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THE Republican calls for a bill of particulars in the Laird matter. Our Demecratic contemporary now has the floor

THERE seems to be an epidemic of matrimony just now in Omaha, but we hear of no movement on the part of elergymen to bull the fee market.

to Democratic success will be found in seouring enough votes.

THERE seems to be no disposition to accept ex-Secretary Kirkwood's offer to take the stump for the republican ticket in lows in case he should be permitted to disayow the prohibition plank in the

THE Sioux Falls convention is still engaged in drafting a constitution for South Dakota, but with a heavily Democratic Congress opposed to increasing the Republican electoral vote next year, the their labor for their pains.

disappeared, and in its place the city will seon have a wide and handsome street, built over a conduit whose construction has already added many thousands of dollars more than it cost to the value of Omaha real estate.

THE State fair opened with sunshine and ended in rain. But between sunshine and rain the managers were able to attract a large and paying attendance to this State. And this is what no city in Nebraska, Omaha alone excepted, can do.

MR. RANDALL is satisfied with the speakership outlook, and Mr. Carlisle is confident of success. The only candidate who is not inclined to be sanguine is Sunset Cox, whose candidacy is to be included in the next edition of his famous book of jokes, entitled "Why We

ment in our school system, and as changes and improvements progress the public recognize them by extending their patronage.

THE fight among the Ohio democrats is a very pretty one and the scalping of braves in the New York wig-wams has already begun. When Mr. Dana turns his editorial telescope on the political battlefields of the Buckeye and Empire states the cry of "The republican party must go" gurgles in his throat.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS have been collected in New York by penny subscriptions to erect a monument to Peter Cooper. While the motive which prompts this tribute is a natural and a praiseworthy one, Peter Cooper's best monument is the magnificent institution which he founded and endowed for the poor of his native city.

THE venerable John Ericson is still at work on his torpedo boat, "The Destroyer," which promises to prove the most effectual means of coast defense yet devised. The plan of attack for this engine of destruction is to run her within 300 feet of a hostile vessel, which is to be shattered below the water line by a shot from a submarine gun. The recent experiments have proved that the pitching of the vessel in rough water does not affect the course of the projectile; that the concussion does not damage the steam connections when the boat is under full boiler pressure, and that there is no danger of a premature explosion of the torpedo when, on being fired, it displaces the valve at the mouth of the gun.

THE Episcopal general convention which meets in Philadelphia in October will examine the revision of the prayer book which has been made by a committee appointed at the last convention. pal changes are in the line of replacing emissions from the English book; in the

missary of subsistence, and of Second to visitors from abroad. Lieutenant W. S. Patton, Eighteenth infantry to be captain and assistant quar-

There are two points to be noted in this connection; the first of which is that the president very wisely refused to go openly outside the army in filling the vacancies on the staff. The last army bill, which was so hastily rushed through in the closing hours of the congressional session, contained a clause which permitted civilian appointments to staff positions, and fears were entertained in some quarters that political influences would be brought to bear upon the Presipositions for men who weie without mili-

some months ago. equally qualified for the position are anxious to receive the appointment, is unfair and unwise, unfair because it evils in army management, and unwise of a belief in the line that the faithful chief of the army whenever opportunity shall roll up and pass down from generathe best fair which has ever been held in is afforded. Much of the rancor and bitterness exhibited by the veterans of the tail, and under this deeding system, as line who have grown old and grey in hard the estate does not come into court, its service on the plains and in the isolation of frontier posts, arises from the feeling that their position and its emoluments might have been long ago changed for the better had they been fortunate enough to gain the ear of an influential Omaha, before he was elected Judge, his claims upon the attention of the execu-It is gratifying to note that our carry whom they rank in the service and excel he has had has been of the worst class of subscription books. It is a matter of at a depth of 220 feet and a flowing supexchanging the monotonous routine and the isolation of garrison life for the cushioned chairs and social enjoyment of

light office work in the large cities. One of the greatest opportunities for army reform is some change in the methods of tenure of staff appointments which will equalize more than at present the bitter and sweets of military service.

SOME WORDS ON THE FAIR.

The state fair which has just closed was a success in some particulars. In others it was a failure. The attendance was good, and, considering the weather, the receipts were all that could reasonano deficit to be carried over the next year, or to be met from the last surplus. Financially then the fair may be considered a success.

