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IOWA REPUBLICANISM.

Iowa republicanism in state convention have reaffirmed their faith in and loyalty to the great republican doctrine of protection enunciated in the McKinley bill. There is not a false note in the ringing resolutions incorporated into their platform adopted at Des Moines yesterday.

LET HIM ASSEMBLE.

There is an opening in this city for the country justice of the peace. One justice has already opened shop and will make a bid for plaintiff salaries. To be sure the city has three salaried justices, one of whom will supplement his salary with a fair income by collecting fees in criminal cases contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided. But what the odds? Who cares a rap in these piping democratic times of prosperity? Won't the influx of country justices revive our drooping law industry, and won't our salaried justices have a soft snap collecting the fees and their feet on top of the desks owned by the city? Of course, they will. Competition is the life of trade. Competitive justice courts are the boon we've been looking for. Let the country justices from Tyrone to Vergennes flock into the opening city! The question of jurisdiction and legal limitations is of no account. Our city justices are paid \$1,200 a year to transact private business for a private income. We need more ordinary, everyday, commonplace justices. Let him assemble here in mighty hosts.

THAT SEAL DECISION.

It is certainly gratifying to be able to say, with other fair and unprejudiced papers like THE HERALD, that no opinion on the merits of the Bering sea controversy has been published without asserting the right of the United States to protect American seal fishers, and to prevent the unholly slaughter of the mid-eyed beauties of the Arctic seas. All good citizens believed in the justice of the American demand that the seal herds should not be cruelly slaughtered by lawless pelagic pirates. In regard to this demand the arbitrator decided in favor of the United States. Nobody has presumed to argue that the United States has any greater, or paramount, rights in Bering sea than those exercised by Russia prior to the purchase of Alaska. It is absurd for anybody to arrogate credit to himself for having concluded that Great Britain's cause was wretched than ours. It is not only absurd, but grotesquely unparliamentary. The United States, through the lamented Blaine, receded from the position that our rights in Bering sea are exclusive, long before the mousetraps were agreed to. The recent decision of the board of arbitration defined and fixed the jurisdiction exercised by Russia in the Bering sea before Alaska was purchased, and thenceforth established the jurisdiction acquired by the United States in that purchase. The decision was neither defeat nor victory for the United States. It was less than either for Great Britain.

WIFE NOT A RELATIVE.

If you have been harboring an idea that your mother is a relative of your father you will need to revise your schedule of ideas. Especially will it be necessary if you are banking on succeeding to a legacy which may fall to her under your father's will. Judge Perkins has decided that a wife is not a relative within the meaning of certain Michigan statutes. Seth Holcomb executed a will bequeathing his property to a specific legacy of \$4,000 to his wife. His wife died before the will became operative by the death of the testator. The testator died and his will, bequeathing the legacy to the deceased wife, was found to be exchanged. Thereupon John Holcomb, their son, petitioned the probate court to be awarded the legacy. The estate says that when a testator, who is a child or relative of the testator, shall die leaving issue, the legacy shall go to the survivors. The court holds that the wife of Seth Holcomb was not a "relative" of Seth Holcomb and hence their son, John Holcomb, is not entitled to succeed to the \$4,000 legacy. The dictionary-maker agrees with Judge Perkins' legal definition of "relative," and if it is displeasing to expectant sons and widows they may have recourse to the legislature to have the laws changed. It is rather an abrupt way of putting it, but nevertheless a man has no business claiming relationship to his wife. She is simply his wife—either the dearest, sweetest, noblest creature on earth; or one an applicant for divorce.

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BROWN AND HIS FEES.

Chief Justice Brown of the local justice court announces that he will retain fees collected in criminal cases, although the new law creating the tribunal of which he is the distinguished chief, provides:

In criminal cases the costs shall be collected and in the same manner as in such proceedings before justices of the peace in townships, except that the same shall be retained by the said clerk and paid to the treasurer of said city as provided in civil suits.

