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A DRESS-REFORM crusade among the women finds advocates in midsummer when the very temperature itself argues for simplicity in dress.

THE new Wall street plunger who has hammered Union Pacific so unmercifully, acts very much as if he had been given the tip from the Wizard himself.

CALVIN S. BRICE of New York, senator-elect from Ohio, will be seated.

AS MIGHT have been expected the Maryland alliance endorses the democratic nominee for governor.

SENATOR QUAY is right. If Ohio desires to elect a New Yorker to represent her in the United States senate it is her own business.

WHILE Union Pacific stock falls from 42 to 32, Jay Gould quietly fishes for mountain trout and unconcernedly fills up with mineral water at Soda Springs, Idaho.

DISGUSTED tax-payers in Kansas City, Kan., hung a city official in effigy the other night.

SUPPOSE every city contractor were required to inform the public through the newspapers from whom he purchases his materials, what would be the consequence in official circles?

IN 1890 at this period in the packing season Omaha was 390,000 hogs behind Kansas City.

MINNEAPOLIS wheat speculators are held to be responsible for the St. Paul circular addressed to farmers, urging them to hold their wheat and bear the market.

IF Chairman Finley of the Western Passenger association and General Passenger Agent Charlton of the Alton road will go into the back yard and light it out without gloves or referees the newspapers will not be forced to give the Alton so much free advertising and the result will probably be as satisfactory to the railway people whom Mr. Finley represents.

HARLAN county has constructed a beautiful coral pyramid from the grains and grasses of the Republican valley to be exhibited at the Creston, Iowa blue grass palace.

THE Fifth judicial district independent convention has nominated Edward P. Bates of York, an ex-democrat, and Robert Wheeler of Osceola an ex-republican, for judges.

A PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT.

There are good reasons for hoping that the controversy between the smelting works company and the striking employees will be adjusted today, or within two or three days at most.

It is possible that the differences still obtaining will interfere with the immediate settlement of the difficulty, but a point has been gained and the first definite steps toward a resumption of work have been taken.

Upon comparing notes the strikers find that they and their late employers are not so far apart as both had supposed.

INCONSISTENT REFORMERS. The promoters of the new political movement profess to be opposed to class legislation.

BETTER WEATHER SERVICE. The weather service is no longer an experiment. It is the settled policy of the government to note, record and prognosticate the conditions of the weather in all parts of the union.

THE matter is of sufficient importance to suggest that the board of trade take it up and solicit the assistance of the Nebraska senators in securing consideration of Omaha's claims.

THE POST OFFICE BUILDING. Our Washington correspondent has shown a perspective of the new post office building for this city and the announcement is made that the plans are now ready to submit to the inspection of the three cabinet officers.

MILLS COUNSELS HIS PARTY. Mr. Roger Q. Mills, who is a candidate for speaker of the next house of representatives, has been instructing the democrats of Iowa as to their duty.

WHEN the new postoffice building is completed if the present plans are adopted the quiet of Sunday worship in the First Presbyterian church and Trinity cathedral will be at an end.

WHEN the Sioux City Journal attempts to direct affairs in Nebraska, it merely makes an exhibition of its ignorance. Commenting upon the useless-

ness of the Nebraska board of transportation, it says with an air of impatience, that it urged the legislature last winter to create a board upon the model of, and clothed with the same power as the Iowa board, but the legislature neglected to do so.

CLASSIC simplicity is to mark the dresses of women, according to Mrs. Parker, who is leading the latest dress reform crusade at Chautauqua, N. Y.

THE revelations made by the committee of the Real Estate Owners' association in connection with the diversion of the sinking fund for the payment of the bridge bonds, show conclusively that the county government at least will bear very close watching.

THE county commissioners are willfully wasting public money in permitting the saloons to run wide open within the two-mile limit without license.

THE intricate ramifications of public interest and private gain are well illustrated in the bonds of city officials.

SAND, brick, plaster, drugs, lumber, stone, artificial stone, asphaltum, dog tags, stationery, paints, oils, cornice, plumbing, school books, real estate and cash all have their influence in the city council and board of education.

THE very mortar that goes into the plaster and walls of city buildings is mixed with the legislation of the city council and board of education.

BY WHAT authority did the board of county commissioners from time to time divert from other purposes the sinking fund intended especially to meet the bridge bonds?

WE need parks and must have them, but a single square in the heart of the city is far more valuable for the people generally than a quarter section on the Big Platte.

COMPETITION is necessary to secure good, cheap paving.

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CONSIDERING THE RATES.

Lively Skirmishing at the State Board of Transportation Meeting.

INTERESTING FACTS DEVELOPED.

Jay Burrows Exhibits His Knowledge of Affairs Which Concerns Largely the Class He Pretends to Represent.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 13.—[Special to The Bee.]—The state board of transportation held its first of the three meetings to be held for the purpose of hearing such arguments and complaints concerning the maintenance of the present railroad rates or the lowering of the same.

THE following railroad magnates were present: General W. Hawley, attorney for the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley; C. K. Moorhouse, general freight agent of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley; H. G. Burt, general manager of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley; J. W. Dawrose, attorney for the B. & M.; G. W. Holgrave, general manager of the B. & M.; Allan B. Smith, assistant general freight agent of the B. & M.; W. H. Kelly, attorney for the Union Pacific; Thomas L. Kimball, third vice president of the Union Pacific; J. A. Monroe, traffic manager of the Union Pacific.

A large number of other persons, mainly attorneys and politicians, were present, among the latter being the sinister mug of Boss Burrows.

Mr. C. C. Dawes, a young Lincoln attorney, entered an earnest appeal to the board, asking for a reduction of the local distance tariff, declaring that the interior portion of the state was being discriminated against.

THE railroad magnates picked out a number of leading products such as best sugar and asked if commodity rates had not been granted.

Auditor Benton called the attention of Mr. Dawes to the fact that during his years' connection with the board that there had not been a single written complaint made to the board concerning any railroad rates.

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HASTINGS ASKED CASE.

Governor Thayer says that it will probably be some time before he will be able to pass upon the report of the board of public lands and buildings on the Hastings asylum scandal.

THE secretaries of the state board of health met at the state house at 2 p. m. All the members were present.

THE members of the board held a number of conversations with various physicians, who declared themselves in sympathy with the board.

THE next session of the board after adjournment Saturday will be on next Wednesday, August 16th, at 10 a. m.

THE following resolutions offered by J. S. Strickland, secretary of the board, were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS. That all positions to be filled by this commission shall, other things being equal, be given to the persons who are best qualified to fill them.

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