When the legislature convenes at high

noon tomorrow each member will be

asked to lift up his hand and take the

solemn oath that he has not improperly

influenced in any way the vote of any

elector and has not accepted nor will

up to their oaths of office?

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Cedar Rapids Republican.

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Too Tender for That.

New York World.

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The news that Persident Cleveland is in condition to dance around a Christmas tree is good news. By and by he may feel strong enough to dance a war dance over the law-defying trusts, the defaulting Pacific railroads, the blow-hole armor plate contractors and other offenders who need stamping on by the presidential foot

Hoke Smith as a Civilizer.

Minneapol's Times,

Indians is to scatter them among farmers during the summer and thus bring them into direct contact with civilization and its

into direct contact with civilization and its uses. There are many people who think that the Indian should be brought into contact with civilization, but think that a strong dynamo in active operation is the best and most advanced exponent of civilization that ought to be used as the agent of the contact.

Staying Powers of King Gambrinus.

SHE AND L.

Minneapolis Journal.

Minneapolis Journal.

She and I went walking.
One cripsy, wintry day.
I bent my head to listen
To what she had to say.
And then it was she told me
That she thought it would be nice
If she and I together
Went a slking on the ice.

Went a siking on the ice.

So down onto the river

We turned our footsteps slow,
And there we found a slippery place
Quite clear and free from snow.

She put her little hand in mine;
I tell you fifelt nice,
And she and I together

Went a sliding on the ice.
We thought our fun was glorious.

Hoke Smith's new plan for civilizing the

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THE BEE'S LEGISLATIVE REPORTS.

Full, accurate and critical reports of the proceedings of the legislature will appear in the columns of The Bee from day to day. All questions and measures will be discussed and treated from the standpoint of the ma terial welfare of the state and for the promotion of good government. The Bee will commend what it believes worthy of praise and condemn what it believes to be detrimental to the public good. It goes without saying that The Bee will print all the news worth reading and proposes to keep its patrons advised of every movement at the state capital inside and outside of the halls of legislation. In procuring the news and all the news The

Who said anything about an extra session of congress?

There is very little left now of the old year and it is well for everybody to make the most of the remaining hours

Is a pasteboard annual a valuable thing in the meaning of the letter and spirit of the constitution under article XIV, section 1?

President Cleveland will think several times before he calls a republican congress in extra session to pass upon democratic measures.

A great many people in New York will feel easier now that the Lexow committee has concluded its investigations Tammany-ridden metropolis.

Nebraska acknowledges the compli ment paid it by the American Economic on its official calendar to Chancellor Canfield of the Nebraska State univer-

The Burlington Journal is earning its subsidy and paying for its special freight train distribution by championing the pooling bill now before congress and advocating the raise of freight rates in Iowa. Nothing less could have been expected.

The example set by Superintendent Byrnes in having his resignation from the head of the New York police force ready for the new mayor on the very day of his inauguration is one that might be emulated with profit by other high and low officials,

It is currently reported at Washington that ex-Congressman Valentine could have stepped into the senatorial brogans of Manderson by simply consenting to put them on. This information will be a surprise among the men who were elected to fill the place.

Hermann Timme's oil inspectorship expires on New Year's day by constitutional limitation, unless he prefers the oil inspectorship to a seat in the legislature, which is not at all probable. The scramble for the Timme vacancy will therefore begin next Tuesday.

What do the Burlington managers want with the legislature? What is there to be done this winter that they must mass their lobby and bulldoze, browbeat and drive members into the bull pen like so many cattle to do their bidding? Do they want the earth?

John Burns sees in the government printing office at Washington an institution which is worthy of imitation by our English cousins across the water. The United States has not been above adopting suggestions from abroad, and it is not too late for England to do likewise. It is to be feared, however, that it will be some time before we find the business of printing its own public doc-

the determination to give a wide berth of the construction of the canal and of constitution and the law, and release to notorious rogues, who have cost the its control by this government. party thousands of votes, and will, if | The truth is with respect to this proonly clean and honest men on guard. ernment to the extent of \$100,000,000, profit and not loss. It is to be remem-

