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Sworn to before me and subscribed to in my presence this 10th day of May, A. D. 1890. N. P. FELL, Notary Public.

MICHIGAN has buried beyond recall the bill for inspection of cattle on the hoof, and the Wolverine state has thereby redeemed itself from ridicule.

This city should have more thorough inspection of meats and milk. There is more important matter now claiming and demanding the attention and decisive action of the proper authorities.

THE transfer ticket system to go into effect upon the lines operated by the Omaha street railway company, is the first benefit the public is to enjoy as the result of the consolidation.

At last Admiral Porter has unlimbered his guns and cleared his decks for a broadside against Ben Butler. And now it looks as if the battle of New Orleans will have to be fought all over again.

THE Omaha Motor railway company is about to increase its capital stock to twelve hundred thousand dollars. That probably will represent two hundred thousand of capital and one million of water.

THE wrapping paper trust complains of dull business, due to the competition of mills outside the combine. It is evidently suffering from the same malady which afflicted the paper bagging syndicate.

NEBRASKA received four thousand seven hundred and forty-six dollars as her share of the national appropriation for the equipment of the militia of the state. This contribution will be appreciated.

AND now Council Bluffs is anxious to build a new motor across the Union Pacific bridge and make a five-cent fare between the cities. Omaha's Sunday patronage is expected to pay for the enterprise.

THE appointment of Asa Matthews, of Illinois, to be first comptroller of the treasury, following so close upon the heels of General Palmer's selection, would indicate Illinois to have her fair share of federal patronage.

NOTICE has been served on the present incumbents of presidential post-offices that they will be permitted to serve out their four years to date from the time of their appointment. This gives fair warning to several hundred able-bodied men through the country to seek employment outside of the political channel.

CONGRESS will be called on to create another cabinet office at its next session. The proposition is to establish a new executive department for the control of federal public works. Such a project was advanced by Representative Townsend, of Illinois, in the last congress and found considerable favor. Its work would embrace such subjects as improvements of rivers and harbors, coast and geodetic survey, construction of public buildings and the like.

THE stockholders of the Santa Fe road at their annual meeting adopted a resolution transferring the president's office from Boston to Chicago. This appears as a most sensible move, as the affairs of the railroad can be better directed at its terminus than some fifteen hundred miles away. There is, moreover, a suggestion in the Santa Fe's policy, which could be profitably adopted by the Union Pacific in removing its executive department from Boston to Omaha.

ACCORDING to Chief Justice Fuller, the supreme court has gained considerable time on its docket during its recent term. Nevertheless the supreme court is a long way behind in its business, and this gain is merely temporary. It is hard to see how the court can possibly catch up, when so many cases on the docket have been pending for a number of years and have not yet received a final hearing. The injustice of such delays, and the detriment they involve to litigants, have often been commented upon. Chief Justice Fuller sees no other way to reform this unsatisfactory state of affairs than through the establishment of an intermediate court. It seems, therefore, but a question of time when congress will find it necessary to make provisions of such a nature.

WHERE THE FORT SHOULD BE.

The scheme to abandon Fort Omaha and establish a new fort at a greater distance from this city has, from the outset, been marked by misrepresentation and intrigue. At first the parties who are trying to engineer the relocation of the fort masked behind General Sheridan. But with all the prestige of General Sheridan's backing they could not induce a single army officer of rank to join them. Every commander of this department, and every staff officer has been outspoken against relocation. General Crook was, in any such thing could be, more emphatic in his disapproval than any other commander. After the bill had been defeated in two congresses by the military committees of the house, of which several members were personally familiar with the wants of the army, the removal bill was finally put through by the persevering efforts of Manderson and McShane. The pretense under which this was done was that General Sheridan would never consent to pay out another dollar for improvements at the present fort. After the death of General Sheridan this pretense was no longer tenable.

When Secretary Endicott placed his veto upon the Bellevue location he clearly expressed the sound conclusion that the abandonment of the present fort and the selection of a site that would involve the government in several hundred thousand dollars of needless expenditure was contrary to public policy. But the promoters of this suburban real estate speculation took a new tack. They professed to have captured and cornered General Schofield through potent political influence, and publicly passed around a "strictly confidential" letter from one of our senators stating that General Schofield would stand with them.

