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A GROCER'S trust is promised for the city. They would be better off if they didn't trust.

JUDGE BERNA's stunning rebuke to Pat Ford, printed elsewhere, might be read with interest before the federal grand jury.

THE state is holding its breath until Webb Eaton and Walt Seeley find time, to tell what they know of the missing campaign funds.

THE quarterly report of the meat and fruit inspectors would indicate that inspection of the right sort is a good thing for the health of our people.

THE contestants' investigation over the late legislative election in Omaha proves one thing, that the "bloody third" well deserves the name bestowed on that ward.

THE BEB is the only Omaha paper with a bureau at the national capital, and the only Nebraska journal receiving regular specials by wire from Washington.

CONGRESSMAN MCSHANE deserves the respect of the west and northwest in being one of the few democrats who is openly in favor of the division and admission of Dakota.

CONGRESSMAN MARTIN of Texas evidently did blow out the gas when he first went to Washington. He was fined five dollars at the Washington police court for striking a reporter who circulated the story.

It would be very interesting for the general public to learn what Ben said to Levi and what Levi said to Ben. It was the first time that the president and vice president-elect had met since their names were coupled on the national ticket.

THE state has paid out something like thirty-four thousand dollars in the past two years for the killing of eight hundred and fifteen glandered horses. The state veterinarian is making as great a record in killing beasts as has Dr. Billings.

It comes to light that Nebraska after all is entitled to a fraction over ten thousand dollars as its share in the division of the direct tax. Ten thousand dollars would make a very pretty Christmas in the heel of Nebraska's big stocking.

THE taxpayers of South Omaha have finally awakened to the fact that their mayor and council are carrying on so-called public improvements with a high hand. It is time for those overburdened citizens to call a halt and appeal for protection against the reckless methods adopted for squandering the city's funds.

"PROGON" KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, announces himself as a candidate for the chairmanship of the next ways and means committee, now held by Mr. Mills, of Texas. But it is very doubtful if the "father of the house" will stand a ghost of a show in view of his leaning toward the monopolies of his state and his unpopularity in the west.

THE rapid settlement of western Nebraska, especially of the counties of Cheyenne, Custer, Cherry and Logan, has caused a yearning for two new land districts and the creation of two new land offices in that section of the state. The scheme is fostered, however, not by land seekers and settlers as by office hunters, who look to a soft berth in the land office with the same greedy eyes as they hanker after the postoffice.

THE extension of the civil service rules to the railway mail service has been announced by Postmaster General Dickinson. The new rules cover over eight thousand persons, including every part of the service with the exception of the general superintendent and the assistant general superintendent. It is furthermore announced that no immediate change will be made, but that vacancies will be filled by promotion or by appointment after examination. This ought to soothe the fluttering hearts of those postmasters who imagined their time had come. They will be reserved, however, for the political axe which may fall any time after next March.

THE DUTY OF LEGISLATORS.

If some of the members elect to the coming legislature should find a little time to bestow upon legislative problems, to the exclusion of office hunting, they would fill a long-felt want. The senatorial election is too far off for decisive bargaining, and it will be nearly four months before General Harrison declares his policy regarding appointments. In the meantime the state of Nebraska will have some claims upon her home representatives which ought to be respected. The first and all-important claim is for intelligent legislation. The great mass of members-elect are not too familiar with the problems of state government which they will be called on to solve. They owe it to themselves to study the questions upon which they must record their votes. There is no surer way to prominence in the legislature than through the ability to discuss clearly and intelligently the subject before the house. Unfortunately in Nebraska too many of our law makers have been willing to take their views second hand from visiting committees, corporation counsel, and steering statemen employed by enemies of the people to direct the current of legislation into the wrong channels. Ignorance, next to venality, is the easiest prey of the lobbyist.

It would be interesting to know how many of the members-elect to the next legislature have looked up the question of the state expenditures in connection with the annual appropriations, and are prepared to suggest a definite remedy for the extravagance in the conduct of government. How many have studied the workings of the bogus railroad commission, which takes from the people the power to regulate the charges of common carriers and usurps the functions of the legislature in the making of rates and remedying of corporate wrongs? What number of the members-elect from the thriving cities of various classes in the state have been organizing themselves in looking up the subject of municipal charters, and in making themselves familiar with the reforms which other states have of late years been applying to legislation relating to municipalities?