END OF THE LEXOW INVESTIGATION. there is a belief that once having been have more astounding revelations of governmental mismanagement and of wise and prudent precaution, and there tion for all watered stock, fraudulently ficial corruption been placed before a can be no valid objection to it. There issued bonds and inflated securities patient public. Had one intimated a is no demand for hurrying the compleyear ago that in the principal city in tion of this undertaking, and all that the United States there existed a sys has been said or may be said respecting tem of extortion and compounding for its importance, commercially or othercrimes, extending from the lowest to wise, does not justify voting to it the the highest officials, upon whom devolved the duty of protecting the luno- the absence of the most accurate in-George B. Taschurk, secretary of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of one-tenth the proportions that have been conclusively portrayed in the printed during the month of November, 1894, was stollars. evidence before the Lexow committee, that it proposes that the government any corporation, company or person, or at its face value. Some people are asking that our ballot law be changed to a plan countenance. Yet by stories and con- the canal company. This proposition may give or withhold on any bill, resofessions, linked together by chains of indisputable documents and records, proval, unless it can be most clearly vinced that for years the police force of New York City has been employed vocates of the measure have shown as a means of bleeding both wrongdoers and law abiding citizens, and has been transformed into a piece of political machinery upon which the

whole strength of Tammany hall and

the democratic organization in that city

The end of the Lexow investigation may have appeared tame to some of those who have been following its work, but it was tame only in comparison to some of the sensational scenes that the committee had previously occasioned. Taken as a whole, the result of the investigation can be a disappointment to those only who have been smirched in the filth which it has exposed to view. The investigation, however, should be, and was intended to be, but preliminary to the legislative measures that are to remedy the defects and abolish the abuses of municipal authority there uncovered. The investigation was merely to secure the Bee will spare no expense. It will not be confined to one wire, but will have the use of facts to enable the legislature to grapas many wires as the telegraph companies ple with the problem more intelligently. can place at its command in any emergency, The action that is yet to come is the more important. The Lexow investigation has shown wherein municipal government has failed in New York City and the point beyond which a people will not endure such imposition. The disclosures unquestionably had much to do with the result of the November election, which wrested the control of the mayoralty from the hands of Tammany. But the legislation that the committee shall recommend is what is to vindicate the ability of the American people to correct the evils of perverted city government and the progress toward the true goal of real municipal

> THE SHERMAN AVENUE CONTEST. When Tenth street was paved with rate for intersections. Now we can on broken stone for less than \$3 a yard. refusing them statehood.

ought to awaken our property owners to the enormity of the tax that is sought territories, if not better. But the house to be imposed on them. The difference paving on Sherman avenue and the rate stated that the governor and other citiwe have been paying for Trinidad lake payement laid this year is over \$12,000. 30 per cent premium for the privilege of voting the Barber concern a monopoly on all asphalt paving.

In the face of this fact the refusal of ratify the contract awarded by the spring or summer, and prepare a great deal more explanation than Chairman Winspear made to the interrogatories of the council. There is something wrong somewhere. While the council is not made up of simon pure reformers and angels, its action in the premises has been commendable. Asphalt pavement is the most desirable of all paying materials for streets of moderate grade. We ought to lay miles and miles of this pavement every year, but we should not be made to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars of tribute to a paving trust. For the present the only way to break this monopoly is through competition. For the future, council and approved by the mayor will system. The city must eventually do

sure durability. MAY FAIL IN THE SENATE. It is understood that Senator Mor-British government embarked in the gan, who has charge of the Nicaragua canal bill in the senate, will endeavor to get a vote soon after the recess, but the friends of the measure are said Will republicans of this state turn to be somewhat apprehensive about its over a new leaf with the incoming year success. The opposition is not numerand turn their backs upon the black ous, but it seems to be very determined, sheep who have disgraced themselves and under the senate rules a few men and brought the party into disrepute can consume so much time in debate, by the betrayal of public trust? Is it frivolous or otherwise, that it is feared not about time that such unclean camp by its supporters the bill will be refollowers be relegated to the rear and turned to the calendar and passed over in Iowa, is quoted as saying that he kept out of sight? It would seem that without action. It is said that should the lesson of the last campaign would the bill fail for any cause it is probable impress itself upon the republicans in an effort will be made to pass a resoluthe legislature and inspire them with tion declaring in strong terms in favor the courts compel it to pay under the

they are not repudiated, lose it the sup- posed legislation to involve the govern- Blythe doubtless talks in a representaport of thousands of men who believe ment financially with the Nicaragua tive capacity for the stockholders of in its principles, but feel shocked over canal project, the more carefully it is the road and gives vent to their conthe depravity of its representatives in considered the less favorably is it re- fidence in their ability to persuade the conventions and legislatures, who lose garded. While the scheme before the courts to make a valuation of their sight of all moral obligations to put senate comtemplates involving the gov- property which will mean for them