With this club in their hands and the threat that the fort would be entirely abandoned if the Bellevue location be discarded, they had no trouble in procuring the signatures of several hundred citizens to a petition asking Secretary Prector to overturn the judgment rendered by his predecessor.

We make bold to assert that not a dozen of our business men favor the relocation of the fort if they could be assured that the fort will remain where it is. In fact our merchants and business men generally are as much a unit in their opposition to the removal, as are the army officers of this department.

In the face of this opposition the promoters and beneficiaries of this scheme have besieged General Brooke, and expect to impress Secretary Prector and General Schofield with the idea that Omaha wants the fort relocated.

The Omaha Herald, which is notoriously the organ of the South Omaha land syndicate, has the effrontery to assert that "Secretary Endicott's objections to the Bellevue site are not well taken, and congratulates Omaha upon being fortunate in having the recommendation of the late General Sheridan and every army officer who has been consulted in the affair."

What officers of the army have ever advocated the abandonment of the present fort? We defy the land syndicate organ to name a single one. And then Secretary Prector is gently reminded that the Bellevue site has been approved by the most competent military officials. This is true, but this approval merely recorded the fact that among the proposed locations the Bellevue site was the preference. In endorsing this site the high military authorities did not say that they favored the abandonment of the present fort.

Summed up in a few words, the South Omaha land syndicate wants the fort removed to below Bellevue because they expect the government to raise the selling price of their lands, and because, furthermore, they expect that a boulevard will be opened from their lands down to the new fort. In this project they are not laboring for the interest of Omaha or for the benefit of the government.

When the secretary of war is importuned by some of these land speculators at the proposed banquet, he will have to take their representations at their intrinsic value.

IN FAVOR OF POOLING.

Mr. Depew, president of the New York Central railroad, and Mr. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania road, in their statements to the senate investigating committee, both spoke in favor of legalized pooling. Doubtless this view is general among railroad managers. Mr. Depew expressed the opinion that the inter-state commerce law had the effect of making the strong roads stronger and the weak roads weaker. "If the law had permitted," said he, "the continuance of the pool system, it would have accomplished more good. Pooling would not, as people supposed, increased rates. The tendency of the country, and of business generally, was to cheapen rates, while the cost of railroading was increasing." There are probably very few railroad men in the country who would not subscribe to this view.

Judge Cooley, chairman of the inter-state commerce commission, said in an address delivered a short time ago that he thought railroad managers gave too much importance to the pooling system. He did not believe it possessed the value they claimed for it, or would prove the remedial agent they professed to think it would. It might operate favorably to a limited extent, but experience had not shown it to be an unalloyed expedient. His opinion was that it would not be desirable to return to the system. Mr. Joseph Nimmo, jr., in an address before the manufacturers' club of Philadelphia, said that "pooling presents no intrinsic qualities for good other than its developed remedial properties," it having in the past served to abate, at least temporarily, the demoralization of rates. "I do not pretend to say that pooling is a perfect remedy, or the only remedy," said Mr. Nimmo, "for unjust discrimination and other evils which affect the railroads in their relations to the public interests. Much of the competitive traffic of the country can be without pool-

ing. It is a fact, however, that no other expedient has yet been tried which has done so much toward securing that reasonable stability of rates which is absolutely necessary to the successful conduct of the commerce of the country." Yet, the fact remains that during the period when pooling was practiced, rate wars were by no means unknown.

There is a very strong probability that this question will receive prominent attention in the report upon the railroad situation which the senate investigating committee will make at the next session of congress, and it is more than likely that it will be proposed to amend the inter-state law so as to legalize pooling. It is obviously the intention of the railroad managers to bring this about, if it be possible to do so. The anti-pooling clause of the inter-state act was defeated in congress as one of its most essential features, and prevailed against vigorous opposition in the senate, where it was fought by senators who opposed the law in other respects. There is unquestionably a widespread public sentiment that this clause is a most valuable and important provision of the law, and it is not likely to be diminished or weakened by the consensus of opinion to the contrary among railroad managers.

