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NEBRASKA republicans should not underestimate the forces with which they must contend this fall.

ALTHOUGH it is more than four months since the park bonds were voted, the new parks are still invisible to the naked eye.

THE sale of the school bonds at a handsome premium is another evidence of the excellent credit Omaha enjoys in fiscal centers.

A STATE Grain Dealers' association can do a vast amount of good in Nebraska. It is to be hoped the movement now under way for its organization may be successful.

THE republicans of Iowa have again committed themselves to the hobby of prohibition and they will be responsible for the consequences if disaster overtakes them at the next state election.

THE winter is almost ended and yet the milling-in-transit rate, the bridge arbitrary, the switching charges and Texas differential continue to be irritating subjects to our business men.

THE Iowa house has passed a bill to compel insurance companies to pay the full face of the policies issued in adjusting total losses, but the chances are the bill will be sidetracked before it reaches the governor.

WORK is progressing as rapidly as weather will permit upon the extensive improvements at South Omaha. The year 1892 promises to be one long to be remembered by this promising stock and packing house center.

PLATTSMOUTH is figuring upon a canal from the Platte river to furnish water power for factories. The enterprise is said to be feasible and it would add 10,000 to her population within five years after its completion.

THE Real Estate Owners' association is meeting with gratifying encouragement in its efforts to stimulate interest in a movement to secure manufactures. Every owner of real estate in this city should join this organization.

THE general conference committee is still waiting to hear from a few citizens who ought to entertain delegates. The churches outside the Methodist communion will perform a most gracious and proper act of courtesy by rallying as churches to the support of the conference committee.

SINCE his defeat for the speakership of the house Roger Q. Mills has not felt at home in his old seat in congress. He will be delighted to move into the other end of the capitol where, as Thomas B. Reed says, "all good statesmen hope to go before they die."

THE Great Northern railway is one of the coming great railway corporations. It is backed by large means, is aggressive and new. Omaha will do well to enter upon negotiations with its Sioux City people, looking to an extension of the road to this city.

THE output of the Black Hills mines for 1892 promises to exceed that of any previous year in the history of the district. To people who know the Black Hills to be by far the richest mineral region of its extent in the union this announcement is not surprising.

THE Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is a deliberative body. It has been nine months since one of its detectors resigned and no successor has been selected. The chances are, however, that the city is just nine months pay ahead and can struggle along for a while longer without filling this vacancy.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL of Massachusetts has declined any present ambition to be a candidate for president of the United States, and declared his loyalty to Mr. Cleveland. Nevertheless the democracy of Massachusetts will doubtless present his name to the Chicago convention in the event that the nomination of Cleveland is seen to be hopeless, and he would probably get a vote from New England that would at least be very complimentary. Governor Russell is too young for a presidential candidate, but in case a candidate for the presidency is taken from the west it might be wise to put him in second place. The fact that he has carried Massachusetts twice in succession certainly entitles him to consideration.

THE DO-NOTHING CONGRESS.

The present congress has already made an exceptional record for doing nothing. It has now been in session more than three months, omitting the holiday recess, and no important measure of legislation has yet been enacted. If there has been any other congress in the history of the country that wasted so much time in useless talk we do not recall it, and it is noteworthy that even democratic journals are taking the majority in the house of representatives to task for the unpardonable way in which they have frittered away the time. It is a notable illustration of the indecision of the democracy and its want of a fixed purpose and a clearly defined policy.

The party in control of the house started out with the idea of making economy in the public expenditures the first and chief object to be attained. The preceding congress was to be rebuked by cutting down appropriations to the extent of \$100,000,000. Herein was to be found the golden opportunity to make political capital for the democratic party in the presidential campaign. But the cheese-paring chairman of the committee on appropriations has run upon obstacles in his schemes of economy at every step, placed there by his own partisans. Except an agreement to cut down pension appropriations to the extent of some \$12,000,000, and to provide for the construction of only a single cruiser for the navy during the next fiscal year, there is no saving yet in sight.