bered that in the recent decision on the The Lexow legislative committee, drawn into it the amount for which Nebraska maximum freight rate law which has been taking testimony on the government would ultimately be- Judge Brewer made a distinction bethe corruption in the police department come responsible might be double that tween a videation for the purpose of of New York City at Irregular intervals sum. Those who entertain this view appropriation under the power of emsince last spring, concluded its investi- favor the suggestion that before any- inent domain and a valuation as a basis gations Saturday, and with that closed thing more is done in the matter by of rate computation. The railroads apone stage of the new movement toward congress a commission of expert en- pear to recognize the inconsistency and reformed municipal government in the gineers should be sent to thoroughly in- also to be sanguine that should the ismetropolis. Never in the history of vestigate the enterprise and submit sue be made they can secure a judicial this country, or, we believe for that their estimate to congress as to what it ruling maging the valuation the same matter, in the history of any country, ought to cost to construct and properly for both purposes, but making that val-

equip the canal. This certainly seems a quation the one that includes considerapublic money or the public credit in he would have been laughed out of shall pay off the obligations incurred by any promise of office for any vote he will certainly not have popular apevery fair minded man has been con- demonstrated that the government can get an equivalent, and none of the adthis satisfactorily.

Perhaps if the government revenues were on a more generous scale and the condition of the treasury less unfavorable the proposition that the government shall assume financial responsibility in connection with this project would meet with less opposition, but with the treasury compelled to borrow money to meet its obligations there is a warrantable feeling that the govern ment ought not to pledge its credit for an enterprise of this kind, especially as its final cost is uncertain. There is no urgent reason for passing the bill at this time. It can very well wait until the government revenues and the financial condition of the country are on a

THE PROMISED NEW STATES.

At the beginning of the present session of congress the caucus of demoratic senators agreed that the bills for the creation of new states, sent over to the senate from the house early in the last session, should be passed at this session. These bills are for the admis sion of New Mexico and Arizona. Thus far the senate democratic steering committee has done nothing to carry out the caucus agreement, but it is expected that these measures will be sent to the president. The fact that the territories went republican at the last elec tion has doubtless made some demo črats in congress indifferent, if not hos tile, to their admission to statehood, but it is not probable that the number of such is strong enough to defeat the bills if they are brought to a vote. Refusal to admit these territories, which would be in the nature of a rebuke of the people for their political action, would not be likely to win them over Sioux Falls granite \$4 a yard was taxed to the democratic party. On the conup against the property owners, and trary, the probable effect would be to into corruption in official life in that the city at large had to pay the same make them more strongly republican, since it could hardly fail to create a get the Sioux Falls block pavement laid feeling of resentment against the party

price charged was \$2.98 a yard on a five-year guaranty of maintenance. The price of the same class of pavement this year was only 13 cents a yard less. There is no more reason for This is because there has been collusion instead of competition came in sight it has been driven out by false alarms and confirm out the foreign of the same thought the thing than to the other territories, because there has been collusion driven out by false alarms and confirm out the constant of the false with function out the false with function of the democ association in giving one of the places asphalt more than ten years ago the sion of which is on the house calen-The Sherman avenue paying contest Besides, her claims to statehood are equally as good as those of the other democrats are generally more relentless between the accepted bid for asphalt than those of the senate, and it is zens of Oklahoma, who recently visited Washington to urge the passage of the In other words, we have been paying statehood bill, did not get much satisfaction from the house democrats. But in any event it is understood that the legislature of Oklahoma, at its coming session, will take steps toward statethe Board of Public Works to promptly | hood. A constitutional convention will hardly passed. be provided for, to meet next spring or summer, and prepare

through competition. For the future, or some other office at the disposal of through the abolition of the contract the legislature. Can it be possible that republican members of the legislature away with all contract work and em- have forgotten this man's infamous recploy competent men to superintend the ord? Back in 1878, when Peter laying of pavements with the best ma- Schwenck held the post of register of the terials on specifications that will in- land office at Norfolk, he perpetrated frauds upon the government and upon the settlers which caused his dismissal from the service, after an investigation by John A. Sibbald, special agent of the Interior department. Later on, in 1883, he was connected with the census forgeries and recommended by the congressional committee for criminal prosecution. His career in Nebraska polities has done as much to bring odium upon its leaders as that of any other

> Mr. J. W. Blythe, one of the legal lights in the Burlington law department will welcome the day when the government will take "our" property, confiscate it if it will, and pay for it what "us" of the burden of ownership. In giving expression to this opinion Mr.