DAKOTA POLITICS.

An incident in the political affairs of South Dakota, which will attract more than a passing interest, is the defeat of Judge Campbell in the Yankton district convention, for delegate to the constitutional convention. On its face this result appears to possess considerable significance. Judge Campbell has been one of the most prominent advocates of division and admission, and is recognized as the father of the Sioux Falls constitution. The friends of this instrument, and especially the prohibitionists, made a vigorous effort to secure delegates to the district convention who would elect to the constitutional convention an undoubted supporter of the Sioux Falls constitution in its entirety. The defeat of Judge Campbell by Mr. E. G. Edgerton—son of Judge Edgerton, a prominent statehood advocate, who has been entirely ignored by Campbell and his followers—consequently suggests two possibilities, namely, that a new constitution will be framed, or that the prohibition clause will be eliminated from the Sioux Falls instrument.

Our advisers from Yankton state that the defeat of Judge Campbell was due to bad faith. It appears that he did nothing personally to secure the nomination, placing himself entirely in the hands of his friends, who, it would seem, permitted themselves to be outgeneraled by the supporters of the successful candidate. But whatever may be the true explanation of the result, it is of some significance in its bearing upon the fate of the Sioux Falls constitution, or at least of the prohibition clause of that instrument, which is the feature that has received the largest share of popular attention, and is likely to be most vigorously discussed in the constitutional convention.

Although the Chinese are probably the slowest people in the world to adopt new ideas, they are not slow to develop them when they have once realized that they offer a demonstrable advantage. A few years ago when a show of railroads was laid down at Shanghai by foreign speculators, the celestials were so terrified that the government had to tear up the metals to appease them. Last autumn eighty-seven miles of railroad, built for a Chinese corporation and connecting the great coal fields of the Gulf of Petchili with Tientsin, were formally opened with much ceremony, and has now become a fact which can be counted upon as much work as it can possibly do. In the meantime, the idea is still growing, and the imperial government has now authorized two additional railroads, involving an expenditure of nearly twenty millions, and with a full right of way through any graveyards in the empire. An imperial railway for strategic purposes, and also specimen of and will no doubt be speedily commenced.

The yoke of militarism bears heavily upon Italy. Financial and industrial distress is widespread, and popular discontent is growing stronger day by day. In proportion to revenue, the public debt of Italy is now larger in Europe, nearly three times as large as Germany's and nearly twice as large as England's. Were it not for the enormous military and naval expenditures, the country would quickly right itself and become prosperous. As it is, hundreds of thousands of the people are emigrating, and those who remain are relaxing their loyalty to the government, which is also spoken of and will no doubt be speedily commenced.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Mr. Parnell's admission that he had declared in a speech that the land league had suppressed secret societies in Ireland when he did not himself believe it, and that the statement was intended to deceive the house of commons in order to prevent the passage of the coercion bill, is universally regarded as the most unfortunate incident of the Irish controversy. The disposition has been to endeavor to find some reasonable and satisfactory explanation of so extraordinary and unnecessary an admission, but it must be confessed that none has yet been presented. Whether or not the effect shall prove permanently damaging to the home rule cause, it is not possible to say with certainty. The unfortunate mistake of one leader, eminent though he was, should not prove disastrous to a just cause. But it must be conceded that Mr. Parnell has suffered a great decline in public opinion, and it is a question whether his usefulness as a leader is not utterly destroyed, except as he may privately counsel those upon whom the duty of championing the Irish cause may devolve. There is manifestly great danger that this most unhappy incident will give fresh courage to the Tories, and particularly that portion of them who, like Lord Salisbury, have stuck to the letters in spite of Parnell's breakdown. What is worse than this, however, is that it may dishearten and drive off again that small band of wavering liberals who, in so many of the constituencies, hold the balance of power, who deserted Gladstone in 1886, but have been creeping back again under the influence of the disgust excited by Bismarck's treatment of the Irish members, and by the breakdown of the Times' charges against them. It comes, too, most unfortunately, at the moment when the ledger, cash-book, and letter-book of the land league can not be found among the books of the league of which the court has ordered the production. As the judges have announced that they attach considerable importance to them, their non-production may have a very serious effect on the whole political situation. In every aspect of the matter the circumstance was one to create the profoundest regret among all friends of the Irish cause.