The democratic chairman of the various committees which report appropriation bills are not disposed to follow the policy of Mr. Holman, and it looks as if the party will make little capital out of its scheme of economy. The division in the democratic ranks as to the course to be pursued regarding the tariff and silver has, of course, had the effect to retard the progress of business. There has been a continual warfare between the factions, and it is not yet ended. Stump speeches have been made on the tariff, with the bill to repeal the duties on wool as the excuse, and now the silver discussion is on to consume more time in idle debate. As an illustration of how business is neglected, it may be noted that there are Friday night sessions of the house to consider private pension bills and bills to remove political disabilities from individuals. It is said that so far this session there has not been a quorum present on Friday night, and consequently not a single private pension bill has been favorably acted upon in committee of the whole at this session of congress, although many of these measures are meritorious.

It may be said that the public interests are not suffering by reason of the inaction of congress, but this is hardly satisfactory. It cannot be determined whether or not harm is done by the uncertainty regarding legislation. The obvious lesson in the situation, and the people should not be permitted to lose sight of it, is that the democratic party has no settled policy. On the eve of a national campaign its councils are divided and its leaders are pulling in different directions, all wanting power, but unable to harmonize on any plan by which to secure it. The intelligent masses of the American people will hardly be persuaded to entrust the administration of the government to a political organization that is in this condition.

ALLIANCE AND DEMOCRATIC FUSION.

It is reported from Washington that a scheme is on foot to secure an alliance and democratic fusion in Minnesota and other northwestern states. A like movement has been reported from Kansas, and one of the Jacksonian club representatives who went from this city to Chicago last week to secure headquarters for Nebraska democrats who will visit the national convention, stated in an interview, which has gone all over the country, that such a coalition would be made in Nebraska.

There is undoubtedly something in this. According to the Washington report the Hill machine is working hard to effect such a fusion. In the south Mr. Hill admonished the democrats to adhere to their party organization, and it is pretty well understood that they will generally do so. Nobody expects the third party to cut any figure in that section in the presidential campaign and election. Whoever is nominated at Chicago can safely count upon getting the entire electoral vote of the south. The alliance men of that section are democrats first and will vote to maintain the democratic organization. But they are not so solicitous about this in the republican states of the north. They are ready to make any trade or combination that promises republican defeat, however compromising to democratic principles. It is entirely probable, therefore, that the reports of a proposed fusion of the alliance and the democrats in half a dozen of the states of the north-west are well-founded.

While conceding the political importance of such a movement, it is quite possible to exaggerate its danger. A very large majority of the alliance members in the north have always acted with the republican party, and there is reason to believe that no considerable number of them can be induced to support any plan distinctly in the interest of the election of a democratic president. They would gain nothing by putting the democracy in power, unless it should be a few additional seats in congress that would do them no good. No man likely to be nominated at Chicago, among those now mentioned, has any sympathy with the objects and desires of the alliance. Take Hill and Gorman, for instance, who are credited with being the chief promoters of the fusion movement, what interest has either of them in the alliance or its aims? Were either of them elected to the presidency his administration would be devoted to strengthening the democratic party, and for the purpose of doing this prevailing policies in the interest of the class who constitute the alliance would be antagonized. The same may be said of any man whom the democrats will nominate. What consideration have the representatives of the alliance in congress received from the democratic majority in the house? The men who compose the alliance in the north are too intelligent to follow

blindly selfish and designing leaders.

They are earnest in their demand for reforms, but they will not be induced to believe that these are to be secured by elevating the democracy, with its reactionary principles and policy, to power.

TO G. M. HITCHCOCK.

You have taken it upon yourself to charge me with organizing a city Tammany ring for mercenary and political purposes, and you go so far as to arraign Andrew Rosewater the city engineer as an accomplice in a conspiracy "to fry the fat out of contractors at every city election" and to manipulate the public works of Omaha for the purpose of enriching the contractors who are in the deal with me. In support of these charges which affect the reputation of a professional man whose greatest crime in your eyes is that he is my brother, you assert that "City Engineer Tillson was removed for the purpose of placing Andrew Rosewater in position to manipulate public works in the interest of the Tammany ring." You further assert that in conjunction with myself, Mayor Bemis and City Attorney Council are conspiring to control the appointment of twenty inspectors who are to do our bidding. You furthermore charge that the ordinance now before the city council which provides for the appointment of inspectors of public works on recommendation of the city engineer by and with the approval of the mayor and council was gotten up by myself and the city engineer, to build up a corrupt and dangerous contractors ring.