As a comprehensive exhibit of the production and resources of Nebraska, the state fair was a failure. What county exhibits were displayed were interesting and good, but lsss than a dozen counties in the state were represented by anything like a showing of their resources. It can truthfully be said that of the capacity of Nebraska as an agricultural state little or no proof was shown. A few bunches of oats, several shocks of wheat and rve. a number of mammoth corn stalks and some small displays of fruits and vegetables formed aside from the railroad displays nearly the sum total of the agricultural exhibits. If we except the fine stock display, the farm machinery section, the few county exhibits and the railroad building the State fair as a state fair was only a limited suc-

cess. These are plain words but they are There needs to be a radical reform in Board has been jogging peacefully along for the past five years must be in future Omaha last week and gave every assur-The new prayer book will be more an en- avoided. The next Legislature should largement than a revision. The princi- be applied to for an appropriation suffiremoval of the short form of absolution canvassers should be sent out throughout which the company has secured for a for morning services and the addition of the State to make a collection which will bridge over the Missouri river at Decathe Magnificat and Aunc Dimittis to the faithfully represent the resources and tur. It will be remembered that the canticles for morning prayer and in a capacity of Nebraska as an agricultural Sioux City & Pacific at one time had alight change in the prayer for the pres- community. The expense of the collec- determined to cross the river at that ident. The Communion and Baptismal tion and transportation of this display point instead of at Blair. The surveys of popular Burlington route to Denver. services undergo little change, but the should be borne by the State appropriation. Engineer Morrison at that time show the Matrimonial service has received This exhibit should include specimens location to be superior to any point bethe addition of several words, de- from various counties of the wheat, oat, tween Omaha and Sioux City, and the signed, in these days of easy divorces, to rye, barley, millet and cors, with statismake its pledges more binding. The tics of their production in different porbeautiful service of Burial of the Dead is tions of Nebraska; samples of fruit from a north and south road has doubtless left as it was. Other changes brought in Nemaha, Richardson and Otoe counties, stimulated the projectors of the Salina here and there will hardly be noticed, ex- as well as from Washington and Burt; road to take in a wider range of country, cept by careful students of the book. The of wool from the West and butter from and one that is inadequately supplied with committee's work, it should be said, is the North; of vegetables, of the products merely advisory, and will have to be examined by the coming convention. Even of the apiary, and, in fact, of every transtable product of northeasterly course to the Nebraska line, if they do approve of it, it cannot come our farm. As a State exhibit it should passing through Beatrice, Lincoln and into use until formally adopted by the slight no portion of the State, and it

tenant Sharpe, late of the Fourth in- ject-lesson of the resources of Nebraska, fantry, to be captain and assistant com- instructive alike to her own citizens and

their career have given a striking proof of how enormous wealth can be accumulated by the simple process of sound real estate investments and patient waiting. They have also furnished an example of the means by which property may be practically entailed in one family and the wrangles of contested wills avoided, John Jacob Astor, the oldest member of the family, now growing old, has followed the family custom and precluded all possibility of the lawyers stead of the roundabout way through becoming interested in his property by Kansas City. dent to secure the most eligible of army deeding his entire estate to his son, William Waldorf Astor, reserving only tary training or experience. It is an annuity of \$100,000, to be annually a matter for commendation that paid to himself during his life. He has Mr. Arthur has not followed thus made himself a pensioner on his son Seassat Bourbon exchanges are writthe precedent which he set in by a wiser regulation than Lear arranged ing lengthy editorials on "The Real Road the appointment of young Smythe to the with his daughter. On an income of to Democratic Success." The real read pay corps. Captains Sharpe and Palton \$100,000 a year he is not likely to be re- good and safe shape, and it will be at are both army men, though the former is duced to the strait of begging for once hurried to completion. The comare both army men, though the former is access to the strate of begging for pany will ask assistance of the communi-not now borne on the pages of the Army food and shelter, and his old age ties through which the road will pass, on Register, having resigned his commission is tolerably secure from penury. John the condition that the road shall be comome months ago.