Charged With Dodging Customs.

MOXING, May 10.—The customs officers have seized the stock of F. Giroux & Co. agents for French perfumery, patent medicines and wines. The seizure is valued at about \$30,000. The officers allege that the firm has been entering goods at undervaluation invoices, placing them at less than half cost.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Girl, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A STEAL BY ANY OTHER NAME.

Sounds Better But Is Robbery Just The Same. A THREE-RAILROAD MONTE GAME. The Bennett Horse Races—The Coming Druggists' Convention—Those Gypsy-Loving Girls—News and Notes.

Lincoln Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1029 P Street, Lincoln, Mo., May 10. Railroads, like other great monopolies, have wheels within wheels, and whenever possible they work them for all they are worth. For example, live stock shippers depending upon Omaha as the market upon which to turn their purchases, have been compelled to get down into their pockets to pay the railroad companies before they could put their shipments on the market. The scheme was worked in this way. Stock was delivered to the "Belt Line" by the different roads, which was transferred to the "approach to the yards" at \$1 per car. It ceased to be a toothsome dish, and there was an indiscriminate trucking, happily, has resulted in the establishment of what has been denominated "switching charges." This has been considered in the Manning-Sutherland investigation at the state capitol. This bill will be received this year, in spite of the fact that nearly all the public land open to settlement is exhausted. It will probably become necessary for the government, if it wishes to accommodate this number, to purchase land which is now held by syndicates at prices too high to allow of its purchase by immigrants. This is an announcement which was entirely unexpected, and shows, more clearly than any figures, now rapidly this country has been settled.

The royal boycott on the Paris fair evidently is not to be universal, since it is announced that the kings of Belgium, Saxony, Greece and Serbia will visit it. These are not monarchs as potent as some others in Europe, but the visit of the king and emperor of giving the cold shoulder to this republican show. If it be true, as has been reported, that the czar will lend his presence, there will be a very liberal supply of sovereigns for this exhibition after all. It seems rather questionable, however, whether the Russian potentate will really venture to Paris. He has shown a decided objection to make a number of speeches hitched to one of his contemplated trips to Berlin to return the visit paid him last year by Emperor William. President Carnegie's declaration during his centennial address that "France has finally broken with the personal power of one man, whatever title he may take," states the issue of popular government squarely, although the Russian potentate is not a monarch, and his friends of constitutional monarchy can fairly complain.

The Bennett Horse Races. Last night, the preliminary proceedings in the case of the state vs. A. H. Foyle and others were heard. This is the Bennett Sunday horse racing case. The offense charged is alleged to have been committed on the 14th of April, in the vicinity of the race track. The proceeding last night was to her present state by association with Francis Pennington, who still languishes in the county jail. It can be said, however, that she took the sentence to the reform school rather than go home, where she would have had to receive nothing but unkind treatment for long months. It is yet undecided what will be done with the "Penny" case, but it is believed that the defendant is one of Superintendent Mallahan's classes. The gypsies' outfit is still in the hands of the sheriff, but it can be had for the asking.

Platte Valley Ranch. The county of Douglas and state of Nebraska is replete as the principal place for the transaction of business of the Platte Valley Ranch company, the articles of which were filed for record in the office of the secretary of state, to-day. Authorized capital stock, \$150,000. Business commenced May 1 to the present date by association with Francis Pennington, who still languishes in the county jail. It can be said, however, that she took the sentence to the reform school rather than go home, where she would have had to receive nothing but unkind treatment for long months. It is yet undecided what will be done with the "Penny" case, but it is believed that the defendant is one of Superintendent Mallahan's classes. The gypsies' outfit is still in the hands of the sheriff, but it can be had for the asking.

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THE BURLINGTON WEATHER BUREAU.

The Burlington weather bureau shows that the rains for the past few days have been quite general over Nebraska, northern Kansas, eastern Colorado and Wyoming. The state has had a good soaking, which is worth thousands of dollars to the people of Nebraska.