Now what are the facts? Andrew Rosewater was appointed city engineer while absent from the state. He did not solicit the position, but on the contrary was very reluctant to accept it after it had been tendered. I did not solicit or even recommend his appointment, but Mayor Bemis made it at a thurgent request of some of the largest property owners of Omaha who desired to have the city engineer's office reorganized and certain costly blunders in our public works system rectified by a man who enjoys a national reputation as an engineer, and has never been even accused or suspected of corrupt practices. But he is my brother and therefore you feel at liberty to cast imputations upon his integrity.

I have never seen the proposed ordinance that provides for a change in the appointment of inspectors, and Andrew Rosewater did not send a copy of it until yesterday, and I learn that it does not fully meet his approval. The only part of the ordinance I have read was the portion quoted in your own paper with Mayor Furay's protest against "making bricks without straw."

It is well known that I opposed the creation of the Board of Public Works as now constituted while my brother favored it. My opinion as regards its utility and efficiency has undergone no change. I have not spoken to a single councilman about the ordinance and I have not seen Mayor Bemis since the receipt to President McCall of the New York Life nearly a week ago. I have never intimated to Bemis, Council or anybody else that such an ordinance should be introduced although its main features have my approval, because I believe the change will increase the efficiency of inspection of public works.

All the conspiracy charges you make are baseless calumnies and you fabricated them with malice aforethought. There are natural born villains, devoid of every instinct of integrity and veracity, just as there are born drunkards, thieves and murderers. This is the only natiation possible for your vile and malignant slanders. Your dastardly accusations of venality are the emanations of a seared soul and a reflex of the base impulses that were part of your being from the moment you were conceived in the womb. You accuse me with organizing a Tammany ring of contractors and hoodlums when you know, as everybody knows, that the only Tammany that has ever raided the taxpayers of Omaha has had you and your paper for its mainstay, while all the influence could exert was directed toward ridding the city of hoodlums and jobbery.

You charge Andrew Rosewater with conspiring for political and mercenary ends when you know that he has no part with politics and cares nothing about politics. But Andrew Rosewater is my brother and he is city engineer. That fact alone sets you almost crazy. I confess I am partly to blame that he is an engineer. Had I been financially able and willing to meet the demands of your father Andrew Rosewater would have had the appointment of a West Point cadet which was sold to a non-resident of Nebraska. But for that circumstance Andrew Rosewater would have gone into the regular army instead of starting out as a roddman in the preliminary survey of the Union Pacific railroad across the Rocky mountains.

I realize fully that the despicable and dastardly course you are pursuing is in part involuntary. It comes to you by inheritance. Reared as a republican you are willing to haelet with any party that makes the highest bid for your support. Devoid of all moral stamina and principle you are a wretched creak that tries to catch every political breeze. Born an aristocrat that prides himself as being the son of a senator, even though that senatorship was secured by downright bribery, you consistently seek to cater to laboring men whom at heart you despise and whose society you scornfully avoid as if they were lepers. By sympathy and association, a worshipper of wealth, you are masquerading as the foe of monopoly and friend of the downtrodden. What despicable hypocrisy!

You are the inheritor of a fortune and what does it represent? Forced contributions from federal office-holders and contractors on public works; money filched from the national treasury for fraudulent surveys; money paid by swindlers and public thieves as the price for the privileges of pillaging and plundering the people; money gotten from the Union Pacific monopoly for the base betrayal of the people of Nebraska and the wanton sacrifice of the interests of Omaha; money extorted from want and distress by the caloused heart and grasping hand of usury. By the laws of divine retribution this accursed polt is

being poured into a rat-hole and will soon have passed out of your hands. And when you are obliged to quit playing hypocritical imposter and have to work for an honest living you will have some respect for men who have toiled a lifetime to build up what you are trying to tear down in a few months.

E. ROSEWATER.

AN EYE OF CORRUPTION.

Chicago is in the midst of an inquisition, on the part of her grand jury, into the methods of systematic bribery of city officials. Already seven aldermen have been indicted. The officials have been indicted. The officials have been indicted. The officials have been indicted. The officials have been indicted. The officials have been indicted.

The grand jury, aided by the investigations of the Chicago newspapers and the able efforts of the state's attorney, has brought to light a great deal of information which forshadows terms in the penitentiary for several of the accused hoodlums.

