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The Dakota democrats favor Hendricks.

The next president of the United States will be nominated at Cincinnati in just a week.

The Omaha mayor has followed in the footsteps of Mayor Ziebach, and has called the city dads of that way station together for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the Centennial Fourth.

Judge E. G. Dudley, of Omaha, writes from Custer City, Black Hills, to his wife at the former place, saying:

The prospects for gold are good. This is the most beautiful country I ever saw. Nature has apparently exhausted herself in its creation. The country to which I will go is what is called the Deadwood country, but I cannot tell you how to write to me yet. We had a military escort to this place, but now we must look out for ourselves.

And while the pilgrims on the Union Pacific routes are escorted into the hills with federal bayonets, the boys who take the Dakota Southern, find the federal arms obstructing their way at Ft. Pierre. And the Republic only 100 years old.

The Indian War.

The National Republican has taken a position on the Indian war question which will be refreshing to western people. The idea which seems to govern the Republican is that the interests of the Indians are paramount to every other consideration—that the white people of the west are no better than freebooters, and have been guilty of a gross violation of the law.

The Republican has forgotten that since the treaty with the Sioux of 1868, at least a million people have been added to the population of the great west, and it has forgotten, or, rather, neglected to think that a million people occupy considerable room, and hence it is that a country which might have been large enough for the population of the United States in 1868, is far too limited for the greater number of 1876.

If the Indian policy had been dictated by statesmen there would have been no clash between civilized industry and barbarous idleness in this centennial year. Wise statesmanship would have foreseen the inevitable, and would have provided for it. The Sioux nation of Indians should have been removed from the path of empire before the wave of American civilization washed against the base of the Black Hills.

Monday in the House.

There has nothing transpired since the present congress convened that will attract such general interest as the house proceedings of Monday. Mr. Blaine's unexpected transfer of his investigation from the narrow confines of the committee room to the broad field of the house, with his voluntary disclosure of the Mulligan letters, and his damaging charge against Knott for suppressing the Caldwell dispatch, all conspired to give a dramatic charm to the occasion.

It must be admitted that Blaine has placed his accusers in a very discreditable position. There can be no doubt that Mulligan had arranged his memorandum of the famous letters more for the purpose of damaging Blaine's reputation than anything else. The memoranda in many instances contains matter wholly foreign to the letters, and shows that Mulligan intended the memorandum for the public, while the letters which it pretended to represent would have been unobtainable. Mulligan deserves the contempt of all decent people, and he will unquestionably get his deserts.

The suppression of the Caldwell dispatch, and the denial by Mr. Knott of the reception of the dispatch, tends to strengthen the position taken by Blaine, that the movement against him was instigated by personal feeling—a sort of persecution, which, with the country at large, will tend to destroy confidence in Messrs. Knott and Hutton, and all democrats of their stripe, to a greater degree than in Mr. Blaine and his republican colleagues.

The proceedings of Monday may defeat Blaine's nomination at Cincinnati, or may so intensify the ardor and energy of his friends, as to make a success of what has heretofore been extremely doubtful. There is barely time before that convention will act for the sober second thought in Mr. Blaine's case. If he should be the nominee, it will be equivalent to a declaration by the republican party that Mr. Blaine's hands are clean of all discreditable transactions.

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