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The early bird may catch the worm, but the early presidential boom is not likely to catch on.

There was a howl all over the house yesterday when Tucker excitedly declared Hancock out of order. Very naturally there was a scene.

Senator Harrison, of Indiana, has introduced a bill for the admission of Dakota. That bill will probably never get beyond the committee room.

Sidney Dillon enjoyed his inspection trip over the Omaha belt line, and has ordered that it be pushed another inch or two during the coming season.

Having twisted the tail of the American hog, Bismarck is now anxious to twist the tail of the American eagle. He may find the eagle not quite so docile a bird as the hog.

The backbone of winter seems to be badly sprained, if not actually broken.

We don't quite agree with you on this point. Out this way the spinal column of winter is yet in pretty good condition.

Spring is near at hand, but the senate committee is still holding the resolutions passed by the house declaring the Texas Pacific land grant forfeited.

The investigation of the department of justice expenditures in the star-route prosecutions promises to last two months, beginning on March 3d.

The chairman of the republican congressional committee of the First district has issued his call for the meeting of the committee on March 3, with a view of nominating two delegates to the national convention.

The victim of the latest lynching in Colorado was a quack doctor, who killed one of his patients with one of his prescriptions. To prevent further killings by the quack, the friends of the deceased gave him a fatal dose of hemp.

The Northern Pacific is doing some good work in getting the chambers of commerce from Tacoma, Washington territory, to St. Paul and Minneapolis to pass resolutions opposing the forfeiture of land grants to that road.

Another millionaire stockman, John W. Powers, of Las Animas, Colorado, died a few days ago, and like Hili, the cattle king, he leaves a widow to mourn his untimely death.

Jay Gould and his partners are pursuing the same methods of evading taxation in the city of New York as they have with their railroads in the west.

The Omaha board of trade, by request, has voted its concurrence with the San Francisco chamber of commerce memorial to congress asking a prompt and large increase in the naval forces.

SOLVING THE MORMON PROBLEM.

The Mormon question is generally regarded as one of the most difficult problems ever presented to congress for solution. Stringent bills have been introduced from time to time having in view the suppression of polygamy, but as yet all the laws that have been passed with reference to polygamy in Utah have proved inefficient.

Various methods of solving the Mormon problem have been presented time and time again, but so far nearly every mode of procedure has been through legislation against polygamy, and which has had no material effect in accomplishing the desired result.

The bill recently introduced by Senator Voorhees to protect innocent purchasers of patented articles is an important one to farmers, who are so frequently made the victims of patent-right sharks.

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THE NEW BRIDGE.

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