The New York Herald charges that the legislature of New Jersey is being controlled by a syndicate of interested parties who have raised a corruption fund of \$3,000,000. The Herald cites the fact that one senator refused over \$25,000 for his vote upon the bill legalizing the Reading coal combine.

Denver has been wrestling with a gang of alleged hoodlums within a few months. The grand jury in San Francisco started a hegebra of corruptionists at its last session by prosecuting investigations into the conduct of certain municipal and other officials. Philadelphia's costly experiences are still fresh in mind. New York, always corrupt, is again being exposed by the inquiries made by a prominent clergyman, and so reports come from other sections of corruption. Omaha has recently been disgraced by the conduct of her officials and her citizens will continue to believe that several of her public officers deserve the penitentiary. There is rottenness everywhere from New York to San Francisco.

The hopeful feature of the situation is the fact of exposure. The Philadelphia frauds which so startled the nation about a year ago were discovered and some of the guilty were punished. Chicago is in earnest in pushing the present prosecutions. The penitentiaries yawn for official hoodlums and the prospect is encouraging for the early punishment of a sufficient number here and there to afford a warning to others. The people are determined that this era of corruption shall end and they are giving more attention to municipal elections than heretofore with a view to purifying the city governments. American cities as now governed are for the most part so many hotbeds of corruption.

BOODLISM ENCOURAGED.

The verdict of the jury in the Morearty case is a blow at reform. It is a proclamation to hoodlums to solicit and accept bribes as long as only one person is present. It is a formal announcement to every hoodlum that whatever may be the circumstances, his testimony in his own defense shall have as much weight as that of the prosecuting witness. The jury has said in so many words that they believe Morearty told the truth and Mr. C. E. Squires a perjurer. They have taken Morearty's denial as a complete vindication.

Judge Lake, who was a trial judge in hundreds of criminal cases, says during his experience of twenty years he hardly ever knew an instance where a man accused of a grave crime would not deny his guilt on the witness stand. A murderer was recently convicted in this county on circumstantial evidence. No body saw Neal commit the atrocious murder and he positively denied it under oath as a witness in his own defense but he was adjudged guilty and sent to the gallows.

How are we ever going to convict hoodlums if we take their denials as against the oaths of credible witnesses who testify to their soliciting or accepting bribes? There are seldom if ever more than two parties to such a crime. Why should any weight be attached to the testimony of men indicted for boodling? In Morearty's case, two different witnesses went before the grand jury accusing him of soliciting bribes on two different occasions and all the circumstances and his conduct as councilman have forcibly impressed the people of Omaha with his lack of integrity. Yet the jury said he was not guilty just because he denied his guilt.

This is as much of a farce as was the finding of the police court that Morearty's effort to break into the county jail at the time of the lynching of the negro Smith was with a view to saving the negro from the mob. This was what Morearty swore to before the police court. What weight would any rational juror attach to the denials of a person capable of such things?

If this is to be the outcome of the boodling trials the time may not be distant when people will take the law into their own hands.

HEREAFTER will be Senator Mills. The Texas legislature yesterday elected Hon. Roger Q. Mills to the United States senate, to fill out the unexpired term of ex-Senator Hoar. Mr. Mills will go into the senate fully equipped so far as legislative experience is concerned, and undoubtedly he will soon become a prominent figure in the upper branch of congress. He is undeniably a man of ability and no democrat in the country has shown greater courage in defense of his convictions. The senate arena perhaps does not afford so good an opportunity for attracting the public attention as does that of the house, but something better is expected of men in the former than in the latter, and there is probably more honor to be won by success in the senate. The election of Mr. Mills compensates him for his defeat in the speakership race, and is a merited reward for the hard work he has done for his party.

CONTEMPT OF COURT is sometimes very costly. For instance five county judges in a Missouri county where the county judges correspond to our county commissioners refused or neglected to levy a tax for the payment of certain railroad bonds as directed by Judge

Phillips of the United States circuit court. The United States circuit judge holding them to be in contempt ordered them to pay a fine of \$500 each and sentenced them to imprisonment until they should make some arrangement for the payment of the bonds. The judges of another recalcitrant county involved in the same case are to be sentenced next Monday unless they wake up to the danger to which they are exposed and purge themselves of contempt. The only absolute monarch in America is a judge within his jurisdiction. He determines what is contempt and he imposes the penalty from which, unless it be excessive and so unconstitutional, there is ordinarily no appeal even where appeals are permitted and in such cases appellate courts are very loath to interfere.