Jacob Astor, the elder, who died about pleted through the county from one end or the other before a cent is paid. In the establishment is due the wonderful this County from the other before a cent is paid. In the establishment is due the wonderful this County from the other before a cent is paid. is that the appointment of officers to John Jacob and William B. Astor, and of the lowest grade to desirable gave a fat slice to his grand-daughter, staff positions carrying with them the who is since dead. William B. Astor material laid down. The propositions rank and pay of captain can scarcely be provided for his idiot son, and both father commended on grounds of justice. Such and son are dead. At the time of the appointments ought to be in the line of a elder John Jacob Astor's death the Astor regular promotion, and should be given estate was estimated at \$40,000,000, but heavy bridging, will be about \$12,000 per to deserving first lieutenants whose long the property was then mostly unproductimile. It is the intention to limit the service or military record entitles them ive. Since that time the Astors have people of South Dakota are likely to have to the rank. To make captains of second been forced to build for self-protection, lieutenants, when hundreds of their su- and the estates have immeasurably in-THE South Omaha creek has gradually periors in rank who are in every way creased in value, but it is a family rule are they are worth. It is believed that estate just deeded by the present John offers a premium on favoritism, which Jacob to his son William Waldorf Astor, has been one of the crying represents from \$60,000,000 to \$70,000, 000-a little matter of ten millions or so because it removes the healthy stimulus in the estimate is of small moment. There is no will to break, and there will performance of duty is appreciated and be no enormous fees to pay, and the will be rewarded by the commander-in- Astor design is that the solid millions

> value is unknown. politician or to have pressed their just clients consisted principally of professional gamblers and the worst classes of residents of that city, and since he re-The editor of the Pilot who resided in

Omaha at the time and capped as would appear, of throwing a damper for a monte shop on lower Farnam on the Salina, Lincoln & Decatur pro street, no doubt feels himself qualified to speak for the "professional gambthis city. Until the time of his election to the bench, James W. Savage was senior member of the firm of Savage and Manderson in which Senator Manderson was his partner. New does the reformed monte sharp of the Pilot intend to charge that Senator Manderson, who had an interest in the proceeds of all cases coming into his firm, was also an attorney whose "clients consisted bly have been expected. There will be principally of professional gamblers and the worst classes of residents" of Omaha. This is a new and refreshing exposure, which will no doubt be greatly appreciated by our junior Senator.

> Sitting Bull made on the Sioux commission was, to use the chief's own language, of the controversy.

WHILE the Ohio democrats are fighting among themselves over who is responsible for the party disorganization, the republicans are quietly preparing to roll up The excellence of this valley for stockan astonishing majority for the unknown Foraker and the Great Scott law.

WEST OF THE MISSOURI.

The projected Salina, Lincoln & Decatur railroad has become a certainty. The the management of the State Board of gentlemen, who are the active managers Agriculture and the old ruts in which the of the proposed road, Judge O. P. Hamilton and Mr. G. V. Morford, were in ance that grading would commence on some portions of the line this fall. The cient to make a State exhibit at the State recent change to the present name of the fair. Weeks before the exhibition opens company is intended to cover a charter

railroad facilities. The proposed line begins at Salina, a flourishing little city in same time reduced in bulk by careful Iowa, where connection will be made with groves of timber on them. Cottonwood

selection. Such an exhibit, to which the great Milwaukee line," At Cherokee, is still a favorite because it grows so rap-The suspense of some six hundred army officers who were applicants for the two vacant appointments in the commissary and quartermaster departments has been auspices, would render our fair truly a at Fremont it will interest the Sioux City ended by the nomination of Second Lieu- State fair. It would then become an ob- branch of the Northwestern, as well as the Union Pacific. At Lincoln it will cross the B. & M. system and in its course south will cross six branches of the U. P.

From Salina a road is in course of con-THE Astor family in New York during struction to Council Grove, where it will councet with the Missouri Pacific, reaching to all the great coal fields of south castern Kansas, and opening up to Ne branks a new source of fuel supply.