This plain and unmistakable mandate is that the clerk shall receive the fees in criminal cases and pay them over to the city treasurer. There is no other fair interpretation to be put upon the language used. It clearly expresses the intent of the legislature, which is that the fees shall be paid to the treasurer. But what does it matter to the chief justice? He is supposed to know that the law doesn't mean what it says; and, as if to prove the sureness of his position, he declares that he has taken "counsel" on the matter. The latter assurance is superfluous. The chief justice is amply qualified to construe the law governing his tribunal. If the law says he shall not collect fees in criminal cases, he is competent to decide that the law says quite otherwise. There is altogether too much fuss being made over this incident. Chief Justice Brown knows what he's about—and may the law be hanged.

SEVERAL letters have reached this office containing requests that THE HERALD institute a warfare against the gambling dens open in all parts of the city. The requests are certainly entitled to consideration, and so soon as the police force has finished its crusade against the houses of ill-repute the officers will have time to look up and suppress gambling houses. The police cannot be expected to prosecute two reforms at the same time. The lively battle now on under General Principles will be waged to the bitter end. After that the gamblers must go.

PITTSBURG street contractors have solved the money problem so far as they and their workmen are concerned. Unable to obtain money they have issued script bearing interest at 6 per cent and secured by city contracts. If the public is willing to accept it, there is not the slightest reason why it should not be as good as gold.

THROUGHOUT the enterprise of the Central News Association the news of the Bombay massacre was bulletined by the United Press in advance of the reports by Reuters and the London News. In fact the Central News and United Press handled the whole story hours ahead of their sleepy rivals.

ONE week ago today The Spree discharged six and one-half tons of gold at the sub-treasury in New York. Yesterday the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway company paid its employees \$50,000 in gold. There ought not to be any scarcity of money either in New York or Grand Rapids.

EX-SENATOR DOWNER has been sued for \$450 due on a piano he once presented to Robert G. Ingersoll. Here's a chance for Bob to exemplify his noble-minded theories and help Stephen out of a financial hole; but it's brook trout to codfish balls that he won't.

CONGRESS has been in session now for nine days, and thus far nothing has been done which could not readily have been accomplished in nine minutes. It is not surprising that sometimes even a thoughtful man becomes an anarchist.

CHANCEY DEWEY endorses the suggestion that the world's fair be continued over to next summer. THE HERALD knew very well he would do so, although no marked copies were mailed to him or other eastern railway authorities.

BETWEEN the newspapers which insist that the Bering sea decision is a victory for England, and those that claim it is wholly in the interests of the United States, the ordinary reader will become hopelessly muddled.

SEALS CAN BE TAKEN

Rookeries Ruined if Sealing Begins the First of August.

PROF. ELLIOTT'S OPINION

Sixty Mile Zone No Protection as Seals Often Go Two Hundred Miles for Food.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 16.—Prof. Henry W. Elliott of the Smithsonian institute was interviewed by the Cleveland Leader and gave his opinion of the Bering sea decision. Prof. Elliott was sent to the seal rookeries on the Prigloy islands in President Harrison's administration to investigate the subject of seal life and make an exhaustive report upon it. He is generally recognized as a high authority upon the question, and his judgment of the character of the decision is of great value in helping to a clear understanding of it. Prof. Elliott said:

"I cannot give a positive answer to the question until I can read the decision in full, but I regard the commercial value of the Prigloy rookeries industries ruined if the pelagic sealer can enter upon his work around the Seal islands after August 1 every season. No matter if the use of firearms is prohibited, the use of spears and lances and compressed air to drive them is not barred, and a white man can and will use a spear as well as an Indian and even better if he is obliged to.

Taking Seals With Spears.

"A cordon of seal schooners, 100 or 140 in number, manned by 2,000 to 2,500 hardy men, sixty miles out from the Prigloy islands during the season of August, September and October when the weather is usually fine will work a great amount of effective killing into their log books, even if they are shut out from the use of firearms for all this time. The burning muzzles of the guns and out from the rookeries after food, returning to nurse their helpless young. They find this fish and squid food on the sub-marine plateaus of Bering sea, south and southwest, chiefly from the islands, distant all the way from forty to 200 miles. Then, too, the sole use of spears, nets, etc., will indirectly prove as deadly as firearms would, for such use does not rife and shotgun does, and the seals will not become as wild and wary as they otherwise would.

"Of course this decision prevents the extermination of the species. But that is an idle aim. We want to preserve the commercial value of these interests, so that they will not be a heavy annual burden on the public treasury and so that they will yield enough to be a distinctive feature of the fur markets of the civilized world, as they have been during the last twenty years.

