

"STALWARTER" and pig-headed obduracy will soon become interchangeable terms.

OUR neighboring city still groans over the flood which taken at its height led on to misfortune.

DAVID DAVIS has worn out two cushions in that iron braided chair since the opening of the extra session.

SENATOR CONKLIN's role of this policy is leading him a great many votes in New York State among his old time followers.

REPORTS from the various counties in the state announce that spring seeding is well under way and that a large increase of wheat acreage is being planted.

THERE is more truth than fiction in Tom Benton's remark that "the buffaloes are the best civil engineers, the emigrants the next, and the military engineers last and worst."

FRED DOUGLAS won't get the marshaling of the District of Columbia, but it is rumored that General G. A. Sheridan, of mail fastener fame, will be retired from the recordship of deeds to make way for the ex-marsh.

BRADY may have failed to make the most of his opportunities in the star route business, but with his headquarters of a million profit on telephone stock he thinks he can afford to retire gracefully from office.

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SENATORS INGALLS, McMillan and Garland have been appointed a committee to prepare a new bankruptcy law, to be reported to the Senate in December. They will doubtless adopt the bill prepared by Judge Lowell and endorsed by the convention of business men last winter.

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The circular of the Lincoln Board of Education, calling attention to suspected invalidity of her school bonds, brought out the following rebuke from the Commercial Bulletin: "Lincoln is the capital of Nebraska. These bonds were issued to pay for its high school building, which is justly held to be an ornament to that city. The bonds bear ten per cent interest. Hence they have arranged to refund their indebtedness and call in the present bonds. It is a repetition of the Florida attempt at refunding on a small scale. It is undoubtedly less reprehensible than that, but still it seems to show that the Board of Education of the City of Lincoln might profitably introduce some treatise upon the principles of commercial morality into the course of study for their high school."

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BANKED DOWN.

Last Friday morning the Omaha Republican published a bombastic challenge to Edward Rosewater to discuss the railroad issue, in a series of ten articles. The challenged party was invited to furnish the points upon which anti-monopolists are at issue with the railway managers, and the challenger agreed in advance to defend every charge brought against them.

The challenge was accepted with the proviso that the debate should be conducted in impersonal editorials, which were to be published in full by The Bee and Republican. This condition was imposed mainly with a view to excluding all personalities and confining the debate to fact and argument. This proper and reasonable restriction has furnished the Union Pacific organ with a pretext for a square reckoning. The Republican declines to enter upon the debate but an obscure employer of that concern insists that we shall gratify his self-conceit and hankering after cheap notoriety by publishing his views on the railroad question over his name in this paper.

For these views he claims he alone will be responsible, and he wishes it distinctly understood that he is in no sense a representative of the railroad. Now, in the first place, his assumed independence is a cheeky imposition. The Republican is notoriously owned and controlled by the Union Pacific and could not exist staidly days without the patronage of that monopoly. Nobody employed on its editorial staff can discuss the railway issue from an independent standpoint. But even if the obscure scribbler had not dissembled about his relations to the monopoly we should never gratify his vanity by entering into a professed personal discussion with him. There is no doubt that a better understanding of the relations between the railways and the people is desirable and must sooner or later be had. We shall at all times cheerfully grant the use of our columns to any accredited representative of the railways to enable them to present their side of the questions at issue.

If Mr. Poppleton, the general attorney, Mr. Thurston, the political attorney, Mr. Vining, the general freight agent, or Mr. Kimball, the general manager of the Union Pacific, desire to enter the arena of debate, they can have a full and fair hearing through The Bee, but we must emphatically decline to publish the goosehead of an irresponsible penny-a-liner, who has not the decency or manhood to champion the cause of his employer. Furthermore the editor of this paper will enter into no debate over his own name upon any subject, unless it is purely a personal matter relating to himself. Every living issue which concerns the editor no more than any other person will be fearlessly discussed by The Bee through its editorial columns.

The Bee is undergoing a series of strikes in the various trades, and the labor market generally is unsettled and restless. It is undoubtedly less reprehensible than that, but still it seems to show that the Board of Education of the City of Lincoln might profitably introduce some treatise upon the principles of commercial morality into the course of study for their high school.

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STATE JOTTINGS.