MOHEARTY'S oratory was never before so completely shut-out as when Judge Davis prevented him from making a speech to the jury which acquitted him of the charge of soliciting a bribe of \$2,500 from Contractor Squires. It was cruel for Morearty to have no opportunity of winging an oratorical flight since January 7, 1892.

OMAHA'S open Board of Trade will resume business at the old stand within a short time.

Paralyzed One Thing. The young and energetic emperor of Germany has not yet paralyzed Russia; but he has knocked his cabinet into a cocked hat.

The Republican Situation. Chicago News. From the republican point of view the political situation may be summed up briefly.

Too Huge for Hill. Philadelphia Record. Senator Hill's declaration that the democratic party is stronger than any man has again found corroboration in the refusal of the house committee on elections to allow one man to null it away from its sense of duty.

A Squealing Competitor. Detroit Free Press. New York's funny papers must be allowing their hired wits a vacation. They are working off scores of heavy-visickered chestnuts that were stale before these papers started, and have done years of hard service with minstrel shows and circuses.

Referred to Dr. Miller. New York Journal (Herald). They can write columns after columns of puff concerning other candidates, but the fact remains just the same that Grover Cleveland is the most popular democrat in America today. His popularity in Nebraska is by no means on the wane.

The Mikado Will Now Resign. New York Sun. We send expressions of sympathy to our brave Japanese contemporaries, the Jiyu, the Toho and the Mimmo, which have been suppressed by order of his majesty the mikado for criticizing some of the recent measures of his government; and we send words of censure to the mikado for his wrongful act in suppressing these independent papers.

Republicans Getting Together. Philadelphia Record. The Republicans of Hunting and Adams county will go into the coming state and national campaign better organized than they have been for the past three years. The party went into the county campaign last fall in pretty bad shape, but it came out in excellent condition and with the ranks much fuller than when it went in. Since then the party has been gaining strength.

An Inevitable Combination. York Times. Oh, yes, General Alger was a brave and good soldier, and was honorably discharged from the army. It is no doubt about that. So was Benny Harrison, and in addition to all that Benny is a statesman, an orator, a great big man. He is far bigger than his grand father, and that is saying a heap. When we are through with him there will be a chance for such good and great men as Alger.

Premature Yelling. Detroit Free Press. Chicago is pluming itself on the detection of certain boodling aldermen. It does seem from the reports that the detectives have got the hoodlums "dead to rights," but the experience of Detroit is such as to suggest that exultation be reserved until the grand and petit juries have been heard from. We have heard of some very promising cases that did not pan out at all, though there was no real doubt as to the guilt of the accused.

A Notable Achievement. New York Tribune. Among the most notable achievements of Emperor William since his accession to the throne is his success in repressing to a notable extent the existing order of things the rulers deprived of their sovereignties and of their dominions by Prussia at the close of the war of 1866. It was in vain that Prince Bismarck extended to them the olive branch while he was at the head of affairs. They refused to enter into any friendly communication with the court of Berlin. Since, however, they have retired from public life and being out after 11 o'clock at night. The nineteen were permitted to leave Ellis Island yesterday and find their way to Mulberry Bend. The two will be sent back to Italy. They are Francesco Mancini, who killed his father-in-law and served nine years in prison for it, and Nicolo Esposito, who attacked his rival and served a year for it.

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talists receive for western loans. It is no wonder that they hesitate to lend money here at 6 per cent when they observe from the figures that the tax on investments amounts to at least that figure. Matters have gone from bad to worse in that respect in this state, until a point has been reached where forbearance ceases to be a virtue. Who-ever invented that shrinking shirking system, is entitled to a monument of mud as a statesman without either honor or sense.

POINTED PLEASANTRIES.

Somerville Journal: A young man may be perfectly clear so far as qualifications to lead the reform are concerned, and yet not be able to earn more than twelve dollars and a bus a week in a store.

Judge: Editor—That new reporter must be an Englishman. Assistant—Why? Editor—He spells Fourth of July with a small I.

Truth: "Here's a half-raising thing—" began the literary member. "For charity's sake give it to me," said the bald-headed member, excitedly, putting his hand sadly over his shining dome; "I need it badly."