Besides these actual and prospective connections, the Topeka, Salma & Western road reaches into some of the most important coal fields of Kansas, and traverses the great wheat belt. Millions of bushels of the fine winter wheat produced in this section of Kansas is bought and used by Minneapolis millers every season, and when this projected route is completed it will, of course, follow it in-

The northern end of the line gives direct connection with the pineries of Min-

neso's and Wisconsin. The managers assert that the enterprise is not backed by any particular rail-road company, but that ample capital had been secured for its construction. All that is needed is such organization and assistance as will put the investment into this State Oakland will doubtless be the point at which work will begin, on account of superior facilities for having submitted to localities in this vicinity will stipulate for a communication with that point for a continuous line south. The cost of the road, exclusive of son

stock and securities issued, to that the road will have no difficulty in earning good dividends after the first year of its

It is the intention to consolidate the entire line from Salma, Kansas, to Spencer, Iowa, as soen as the preliminary work is done, and the financial and construction arrangements will all be made upon the basis of a line 260 miles long. The Kansas portion of the line is ready for operations to begin, and work is only waiting upon the condition of affairs in

The B. & M. has so thoroughly cov ared the southern tier of counties with railroad iron that it jealously resents inpowerful to give it battle on any field. The organization of the Salina, Lincoln & Decatur company was the signal for hostilities. A new company was immediately put in the field, with the comprehensive title of the Chicago, Iowa & Kansas Railroad company, with the avowed purpose of covering nearly the same be commenced this fall, for the purpose,

Another company has been organized as a feeder to the B. & M. known as the lers and the werst classes of residents" of Nebraska & Colorado company, which proposes to build west from Beatrice. The Express says the present line of the Beatrice branch will be followed from Beatrice to DeWitt, to avoid several costy bridges and other heavy railroad work. The road will be built from De Witt across the southeast cerner of Saline county, running north to Plymouth and Fairbury, in Jefferson county, crossing the St. Joe & Western at or in the vicinity of Belvidere, running to Hebron and line from Beatrice to Chester will not be completed this winter, as the season for railroad building is now too far gone to miles of road.

The wonderful growth and prosperity SENATOR LOGAN is boasting of his inso- of the Republican Valley in past years is from those of the other wells which have lence to Sitting Bull, and says, "The supplemented the present year with a been sunk, is that which is now approach point I tried to make on Sitting Bull harvest of grain, vegetables and stock ing completion back of the Lothrop block was that he was not such a h-ll of an that puts all previous records in the Indian as he seemed to think." Accor- shade. Fourteen years ago it was thought and is now down 640 feet. Some of the ding to the Rev. Mr. Hinman, the point by many that the region watered by the strata penetrated by the drill are pecu-Republican, now comprising eight of the liar, one of the stranges features being southern tier of counties in Nebraska. that they were "A lot of drunken loafers was a wild waste, and that it could gravel, a bed of shale was pierced travelling at government expense." So not be used for any other than This was succeeded by 35 feet of dolofar Mr. Bull seems to have had the best grazing purposes. The men who settled then followed shale, sand rock and quartz in that region then and successfully in that region then and successfully succeeded again by sand rock at a depth braved the privations of pioneering, can of 320 feet, in which a good flow of water now look upon that same region dotted was struck; then followed 20 feet of quite with thriving villages, substantial homes, stacks of grain and waving fields of corn. The excellence of this valley for stock-raising has long been known and sought after. The great herds of buffalo found by the early settlers left no doubt about the grass and water. Buffalo grass still the grass and water. Buffalo grass still the fact that a vein of mineral resembling grows and cattle fatten nicely upon it, all winter with no other food. But the ficient of them were gathered to have an cowboys and cattle ranches have given assay made. This discovery suggests the place to the agricultural settlers.

region would now journey through Web-ster, Franklin, Harlan and Furnas counties and count the stacks of oats, wheat parley and rye, and measure the stalks of ripening corn, he would soon be con-vinced of his error. From all points comes the report of handsome yields from small grain, extending from a quarter of mile to a mile and a half on each side of the stream bed.

In 1880 the B. & M. company extended their line more than a hundred miles into Republican valley. This is now the The company were the owners of many acres of rich soil, and were desirous of having permanent settlements along their Accordingly, their circular were charter for a bridge there will prove very sent through the land announcing cheap nomes in the West. Nothing so encourages the settlement of a new country as heap lands. Thousands of acres now worth ten or twelve dollars each were sold for three or four dollars. Such prices enable farmers who had rented farms valued at forty or sixty dol lars per acre in eastern states to purchase farms of their own. There were also thousands of seres subject to home stead and timber claim. The titles to into use until formally adopted by the slight no portion of the State, and it next great gathering of the church, to be should be comprehensive, while at the left three years hence.