—Beale Mills is to have a paper. —Oxford is to have a baseball club. —O'Neil City's building boom has begun. —Seward's new \$15,000 hotel is finished. —A new addition is being laid out to Lincoln. —Aurora's new school house will cost \$12,000. —Falls City wants 200 laboring men at once. —A saw mill will be erected at New Era this spring. —A Methodist church is to be erected at Hebron. —Fairmount has organized a telephone company. —An Israelite cemetery is to be laid out in Lincoln. —A Presbyterian church is lately organized at Shelby. —Litch, Colfax county, is to have a new school house. —York will dedicate her Universalist church on June 1st. —An anti-monopoly league has been organized at Albion. —A new brick kiln of 150,000 has been started at Central City. —The sportsman's club of Lincoln advertises for 10,000 pigeons. —Unadilla's receipts of freight during the year total 150,000 lbs. —A chapter of Royal Arch Masons has been established at Pawnee City. —About 1000 head of cattle has been fed during the winter at Edgar. —A pressed brick and sewer pipe company has been organized at Lincoln. —The annual conference of Knights Templar was held last week in Lincoln. —Alma has voted the necessary bonds to rebuild the bridge at that point. —The Kearney reform school will be ready for occupancy about the first of June. —Steel rails are being laid on the Union Pacific railroad west of Columbus. —O'Neil is to have a flourishing mill and new coles for a grain harvest maker. —North Platte laid the corner-stone of her Odd Fellow's hall last Wednesday. —A school house four miles south of Milford was struck by lightning last week. —A number of immigrants from Seward county are locating in Gosper county. —The contract has been let for the enlargement of the Lincoln opera house. —There are 237 Otes on the reservation and about 200 gone to Indian territory. —Nebraska has eighty-five active lodges of Odd Fellows and 3,500 members. —Several hundred thousand of brick manufactured at Crete has been sold in Lincoln. —The homesteaders of Frontier county propose to enforce the herd law this year. —The Fremont county agricultural society holds its fair at Beaver City, Sept. 7 and 8. —Tehamun contributed \$230.80 to the relief fund for the sufferers on the upper Missouri. —The Madison county Chronicle is out with a new dress after its seven weeks' suspension. —The Hastings Headers factory is filling an order for three car loads of headers for Kansas. —The Christian church at Bloomington has thirty-nine members. —The contract has been awarded for building the bridge across the Loupe south of Columbus. —Nebraska City has staked off her public square, planted it with trees, and enclosed it with a fence. —Columbus horsemen are making arrangements to have a number one race course built this season. —J. M. Chadwick, of Merrick county, is a successful sheep raiser, and adds 5,000 to his flocks this season. —Columbus raised about \$100 for the relief of the families who were sufferers by the flood in that vicinity. —Nebraska City did good work during the late flood in rescuing hundreds of settlers on the Iowa bottom. —The Steambank bank has opened for business. The building is one of the finest banking offices in the state. —A cat which has been under the snow bank near West Point, alive but very thin. —The bursting of a gun last week seriously injured a young man named Konvalla in Maple precinct, Colfax county. —Early grown wheat in Nemaha county is looking splendidly, and for being late, a better prospect was never seen. —Cattle and sheep are in better condition in the vicinity of Guide Rock than has been known any spring for years. —The delinquent B. & M. taxes in Antelope county, without penalties or interest, already amount to nearly \$40,000. —Grass is six inches high along the banks of the Arkkaree, a stream near the headquarters of the Republican river. —A buffalo fish (or an overgrown sucker) weighing 24 pounds was caught in a seven seven miles north of Crete. —Two saloons in Chester were recently burned by incendiaries. The home papers hint it was the work of prohibitionists. —There will be built during the summer in Elise Springs, at least twenty-five business houses, and one hundred dwellings. —Nineteen buildings, about 500 head of cattle and 200 horses were lost by the destruction of the town of Green Island by the flood. —The petition for organizing the town of Shelton was presented to the commissioners and laid over until their next meeting, May 24th. —It is estimated that over one hundred thousand dollars will be invested in a new brick building in Nebraska City before the first of August. —Oacela precinct, Polk county, votes on May 14th whether it shall send a delegate to the sum of \$50,000 to aid in the construction of a court house at Oacela. —It is estimated that over 20,000 acres of wheat have already been sown in Hamilton county, and 20,000 more will be sown during the next few days. —Columbus will vote on the 28th of May, upon a proposition to bond itself in the sum of \$25,000 for the junction of the Omaha, Nebraska & Black Hills Railroad. —Beaver trapping is engaged in extensively at present along the banks of the Republican, west of Indianola. Trappers from the lower valley, are numerous in that locality. —The right-of-way agent of the U. P., has gone over the route between Columbus and Lost Creek, and succeeded in securing the right-of-way

for almost the entire distance for a mere nominal sum. —The body of William Hull, who disappeared from Homer, Dakota county, last March, was discovered a few days ago, near the town. He had committed suicide by blowing his brains out with a shot gun. —James Gillespie, of Neligh, was struck last week by lightning. He bolted across his field, rearing down his body, tearing his clothes in tatters and burning him from his shoulders to his feet. He was insensible for twelve hours but has since recovered. —A new round house of eighteen stalls, an addition to the car repairing round house and a new two-story brick store house will be erected at the station near Omaha by the U. P. during the coming summer. These improvements will cost nearly \$100,000 and will double the size of the shops. —The Supreme court has affirmed the judgment against ex-Sheriff Koppelman, of Fremont, Dodge county, in the suit brought by Lemuel Huffman, for injuries received two years ago by being shot by the sheriff, under the impression that he was an escaping prisoner from the jail. The judgment given by the district court was for \$5,000, with interest and cost and costs amounting to \$3,400.

SWARMING SAINTS. The First Installation this Season of Mormon Immigrants. A Defense of the "Peculiar People" by their New York Agent—How the Law is Defeated.

Chicago Times Special. —New York, April 29.—The steamship Wyoming yesterday brought to this city about two hundred Mormon immigrants. They are the first company arriving this year, and the first since the "Times" correspondent is informed by Mr. William C. Staines, the Mormon immigration agent, generally smaller than the parties which took out their own eyes. We therefore studiously avoid acquiring any information that would be competent testimony in a court of law. I have told you what our hearing is with reference to the existence of the law. As to the effectiveness of the law to accomplish the ends desired, you may judge for yourself. It is a fact that I told you all I have heard or seen of polygamous marriages in recent years. I could tell you very little. As to the question of polygamy, it is a

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