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IT'S warm as summer down where the earthquake happened, but we prefer to be shaken by the blizzard.

ONE spectator of the game of life says nowadays we are thinking in billions. Billions of what—thoughts of metal pawns?

AT last Roosevelt has admitted he was wrong in one thing. Many mighty men have eaten the same humble pie before becoming wise.

ONE railroad president complains that the roads are treated as outlaws. Similar treatment of individuals arises from the consequences of their own actions.

WHAT the world needs today is men who are not afraid to stand in the high places and proclaim the philosophy of him who said: "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

J. J. HILL announces that 1,100 women are shareholding beneficiaries of his vast system. Perhaps the usual success of that corporation may be traced to home influences.

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HON. GEO. W. BERGE has sold the Nebraska Independent. The cause of the sale was necessitated by removal of his brother, who has been business manager, to the east, and Mr. Berge's time is so taken up with his law practice that he is unable to give it the proper attention. Most of the material, including a linotype machine, was sold to the State Journal company, but the paper will continue publication by other parties.

IT seems the republicans are not "standing by Roosevelt" as much as they were. The Missouri house of representatives, over the protests of the republican members, indorsed the action of the president in discharging the negro soldiers connected with the Brownsville riots, the democrats voting for the resolution and the republicans solidly against it. Wonder what the Nebraska legislature would do with a resolution of this character? Is there a democratic member of the house with sufficient nerve to introduce one, to see how many republican members are "standing by Roosevelt" as steadfastly as they did last fall?

THE finishing touches to complete the election of Norris Brown to the United States senate was made today when both houses of the legislature met and cast the final vote. All this talk about the wily Norris has been labor lost. While there are a great many people who believe all that is charged in the resolution; while there are a great many who believe that the visit that Brown made to Fremont and the conference that he held with Rube Schneider and the political manager of the Northwestern railroad resulted in securing the support of that railroad and of the elevator trust, of which Mr. Schneider is the head, had no effect whatever upon the votes of the members of the legislature who were bound hand and foot by the political machine? There is no doubt in the minds of a great many that the tie-up that Brown made with the Lincoln Journal was in the nature of a conspiracy to defraud the state out of \$85,000, but what did the members who are bound to support Brown care for that? The people elected members to the legislature who are pledged to the Brown machine interest, and they did it with the full knowledge of the facts.

SPEAKER CANNON again declares that the republican party will stand pat on the tariff. Perhaps a convention with a few Cummins republicans in it won't be ruled by the house gavel.

PNEUMONIA, typhoid fever, diphtheria and other kindred diseases are prevailing in different parts of Cass county. Parents should be extremely watchful of their children, and particularly those who send them to school.

IT seems to be very evident that the machine in charge of the present legislature is going to endeavor itself to the people if it can do so by a pretense at fulfilling the promises made during the last campaign. In this connection, the fusionists, if they are shrewd, will join in and push every measure that the republicans introduce that is of a beneficial nature. The people want legislation, and they are not particular what party gets the credit of the bills. The machine sees the handwriting on the wall, and it is to be hoped that the fear of an uprising will have a wholesome effect.

A BILL has been introduced in the Illinois legislature of an amendment to the statute regulating marriages in Illinois, which would provide for the publication in newspapers and in churches of a contemplated marriage thirty days before the ceremony is performed has aroused interest among judges, clergymen and social reform workers. It is claimed it will give more dignity to the marriage ceremony. It will also furnish much material for an organization of gossipers.

TWO years ago the reform governor of Nebraska, who was then a member of the state senate, introduced and had passed a bill providing that the senate might employ fifty employees. The present reform senate has already exceeded that number by three and the committee says that there are a few more to be added. In explanation the committee says that some of the persons employed are incompetent, and that the list has to be increased in order to get the work done. It seems that the committee that has selected the employees, has simply paid off the political debts of the members in clerkships without regard to fitness of appointees.

ARKANSAS'S successful war upon legislative corruption is an encouraging lesson for other states. It proves that it is possible to detect and punish corrupt lobbying and bribery. The Arkansas legislature expelled Senator Reuben R. Adams for refusing to resign. The senator loses his place in the Arkansas legislature for a paltry \$100, which his conscience did not permit him to keep. In the session of two years ago he sold his vote on the corrupt bill relating to the building of the new state capital, but afterwards returned the money to Senator Butt, who has been tried and convicted for his corrupt practices on that measure. Arkansas can give the Nebraska members of the legislature "cards and spades" when it comes to the prosecution of corrupt members.

