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At Miles City the Yellowstone and Tongue rivers have broken loose.

Robert Harris, the new president of the Northern Pacific, is to receive a salary of \$25,000 a year.

Miss Rebecca Hobb, matron in the government school at Santee agency, was married recently to a young red skin.

Henry Ward Beecher said at a high license meeting in New York that it is impossible to enforce total abstinence.

Henry Villard should have stuck to the newspaper business. Then he would have known just how much he had.—N. Y. Graphic.

One redeeming feature of mormonism seems to be that it does not throw the burden of the support of the husband upon one woman.

The baby Venus was shown in court in Brooklyn Friday. She is a child four years old, as maturely developed in form as a robust woman.

Rather than stay out of the Catholic church, Rev. Frank Barnum of Boston has forfeited \$100,000 left him by his father on that condition.

Alfred Werner, overseer of an Arkansas convict farm, whipped a prisoner and caused his death. He has been sentenced to prison twenty-one years.

Gov. Cleveland of New York has signed the bill prohibiting the making of contracts for the labor of convicts in the state prisons and penitentiaries.

Weigh not so much what men assert, as what they prove; remembering the truth is simple and naked, and needs not invention to apparel her comeliness.

One beauty of paying a man a bet of a hat is that you can buy the man a hat that will be as unbecoming as talking politics is to a clergyman in a pulpit.—Boston Post.

The restaurant keeper of the house at Washington reports that most of the members now buy five cent cigars. Visitors from Dakota and the west take ten and fifteen cent smokers.

"Doctor, my daughter seems to be getting blind, and she is just getting ready for her wedding. Whatever will she do?" "Let her go on, by all means. If anything can open her eyes marriage can."

The quack doctor delights in having his picture published in the country papers. The theory is that the picture makes people sick, and some of them must come to him for patent medicines.—Ex.

Joe Howard always thought Josh Billings' humor was alleged until he asked him one day why he did not laugh at his own fun, and he replied: "When a man laughs at his own joke, then the tail wags the dog."

A young woman in California proposes to raffle herself off for a dollar a chance. The man who buys a ticket will take more chances than one. But the main question is: Will Postmaster-General Gresham permit her to use the males for lottery purposes?

In playing a game of seven-up with a young lady from St. Paul, a wicked young fellow told her that every time she held the jack of trumps it was a sure sign that her lover was thinking of her. Then the impertinent fiend watched her face at each deal, and every time she blushed and looked pleased, he led out and caught her jack.—Bismarck Tribune.

"What are you crying about?" asked a kind-hearted stranger of a lad who was standing in front of a newspaper office weeping as if his heart would break. "Oh, dad's gone up stairs to lick the editor." "Well, has he come down yet?" pursued the gentle samaritan. "Pieces of him have," explained the boy, indulging in a fresh outburst of tears, "and I'm expecting the rest every minute."

There is a good deal of jealous rivalry between St. Paul and Minneapolis, especially in regard to population. The latter is believed to be getting ahead in the figures, but its rival insists that an unfair advantage has been taken. Recently in Minneapolis, it is said, five lusty boys were added to the population at a single birth. St. Paul is indignant and Governor Hubbard has been called upon.

Miss Susan B. Anthony says the greatest hindrance to the cause of woman suffrage is woman's ignorance of money matters. Among the class of maidens represented by Miss Anthony there may be an alarming amount of ignorance in this direction, but if the apostle of woman's rights only knew what a bargain a married woman can drive when she makes up her mind to swap tears for the price of a sealskin sacque or a spring bonnet she would not make so sweeping a statement.

The Courier-Journal says that the late George D. Prentice was once playing poker on a Mississippi steamer. Prentice bet a thousand on his hand;

his opponent raised him five hundred; Prentice raised him a thousand; his opponent raised him five hundred; Prentice again raised the stake a thousand. "Mr. Prentice," said his opponent, confidently, "you are betting more than your hand is worth." Prentice looked at his hand, turned it down on the table and said: "Sir, if I were playing with Jupiter at a star ante, I would darken the everlasting firmament on the hand I have just turned down."

**Dakota at Washington.**  
New York Mail's Washington Letter: Dakota has begun again to knock at the door of the Union. The fact is, Dakota is always knocking, sending every year a band of patriots out here, whose expenses she pays while they knock for her admission in the sisterhood of states. The Dakota delegations have worn out two sets of carpets at the White House, all the oaken chairs in the corridor, and the last remnant of patience of the poor badgered and beleaguered president. They come early and stay late. When the president comes down to breakfast, there sit the Dakotians waiting for an "audience," as the newspaper snobs call an interview with the president. When he returns from a dinner party at midnight, there are the Dakotians ready to catch him on the fly. Like the czar of Russia, if he thrusts his hand into his overcoat pocket there is a petition from citizens of Dakota asking that the queen of the territories be admitted as a state. If Dakota doesn't get in, her Washington contingent are not to blame.

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