

A GREAT INDUSTRY MENACED

Killing Effect of Imperialism on the Beet Sugar Business.

BLIGHT OF ASIATIC CHEAP LABOR

Importance of the Industry to the Country, Its Inception and Development—Questions for Expansionists.

The following letter written by Hon. C. H. Cornell of Valentine, Neb., is reprinted from the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

A recent dispatch from Norfolk, Neb., to the Omaha Bee announces that its beet sugar factory has just closed its eighth campaign (109 days' run) and adds:

"The last year has been a good one for beet growers in the vicinity of Norfolk. The price paid for beets at the factory ranged from \$1.70 to \$2.25, being regulated by the amount of saccharine matter the beets contained. The average price paid was \$1.90 per ton. While the average yield of beets was between ten and twelve tons per acre, some fields exceeded this amount, one field of five acres near Mondak producing 129 tons. During the last year the factory paid out nearly \$130,000 for beets and nearly \$50,000 for labor."

Blight of Asiatic Labor.

The trouble is not with the farmer. The last eight years have brought the industry beyond the transition stage with him, and he is today ready to contract beets and take pulp. However, he now finds himself confronted with the prospect of the sugar manufacture falling into the hands of a few men, combining immense capital, owning a large number of very large factories, and having labor on those islands, which Secretary Wilson would annex. He naturally does not suggest that there will be any factories added during the year 1899, operated under like conditions with the present factories, although it will take 600 of the size of Omaha's to supply our home consumption of sugar.

To one who watched hopefully the development of what promised to be one of the very greatest industrial pursuits of our country the probability of loss of all these factories is a very serious question. That the factories are paying investments now only to lose the industry at home how are we, as a people, to gain in anything like equal measure through the territory acquired and to be acquired, including the Philippines?

WHIST PLAYERS ARE COMING

Fifth Annual Meeting of Central Association to be Held in Omaha Next Month.

The fifth annual meeting of the Central Whist Association takes place in Omaha February 10 and 11 and the Omaha Whist club is making active preparations to entertain the guests who will play in the Commercial club rooms, the club rooms in the Bee building being too small to accommodate the large number of whist players who always attend these meetings. The following cities will be represented: Des Moines, Iowa; Lincoln, Nebraska; Sioux Falls, two clubs; Yankton, S. D.; Denison, Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Charleston, Council Bluffs, Ia., Lincoln, two clubs; Kansas City, also Kearney and Grand Island. Omaha will also have two clubs by the name of Whist players and continues two afternoons and two evenings. There are two principal trophies to be played for, the "Richards trophy," now held by Sioux Falls, for teams of four, only one team from each club may compete for this. It has been won as follows: 1895, by Sioux Falls; 1896, 1897, by Des Moines; 1898, by the Rose Hill club of Sioux City, on challenge won from it by Sioux Falls. Then there is the "Des Moines trophy," now held by Lincoln. For this prize a team of four must win a number of pairs.

The association and the local club will present the winners of the various matches with individual souvenirs. Omaha will be represented in the fours by Reed, Rinehart, Scribner and one other yet to be selected. The club then has held a play-off for a pair contest, no less than ten pairs having already entered. On Saturday night the "free-for-all" game will occur and from present indications at least 200 players will take part. Rev. Smith Begins His Meetings. In spite of the stormy night the First United Brethren church was filled Sunday night to hear Evangelist Smith's opening sermon. Mr. Smith made a reputation last year as a gospel preacher, and his sermon Sunday night fully sustained the expectations of the large audience. The evangelist spoke from the text "Thou shalt call the name of Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins," and called attention to the false Christs which are preached in these days and depended on for salvation. "I am good enough," "I will be saved if you are," "I go to Dr. Blank's church," etc. Mr. Smith then pressed home the thought that only the Jesus Christ of the bible, who saves from sin, is worth any man's attention, and only an intelligent belief in Him could save a man. It is a right belief first of all, and the right life will follow. Although this was the first meeting one man surrendered to the Christ of whom the preacher spoke, and an intense interest was manifested by the audience. From all indications the meetings bid fair to prove as successful as last year. There will be services each evening at 8 o'clock, twenty-first and Emmet streets.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. The best remedy for all ages; cures coughs, colds and all lung troubles. Pleasant to taste. No one will be disappointed in using it.

Miss Morse at Unity. Miss M. R. Morse of the High school faculty conducted the services at Unity church Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. Newton M. Mann, minister of the church. Rev. Mann preached the sermon at the installation of Dr. O. C. Cone, late president of Buchel college of Akron, O., at Lawrence, Kan., Thursday evening and occupied his pulpit yesterday.

The smallest things exert the greatest influence. De Witt's Little Early Remedies are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, best pill, safe pill.

Work of a Local Artist. A painting of a corner in Riverview park, called "Nobler," is attracting attention at a Douglas street art store. It is the work of a local artist and is brilliant in coloring and full of the air and colors of the autumn.