Our educational interests are great and growing. Their successful maintenance is largely dependent upon the proper husbanding of the funds derived from the disposal of state lands. In spite of the fact that scores of Nebraskans are said to have become rich through heavy purchases of school lands at absurdly low prices, and in face of the rapidly dwindling area of educational lands, it is safe to say that there are not a half dozen prospective legislators prepared to discuss intelligently at present this most important question.

If the members-elect of the coming legislature will put in their time for the next three weeks in seeking for information rather than for offices, both the public and themselves will be greatly benefited. In the first place, there are no offices loose in Nebraska just at present, while there are several cogs loose in the machinery of government. And, in the second place, the surest road to a political prominence which paves the way to political preferment, backed by popular endorsement, will be found in an intelligent, bold and manly participation in the work of public legislation in the people's interests.

REASSURING INDICATIONS.

The caucus of democratic representatives in congress, at which the territorial question was discussed, showed a far better disposition to deal fairly with the people of the territories, and particularly of Dakota, than there was reason to expect from what had been reported regarding democratic sentiment. Congressman Cox, of New York, led the way as the advocate of a division of Dakota, and it is evident from the expression of views following his argument that it was strong and convincing. A number of prominent democrats in the caucus signified their willingness to deal fairly with the people of Dakota, putting aside all political considerations, and while the extremists who follow Mr. Springer stoutly combatted this position they were largely in the minority.

JUDGE COOLEY, chairman of the inter-state commerce commission, appears to have had his eyes opened by the investigations in Chicago. In an interview he said the revelations of willful violations of the law and of illegal means resorted to by railroad officials to secure advantages over each other, were much worse than any member of the commission had supposed. A touching commentary on a class of business men who exercise an enormous power over the trade of the country, and who are commonly thought to be governed by a high standard of business honor and obligation. The commission having learned something to its advantage, it may now be hoped that there will be no more trifling in the enforcement of the law, and this is the promise which Judge Cooley gives the country. A firm and unflinching policy is demanded, and there is reason to believe that such a policy the commission will adopt.

AS LONG as the granting of licenses is put in the hands of men whose interests can be subserved by using the liquor element as a powerful political leverage in local elections, so long will the license board be a source of danger. It is a temptation which the average politician cannot resist. For that reason ambition and avarice too often spur unscrupulous men to enter into unholy alliances. There can be but one remedy, and that is to divorce the liquor traffic from all relations to members of the council. No sacrifice of the principles of self-government is involved in the change, and the city will be rid of the most cunning and dangerous source of corruption in the council.

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UNION WITH CANADA.

The discussion of a policy of commercial union with Canada, and the opinion expressed by prominent and influential men in the United States and the Dominion that annexation is an event of the not far future, has been steadily growing upon the attention of the people of both countries. Owing to the absorbing interest of the presidential campaign in this country the question of our future relations with Canada has received very little popular consideration for some months, but the subject has been of very general discussion in Canada, where it is believed the sentiment in favor of closer relations with this country, at least of a commercial character, has made progress.

The attention of the American people will now be more fully attracted to the question by the introduction in congress of a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite negotiations looking to the assimilation and unity of the people of the Dominion of Canada and the United States under one government, such unity and assimilation to be based upon the admission of several provinces of the dominion, or any one of them, into the union of states, upon the same terms and equality with the several states now composing the union.

The preamble sets forth the considerations which invite and make desirable such a union, as identity of race, lineage, history and tradition, supplemental resources, the mutual dependence of the arteries of commerce, and the community of interests, presenting altogether a forcible argument in support of the proposed union.

The subject is large and important, involving numerous questions that cannot be determined off-hand. The author of the joint resolution, Representative Butterworth, of Ohio, is an ardent advocate of the policy of unity and assimilation, and Senator Sherman is no less convinced that it is the policy which must ultimately be adopted in the future common destiny of the two English-speaking nations of America has never wavered," said Senator Sherman in a recent interview. But the opinion of even so wise a statesman cannot be accepted as conclusive, and a little reflection will show that there are vast difficulties in the way which it will be exceedingly hard to overcome, and perhaps impossible for generations. Nevertheless the subject is interesting, and English and Canadian opinion on the proposed negotiation for unity assimilation will be awaited with a great deal of curiosity.

