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No one has been selected to fill Mr. New's place as assistant secretary of the treasury, but it is conceded that a western man will have the place.

If the Herald wants to compare notes on special dispatches we are ready with the Western Union receipts. Talk is cheap, but the documents show who receive special market reports by telegraph.

It is there to be no demonstration to celebrate the safe return of Dr. Miller from Europe? No brass bands, no illuminations, no firing of cannon or ringing of church bells to signalize this important event?

The Omaha street lamps need cleaning. The gas company will probably wait for the April showers to wash the outside, but when they will clean the inside is one of those things which no fellow can find out.

It is an easy matter to edit a daily paper in Denver. Not a day passes by in Colorado without a first-class sensation of some kind—a murder, a lynching, a robbery, a mine disaster, a bank defalcation or something startling.

Dr. Wood, the great American condenser of the New York Sun is dead. He was called the condenser owing to his ability to boil a column down to ten words. He probably received his education in the art of condensing during the period that a message of ten words from Omaha to New York cost \$5.65.

The democrats of Ohio inaugurated the war upon civil service reform by electing Standard Oil Payne to succeed Gentleman George in the United States senate. The democrats in congress, led on by the hope of spoils in the near future, propose to follow up the "Ohio idea" by defeating, if possible, any appropriation for carrying on the work of the civil service commission.

RELIEF FOR THE DESTITUTE.

There is more suffering among the poor of Omaha than the people generally have any idea of, and some steps should be at once taken to relieve the immediate wants of the destitute. Unfortunately there is but one regularly organized relief society in this city, and that is by no means sufficient to cover the field.

The woman's Christian Aid association has a committee in each ward, and is doing everything possible to relieve suffering. One of the objects of the society is to put a stop to street begging.

LET THERE BE NO FURTHER DELAY.

Now that the railroad attorneys see that congress evidently means business they are clamoring for a railroad commission, and are resorting to their old tactics of delaying and impeding railroad legislation in every possible way.

Congressman Reagan, in response to numerous telegrams from railroad attorneys, says that further oral arguments on the inter-state commerce bill will not be heard, but that written statements will be received.

GOULD'S GREED.

If there is any evidence wanting to prove that Jay Gould has been recently seriously "squeezed," notwithstanding his emphatic denials, it can be found in the fact that he has ordered a general reduction of expenses of the Western Union telegraph company.

The republic of San Domingo now wants a commercial reciprocity treaty with the United States. The proposition will embody a principle which is lacking in the pending Mexican treaty and that now in force with the Hawaiian islands.

hemisphere, in order to assimilate commerce with new coastwise trade. It seems to us, however, that if this treaty is to be similar to the Hawaiian treaty, it cannot be otherwise than in the interest of some sort of monopolist.

KIMBALL'S ITALIAN HAND.

Of all plans for railway regulation, the commission plan seems most feasible. With the exception of Nebraska, every state which has had trouble with the railroad has resorted to this measure of regulation, and in every instance the commission system has been successful.

A State Disgrace.

Two prominent citizens and business men of this city recently visited the state reform school at Kearney, and being of an investigating turn of mind, they went through the various departments and inquired into the condition and treatment of the inmates, as well as into the methods and principles on which the institution is conducted.

EDITORIAL AMENITIES.

The York Democrat greases its dodgers "with fond recollections," and feels better off. The Ullyses Dispatch considers a cash-in-advance subscriber the noblest work of God.

BOYCOTTING FRENCH GOODS.

GREENSBURGH, Pa., January 20.—Last night 27 men met and formed a secret oath-bound brotherhood not to buy French goods and to boycott all dealers selling them until the embargo on its pork is taken off.

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