Marriage Licenses. County Judge Rice issued the following marriage license yesterday: Age, Charles A. Payette, Rawlins, Wyo., 29; Cora N. Dixon, Fairbury, Neb., 27.

REORGANIZING THE SENATE

Great Change in Method of Transacting Business Occurs Next March.

PASS THE APPROPRIATION BILLS AROUND

Younger Element in the Upper House Finally Carries Its Point—Stout to Keep an Agent at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—When the senate comes to reorganize the committees of that body considerable of the work will have been done by the Fifty-fifth congress, an agreement having been reached in the upper branch to divide the appropriation bills, sending them to the committees having direct control over the matters upon which the appropriation bills are in interest. For a great many years it has been the custom to place the entire element of the senate that too much power was lodged in the committee on appropriations, all appropriation bills having to pass through that committee. With the influx of new blood and the consequent reorganization of parties, there has been a perceptible change in the idea that one committee should have direct charge of so many varied branches of the public service, and since congress since the Fifteenth has shown a growing sentiment in favor of a distribution of parties, the bills to be passed by the several committees that would naturally have charge of them. The younger members have felt that the "family party," as the older members have been denominated, controlled entirely too many important committees and the bills have been passed in the manner in which the committee are chosen in the senate. But the situation has ever remained the same, the older members getting the big committees and the younger element having to take the leavings. But since the inauguration of the Fifty-sixth congress and much of the reorganization that prevailed in former days relative to committees will give place to a kinder feeling and a more just appreciation of those who have spent years in the service.

Distribution of Bills.

As now contemplated the appropriation bills will be distributed as follows: The naval bill to the naval committee, the war appropriation bill to the military committee, the agricultural bill to the committee on agriculture, the Indian bill to the committee on Indian affairs, the consular bill to the committee on foreign relations, the legislative, executive and judicial and sundry civil bill to the committee on appropriations, the postoffice bill to the committee on postoffice and post roads, the pension bill to the committee on pensions. Mr. Allison will remain as now, the chairman of the committee on appropriations, Mr. Hale will retain his old committee, that of naval affairs, Senator Hawley will also be at the head of his present committee, Mr. Aldrich will be retained in his present position. Senator Aldrich will, in all probability, succeed Mr. Allison as chairman of the committee on finance. Senator Platt of Connecticut will succeed Pettigrew at the head of the Indian committee. Senator Wolcott will remain as at present, chairman of the committee on postoffice and post roads. Senator Proctor will remain as chairman of the other committee, the committee on the judiciary. Senator Hoar will continue at the head of the judiciary committee, while Senator Spooner will go to the head of the committee on rules. In the making up of the senate upon the reorganization of the senate upon the republican lines, the only changes of any moment that will be made will be in the secretary of the senate, the sergeant-at-arms, there will probably be several changes at the clerk's desk, every employe occupying that position at present being a democrat, or a free silver republican.

Sioux to Have a Resident Agent.

Dr. C. A. Eastman, a full blood member of the Flandrau Sioux tribe of Indians, will shortly become the agent for the Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River and Standing Rock agencies, with headquarters at Rapid City. This is the first time the Indians dwelling on these agencies have ever been represented in Washington by a resident attorney or representative, having largely performed the work devolving upon such attorneys through the agency of the Indian Commissioner. Dr. Eastman is a graduate of Ann Arbor and is the husband of Elsie Goodale, the celebrated writer of verse. It is Dr. Eastman's intention to prepare and execute a work upon the legends and traditions of his tribe, taking in the Ojibwa, the Sac and Foxes, the Otoes, the Winnebagoes, the Omahas, the Assinaboins, and for fifteen years he has been making a collection of both the mythical and the real, relating to the legends of the Red Men to which he belongs. Speaking of the Sioux tribe, Dr. Eastman said that he had adopted the English characters and that the young men and women of today were able to write their own language as well as the English language, one at the Sante agency by Dr. A. L. Riggs, called "Papa," a newspaper called "Anpa," which anglicized means "Dawn," is published under the Episcopal mission at Madison, S. D., under the title of "The Progress of the King of the Bible," "Pilgrim's Progress" translated into the Sioux language, together with two or three grammars and several readers.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been granted: Issue of January 17: Nebraska: Original—Walter H. Bierner, Omaha, \$8; William B. Ripser, Pawnee City, \$8; B. T. Tomlinson, Minden, \$6. Increase—John A. Lacer, Crouse, \$6 to \$8; Thomas M. Stubbins, Kearney, \$8 to \$10; Original—Widows, etc.—Harriet E. Knuts, Omaha, \$8; Original—Spencer M. Lecky, Clinton, \$6; James Glass, Sac City, \$5; William Foley, Alameda, \$5; W. S. O'Neil, Center Point, \$8; Wm. P. Speaker, Arthur, \$8; Homer Gaines, Greenfield, \$8. Additional—David H. Wilder, Wapello, \$5 to \$8. Increase—Scott W. Ziegler, \$5 to \$8; \$8 to \$12; Robert V. Kelly, Villisca, \$5 to \$8; Hans Simonsen, Waukon, \$5 to \$12. Original—Widows, etc.—Original—Widows, etc.—Mary Seavey, Webster City, \$12; supplemental, minors of George W. Waters, Grinnell, \$8. Colorado: Original—Georgina Penaro, Gardner, \$12; Daniel B. Morhead, Denver, \$5; Judson W. Turrell, Longmont, \$12. Mexican war survivors: Original—James Thompson, Rocky Ford, \$8 to \$12; Montana: Original—William Wamer, Great Falls, \$5; Mexican war survivors: Increase—John Holmwood, Norris, \$8 to \$12; South Dakota: Original—Joseph Bromley, Alpena, \$8. Issue of January 18: Nebraska: Original—George W. Leftwich, Fairbury, \$5 to \$17; Thomas Standish, Imper, \$8 to \$8; Original—Widows, etc.—Ida Borgman, Ogallala, \$5; Jane Jay, Belvidere, \$5. Original—Henry Fanger, Lyons, \$6; Matthew L. Niswonger, Carroll, \$6; Additional—Joseph T. Findley, Traer, \$6 to \$10; Alexander W. Bean, Tripoli, \$10 to

