As one of the speakers in the debate pointed out, the sale of liquor is legalized, no matter what terms may be used. It is a meaningless distinction to characterize the malt tax as an additional penalty. Some time, when the people of Iowa can do so gracefully, they will permit liquor selling in theory as they now do in fact. They are to near their great blunder as yet to make a complete confession of their failure."

Iowa's Queer Liquor Law.

Iowa is content with its malt law. By defeating the liquor manufacturing bill the senate served notice that it had determined to let well enough alone. Prohibition has been beaten for all time, but it was felt that it would be poor policy just now to emphasize the fact by rubbing it in. As the law stands, liquor is sold just as freely in that state as in any other, a fine being substituted for a license. The fine is an annual one, and is not a monthly one, and is a license in reality. As one of the speakers in the debate pointed out, the sale of liquor is legalized, no matter what terms may be used. It is a meaningless distinction to characterize the malt tax as an additional penalty. Some time, when the people of Iowa can do so gracefully, they will permit liquor selling in theory as they now do in fact. They are to near their great blunder as yet to make a complete confession of their failure."

AFTER THE STATE OFFICES.

Minden Gazette (rep.): The strongest man so far named for the republican nomination of state treasurer seems to be C. C. McNish of Waverly.

Red Cloud Golden Belt (rep.): The republican vanguard of the party of the same name may be proud of Secretary Piper.

Beatrice Express (rep.): Charles E. Casey of Pawnee City is a promising candidate for state treasurer.

Omaha Journal (rep.): Hon. A. E. Barnes has more than a local reputation as an able lawyer and a staunch republican.

O'Neill Frontier (rep.): It is rumored that north Nebraska will have a candidate for state treasurer.

Humboldt Standard (rep.): H. C. Wortham of Pawnee county has formally withdrawn from the field as a candidate for state treasurer.

Fullerton Journal (rep.): Hon. W. M. Geddes of the Grand Island Independent is coming up as the man who is very likely to be the nominee of State Auditor Moore.

Gretna Reporter (rep.): The republicans have not yet forgotten how W. S. Summers was turned down after being nominated for state treasurer.

Falls City Journal (rep.): The prospects for the nomination of Hon. Charles E. Casey of Pawnee county for state treasurer are very bright.

New York Mail and Express: Rhode Island has sounded the assembly for the republican grand national convention.

New York World: The official returns show that the fishermen are still largely republican in Rhode Island politics.

New York Sun: Rhode Island is a typical state because it is somewhat mercurial in its political manifestations.

New York Tribune: There have been many republican victories in Rhode Island, but not since 1852 has there been such a one as was witnessed on Wednesday.

Chicago Tribune: Hon. William E. Russell of Massachusetts is sometimes spoken of as a dark horse, but it seems more appropriate to regard him as a horse of a Back Bay color.

Washington Post: They are trying to make the point on Alliance that there are no colored men on the Iowa delegation.

Minneapolis Tribune: It is a pity that ex-Speaker Crisp lost his voice as to make it impossible to continue the joint debate with Secretary Hoke Smith on the silver question.

Omaha Daily Bee: Omaha's flying squadron is composed of ships of the desert.

Padwick's claims that he has received 500 requests for his photograph and his autograph from his fair admirers.

As the country is now taking on a delightful shade of green, a crop of protest- ing petitions may be looked for.

Oom Paul knows his business. His decision not to visit England was made long ago.

During the coming summer the school grounds of Cincinnati will be used as playgrounds for children.

Mary Taylor Key, a granddaughter of Thomas Francis Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner," makes an appeal through the New York Sun, for assistance to save the family homestead in Maryland from foreclosure under a mortgage.

W. Ordway Partridge, sculptor of the Grant statue that is to be unveiled in front of the Union League club in Brooklyn on April 25, is lying ill with nervous prostration at his home in Milton, Mass.

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LOOKS FOR SIXTY THOUSAND

Committee Expects a Large Crowd at the Christian Endeavor Convention.

Program Now Completed So Far as the Main Features Are Concerned

Three Thousand Workers on the Local Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The general outline of the program of the fifteenth annual Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in this city July 8 to 13, was announced today.

On every morning of the convention there will be a 10 o'clock service from twenty to thirty early morning prayer meetings in as many churches.

The formal opening of the convention will occur on Thursday morning in the three great tents, which will be pitched upon the White lot, just south of the executive mansion.

These will be called Tent Washington, Tent Madison and Tent Monroe. The first tent will accommodate 10,000 persons each, including a chorus of 1,000 voices.

The morning exercises will be held in the three tents and in the afternoon conferences for the discussion of Christian Endeavor committee work will be held in many churches.

On Saturday morning there will be held about thirty denominational rallies. The rallies of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists will be held in the three tents and the others will be in various churches.

The topic for Friday is "Saved to Serve." The morning exercises will be held in the three tents and in the afternoon conferences for the discussion of Christian Endeavor committee work will be held in many churches.

Saturday will be "Out Door Day." At 10:30 an open-air service will be held at the executive mansion, in which 10,000 persons will be present.

On Monday morning the World's Christian Endeavor union, formed last year in Boston, will hold its first annual convention.

The afternoon will be devoted to excursions to the city and to the country.

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