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Who is swinging the retrenchment axe in Union Pacific circles?

It is already plain that Omaha has an excellent ball club, or Minneapolis a mighty poor one.

It is stated that the junketing members of the board will not bring the Black Hills back with them.

This road to Oklahoma can not be mistaken. In a few weeks it will be a trail of blood, flanked with new made graves.

There may be something in the project of a sugar refinery for Omaha, providing the cultivation of sugar beet is a success in the state.

This appointment of Robert P. Porter, of the New York Press, as superintendent of the census, is a bitter draught to many rival aspirants.

SENATOR PAYNE announces that he is not a candidate for re-election. This will rob Ohio republicans of the cheerful duty of laying him out.

Now let the cable road and the horse car company "go the motor one better" by extending a cable line to South Omaha via Twentieth or Twenty-fourth street.

IT REMAINS to be seen whether the motor line will repay the generosity of the council by promptly giving the people of the South Side adequate street car facilities.

The signal service reports favorable weather all through the country for the growing crops. The prospects never looked more encouraging for the agricultural interests.

BOULANGER has been politely informed that his room is more desirable than his company in Belgium. Such cruelty will have a depressing effect on the blooming patriots of France.

The sudden suspension of work on several feeders and branch roads of the Union Pacific, in Wyoming, would indicate that the directors of that road have determined to retrench with a vengeance.

DAKOTA's political weather chart indicates stormy times. There are signs in the air that during that period of state-making, Dakota will be convulsed with the thunder and lightning of contending factions.

The board of public works has just let the contracts for building sewers at what is said to be a reasonable price. Now let the board take the precaution to appoint honest and capable inspectors over the work.

The city is determined to push its claim for the reversion of some twenty-nine lots held by the Union Pacific unless that road redeems its pledges by building a union depot. No further delay is excusable.

SEVERAL newspaper men of this section have undertaken to demolish the church militant. The contract is a large one. It has, in the course of years, attracted a number of enthusiasts who have made little out of it.

With the motor on Sherman avenue, horse cars and cable on Twentieth street, and horse and electric cars on Twenty-fourth street, the residents of North Omaha will soon enjoy rapid transit and abundant facilities for reaching the business center.

SECRETARY RUSK of the agricultural department, is discharging employes. This is hard on the employes, perhaps, but as the corn planting season is approaching, it will give them an opportunity to learn something about farming, and then they will stand a chance of getting their places back again.

OMAHA AND THE NORTHWEST.

The Omaha board of trade excursion, which starts to-day up the Elkhorn valley for the Black Hills, vividly recalls the fact that the development of that region is largely due to Omaha enterprise. The early settlers of the Elkhorn valley, for the most part, went from Omaha, imbued with the spirit of enterprise which the growth of this city had inspired, and confident of the future growth of that fertile region by reason of its proximity to the largest city between Chicago and San Francisco.

And when the Black Hills were first explored by venturesome miners first explored by venturesome miners four years ago, Omaha furnished her full quota of tenderfoot, and did her full share toward opening that rich region to the white man.

It is a matter of congratulation that the first authentic reports about the mineral discoveries in the Black Hills were made through THE BEE. It was at the instance of THE BEE that Captain Jack Crawford, one of the founders of Custer City, and the first newspaper correspondent to set foot in the Black Hills country, was commissioned as scout by General Crook and given permission to enter what was then a part of the Sioux reservation.

The Black Hills invasion of 1875 was an extra hazardous venture, but it culminated in the expulsion of the Indians and the establishment of permanent settlements of industrious and enterprising men, who, within a very few years, have built on a most substantial foundation towns and cities that will ere long rival some of the most pretentious cities in the mining regions east of the great lakes.

While the people of northwestern Nebraska and the Black Hills region always have been anxious to trade with Omaha and maintain amicable commercial relations with our bankers, merchants, and manufacturers, Omaha has until recently been more or less restricted in her trade relations by a lack of railway facilities and also by tariffs that have operated in favor of Chicago and against this city.

The board of trade excursion can not fail to impress the people of the northwest with the fact that Omaha, with her great smelting works, packing houses, stock yards, manufacturers and jobbing houses, is in position to supply their wants and exchange commodities to the reciprocal advantage of buyer and seller.

MASSACHUSETTS SPEAKS TO-DAY. To-day Massachusetts will vote on the prohibitory amendment. The campaign has been of exceptional earnestness and vigor, both sides bringing into the contest the ablest speakers and the hardest workers whose services could be had.

The result will be regarded with great interest throughout the country, and its influence can not fail to be important. The indications are that the amendment will be defeated, possibly by a very large majority. It is so short a time since Massachusetts had prohibition and added one to the many instances of its failure that it is hardly conceivable that a majority of the people can decide to repeat that experience. Furthermore, there has been a great deal of testimony made against the policy of prohibition since Massachusetts had it, which the people of that state have had presented to them in a way compelling their consideration.