THE STATE SPEAKERSHIP.

The speaker of the house of representatives holds the key to the legislative situation, and practically controls the machinery of that body. Law-making may be expedited or retarded by him. By usage he fills all the committee and selects the chairman of each. While the house elects a clerk the speaker has supervision over him and his rulings while the house is in session very often determine the fate of the most important of bills. It is manifestly to the interest of the people to have a man in the speaker's chair who will realize his responsibility and who cannot be swayed from the path of duty by any pressure that may be brought to bear upon him. He should not merely be well versed in the affairs of legislation, but a man who has the material welfare of the state at heart and will not stoop to use his position for base ends in the interest of jobbers or corporations.

Among the men who aspire to the position, several at least have been mentioned whose past records are a reproach to the state. These men do not expect to be speaker of the house; they simply give themselves airs in the hope of being made chairman of important committees so as to have something to trade upon.

Members-elect of the legislature will have ample opportunity to learn of the fitness of competing candidates, and it will not be difficult for them to center upon an honest, capable and representative man.

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THE NEW SUIT.

General Harrison has donned a new suit of clothes. There is no evidence to show that he won it on the election.

THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY.

Who would intrude into a family? As a general's staff are his military family so the president's cabinet are his political family.

GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH.

The next greatest show on earth will be the legislature, and it will cost nothing to look down from the galleries upon the statesmen in the pit.

EXCESSIVE MODesty OF THE SOUTH.

Representative Oates went a step too far. The south doesn't care anything about the negroes voting at the north. A rebuff of the affronted sentiments of liquor going into Iowa the charges will have to be prepaid.

SUGGESTIVE HINT FROM THE P. O.

Official changes and appointments will come in the new year, but there are limitations to the work, both legal and personal, which cannot be disregarded, and we do not think it will be advantageous for those who attempt it. From what we know of General Harrison we are quite sure he will not be drawn or forced in this matter beyond his convictions of duty, and that the officers who attempt to crowd him will be disappointed.

THE COMEDY OF THE HOUSE-MOVERS.

President-elect Harrison (to the republican leaders who have helped him move into the presidency)—Well, boys, this moving business is all over now; I guess you would better go home.

First Mover Quay—Go home! Oh, we are not tired. We'll stay and help you fix up the house.

Second Mover Reid—Just, we'll brush around a trifle and dust off your pictures and—and your cabinet.

Third Mover Clarkson—No, we are not in the least tired. We've had fun, we have. We're all right here and straighten things up a bit.

Fourth Mover Now—Go home! Oh, no; I guess not. We never leave a job half done. That there cabinet, over there in the corner, is off its rollers, and the door is hanging by one hinge.

Fifth Mover Wannamaker—I'm out a quarter for beer for the boys.

Sixth Mover Blaine—I lifted as hard as any one on the piano. I also thought I heard a piece of rat rattling around in the cabinet.

Seventh Mover Medill—I carried a joint of stovetop two blocks, but I don't charge anything for that.

THE TWO HUNTERS.

"So Harrison a-hunting went, A-roaming to and fro; And Harrison is eating quail While I am eating crow."—G. C.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Queen Victoria contemplates writing, or rather dictating, her memoirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain will spend most of the winter in Italy.

The empress of Austria is, despite her age, looking remarkably young looking for her age.

Captain Boycott now lives in the quiet village of Flixton, Suffolk, as agent of Sir H. G. ...

Mrs. Miller, wife of the supreme court justice, has purchased a fine building site on Block Island.

Lord Tennyson is very much improved in health. He is interested in Miss Maudslayi, and is cheerful in spirit.

Mme. Patti-Nicolini is tired of living in Wales, and she intends to buy the castle of Chateau de France, the property of the Wilson family.

Mr. James Russell Lowell is living with his sister at Boston, and will probably stay there all winter. He has been invited to deliver a course of lectures at Philadelphia.

On his recent tour to the Midlands, Mr. Gladstone stopped for three minutes at Wellington, and in that time, it is gravely credited, he received two "bushy" made-up speeches, ate lunch and was "officially made-up" during the remainder of his "stay" in hand-shaking.