HINTS FOR LEGISLATORS. Kearney Hub: A reasonable bounty will

augar beets. Hartington Leader: What is to be done is a question which the legislature about see legislature, looks almost exectly like Sento convene is in duty Beatrice Express: Among the exception-ally good laws found in the Nebraska statutes a superior business man. is the "valued policy law" which affords protection to policy holders from rapacious

and brow-beating insurance companies. ounly resisted. Nebraska Farmer: One of the prominent side features of the legislature this winter will be the insurance lobby. The companies are wanting to turn down the valued policy law and put something on the books

that better suits their peculiar notions of the fitness of things. The insurance lobby will bear watching. Stanton Register: The state legislature will soon be considering the different bills to be brought before it, and to our mind the most important will be the irrigation question, a maximum freight law, and they any money or other valuable thing from all property would be assessed and taxed

similar to the Iowa law, but it is hardly

necessary or probable that it will be done, lution or appropriation. How many Auburn Granger: Every senator and reresentative in the next legislature is hereby members will at the end of the session cautioned to look out for the Burlington beachers, the Lincoln parkers, and a dozen be able to hold up their hands and testify that they have conscientiously lived and one other decrepit enterprises in and about the city of Lincoln that will attempt to donate their carcasses to the state in eu of a few thousand in appropriation The incoming Board of Education has If these representatives don't look a little out they will vote state subsidy reason for congratulating itself that the they are making master strokes of economy. shrinkage in the license fund will fall York Times: The future of the repub \$15,000 below the estimate. That will, lican party in Nebraska depends upon the however, still leave the board \$15,000 To undertake to deceive the Germany. The people stand in crowds about be folly and to attempt to foist the man's but, waiting for his advice. His in the hole unless it lops off fads and its destinies. people would be folly and to attempt to foist accomplishments that are entirely outmen upon them who have the seal of disapproval stamped upon them would suicidal. The republican party will not either. It will give the state a clean and busi-nesslike legislative session and an honest ad-There are several distinguished gentle-nen who would have been very much de-ighted had Postmaster General Bissell left postoffice appointment on their steps this conving ministration of all the departments of state that are under republican control. The re-publicans of Nebraska are wise enough and honest enough to do this and the people of the state may rest assured it will

Blair Pilot: At its coming session the This country chews about 230,600,000 pounds of tobacco a year, and the internal revenue therefrom is nearly \$14,000,000. You see, now, what a calamity it would be if everybody should swear off from the tobacco habit next Tuesday. egislature of this state has a duty to perform to itself and to humanity. That duty should be performed promptly, among its first acts, without any sparring for vantage ground or quibbling over expenditures. The drouth sufferers and others in the poverty stricken districts of the state are on the verge of starvation and death from lack of Kansas City Times.

The public can be thankful that there is no important election in 1895 to attract public attention. One entire year can be given to business development, free from any partisan rancor or political demagogy. The coming year should be made a record breaker as a business year. the barest necessities of life. This state can and should properly care for all its needy. More than this, some means should be found to throttle the sanctimonious patriots who are begging throughout the east for Nebraska sufferers, whether they are honest or are lining their own pockets on false pretenses. The state can do all this work, and it should do it, and leave im-Creston American.

Creston American.

Secretary Morton, whose vagaries combined with his egotism has wiped the democratic party of Nebraska out of existence, is president of the Historical society of that state, and is going to deliver a lecture on the fallacles of pepulism. Since Morton has been made president the society is known as "the bug eaters." posters in this line out of a job.

Tekamah Herald: On next Tuesday egislature will convene and it will afford the republicans an excellent opportunity for making a record in the way of some neces-sary legislation. With due regard to an economic administration of the affairs of the public institutions of the state, they should act with care, for whatever is actually necessary to properly care for the inmates of those public institutions the state can well afford to bear, because they are the unfortunate, diseased and afflicted wards of this commonwealth. In the matter of legis-lative expenses a great reform is necessary. One-half the be dispensed with. One-half the usual employes can well These suggestions are more easily made than carried into effect because we realize the pressure that will be brought to bear on each member by some of his constituency.

THE RACE WAR.

Minneapolis Journal: There does not, as et, seem to be any real disposition of the Georgia authorities to bring to justice the perpetrators of the late massacre of negroes be interfered with, probably, but Georgia's

New York Advertiser.

There is something unusually pathetic about the termination of Churchill's carrer. In spite of his political eccentricities—and they were no greater than Benjamin Disraell's when that leader entered parliamentary life—he possessed undoubted talents for public action, which commanded the respect even of his opponents. He was a trenchant and forceful debater, and at one time, as Macaulay once said of Gladstone, was probably the "rising hope of the stern and unbending tories." Time and experience would doubtless have disciplined his judgment and ripened his powers and fitted him for the high station he had apparently marked out as the goal of his ambition. Instead of fulfilling this splendid promise of his youth, he retires from the public arena a broken man before his youth is hardly passed. Philadelphia Ledger: The conditions in Georgia and other parts of the south are more dangerous than were the conditions in California forty odd years ago, for in the south the population is divided into two races easily rendered antagonistic. The conflict once started, the colored and the white people are forced by circumstances they cannot control to arm and unite each with his own race. For this reason, if for no other, the people of the south, as a means of safety to themselves, should put down all attempts to resort to lynch law and give earnest support to the authorities in their efforts to administer law and justice in an orderly way.