P. W. Hampton, a newspaper man, arrived in the city yesterday, and takes a situation with the Capital City Courier.

To-day the U. S. M. V. dining car on No. 2, and between Creston, Ia., and Holdrege.

Ed Brunhoff, city editor of the Chicago Staats Zeitung, who has been in Lincoln a few days, will be in the city to-morrow, leaving yesterday afternoon for home. He came west with the intention of selling his property, but concluded to purchase more instead.

STATE AND TERRITORY. Nebraska Jettings. York disposes of 300,000 gallons of water per day.

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The roundhouse and depot at Aurora collapsed with the recent storm. They were filled with lumber.

The board of commissioners of Gage county have decided to submit to the electors a proposition to vote \$50,000 in bonds for a court house.

Trains are making the peace of country towns. Robberies and outrages are becoming frequent, and a dangerous sentiment of retaliation is spreading among the residents.

Coffax county claims to have one of the phenomenal treasure troves of the state. He has voluntarily placed in the treasury the surplus of fees collected. John Novotny is his name.

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They shipped their fat cattle to Chicago, and are now anxiously looking for the returns. The firm to which the stock was consigned failed after the sale, and the Jacksons have gone to Bridgeport to search the ruins for their money.

The Fremont Tribune is never so happy as when burning paper waste at Omaha. Here in the late afternoon the Jacksons have gone to Bridgeport to search the ruins for their money.

The cruel inhumanity of children is a question of frequent comment in the press. Two instances of heartless treatment of aged parents have recently occurred. During Monday night's storm in Lincoln a mother aged sixty-five was driven from her son's home at the behest of the daughter-in-law. A few weeks ago, a father, almost tottering on the verge of the grave, was turned aside by his son, in Omaha, and forced to beg for shelter among strangers. Such cruelty is a curse upon the posterity.

The Schuyler Quill relates an incident of whole-souled generosity so rare as to deserve commendation. A teamster named Samuel McElrain, suffering with consumption, came to Omaha for treatment, but finding none, returned home to die friendless and penniless. He found a good samaritan in George Lay, who had been in the city for some time, and who had returned home to his home, gave him every care and attention, and in every possible way smoothed his path to the grave. Such a noble act of charity is worthy of a crown of glory.

Iowa Items. Davenport threatens to indulge in brick pavement. Cornell college at Mt. Vernon has 400 students enrolled.

Fort Dodge wants John M. Thurston to erect a \$12,000 church. The Congregationalists of Atlantic propose to erect a \$12,000 church.

Boone has declared war for the tenth time on gamblers and boot-leggers. Boone county is out of debt and has several thousand dollars in the treasury.

During last month the Des Moines cotton mill sold and shipped 100,000 yards of cotton. Fannie Bennett, a Cedar Rapids damsel weary of life and jail, filled up with carbolic acid, and floated hence.

Professor Foster, of the Burlington weather bureau, predicts a stormy May, and accuses Venot of exerting a malign influence on the planet.

The latest scheme of advertising Boone is a projected coal palace, to be erected next fall. It is also proposed to send a coal palace train to the state capital.

Last week a peculiar relic of ancient times was unearthed at Defiance, Shelby county, in the form of a colossal tank, found on a farm three miles from that place.

A family of six at Pilot Mound gorged themselves with wild parsnips. There was one funeral, but the remaining five were too sick to participate in the services.

The White Cap of Labor is using the switch as a corrective of morals. The fate of the Bald Knobbers should be read and treasured in that vicinity. Men who attempt to speed reform with the rod should be closely watched.

Ten years ago the superintendent of an Iowa railroad booted a tramp out of his office for having stolen a tin of soap. To-day that tramp is the superintendent of that same road, while the man who lifted him on his boot kicks a restaurant and sends him over the hills.

Rev. H. A. Smith, agent of the Iowa Prisoners' Aid association, writes from Fort Madison to a Davenport friend that it has been a hard matter to find employment for some of the released convicts. This seems to be due to a dullness in the labor market, and to the fact that some of the released men belong to a professional vagrant class, and have little desire for any honest employment.

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