Sixty Mile Zone Scored.

"The fur seal herd as it now stands under this award of the Paris court is open during February, March and April to the attacks of the pelagic sealer in the North Pacific. From May 1 to July 31 the herd is mercifully and properly spared by the verdict. By the 4th to the 10th of July it enters Bering sea and does not return in any appreciable number until the middle or end of the following October. Therefore this sealing fleet can and will rendezvous at Omalaska this harbor gives them the finest shelter and plenty of fresh water and fish between July 31 and August 1, and by August 1 is in position all around the islands sixty miles out, where the feeding seals are more numerous than they are three miles from those shores. These vessels on that shoal area surrounding the islands can easily anchor and lay out any storm net that they can and do on the grand banks of Georges, for the depth is only fifty to seventy fathoms and the holding ground first class. So the revenue cutters will never find these fellows off their bearings, fog or no fog.

Blinded the Arbitrators.

"It is a great pity that this good beginning of the court was not carried entirely out—that this case time did not run from May 1 to October 10 inclusive. I do not understand the result and do not criticize the counsel. They were burdened with an absurd load of idle and rapid claim of jurisdiction on the high seas and of a property right in a wild animal swimming at will in these high seas. They were, but they were kicked up such a dust in this carrying out of their order as to cloud and dim the real object.

SUPERINTENDENT THUMPED.

Negaunee School How Ends in a Scrapping Match.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Aug. 16.—An assault was made on G. D. Davis, superintendent of the city schools, by William Neely this morning. Davis was struck with a heavy club and badly used. The trouble arose over a school difficulty, which had its origin at the June commencement, when Neely refused to accept graduating papers on account of alleged unfairness in the marking of grades. There was great excitement over the assault, and a warrant is out for Neely's arrest.

Have For Forest Fires.

STANTON, Mich., Aug. 16.—Fires are razing havoc in the vicinity of Stanton, several farmers having lost their buildings and orchards, the apples having been baked on the trees. Oscar Fenn, three miles northeast of the city, has within the past week lost over three acres of fences. The fire have surrounded the city to such an extent that the citizens have had to form themselves into squads and go out to assist the farmers in fighting fires. If a crop does not come soon, late potatoes will be a failure. Early ones are saved, saving already.

Suicided in Jail.

ADRIAN, Mich., Aug. 16.—Hyester B. Evans is a carpenter. While drunk he nailed his sister in a room. Then he went to town, bought a revolver, it is charged, and shot her in the back, both sister and wife. His arrest stood in the way of his carrying out this bloodthirsty desire, but in his jail cell he swallowed poison with the intention of killing at least himself. In this he succeeded, dying at midnight.

Michigan Postmasters.

The following postmasters have been appointed for Michigan: Brookline, Jackson county, J. C. O'Brien; Irons, Thomas Murray; Saginaw, Concord;

Jackson county, C. H. Baker, vice J. B. Stoddard; Ross, Corey, Cass county, Charles Smith, vice G. V. Knave; Saginaw; Hanover, Jackson county, E. L. Heath, vice L. B. Smith, removed; Lenawee Junction, Lenawee county, James Maguire, vice C. C. Whitcomb; Saginaw, Otterbein, Jackson county, W. R. Wilson, vice Wm. Bryant, resigned.

Prisoners Skipped Out.

HARLEY, Mich., Aug. 16.—While the sheriff and his wife were absent two prisoners awaiting trial for burglary, forced open the jail door. One of them walked into the sheriff's living apartments, picked up a revolver lying handy, and telling a couple of girls who were there that he guessed he would go and see his mother now, made for the woods. Both escaped and are still at large.

Poisoned His Coffee.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Aug. 16.—Mrs. John Scherm of Newtoville, this county, was arrested by Sheriff Keppel yesterday for attempting to poison her husband by putting Paris green in his coffee. She would have succeeded, it is alleged, only being too anxious to get rid of him she put too much in, and with prompt medical aid his life was saved. The woman is safely lodged in jail.

Pioneer Preacher Dead.

SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 16.—The death of the Rev. Luke Mott, reported from Birch, Mich., removes one of the pioneer preachers of the part of the state. He was a member of the Saginaw Presbytery twenty-five years and died on his 72nd birthday. The deceased was born in England and came to this country in 1821.

Bar Buildings Burned.

BIG RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 16.—A large barn belonging to A. R. Morehouse, whose farm is about a mile southwest of this town, burned yesterday afternoon, together with a quantity of hay and 100 bushels of cloverseed. He was partially insured in the Farmers' Mutual county organization. The origin of the fire was spontaneous combustion.

May Lynch Him.

MARCELLUS, Mich., Aug. 16.—James Hale has been arrested on a charge of attempted criminal assault on Lydia Wesel, a 13-year-old girl. He has been held over to the circuit court. There is talk of lynching. Hale is about 50 and out from the rookeries after food, returning to nurse their helpless young. They find this fish and squid food on the sub-marine plateaus of Bering sea, south and southwest, chiefly from the islands, distant all the way from forty to 200 miles. Then, too, the sole use of spears, nets, etc., will indirectly prove as deadly as firearms would, for such use does not rife and shotgun does, and the seals will not become as wild and wary as they otherwise would.

Boy Dropped Dead.

MOXOM, Mich., Aug. 16.—While indulging in vigorous play with a crowd of boys, Freddie, the 15-year-old son of Policeman Frank Lomerand, dropped dead. Dr. Root, who was called, found death was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain.

Steamer Ran Aground.

ALPENA, Mich., Aug. 16.—The steamer State of Michigan, of the Grammond line, went hard ashore this morning, near the river in a heavy fog. The captain was misled by the blowing of a tug whistle. The cargo will have to be lightened off. Passengers came ashore on a tug.

Frank Mills Dead.

PORT HURON, Mich., Aug. 16.—Frank Mills, ex-chief deputy collector at this port, died suddenly last night of nervous prostration. He leaves a wife and three children. Mills was well-known in fraternal society work, was a brilliant orator and a man of fine ability.

Filkins Is Missing.

NORTHVILLE, Mich., Aug. 16.—Byron G. Filkins, a well-known Northville man, has been missing from home since Saturday. He is a handsome, thickset young man of about 24 and captain of the uniformed rank of K. L.

Freight Cars Wrecked.

VANNA, Mich., Aug. 16.—Five freight cars were badly wrecked at noon near the Vassar bridge. The cause of the accident was a broken coupling. Three tramps in a wrecked car escaped uninjured.

Fire in Eaton Rapids.

EATON RAPIDS, Aug. 16.—The frame warehouse of the J. C. Sell fruit evaporation containing nearly thirty tons of evaporated raspberries, burned last night. The loss is \$12,000; insured for \$5,000.

Hackman May Die.

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 16.—Charles Knapp, half owner of the hack line in this city, was stricken with apoplexy last night and now lies unconscious, and is not expected to survive.

Caused by a Jag.

MANISTIQUE, Mich., Aug. 16.—A loaded train on the Manistique & Lathur railroad ran over a drunken Indian last night. The man lost one leg and may die.

State News in Brief.

Two boys named Le Claire and Seymour, aged 15 and 16 respectively, went out picking berries near Secanaw. To guard themselves, they took a revolver with them. While they were examining the weapon it was discharged and Le Claire was shot in the jaw. He will die.

Lester Page, a 15-year-old boy, was drawn into the cylinder of a threshing machine at Kawawatin, Bay county, Tuesday. His body was mangled and he was dead within a few minutes.

George P. Vorce, of Morley, a veteran who served four years and is dependent upon daily labor to support himself and wife, has been dropped from the pension rolls. He is 73 years old.

The Rev. C. H. Ticknor of Somerset has accepted the call of the Galeburg First Congregational church, to become its pastor and assume charge about September 1.

Michael O'Neill, aged 40, was found dead on the back porch of a Menominee cabin. He leaves a wife and several children.

Will Carleton will spend several months at the Soo. The Michigan poet will look for subjects for new poems.

The farmers of Lenawee and Hillsdale counties will hold their annual picnic at Devil's Lake, August 23.

The Cummey company has shipped from Cadillac more than 70,000 feet of lumber during the year.

The Holly Driving club will give races on September 12, 13 and 14, with purses aggregating \$1,300.

