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WEBSTER FLANAGAN has been confirmed collector of internal revenue in Texas. That's what he is there for.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska state historical society will be held in Lincoln next Tuesday. It is to be an important meeting, as the first annual report for publication will be submitted.

DR. MILLER ought to feel encouraged when such an influential paper as the North Bend Flat gives him its hearty support as follows:

The eastern papers are figuring on Dr. Geo. L. Miller for a cabinet position. What influence the Flat has with this administration will be exerted to this end.

DAKOTA continues to attract the public attention on account of its county seat wars. Another war has broken out between two rival towns, and indications are that it will be settled only by a bloody battle.

The Boston Advertiser, in commenting upon the World's exposition, says: The announcement that the New Orleans exposition is not paying its way, and that congress may be asked to give more to make the affair a success, will not surprise any one.

The Mississippi river commission, in its annual report, states that the work of the year has been generally satisfactory, and gives an outline of what is proposed for 1885. Estimates of the amount of money needed for the next fiscal year foot up something over \$10,000,000.

Twenty-four republican senators had a conference last night and by an overwhelming vote decided to leave the appointment of committees this year in the hands of the lieutenant governor.

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DAWES is the first governor of Nebraska who would not allow the press to have his message until after it was delivered. He must think it is a very precious document.

OMAHA'S GAS.

There is something radically wrong in the city council with regard to the gas bills. Mr. Gilbert, the gas inspector, has made a detailed report to the council, which shows that nearly one-half of all the street lamps were worthless and furnished no light during the cold period in the month of December.

This brings up the whole gas question afresh. Why is it that this gas company which can manufacture gas at a cost of 57 to 50 cents per thousand feet and is now costing money, is allowed to impose upon the city and upon the consumers generally with such impunity?

In Des Moines a new gas company has just closed a contract to furnish gas to private consumers at \$1.50 and to the city at \$1.25. What can be done in Des Moines can be done in Omaha.

The question of lighting the city is one of great importance not only to the taxpayers but to everybody, and we insist that the council shall compel the gas company to observe the rights which the consumers have under the contract, otherwise the citizens will be obliged to take the matter into court and enjoin the city authorities from paying for gas lamps that are not lighted.

CONVICT LABOR AT COUNCIL BLUFFS. The stone work of the basement of the new United States building in Council Bluffs was done under contract by the convicts of the Illinois penitentiary.

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FACTS AND FIGURES.

The annual circular of the R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency is a very comprehensive statement, showing the number of failures that have occurred throughout the United States and Canada during the past year, together with the amount of liabilities. According to this circular the failures were 10,968, an increase of 1,784 or twenty per cent over the year 1883.

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The number of traders reported in business in 1884 was 904,759; of these, one in every eighty-two failed. In 1878, with 675,000 traders, one in every sixty-four came to grief. So it will be seen that, notwithstanding the depressing circumstances which have surrounded the commercial situation during the past year, the failures are very considerably less in proportion than they were in 1878.

During the year 1884 the Dun circular informs us that in Nebraska there were 10,544 traders in business, 290 failures, liabilities \$1,400,396, while in 1882 there were only 10,000 failures, liabilities amounting to \$350,700. In 1878 there were 4,039 traders, 106 failures, liabilities \$825,400.

The low price of produce is the best thing that could have happened to the population dependent upon labor in the industrial centers, and in other pursuits. The fact that the farmer can produce almost everything he needs for the sustenance of life, and that a dollar will buy almost one-third more food and clothing than it would two years ago, are circumstances of the utmost importance.

THE COLORADO SENATORSHIP.

The present session of the Colorado legislature will be enlivened by a senatorial election. The fight has been going on for months, and at times it has been characterized with a great deal of bitterness.

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TELEGRAPH NOTES.

Congressman Bellard, of Colorado, is departing for home by the illness of his son. His senatorial fences are looked after by friends in Denver.

Arnold C. Stacy, a resident of Bath, Me., was shot by his wife Wednesday night during a quarrel about the possession of property which Stacy had deeded to her.

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A Fraudulent Assignment.

December, January 8.—The findings of Justice Ramsey in the celebrated case of Calkin & Co. of New York, against Donald Gordon, were filed to-day. The plaintiff recovered a judgment nearly a year ago against Gordon, a large dry goods dealer, for \$200,000.

Ballot Papers Must Be Tried.

Chicago, January 8.—Judge Blaggett, in the United States district court this morning, overruled the motion to quash the indictment against Mackin, John Gleason and Stahl for alleged participation in the Eighth ward election frauds.

NO POISON IN THE PASTRY.

DR. PRICE'S SPECIAL FLAVORING EXTRACTS ARE USED. Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts are used in the preparation of all the finest pastries and confections.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

- TO LOAN.—Money. MONEY LOANED on Charters, Collieries, Saloons, etc. MONEY TO LOAN on Charters, Collieries, Saloons, etc. MONEY TO LOAN on Charters, Collieries, Saloons, etc.

- FOR RENT.—Board and room wanted and light. FOR RENT.—Furnished rooms at 1417 Howard St. FOR RENT.—Furnished rooms at 632 S. 17th St.