Clark Review: "Mr. G. P." said the head of the firm, "we have been looking up your record for the past year and we find that you have scarcely paid expenses. This will never do, unless you do it in a quiet way."

"You seem to forget, sir," said the other, "I drew myself up to his full height, 'that during the past year I have had more orders carried than any other traveling man you have'"

THE PRESIDENTIAL BEE. Chicago Tribune. How doth the president feel? How improve each shining day? By gathering delegates galore In such a quiet way.

How skillfully he lays his plans, How well he furrows each minute; And yet when the convention comes Oft-times he isn't in it.

Washington Star: They were talking about their husbands, and young Mrs. Pimmins said: "I am glad to discover that Harry is taking an interest in art even though he tries to conceal it from me."

"I overheard him tell my brother that it is a good thing to study your hand before you draw a card."

New York Sun: Briggs—Is Jarway drinkin' his husband's liver? Griggs—Worse. So much so that his pipe had to move into Hill street.

Griggs—What was that for, when he comes home late, he can tell everybody where he lives.

Puck: "Have a cigarette, Cholly, of feel?" "Never had one in my life, but I'm welly surprised that you have that weakness."

"Weakness? I'll have you to know, then, that I take a pretty strong chap to stand cigarettes!"

THE EARLY STRAWBERRY. Detroit Free Press. Rattle its bones Over the streets, for it has come! It's only a strawberry, Which nobody owns. And why? Because the price is no blame high!

Harpers Bazar: Mrs. Wangle—You must have been quite ill to be visited by your doctor on early Friday mornin'.

Mrs. Polkinton—Oh, no. But he is a friend of ours just starting out, and I wanted to encourage him in it.

Sittings: "Sir," exclaimed the orator, "has the Indian chief died?" "Yes," said the chairman, "but he got left when he tries to assert them."

Binchman Leader: The small boy accuses an earlier political trickster when he sees his mother gerry-mander a pie.

Indianapolis Journal: It is a dangerous time for a man's greatness when his wife's imagination begins to wear thin.

YOUTHFUL PRISONERS ABUSED.

Charges of Cruelty Preferred Against Pennsylvania Reform School Officials. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 22.—When the State Board of Charities meets at Hunting-town tomorrow a mass of startling information will be laid before it by State Senator Osborn of this city bearing upon the cruelties and barbarities inflicted upon the inmates of the Pennsylvania industrial reform school.

The names of eighty-three boys will be presented all of whom have been victims of long confinement in solitary cells and in most instances have also been whipped with water-soaked leather straps, chained to iron bars above their heads, or to the floors, and in some cases compelled to carry a ball and chain. Some of the victims, it is claimed, were driven insanely mad and attempted suicide.

Two Ex-Convicts Returned to Italy. NEW YORK, March 22.—Among the twenty-one "ex-convicts" who, it was reported, reached America on the steamship Chamber-nagor on Sunday morning, were a murderer and a man who had attempted murder. The other nineteen were guilty of mere misdemeanors, such as fighting (without knives), stealing wood from public land and being out after 11 o'clock at night. The nineteen were permitted to leave Ellis Island yesterday and find their way to Mulberry Bend. The two will be sent back to Italy. They are Francesco Mancini, who killed his father-in-law and served nine years in prison for it, and Nicolo Esposito, who attacked his rival and served a year for it.

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the bill legalizing the Reading debt has grown to such an extent that the executive may be forced to veto it. Gossip that has been uncontradicted says it cost the combine \$60,000 to pass the bill through the house, and \$300,000 through the senate. Immediately after the passage of the bill a well known lobbyist remarked: "If that bill had been killed some of these fellows could have bought a farm; out as it is passed they can buy two."

FROM ROUND ABOUT US.

Mindeu republicans have formed an on-tuesday club with 110 members. Custer county republicans will hold their convention at Broken Bow April 18.

It is said that York is to have another daily paper, issued by Cooper & Rowait, of the Press.

It will take 2,500 acres of sweet corn and 300 acres of peas to supply the Grand Island cannery factory.

Two mastodon teeth have been unearthed near Sartoria, Buffalo county. They each weighed over three pounds.

Mrs. O. E. Merrill, for many years a resident of Table Rock, died last week at the home of her daughter in Humboldt.