Peaches are moving at the rate of about 8,000 baskets per day from Saugatuck and Douglas.

VETS ARE IN CAMP

Union Veterans' Union Holding Their Annual Encampment.

COMMANDER YODER'S ADDRESS

He Warns His Comrades Against the Corrupting Influence of Politics and Partisanship.

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—The annual encampment of the Union Veterans' Union was held in Faneuil hall today. Delegates were present from all parts of the country. Commander-in-Chief Yoder in his annual address warned the comrades against the corrupting influences of politics and counseled them to zealously oppose any attempts to introduce partisanship into the order. Fifteen new comrades have been formed during the past year and, said the speaker, there is good reason for believing that the union would be the largest society organization in the country. A favorable two cent war was also received from Quartermaster General Ross. A resolution was referred to the committee on resolutions to the effect that the rules of soldier's homes requiring inmates to transfer to the home the amount of their pension money as in violation of the laws of the United States.

This afternoon General Roberts, commander of the department of Massachusetts, made a brief address. Department Commander Jenison of Michigan responded for the union.

The committee on resolutions recommended a preliminary report recommending that the per diem pension bill, which was originally presented to congress by Union Veterans' Union, be again urged upon congress for its approval.

During a camp fire was held in Faneuil hall.

Death in a Tornado.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Aug. 16.—John Turnbull's house, south of here, was destroyed by a tornado yesterday. The hired girl and a baby were killed. Five inches of rain fell and many bridges have been swept away and other damage done.

COURT COMPLICATIONS.

City Justices Will Have a Rival Tribunal to Compete Against.

Justice Brown says he has not yet placed any fees in a pocket, but from this time on he will do so. He says he has had good counsel on the matter, and there is no doubt that the fees belong to him in all criminal cases. The Herald's article of yesterday morning was a subject of discussion about the courts yesterday, and many attorney's claim Justice Brown is right. However, a few say he must turn the fees over the same as in civil cases. Section 10 of the justice court act says: "In criminal cases the cost shall be collected and in the same manner as in such proceedings before justices of the peace in townships, except that the same shall be received by the clerk and paid to the treasurer as provided in civil cases."

The fact is that county justices receive fees and Justice Brown takes the ground that under the act he can receive fees. It was believed that the justice court act would save money in as much as it would be more than self-sustaining. It now appears as if it would lack a great deal of being self-sustaining. The regular city justice court will have a rival in the field in the person of Justice W. G. Saunders, who has rented an office on Lyon street and will open up for business in a few days. Justice Saunders was elected in Grand Rapids township, and will be remembered as the man whose election was contested on the ground that the veterans at the Soldiers' home were illegally prevented from voting. It is claimed that as the jurisdiction of a justice extends over the whole county he may hold court where he pleases. If this be the case Mr. Saunders, who has many friends in the city, will draw a large volume of business away from the city justices and thereby draw away from the city treasury a large amount of fees.

STALE PRESS SENTIMENT. The Bering sea decision appears to be so constructed as to permit editors of government organs in both countries to shed considerable ink without doing any great amount of apologizing, and viewed from any point, it is much better than any system of warfare yet devised. England wins a technical point or two, which will make the newspapers happy, and the protection of seals is guaranteed, which, as the main point in controversy, will satisfy Americans.—Detroit Tribune.

It would be an easy matter to convince the large number of Michigan people who spent the day at Island Lake Sunday and saw the large amount of liquor punished that the canteen system is a perfect conservator of purity compared to the trunk and satchel system in vogue this year.—Lansing Journal.

This is not the worst financial crisis the country has ever encountered, but it may be one of the most difficult to meet. The extreme interests are both represented by monopolists and their selfishness has not always shown itself amenable to the suggestion of right or good policy.—Detroit Free Press.

If the present stringent times continue not much lumbering will be done in this locality the coming season. Farms along the Gladwin branch are already hedging and are making no plans for the coming season's work.—Gladwin Record.

Idle miners in the west, idle mill operatives in the east, are all seeing by object lessons the beauties of those "good old democratic times."—Saginaw Courier Herald.

What is best for the country? Is a question which the republican party has always answered conscientiously and to the best of its ability.—Detroit Journal.