Sir Francis Clare Ford, who is mentioned as the probable successor to Lord Sackville at Washington, has had a long diplomatic career. He is a member of the cabinet of the British minister at Madrid. He is a knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George and a champion of the B. A.

Miss Elizabeth Cleveland, who has been living at Holland Patent, N. Y., for some months, will soon go to the White House, where she will spend the winter. Mrs. Cleveland is anxious that her sister-in-law should be present at the social ceremonies which will close the present administration.

Count Von Moltke's house at Berlin is a very large one, with an immense library, windows looking on the street. But the famous old general lives almost exclusively in two rooms of it. One is his bedroom, the other his study. The chief ornaments of the former are a large photograph of his wife and a picture of her tomb. These are always worn on the wall.

Mme. Munemitsu Matsui, wife of the Japanese minister at Washington, entertains her intimate friends with music on the "koto," the Japanese piano. It is six feet long by eight inches wide, and the silk strings are drawn lengthwise on the rounded top. Mme. Matsui is a clever performer on the "koto," and she plays with an accompaniment which renders the music of the "Mikado."

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings.

York supports its telephones.

Prairie chickens bring \$3 a dozen at Columbus.

The Union Pacific disburses \$40,000 a year at Columbus.

The Columbus creamery cleared a dividend of 10 per cent this year.

A single case of hog cholera in its limits.

All the churches and schools at Osceola have been closed by order of the town board on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

De Morritt, the man who killed King at Broken Bow, has waived examination and has been sent away to York by the sheriff to prevent any attempt at lynching.

The engine and pumping outfit for the Broken Bow water works have arrived.

A second creamery is being erected at Oakland, which will be operated by steam.

A petition is being circulated and signed by citizens of Tokamah, praying the city council to exert an election to vote upon bonds for water works.

A man living at Marinetta, Pa., thinks he knows where Quim Bohanan, the escaped murderer, and the brother of O. O. O'Connell, has forwarded him one of Quim's photographs.

At the annual election of the Grand Army Post, the following officers were chosen: Commander, L. S. Butler; senior vice, C. White; junior vice, D. Blair; quarter master, John Wood; sergeant, H. B. ...

A white-robed steer had a lot of fun with James Howell, a prominent Alton stockman, the other day. While Howell was sorting some cattle to ship, one of the steers ...

Dr. A. K. Cross, of Mitchellville, who has been practicing as a magnetic doctor in Des Moines, was manacled by Mrs. F. C. ...

General Freight Manager Johnson, of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, has issued an order to all station agents and connecting lines to stop shipments of liquor going into Iowa the charges will have to be prepaid.

Sioux Falls calls into use 150 telephones. A printing mill is now the chief want of Westington.

The Artesian well at Letcher gushes forth 300 barrels of clear, soft water per hour.

The Fargo business men will make an effort to hold the territorial fair for their town next year.

The board of health at Yankton has ordered the Sunday schools to be suspended until further notice.

The Bank of Rugby has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. E. A. Mears is president and J. W. Gordon is cashier.

The Rice Valley Free Press claims to be acquainted with a farmer in that part of the country who neglected to harvest his flax until last week, and then secured a fair crop.

A novel feature of the proceedings Friday, at a district court at Ellendale, was the appearance of the plaintiff, Mrs. Landreth, of Fargo, on her reappearance under permission of the court. She won her suit.

Six new students were enrolled at the Rice school of music during last week. They came from different parts of the Hills.

The attendance at the school is now in the neighborhood of forty regular students.

The cad city Herald says: "A party of young bachelors in this city expect to spend New Year's day in proper style. They intend to hold a party at the residence of Mr. Fargot, on her reappearance under permission of the court. She won her suit."

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Minnie Madden is deservedly one of the most popular artists who annually visits Omaha, and the audiences that greeted her yesterday afternoon and evening attested the warm regard in which she is held by the playgoers of this city. The afternoon performance was for the benefit of the Press club, and the pretty comedy entitled "In Spite of All," was the attraction. The audience in particular, who had been told that the entertainment was most cordially received, Miss Madden being at her best, which is perhaps all the compliment it is necessary to pay to the charming and always delightful little artist. The financial results, we are informed, will add very materially to the treasury of the Press club, and the members of that organization feel deeply grateful to Miss Madden for her exceedingly generous interest in its behalf. 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