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ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION. EXECUTIVE MANSION, LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 30, '83.

To the People of Nebraska: The subject of Forestry, or Tree Planting, is fast becoming one of National importance, and is receiving the careful attention of thoughtful minds throughout our own country, and in other lands as well.

The steady and rapid disappearance of our forests, is viewed with apprehension. We are so used to consider the matter of future demand and supply, and in view of the facts it becomes a question of grave moment.

The state board of agriculture offers liberal premiums for the greatest number of trees planted during the month of April, 1883, by any one person; or for the greatest number planted, or put out, during the year 1883.

The question of tree culture--important as it is to the country at large--is of paramount importance to our state. Nebraska embraces within her limits, lands that are unsurpassed in fertility; and offering as they do, advantages in the way of easy and simple cultivation, they are being developed with a rapidity that is nearly, if not quite, without precedent.

Let it be remembered that the person who plants and causes to grow--if but a single tree, shrub, or vine, is contributing his or her mite in the way of added inducement and attraction, tending toward that future development and ultimate standing of Nebraska, for which we are all laboring and hoping; and which will surely come.

Done at Lincoln, the 30th day of March, A. D. 1883, in the Seventeenth year of the state and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Seventh.

THE UNDIMINISHED SURPLUS.

It is generally admitted that the next congress will be compelled to make further reductions of the revenue from consideration entirely independent of the question of tariff for revenue or protection.

The estimates of the commissioner of internal revenue and the secretary of the treasury make it certain that the entire reduction of revenues under the late tariff act will not exceed twenty millions instead of twenty-five millions as was confidently claimed by the advocates at the last session.

Complaints from trade are already coming in from all quarters. The money market is suffering from an unusual stringency while the surplus revenues of the government are flowing into the treasury at the rate of \$12,000,000 a month while no mode of relief offers itself except payments on account of the public debt, and anticipations of the interest on the bonds.

Without this government obstruction the flow of currency through the channels of trade would be regular and healthful. There are but two methods for reducing the treasury surplus reductions that have been suggested. One is a new application of the old Whig doctrine of distributing the surplus among the several states.

This is not a pleasant prospect for the democratic majority, but it is one which they must face. On this question the speaker of the next house will be chosen and the committee of ways and means organized.

The crusade inaugurated by THE BEE against low assessments in Omaha has extended to other portions of the state. Taxpayers of all classes are beginning to see that a low assessment cuts both ways.

ALL the postoffices in the country were closed on Thursday by order of Hatten out of respect to the memory of his late chief. This leads the New York Star to observe that such discommodating of hundreds of thousands of people will make everybody sorry that Mr. Howe died.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Parliament has reconvened, and the work of its session has been again resumed. The prospects of legislation are said to be extremely uncertain.

MILITARY INSPECTION.

Gen. Howard, Commander of the Department of the Platte, on His Way to Northern Nebraska.

St. Louis City Journal, March 28. Maj. Gen. Howard, U. S. A., commander of the Department of the Platte, arrived from Omaha yesterday morning, and proceeded in the afternoon to Running Water, D. T., from which place he will cross the river into Northern Nebraska on a visit of inspection.

The latest Japanese papers show that the relations between Japan and China are "strained," to use a favorite diplomatic phrase. The weaker nation is putting forth great exertions to raise an army and to equip a fleet that will be able to cope with the Chinese.

The Orst locomotive has made its appearance in Senegambia. The first mile and a half of the French railroad between Senegal and the Niger was opened last December in the presence of an amazed crowd of natives, who slapped their hands and tried to keep pace with the train.

Crime is increasing in Italy, and especially in the central part of the so-called Romagna. Formerly the crimes were laid in the ascertainment rule, but for twenty-five years there has been no such rule, and yet crime is daily increasing.

A wonderfully rich gold district has been discovered about the Drakensburg mountains on the eastern side of the Transvaal. The number of diggers in the Kaap fields does not exceed 500, but their steady perseverance is a good sign of their success.

The wages of workmen in Paris have increased considerably since 1876. Thus, day laborers in 1876 received 8 cents an hour and last year they received 12 cents.

The May day fixed upon for the coronation of the czar in the ancient Kremlin of Moscow is drawing on and immense are the preparations for the grand occasion. Enormous quantities

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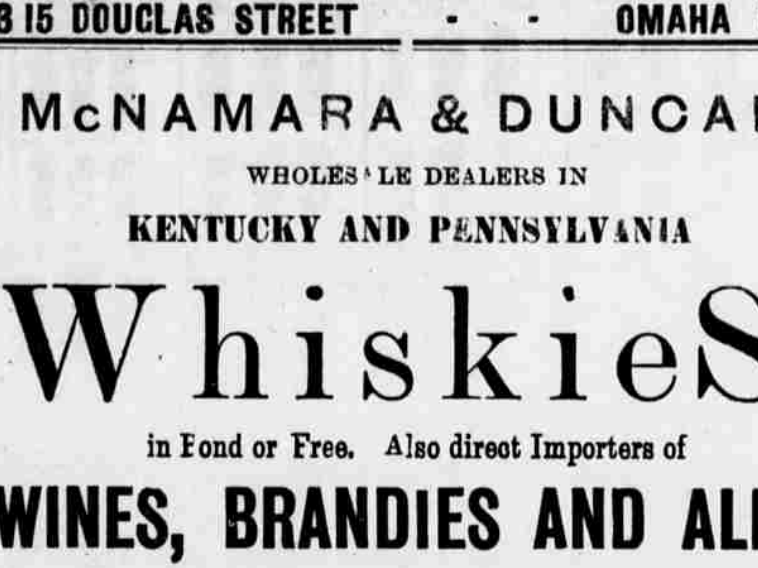
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