Dixon county, with 10,000 population, four railroads and a well developed trade, has owned a dollar and has money in the treasury.

Considerable Union Pacific property was found on the premises of certain Valparaiso capitalists who were forced to settle with the company or take the consequences.

Robert Wirtz of York has in his possession the first number of the first newspaper printed in Switzerland. It is about four inches wide, seven inches long and is of great curiosity. He has been offered quite a sum of money for the paper.

There is silver in paying quantities in Stanton county, according to the Stanton Register, which says: "A short time ago, on the farm of Gus Machmuller, about five miles from Stanton, the hogs had rooted out something like silver metal. After some deliberation it was sent to an expert for analysis, and it was found to contain a high per cent of pure silver. It was silver ore to be sure, but it was not so rich as the swine had rooted out and investigation has shown that the metal is there in abundance. Several experts have carried on investigations and have all agreed that the ore is rich. Several syndicates are negotiating for the purchase with a view of mining for the precious metal. Indications are, the bluffs that were thought to be of little value, will prove the most valuable part of the state.

WILL SAVE TWO THOUSAND LIVES. New York's contribution to the Russian Starvation. NEW YORK, March 22.—Private dispatches from St. Petersburg bring word that the proceeds of the New York concert for the benefit of the Russian famine sufferers have been received and are being used for the relief of distress in such manner as United States Minister Smith directs. This fund amounted to \$600,000. The original calculation was that a little less than 8 rubles would be sufficient to save one life and provide food until a new crop. Owing to the lapse of time since this estimate was made, the amount necessary could now be reduced to 6 roubles or less. The proceeds of the New York concert will thus suffice for the saving of some 2,000 lives.

Religious Revolt in Eastern Siberia. VIENNA, March 22.—A morning paper reports serious uprisings in Eastern Siberia resulting from forced conversions of Buddhists by Russian orthodox missionaries. Many Mongols have migrated to China. Others have fled to the mountains and routed the missionaries and compelled the Russian authorities to take refuge in the fortress at Khambo. The revolt is spreading over to Tokelau and Omsk. The great trade route from Lake Baikal to Ural is impassable, which fact necessitates the transportation of the tea by sea by Vladivostok to Odessa.

Snake Changers Return to Robbins. NEW YORK, March 22.—S. E. Bower and Patrick Bartell, nurses at the Presbyterian hospital, the former recommended by the Young Men's Christian Association, and both formerly "snake changers," have confessed to robbing dead and living patients at the hospital. Patients did not die fast enough for them so they rifled the clothing of the sleeping patients. Occasionally they broke into trunks. In this way they had managed to divide several hundred dollars worth of booty.

Killed by a Woman. CLEVELAND, O., March 22.—At 10:30 o'clock last night William Murray and Peter Gorman, young men, went to the saloon of Joseph Singleton in West Cleveland and, being refused admittance, crowded the door open, striking the saloonkeeper, when Singleton's wife appeared and put a bullet through Murray's heart. Mrs. Singleton was arrested.

Louisiana's Democratic Struggle. NEW ORLEANS, La., March 22.—The democratic white primaries, to determine whether the democratic state ticket headed by McEnery or that headed by Foster shall be considered the regular democratic ticket at the election April 19, are being held throughout the state. The voting is progressing quietly throughout the state.

Discovered an Art Treasure. BALTIMORE, Md., March 22.—Mrs. Andrew Reid, jr., discovered a John Baptiste Greuze in a second-hand dealer's place here and secured it for \$200. Mr. William T. Walters, the art connoisseur and collector, pronounces the painting to be described and to be worth thousands of dollars.

BROWNING, KING & CO. S. W. Corner 15th and Douglas Sts. The man Up a Tree-- Has evidently made himself heard as is evidenced by the following ode from Mr. R. Britton, of Underwood, Iowa. From your perch you see extraordinary views; But tell me—in confidence, you know, If you can see another up in trees, Like that of Browning, King & Co. But then you don't have to climb a tree to convince yourself that our spring novelties in suits and overcoats are just what you want. Nobby, neat and nice; the styles are new, all the leading colors, equal to tailor made, and the prices within the reach of all. All sizes. Browning, King & Co. Open Saturdays till 12 p. m. | S. W. Corner 15th and Douglas St