They have seen their past experience repeated in different degrees in every state that has adopted prohibition. Whisky has been sold in the prohibition states in defiance or evasion of the law. There has been less on drinking and more secret, more whisky drunk, and of a viler kind, and less beer. The theory of the law and the practice of the people has been in conflict, with the effect of steadily lessening the popular respect for the authority and sanctity of the law. Drunkenness has not been banished, the cause of temperance has not been advanced, the material prosperity of the communities has not been improved, but, instead, has declined, and in place of the healthy, progressive growth of local territory, to be obtained under a proper system of high license, there is a centralization grand in pretense and feeble in practice, although calling to its aid, as it must do, an army of spies and informers. Having had all this clearly shown them, attested by their own experience, it seems hardly possible that a majority of the people of Massachusetts will be found in favor of constitutional prohibition.

GLASS-making west of the Mississippi is yet in its infancy, and the failure of the Laramie glass works does not necessarily indicate that the task is hopeless. With the rich deposits of soda and silica in Wyoming, there is every prospect that, with proper methods and financial backing, extensive glass works can, in time, be made profitable in that territory.

The democratic managers of the Chadron land office have been smitten with a spasmodic reform. Henceforth homesteaders will be given the privilege of selecting the paper in which notice of filings shall be published. This sudden and remarkable departure from partisan methods is due to the uncertainty of official life, and will tend to placate republican editors.

SECRETARY JERK RUSK contemplates suspending the distribution of seed to the people of the country for the current year, owing to the niggardly appropriations. Putting the department of agriculture on short rations, while its head is elevated to the dignity of a cabinet officer, was hardly a fair deal on the part of congress.

If there is anything in brains, bustle and bullion, the Omaha excursion to the Black Hills will bring trade to this city. Our tradesmen are here for

business, and once the fact becomes impressed on the attention of the western people the best results may be looked for.

The Cleveland Method. New York World. Grover Cleveland, attorney-at-law, declines an office and accepts a big dinner. That is the way to get on in local politics.

A Momentous Question. Chicago Tribune. Before going any further, let the question be settled whether or not the president snubbed the base ball players. Anson says he did, and Spalding says he did not.

A Dishonor to Congress. Chicago Times. The widow of the late Chief Justice Waite has to earn her living by keeping boarders. There is nothing dishonorable in the business. But it is something creditable to the congress of this country that it doesn't supply its chief justice with a salary sufficient to keep his family out of the boarding house business.

Not Imitating George. Chicago Herald. Everybody connected with the management of the Chicago continental is calling each other a liar. If the spirit of George Washington, the man that never told a lie, is not to prevail on an occasion commemorating a great event in his own life, we may never hope to see a manifestation of it in this country.

Brave Governor Richardson. Globe-Democrat. Governor Richardson, of South Carolina, has done a very creditable thing in pardoning two colored men who were sentenced to death for lynching a white man, who had criminally and fatally assaulted a colored girl; but at the same time he has defeated himself for re-nomination by the democratic of the state.

AS OTHERS SEE US. A Chicago Label. Chicago Times. Cry of the brakeman on arriving in Omaha: "Omaha. Five minutes to kill a man."

They Don't Know How. West Point Republican. A number of Omaha sinners are trying to write down the churches. They should get down on their marrow-bones and pray instead.

We Are One - Not Two. Evening Topics. Omaha has just worried through a murder trial, when Council Bluffs chipped in with a sensational murder and a first-class suicide. The rivalry between these two cities bids fair to eclipse that of St. Louis and Chicago.

Nebraska's Arbor Day. Omaha Topics. Seventeen years ago Nebraska commenced the observance of Arbor Day by planting 12,000 trees on the wind-swept prairies. There are now growing in Nebraska 605,000,000 trees, largely the result of Arbor day observance. This should encourage tree planting in Colorado.

All He Looked For. Crete Globe. The Globe representative studied Omaha's commercial outlook last week. He is thoroughly convinced that the Omaha papers are terribly in earnest when they say that prohibition would ruin the prosperity of that city. It would certainly close up one-half of the business houses. At least that per cent of them are saloons.

Still She Gets There. Fremont Tribune. The Republican has created a large public building, costing over \$50,000 on Eighteenth and Harney streets, which site was purchased because it is centrally located and near all the public buildings of Omaha; and, whereas, this society regards it as in its own as well as in the interest of the whole city, it would certainly be a good thing if it were most accessible to our population; therefore, that we respectfully recommend and urge upon Hon. Wm. Windom, the secretary of the treasury, the selection of block 118 fronting on Farnam and Douglas streets, and extending to the corner of Nineteenth streets east and west as the most available location for the new post-office.

