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It is about time that the squatter governor and third house idocy be laid away to rest.

JOINT committees of investigation generally end in a whitewash or a fizzle. Each house has ample power to carry on any investigation which a majority of its members may order.

The corporation lobby at Lincoln is worse than a leper colony. Nobody can approach these whitened sepulchres without becoming contaminated by the gangrene of corruption.

The bill introduced in the lower house of the legislature, to protect women and children arrested for petty offenses from undue public exposure and disgrace, is a humane measure and ought to pass.

WHEN the senate committees are announced today we shall see whether the corporations and the public plunderers that infest the state capital are to have full control of the machinery of legislation or whether the people have any rational hope or expectation of relief at the hands of the present legislature.

The anthracite coal monopoly, being clearly liable to the anti-trust law, it is not creditable to the officials charged with the enforcement of the law that the great combine is allowed to go on robbing the people unchallenged.

The territories that are seeking statehood from the present congress will probably not have their desire complied with. It is not at all likely that there will be any legislation of this character before the next congress.

The proposition to suspend immigration has never received much favor in the south and the sentiment against it is increasing. The southern states generally want immigrants. An organized movement on a large scale is making in Mississippi to encourage people to go to that state, and everywhere there is a feeling that it is desirable to secure a better class of labor than the south now has.

MR CLEVELAND is said to be profoundly interested in the proposal to repeal the silver purchase law. His emissaries are working hard to create a sentiment in congress favorable to repeal among those who want still more liberal silver legislation.

CARELESS criticisms upon recent local weather predictions in particular and official forecasts in general are heard on every ear. Scathing remarks would perhaps be less frequent if a better knowledge prevailed of the conditions existing in the local observer's office.

DISPERSE THE MERCENARY LOBBY.

The legislature is now fully organized and equipped for active work. The house committees have been named and the senate committees will be designated today.

It is the duty of the legislature to protect its members and officers from these monopoly body-snatchers and make the miscreants who deal in votes harmless.

The legislature and all honest citizens who desire to preserve free government must break up and disperse this band of hireling corruptionists by all the legal means at their command.

The legislature should at once appoint committees empowered to send for persons and papers and directed to investigate all charges and reports concerning the attempt of lobbyists to tamper with members or employees.

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LOCAL TAX REFORM.

Governor Boyd strikes the keynote of tax reform in his farewell message when he points to the wretched system of assessment which prevails in this state.

The most glaring abuses in the matter of assessment exist right here in Omaha and Douglas county. While the average assessment of our town lots and buildings is at about the same ratio to market value as that of the town lots and lands in the balance of the state, a vast amount of corporation realty and personal property is assessed at ridiculously low figures or escapes altogether from taxation.

LIABLE TO THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

The subcommittee which investigated the Reading coal combine will soon report to the house, and there will be a very general popular interest in what is presented, for everywhere the public has felt the weight of this combine.

PAST experience has shown that committees of investigation appointed by the lieutenant governor seldom investigate and much more rarely want to investigate unless the investigation is gotten up to blackwash respectable men and to whitewash rogues.

Reading coal monopoly can be reached under the act of the last congress.

What is strange about the matter is that there should ever have been a question that this combine violates both the letter and the spirit of the act. Senator Edmunds, who had much to do in the framing of the anti-trust law, some time ago gave it as his unqualified opinion that the law applied to just such combinations and agreements as the Reading coal monopoly, and the language of the act seems to leave no chance for a doubt as to this.

It is to be regretted that the present administration has not given the law a test by proceeding against the combine.

It is also reassuring to find that there is an intention to strengthen the interstate commerce act and to give it a vitality which it does not now possess. This is a matter that ought not to be delayed beyond the present congress.

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THE CLASH IN KANSAS.

Globe-Tribune: A few rotten eggs judiciously thrown among political revolutionists in Kansas would have a salutary effect.

Kansas City Journal: Other states have exhibited rival legislatures sitting in different halls, but the spectacle of two hostile organizations doing business under the same roof in the same hall is a new one in Kansas.