IT seems that the State Journal has been caught in another of its tricks. The Washington correspondent of that paper denies having sent to the State Journal the famous General Mosby interview, in which he attacks ex-Senator Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich wrote to the president about it; the president referred to the department of justice, and the department of justice sought General Mosby, and General Mosby had the State Journal correspondent looked up and that gentleman says he did not write it or send it. Now, where did the State Journal get it? Did this saintly reform outfit manufacture the dispatch in its own editorial rooms and then print it, and send it out to the associate press as a legitimate piece of news? Mr. Dietrich refuses to be "dispatched" in this way and by such "reformers."

A BILL has been introduced into the Missouri legislature to tax bachelors and provides a fine and imprisonment for failure to pay the tax. It is evident that the fool-killer hasn't worn his club out yet.

KNOCKERS never built up a town. But they have destroyed a great many good prospects here in Plattsmouth by "butting in" when it would have been better for them to have "butted out."

A BILL has been introduced in the legislature to double the pay of members. It is ice-making weather when the honorable legislator does not place a higher value upon his services than it is quoted at the market.

IT is hard enough to have a congressional seat and then be forced to give it up against one's will. But having to vote an increased salary to one's successful competitor—isn't that filling the cup a little too full?

IT is proposed to make a levy to make good the shortage created in the school fund by the defalcation of Joe Bartley. If all the money that the taxpayers have been compelled to make good the shortage of defaulting public servants had been differently applied, they would have wiped out a big slice of the state debt.

THE first term Porter was secretary of state, from 1897 to 1899, he cut down the Journal's graft from \$59,000 to \$9,000, as the records will show. Is it any wonder the old reformer wants to get its hooks in again? Watch how it will be under the present administration.—Lincoln Herald.

BY the way the cat is jumping, Senator Warner of Missouri looms so large upon the Washington horizon that the Aldrich faction of the republican happy family begin to wonder where they "are at." Both factions are seeking the strange bedfellows that are found most frequently in politics.

SOME republican statesmen and a few newspapers of that faith are expressing fear that prosperity may end soon. If prosperity is due to legislation, as asserted by republicans generally, why will not the laws now in force continue prosperity? Destroy natural conditions and all the laws in the land will fail to bring prosperity.

THE legislature is considering the advisability of removing the wolf bounty that has cost the state \$40,000 a year for some time. There are other wolves not yet scalped that have also cost the state considerable.—Plattsmouth Journal. To which the Lincoln Herald adds: "From present indications, they are going to transfer the bounty to the Lincoln Journal gang of 'reformers.'"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is finding out that writing "confidential" letters won't work. He should remember the Blaine incident of some thirty years ago when that distinguished gentleman wrote a letter to which he appended these words: "Burn this letter." But the receiver forgot to burn the letter and disgrace followed. Teddy's letter to insurance departments asking that the exorbitant salaries paid to presidents of the big insurance companies be not disturbed is a piece of monumental gall that puts to shame all of his former follies.

IN his message to the legislature of Missouri, Governor Folk said: "I believe the time will soon come when the state can obtain all the revenue necessary for the needs of economic government by taxation on railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies, license tax on corporations, dram-shops and other privileges, thus leaving the real and personal property in the counties free from state taxes." The governor of Missouri must have in mind some law that will compel the railroads to pay their taxes. If he has, he might give the Nebraska law-makers a tip.

## Corporation Reform.

Judge Grosscup has in 'The Outlook of Saturday, January 12, a notable article in which he elaborates the view that well-regulated corporations—corporations managed in the interest of all the stockholders, under laws which protect the public—are in the future of this country to be the alternative of far-reaching experiments in state and national ownership of public utilities and in other fields of politico-economic science, hitherto unexplored in the United States.

The code of American corporation laws has been so crude and inadequate that the corporation, the one instrumentality in which the new industrial life has embodied itself, "though state-created, has thus far been left a shell, under whose roof and behind whose walls every form of treachery and nearly every form of theft were given free rein."

These are strong words to come from a justice of the United States circuit court of appeals. They are not to be taken as meaning that corporations are houses of treachery and theft, or that individuals do not commit similar offenses when doing business in their own name or as partnerships, but only that the crude corporation laws of most of the states open wide the door for such practices.

The remedy? Judge Grosscup finds it tentatively in the German system under which a corporation, before it can be organized, must prove, as in court proceeding, its rightful title to a corporate existence.

It must establish the character and amount of the capitalization it is allowed to put out.

When property is turned in its value must be judicially ascertained. Such a law, it may be added, is even now in force in Massachusetts.

Upon officers and directors is not conferred supreme power; the shareholders' meeting is the counterpart of the New England town meeting—a genuine assembly, intended to do something more than to pass resolutions of approval.

