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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Homestead exemptions to a reasonable amount are found to work admirably. Years ago when there was no exemption, or a very small one in several of the old states, the merchants bitterly opposed the proposition to grant large exemptions.

SUPPOSE you have no newspaper in your town? Is there a man of any sense but admits that no one thing does more towards advertising, enlightening and stirring up a town than two or three well conducted papers?

TENS of thousands of farmers are about leaving Kansas, Nebraska Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota and elsewhere to seek homes on this coast. Their farms have been sold out under mortgages and the sales have left their notes still unsatisfied.

A SENATOR of Oregon has introduced a bill to make newspapers sent by mail without being previously ordered, regarded as gifts to the scallwags who take them out of the office month after month, year after year and read them.

ANGUS McDONALD, formerly of the Hudson Bay company, died Feb. 1st, at the Blackfoot Reserve. He built Fort Hall in 1828 and afterwards the post at Colville.

THE BULL RUN BILL.

Suppose the law exempts from taxation all pumps, wind mills, etc., whereby farms are supplied with water. "A," we will suppose has some horses he proposes to exchange for pumps and windmills. Should the horses be exempt from taxation? Everybody would smile at the suggestion; Suppose however that he uses the credit which the possession of the horses and the prospective ownership of the pumps and mills may give him and floats his obligations to pay, to an amount equal with the value of the projected improvement? What is the difference between the property itself and the credit circulated upon it? Is not one property just as much as the other? We are not arguing for the propriety of taxing that form of wealth called credit. Many things are taxed that should not be.

COUNTY SEAT CHANGES.

The House most wisely sat down on the bill to re-locate the county seat of Polk county. There is nothing more pernicious, yes emphatically pernicious, than such legislation. The county seat of Polk is in the exact center of a county of level surface generally, every acre of which is of the very finest farming land on earth.

THE proposition to pension our ex-presidents and vice-presidents is a very sensible one. Strange it has never been done. At no time is there likely to be more than half a dozen of them alive contemporaneously. How disgraceful to our nation to see its former presidents laboring in some humble capacity and perhaps in want. All true labor is honorable, but it does make one feel as though there is an unfitness in things to see our ex-President Hayes dealing in hens. True, he deals only in the finer strains, but it is not right.

EVERYWHERE merchants have at first proposed homestead exemption, and everywhere they have learned that such exemptions are to their interest in the long run. Why? Simply because those who would evade debts keep just within the border of the exemption. If there is no exemption such men have nothing and do nothing; if there is a considerable exemption, they have what the law allows and get ambitious for more and either get above shirking or can't help acquiring more.

THE great evil of the cigarette is in its tempting the boys to use tobacco. As if there were not enough slaves to the weed already among the thousands who have taken into their mouths the raw, nasty, nauseating thing and slowly overcome their natural abhorrence, here it is presented in nice, little concealed morsels so that the foolish child, ere he suspects it, is as much a slave to it as the most profane old tar that ever rolled over the quarter deck.

SECOND CLASS SLEEPERS.

After all Pullman is giving us reasonably low rate for the use of his sleepers. His first cars started on the Santa Fe from Kansas City, on the morning of Feb. 7th, the charges being three dollars from the Missouri river to San Francisco, for second class sleepers, the first-class being thirteen dollars.

THE senate of California appointed an enrolling clerk and assistant, although there is nothing to be enrolled. As the journal clerks got behind they asked that the assistant enrolling clerk be required to add them, when it was found that he could neither read nor write. The senate is democratic, and sternly economical.

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Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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A financial crisis is imminent in Uruguay.

Is Consumption Incurable.

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