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GEO. B. TSCHEUCK, Notary Public.

A shovel trust is the latest. About everything else had been scooped in.

This is the season when Nebraska enjoys those periodic million-dollar rains.

It was not a million dollar rain—it was worth several millions to Nebraska's growing crops.

The deadlock over the purchase of the state fair grounds seems to be almost as persistent as the late deadlock over the two Nebraska senatorships.

A franchise is worth money. No franchise should be granted by any public authority without exacting a royalty proportioned to its value.

Omaha will not furnish the new president of the New York Central this time, but it has a stock of timber on hand suitable for all the high-up positions on all the big railroads.

Omaha has no objection to a street railway and electric lighting octopus providing the octopus shares with Omaha at least some of the benefits derived from combination.

It is easy to blow bubbles and build air castles. Nobody doubts the advantage Omaha would derive from a power canal, but it is premature to blow about a thing that is still in air.

The reputable and respectable people of South Omaha cannot afford to have their city disgraced by any public carnival of vice and debauchery under the guise of a street fair or any other name.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana is visiting in Russia. The senator should be careful, as people are not allowed to talk as freely in Russia as he has been in the habit of doing while in this country.

The cabinet has decided there is no necessity for an extra session of congress. The public will be satisfied with this decision, while congressmen now on their summer junket will certainly not object.

The speculators who invested their money on the chances of rain falling to come in time to save the grain crop do not wear a smile half as broad as the one which adorns the face of the Nebraska farmer.

Help build up Omaha. Money invested in brick and mortar right here will, in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, turn out better than money buried in Texas oil fields or Cuban sugar plantations.

The man who started the report that the Booth family was about to make up should be severely punished. The public has already been afflicted enough with this quarrel without having it rehashed on a false rumor.

After the first mixup the South Carolina senators do not appear to be so anxious to come to close quarters. The people of that state can now proceed to raise a crop of cotton with the assurance they will not miss the big show while they toil in the fields.

A number of American millionaires and women who also have millions to spend were recently entertained at the home of Count Castellane. They should be ashamed of themselves to flock in and eat up the groceries of a poor man who has only \$450,000 a year to live off of.

Latest reports show that the result of the flurry in railroad circles is an understanding which embraces practically all the great railroads in the country. People may give thanks that up to the present time the magnates have made no effort to control the wagon roads.

Lincoln is enjoying a little bout over a physician's bill for treating smallpox patients, in which the medical man wants pay at the rate of \$45 a day. This is, doubtless, cheap for twentieth century medical services, but the city could save money by hiring an assistant city physician at a yearly salary

THE "AMERICAN PERIL."

If the declaration of the member of the French Chamber of Deputies, that the "American peril" means our commercial competition, is really more dangerous than the "yellow peril" involved in the Chinese difficulty, reflects the feeling of Frenchmen generally, then it must be concluded that they are even more alarmed than the Germans at the Irons upon their trade American competition is making.

It is noteworthy that that gentleman did not propose any combination or alliance of European nations to combat the "peril." At the report indeed he was content to simply point it out. Well, as a matter of fact American manufacturers are going to France more freely than formerly, notwithstanding the high tariff of that country and the circumstance that merchandise imported from the United States pays the maximum rates of duty.

PROMOTING HER COMMERCE.

We recently noted the aggressiveness with which Canada is promoting her commerce and industries and the liberality manifested by the government in this respect. The Dominion parliament, which recently adjourned, appropriated generous sums for commercial and industrial purposes. The Pacific cable legislation made the contribution to that project, which is the joint undertaking of Great Britain, Canada and Australia and is expected to be completed within a year, \$2,000,000.

PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

The managers of the Auditorium association will do well to go slow about adopting plans for the proposed auditorium in a site before they had the assurance that their project would receive sufficient financial backing to insure its success beyond a reasonable doubt. Having planted \$55,000 in an unproductive piece of real estate on which they will have to pay taxes, they would certainly not be warranted now in expending several thousand dollars for plans which will have to be laid on the shelf for a year or two and may have to be radically altered in case sufficient money cannot be raised to erect a structure on the original scale.

Make a Note of It.

Military surgeons passed unanimous resolutions asking that the army cancer be restored. For once the doctors agree.

Reducing the Prayer Text.

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EXTRA SESSION UNNECESSARY.

The president and cabinet have decided that an extra session of congress to consider the Philippine situation is unnecessary. The reason for the decision is that in the judgment of the administration the president has ample authority under the Spooner amendment to govern the Philippines. It is perhaps unfortunate that the court did not decide the Philippine case before adjourning, so as to clearly define the tariff relations between the islands and the United States, though probably nothing more serious will result than the refunding by the government of whatever duties may be collected on importations from the Philippines.

Real Wealth of the Nation.

The real wealth of nations is not to be computed by statisticians, who can do no more than to add the rows of figures representing what they judge to be the value of its material possessions and resources and foot up the items to a grand total. The character and capacity of a nation, rather than its stores of wealth, whether in one form or another, make and keep it great.

Beers and Bulls at Peace.

The financial lion and the financial lamb have laid down together. We are not assured which is which. They both seem to be about of the same size and it must be admitted that neither of them looks in good condition. The lion's mane is pretty much gone and his roar is not so loud as of late. The lamb looks like the breaking up of a hard winter, but both are understood to be happy that the fight is over. This seems reasonable. The doctor will now be called in to get them into first-class condition and the doctor will not look out for the well-being of the wool and all the other antiseptic financial dressings. The Northern Pacific fight is over and everyone is a gentleman again. Isn't it nice thus to see gentlemen dwell in harmony for a few days at least?

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