"And," adds Judge Grosscup, "every violation of trust, not merely to the public but to the shareholder as well, is quickly punished with punishment that smarts."

"There is in the German corporation no room for one to do with impunity in his capacity as a corporation officer or promoter what, if done individually, would land him in the penitentiary."

The corporation laws of Nebraska are not better than the average of those which Judge Grosscup condemns. They may be vastly improved by requiring a sworn inventory of assets to accompany every application for incorporation, with full personal responsibility of officers and agents to the laws of the state.

THE bill of Senator Root making a lighter penalty for adultery and defining the crime to consist of a single offense instead of continuous offense, has passed the senate. Twenty-eight senators voted for it, and it was declared passed with the emergency clause. McKesson, of Lancaster, voted in the negative.

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## The Crime of Lobbying.

IT will be fortunate if out of the scores of measures proposed in various state legislatures this winter to suppress corrupt lobbying a law can be framed that will accomplish the purpose.

The vote of a member on the floor of either house belongs to his constituents. He has no more right to use it for his personal ends or to sell it than he has to appropriate money intrusted by them to his keeping.

The professional lobbyist is, as Governor Folk says in his message, the enemy of popular representative government. Every vote cast in a legislative body upon any other consideration than the good of the state at large and the welfare of the district represented marks, to that extent, the failure of government of the people, by the people and for the people.

The business of the professional lobbyist being to influence the votes of members in favor of special interests, he would not be too severely punished by a law making it a crime for anyone for compensation to lobby with the members of the legislature.

The great trouble is that it is hard to get proof that would convict the lobbyist of influencing or attempting to influence corruptly a member; but the fact that such acts are criminal offenses under the laws of the state, with the possibility, if not the probability, of punishment always present, would have a wholesome influence.

The rights of citizens to appear before legislative committees or to file printed documents with members should not be curtailed, but all that is done in this way should be made subject to public inspection by filing copies with the secretary of state or other suitable officer at the state capital.

The secret and corrupt lobbyist must be suppressed if there is a way to suppress him. He is the pest of any legislative body.

WE shall see if human nature in the United States senate is strong enough to resist the seductive insistence of the house upon an increase of 50 per cent in the pay of members. If the senate were the "millionaires' club" which some of its maligners say it is, members might be indifferent whether the pay incidental to their honors is \$5,000 or \$7,500. But the senate is not a millionaires' club and the expenses of living in Washington have increased since the salary grab act of 1873 was reversed and repealed because the increase included back pay for a session that was in its last hours when President Grant signed the bill.

THE member of the legislature who will make a vigorous effort to have the past and present grafts of the State Journal investigated, and stick to the text until a full investigation has been made, will make himself immortal in the eyes of all honest people in Nebraska. The people have a right to clamor for an investigation of a concern that has had a grip upon the state treasury for 10, these many years.

## NOTICE!

10 per cent discount on all Wool Blankets at Dovey's this week.

## MILLER DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Autopsy of Dr. Lavender Practically Disproves Theory of Murder or Suicide.

In speaking further of the sudden death of John Miller of South Omaha, who was recently married to Miss Jessie Lane, a former Plattsmouth girl, the Omaha Daily News of last evening says:

"An autopsy held by Dr. Lavender on the body of John Miller who was found dead under a buggy in a carriage house at 305 1/2 South Twenty-eighth avenue Saturday night, revealed the fact that Miller's death was caused from an acute attack of pneumonia, no trace of poison being found.

"This practically dispels the suicide or murder theory which was advanced by Miller's relatives, who received letters purporting to have been written by persons who declared they had murdered him.

"Dr. Lavender found the lesser vital organs to be in an unhealthy condition and there were traces of pleurisy. He is of the opinion that Miller became delirious Friday night or Saturday and crawled into the carriage house, where he died a natural death.

"The liver, spleen and kidneys of the dead man have been preserved by Dr. Lavender and if Miller's relatives wish it, he will make a chemical examination of them for traces of poison.

"There was a pathetic scene at the coroner's office Sunday morning when Mrs. Miller, a bride of but a few days, called to view the remains of her husband.

"For nearly an hour she remained in a kneeling position by the body and wept convulsively, finally being led away by friends and relatives.

"An inquest will be held just as soon as Coroner Brailey hears from Miller's mother, probably Tuesday.

AGAIN we beg to remark that the only way to build up a town is to build manufacturing enterprises. Factories in Plattsmouth can be made to pay as big dividend as in any other town. There is more money in the stock of a good factory than in farm land or mortgages. The idle money in this community would boost several great enterprises and be earning big returns for the owners.

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