State of the state and it of the state and it of the state and it of these timber claims have just been perfected, and there are now not a few meaning of the church, to be should be comprehensive, while at the of the state and the state an

has increased year by year, until now, when it is abundant and properly dis-tributed, the Republican flows full to the

A movement has been started in Colo, rado to secure the setting apart of a certain day in each year which the people generally can devote to tree planting-in fact to secure the establishment of Arbor Day. In urging the scheme The Denver Tribune points to Nebraska as a forcible illustration of its benefits:

"Arbor Day there," says The Tribune "has become a State festival, which is annually observed by every public spir ited citizen. The result is an object of admiration to every visitor and of comment to all who are acquainted with the country before the establishment of the system. Originally a plain as treeless as the cattle ranges of Colorado, the more closely populated portions of Nebraska are now a well planned and regularly laid out forest. An attractiveness has been added to the landscape and a comfort to the habitations that could not have been attained in any other way, and which are a constant source of pleasure and enjoyment to all who live within the range of their beauty and foliage. In the city of Lincoln, Arbor Day is a day of jubeauty of their tree-embowered thorough-

The climate of the western plains gradually undergoing remarkable changes. The unusually heavy rail fall of the present year, in western Nebraska and Wyoming, is hailed with unconcealed joy by the press of our neighboring territory, as indicating that there is some impelling force of nature at work, which in a few years may revolutionize the agricultural productions of the west. The cultivation of the soil is undoubtedly the primary cause of the change. It is an un-disputed fact that the rain fall has increased west of the Missouri river by reason of the cultivation of the land. This being true of Kansas and Nebraska, it will prove true with respect to Wyoming. The glory of that region has been its dry climate, and should the amount of rainfall next year approximate to that of the present, the territory may expect to experience many of the ills and blessings that fall to the states east. The increase trusion from all but those sufficiently of rainfall is a curious operation of nature, and is worthy of the deepest study.

The remarkable success attending the sinking of artesian wells in Denver and vicinity is of incalculable value to the city and state at large. It demonstrates the existence of subteranean streams of pure water, which only require an outlet to furnish an apparently unlimited suproute from the Nebraska line to Salina. ply. The first well sunk in the State Supt. Holdredge and the backers of the was by Mr. J. M. Parberry, on the South road visited Odell, the point where the Park road, about six miles from Denver, tive. Failing in this, they see officers signed the Judgeship what little practice Salina line will connect with the main in the spring of 1881. Water was struck ply secured for all purposes intended. which continues till this day. A dozen or more wells have been sunk in Denver the present year, in each case a copious supply being secured. The most impor-tant of these are the Windsor hotel well, the water of which rises in a stand pipe above ground 180 feet; and that at the Colfax avenue bridge, which furnishes an abundant supply of wonderfully pure, cold water. The News says a few weeks will witness the wonderful sight of public drinking feuntains from which will flow sparkling streams of the purest artesian water in the world, which will be erected by the liberality of citizens as an evidence of their gratitude for the great boon conferred upon them by a beneficent Providence. These founthence to Chester, on the Republican tains, to the number of probably fifty, Valley line of the B. & M. The entire will be placed in different portions of the city, and in their construction, the enjoyment of luxurious draughts will not be denied man's faithful friend, the horse, permit the building of about seventy as in a number of cases troughs will be added to the fountains.

A well possessing many remarkable characteristics, differing in many respects at Eighteenth and Lawrence streets. It was commenced about three weeks ago, the entire absence of clay. After passing through eighteen feet of coarse sand and pure silica, after which sand rock was again reached at a depth of 340 feet. The boring will be continued through quartz and native silver had been reached. and if the snowfall is not too great thrive | The particles were very small, but sufwas an absolute certainty of getting pay mineral at the bottom.

"White Horse" and "Red Eagle," two of the fleet-footed Winnebago Indians, from the Northwestern Nebraska region, will run a two-mile race on the second day of the Butler county fair this week.



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