HITS AND MISSES. While sleepy contemporaries are beginning to think of providing news facilities THE BEE has a man on the ground firing in special dispatches from Oklahoma.

STAYS AND TERRITORY. Nebraska Jottings. Wallace has a Lime Kiln club which holds quarterly meetings. Only three fires visited Schuyler last year and the net loss was \$15.

TO OLD SOLDIERS. Information is wanted concerning the whereabouts of Henry Richardson, who was lieutenant of Company M, Twelfth Illinois cavalry; is now fifty-two years old, six feet high, gray eyes, fine, thin gray hair, sandy hair, full beard, mixed with gray, complexion light, four false teeth in front, natural teeth gone from upper jaw, wore a senior vice-commander's badge of the G. A. R.; was a good violinist. His home was in Perry, N. Y., where his wife and children now reside. He left home in search of employment. When last heard from, December 14, 1888, was in Hufalo. He had been engaged in fruit-growing, but may have sought any other kind of work. It is feared that his money was expended so as to cause him to neglect writing, and his family think he may have wandered westward. Any information concerning him should be sent to the police, Hufalo, N. Y., or to Perry post, G. A. R., at Perry, N. Y., or to Mrs. Henry Richardson, at Perry, N. Y.

Lincoln News and Notes. Extensive Preparations for the Arbor Day Celebration. AN OLD FELLOWS ANNIVERSARY. The Early Settlers of Lancaster County Organizing a Pioneer Association - A Little Game of Poker.

Lincoln Bureau of the Omaha Bee. 1029 P STREET, LINCOLN, APRIL 21. Arbor Day will be celebrated in Lincoln as never before. Tree planting will be general throughout the city. At University Place the edict has gone forth that property owners shall plant trees whether convenient or not. In the event of failure, the marshal is instructed to plant them and tax the expense up to the lots, and the order is backed by an ordinance law. Saturday was pretty generally devoted to tree planting in East Lincoln. The suburban city, it might be said, took time in hand and performed the duties of Arbor Day a day in advance. But the morrow will not be forgotten and it goes without saying that the day will be fittingly celebrated. If the day proves to be pleasant, a large number of Lincolinites will picnic at the City park. Class trees will be planted by the students of the state university, the city schools will enjoy a holiday and there will be parades and speeches and a good time in every way of celebrating the day. The respective schools of the city plant trees upon their own grounds. Little folks will recite, read and sing, and such other exercises will be indulged in that are nothing but wholesome to make them very interesting and enjoyable.

Anniversary of Odd Fellows. The Lincoln lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will go to Beatrice, Friday, April 23, to join in the celebration of that city in the celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the order in the United States. The members of the lodge will be accompanied by the order of Daughters of Rebekah. A special train will leave the city in the morning, and will not return until late at night. The train will be accompanied by the most beautiful city on the Blue. Canton Ford No. 2 will be in uniform and accompanied by the band. Quite three hundred members of the lodge will be present. The only celebration in this city on that occasion will be an appropriate sermon in the evening by Rev. H. Baker, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church.

Lancaster County Pioneers. A meeting will be held at the council chamber to-morrow evening for the purpose of organizing a pioneer association. It is in accord with the custom in most all counties when age has been acquired. It is understood that this association will be formed on the 23rd inst. and will have as its object, whether of the city or county, and a large number of them have signed the call for the meeting. It will undoubtedly prove a success in its object. The association proposes to do something, as soon as well organized, toward preserving the early history of Lancaster county, and in this work may prove a valuable aid to the state historical society. A general invitation is extended to all old settlers, whether they sign the call or not, to be present and assist in making the effort at organization successful.

A Falling Tower. "Great was the fall thereof," may be said of the tower which is being erected on the works. It is evidently going to pieces. A large section of the brick coating has fallen off, and other parts show signs of speedy decay. The workmen are endeavoring to prevent it. How to take them, is a question that is being discussed. It is believed that in this work may prove a valuable aid to the state historical society. A general invitation is extended to all old settlers, whether they sign the call or not, to be present and assist in making the effort at organization successful.

Whirl at Poker. The story goes that a couple of Lincoln's veterans at draw poker were taken, in a night or two, by a sick manipulator of the tiny pasteborders. He came a stranger and went away with a lower leg and a certain impression of either his name or place of residence. The party, four in number, surrounded the table, so it is said, until midnight at night, and it was agreed to play the game out and slash and everything was to go. For a time the game was easy and dame Fortune smiled equally upon the quartette. No one of them was particularly the loser. But the hand finally came. Raise and raise back was the word until over \$300 was in the pot. The stranger stood up, raked around the cards. Dito two of the Lincoln boys. One of them, counting the enter, held four big aces, the other a lower leg and a certain impression of either his name or place of residence. 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