Kansas City Star: Now is the accepted time for the introduction of the petition for the Almightly to put it into the minds of the fellows who are stirring up the animals in the Kansas house that they are making fools of themselves.

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The second canon of the council was an American bishop and which elected Samuel Seabury to the first bishopric of Connecticut and of the American Episcopal church.

ANTI-OPTION BILL.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am sorry to see that you do not understand the import of the measure or bill now before congress known as the anti-option bill.

Who are the promoters and strong advocates of the present bill? Senator Washburn of Minnesota and Representative Hatch of Missouri, the former having large milling interests in Minnesota and the latter from interests in the north of Louisiana and in territory where heavy mills operate.

Is their motive philanthropic or is it selfish? Is it for the interests of the farmer at heart, or is their effort directed to the benefit of their milling constituencies?

No one has ever questioned a man's right to buy wheat for the cheapest price and sell where he can sell for the most money, therefore the law of supply and demand will regulate values, unless speculation steps in.

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WATERSON FOR SENATOR.

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MR. CARLISLE WILL ENTER THE CABINET.

His Recent Trip to the Blue Grass State Said to Have Been for the Purpose of Exalting the Great Editor's Election.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 15.

Senator Carlisle's Kentucky friends never announce, as they say, upon direct information, that the senator will surely be Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the treasury.

There is considerable uncertainty in the situation surrounding Speaker Crisp, despite the fact that he would be re-elected without depend upon the judgment of his constituents to come soon.

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General Sutherland protested bitterly against his being brought before a committee.

Just in the evening Dr. O'Reilly's assignment, show that Secretary O'Reilly has finally yielded to the protest of his bureau chief, expecting, it is said, that Mr. O'Reilly was an able and energetic business man, who in 1887, will accomplish his object when the new administration comes in.

Need Taking Down.

Whatever may be the outcome of the investigation now in progress by a special committee of the house into charges that the other clerks and clerks of the Department of State are now, and have been for years, under the control of a literary ring, it cannot but have a wholesome effect. The State department is always more or less snobbish.

There is a few exceptions, are not easy of access. They are, to some extent, composed of men who affect foreign tastes and habits. There is not that American atmosphere about the State department which is to be found about other executive departments of the government.

Most of the clerks are the manner of the English and other diplomats and attaches who hover about the department. One of the faults with the systems in vogue at the State department, and which breeds the snobbishness, is the traditions of the department which forbid the disclosure of clerical duties to the public.

Upon grievous charges affecting propriety, a man is never discovered for common incompetence or dishonesty. Discretion is not regarded as a fault, and a degree of secrecy which partakes of proprietary affectation. Clerks and small officers seem to act toward callers as though they owned the establishment, and would not be disturbed and hoped for a cessation of bother. It is believed that some of this atmosphere will be cleared up, and more with a view to a general renovation and taking down a new set of smart clerks and custodians than anything else that the present investigation will accomplish.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON UNFORTHFALL FARM. It is stated that when Vice President Morton returns from his present position he will go back to his modest little farm located on the banks of the Hudson river, and that he will be accompanied by his wife and two children.

WESTERN PENSIONERS. The following issues of pensions have been reported: Nebraska—Original—Amos McDonald, Taylor Smith, Edward L. Moon, William Lewis, John H. Smith, James P. Hammond, James Meadows, Additional—James H. Soden, John Lindon, George Bringham, Frank S. Moses, and increase—Charles S. Shepley, P. Parker, Increase—Charles McGee, Hugh Ray, Reissue—William B. Roly, George Kritos, Original widow—Arletta S. Wood, Asa H. Schuonover, Hiram Winslow, Jacob Woodring, Michael O'Neil, John White, John A. Martin, James W. Hammond, C. Bishop, John A. Arnold, Malvin B. Whitehead, Paul Dishong, Henry Aldrich, John West, Lawrence Galen, Increase—Harvey D. Moore, Increase—Charles W. Johnson, Reissue—John A. Rowan, Reissue and increase—George Boyd, Original widows—Catherine E. Brannan, Harriet Dolohall, South Dakota—Original—Nelson H. Holden, Additional—Franklin Strong, Charles A. Scott, John