HOTEL CHATS.

"We have laid up one of the new boats and may lay up the other," said John F. Craig of Toledo, secretary and treasurer of the Valley City Transportation company in The Morton last night. River boats can never be made as fast until we can get by the C. & W. M. railroad bridge. When we built the Valley City, the board of trade promised us that within a year we should have access as far as Fulton street anyway. It has not been done. Let us see how long it will take to get by the C. & W. M. bridge, which is a swing, so we could pass. Our wharf is now too far away. Manufacturers can't afford to pay for trucking. The swing of the C. & W. M. bridge comes over the canal, which is dry, and which is mighty little

TORE HIM TO PIECES

Mat Ginney's Life Crushed Out Under a Train.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT AT FISHER

But Little Is Known of Him—Left the City Yesterday to Visit an Uncle at Fisher.

The Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train which leaves this city at 6 o'clock, ran down a man one mile this side of Fisher station last evening, killing him instantly and tearing his body into shreds. The body was taken to Fisher, and was brought back to the city on the next north bound train. Corner Lecher was notified, and the body was taken to Anson's undertaking rooms on Division street. It was learned that his name was Mat Ginney, and that he left the Hensen House on Iowa street yesterday, to visit an uncle at Fisher. He has been living at the Hensen house for the past week, having registered as residing in Jersey City. He told the clerk at the hotel that he had an uncle at Fisher, but did not mention his name.

A letter was found in his pocket which would indicate that he has a wife in Kalamazoo. The clerk of the Hensen house spoke well of Ginney, and said he was not a drinking man.

At the union depot it is said a man answering his description purchased a ticket for Fort Wayne, but being somewhat under the influence of liquor he lost his ticket. As the train was pulling out of the depot he made a wild rush for the train and got on. It is believed that he was put off the train at Fisher and laid down on the track to sleep. The engineer says he did not see the man until the wheels were almost upon him. He saw the form of a man lying across the track and reversed his engine, but for late. As the locomotive neared him he raised his head as if he realized what was about to happen. The entire train passed over his body before it could be stopped.

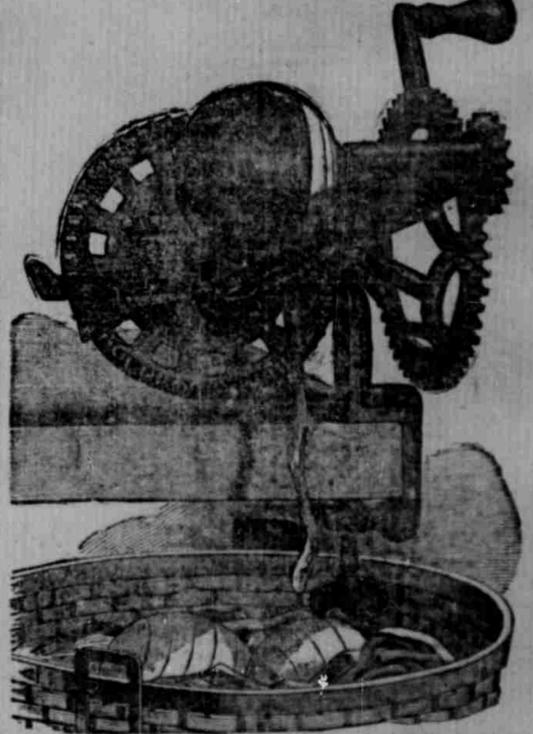
The body was horribly mangled, one arm was cut off, both legs were severed from the trunk and he was completely dismembered. He appears to be a man about 35 years of age. Coroner Lecher will summon a jury at 8 o'clock this morning.

Milkmen's Jolly Excursion. Notwithstanding the rain, yesterday the milkmen had an enjoyable time at Grand Lecha. The excursion party was composed of about 200 persons and started from the union depot at 7 o'clock in the morning. The day was spent with feasting, dancing and boating, and the day's pleasures were not seriously marred by the drizzling rain. The party returned last evening at 9 o'clock, well pleased with the reception given them by the managers of that beautiful resort.

Secretary Smith cannot believe himself from responsibility for the outrage upon union veterans by saying he knows nothing about them. It was his order that makes them possible.—Cedar Springs Clipper.

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