PLAN TO SECURE BOULEVARD

Condemnation Proceedings Are to Be Instituted Again.

ORDINANCE IS NOW BEING PREPARED

Park Commissioners Expect to Be Able to Do Some Work Along the Line During the Coming Season.

Condemnation proceedings are to be commenced to secure the land required for the construction of the northern half of Central boulevard, a public park which extends from Twenty-seventh avenue and Burr street to Hanson park. A revised plat of the proposed route has been prepared by City Engineer Rosewater and is now in the hands of the city attorney. City Attorney Connel is at work upon the necessary ordinance declaring the necessity of appropriating the streets and lands along the route and appointing appraisers to assess the damages and benefits. This ordinance will soon be introduced in the council. Such an ordinance was once passed and one set of appraisers reported an assessment of damages and benefits. This was done when similar action was taken regarding the south half of the boulevard, which is to connect Hanson and Riverview parks. The appraisers on this southern section of the boulevard reported damages and benefits of something less than \$50,000. The appraisers on the north half, however, returned a report exceeding that figure and consequently the assessment was disapproved because the charter provides that in such condemnation proceedings the assessment exceeds \$50,000 the question of whether the land shall be appropriated or not shall be submitted to a vote of the people. It was deemed inadvisable to go to the cost of a special election to do this. For a time it seemed as if this part of the boulevard would have to be abandoned, but a way is open out of the difficulty. J. M. Woolworth has not only repeated his proposition to donate a number of lots for the boulevard in the block between Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth streets and Pacific street and Poppleton avenue, but has also agreed to waive all claim to damages. City Attorney Connel has also waived damages to all his property adjoining the route of the boulevard between Poppleton and Woolworth avenues, and has also donated eighty-four feet of land between the boulevard and Poppleton avenue. Consequently, along two long blocks, which are about equivalent to four of the ordinary city blocks, the city will have to award no damages. Therefore, if all the other assessments of the old appraisal are retained the total assessment will be less than \$50,000 and the council will be able to condemn all the land needed for the boulevard. The revised route of the boulevard will be practically the same as it was before, although a few minor changes have been made.

Adverse Report on a Judge.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The senate committee on judiciary today made an adverse report on Judge William Hamilton G. Ewart, to be United States district judge for the western district of North Carolina. Judge Ewart was appointed during the recess and now holds the position. An effort will be made in the senate to have Ewart removed notwithstanding the adverse report.

PROTEST IN BEHALF OF STOCKMEN.

Wyoming Legislature Takes Up the Question of Forest Reserves.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A question of great importance to stockmen of Wyoming and other western states in which there are government timber reserves has been taken up by the Wyoming legislature and during the coming week a memorial to congress will in all probability be adopted asking for relief from the rules which have been adopted by the Department of the Interior and which restrict grazing sheep on the reservations. The memorial recites that there is danger of heavy pecuniary loss falling upon settlers and stockmen residing in the vicinity of the various forest reserves in the state of Wyoming, and that the present rules of the Interior Department, which prohibit the grazing of sheep and other live stock on these reserves, tend to large portion of the forest reserves is above timber line and therefore grass bearing land without trees and meadows and not in the hands of timber frequently interspersed with grass-bearing parks; that the grazing of live stock upon such lands is the best possible protection from danger to the forests by fire by reason of the feeding down of the luxuriant grasses of the portions below the timber line; that the present rules of the Interior Department, which prohibit the grazing of sheep and other live stock on these reserves, tend to large portion of the forest reserves is above timber line and therefore grass bearing land without trees and meadows and not in the hands of timber frequently interspersed with grass-bearing parks; 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