WIT AND WISDOM.

New York Recorder: You can't cure a poet by cutting his hair. The trouble lies leeper.

Boston Transcript: Two skin games are played at Harvard—sheepskin and pigskin. Atlanta Constitution: Make hay while the sun shines, but you can't hold an umbreila over your head while you're at it.

Atchison Globe: The great trouble in life seems to be that we can't keep our ambitions pinned down to our salaries, Chicago Tribune: "How can there be such thing as a whole day, you know," mused "weldy, "when it bweaks evewy mawn-ne?"

Boston Globe: The laundry trade has a fournal now, but, we regret to say, it doesn't tell how a shirt can be done up properly at

Philadelphia Record: Dinah—Wat fo' yo' runnin' roun' 'thout no coat an' hat on? Wanter ketch yo' death o' cold? Chloe-Deed I does. Mah gemman frien' done gib me a mos' lovely bottle ob cough-med'cine fur a Chris'mus present.

Courier Journal: An Ohio man has invented an indestructible wedding cake. This seems a waste of ingenuity. Almost any bride can make one.

Washington Star: "I feel really sorry for my husband during the holidays," re-marked the very complacent woman. "Indeed."
"Yes. He is so correct in his habits that when New Year comes he can't swear off."

Cincinnati Tribune: "What's all the excitement?" asked the tourist. "They're lynchin' the groceryman," said Rubberneck Bill. "Gang of the boys had a little railroad speculation on hand an' he soid 'en axle grease an' sawdust fer dynamite. Cheatin' don't go here, podner."

Chicago Record: Citizen—I hear you are looking for a vindication, Ald. Boodles.
Ald. Boodles.—An' as soon as I can find enough of the boys who know me to take the job I'm goin' to get a vindication, too.

ORDER A QUIRE. Send in your orders early so As not to be delayed;

I mean for paper, upon which Your new resolves are made.

Went a sliding on the ice.
We thought our fun was glorious,
Alas! We did not know
How soon our joyful spirits
Would receive a cruel blow.
I asked if she enjoyed it, and
She said !was awful nice.
As she and ! together
Went a sliding on the ice.
A horrid slick lay in our path;
It was unsten by me,
I never thought of danger, but
Could only think of the.
So when my foot did strike that stick
It happened in a trice.
That she and I together
Went a sliding on the ice. Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report

## Baking ABSOLUTELY PURE

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Secure.

The official regulations concerning the colrevive the best sugar industry in Nebraska lection of the income tax contain a trifle over and dot the state with profitable fields of 57,000 words. If the fame of the adminisection of the income tax contain a trifle over tration rests on words, its place in history is

Azariah Shelton, a member of the Tonnes. afor Peffer, including his whiskers. But, as

The Boston Globe cast a few remarks about western blizzards on the local atmosphere, and behold a mighty one revolved around the phere does not require much provocation to

In proportion to her wealth and popula-Philadelphia pays twice as much as York for schools, and not more than half as much for police service. In the matter of city halls and reservoirs, the Quaker | pended.

ity also gives Gotham the go-by. Atlanta, Ga., is the Omaha of the south. In 1870 it had a population of 21,789, and ten years ago 56,587. A house-to-house census just taken shows a total of 108,644. Atlanta doing pretty well, despite the fact that she harbors a poet and a cabinet officer

Henry R. Pomeroy, who died recently in adianapolis, was a neighbor of Lincoln, a companion of Grant and a close friend of Arthur. He had been a newspaper writer and an inventor, but hard times and ill-luck house.

Mary Ann Dalton of Ashland, N. H., is 96 rears old, but is active enough to supply all ier own wants. She spins, weaves makes the cloth and clothes she wears, the rugs she walks on, and the sheets and blankets she sleeps under, and molds the candles which she burns in her house, Another "wonder doctor" has been discovered in Germany. He is a shepherd named Ast, living in the small village of Radbruch. In the last few weeks over 1,000 persons have visited him from all parts of

success is said to be remarkable. America's dashing pole hunters can make hemselves "at home," so far as arctic atmosphere is concerned, by taking up a ceral position between New York and Brooklyn. The coolness that has sprung up be tween them since the "Greater New York" project assumed shape has reached an ansity that weaves whiskers on a spirit thermometer.

Austin Quimby, one of Salem's oldest sea ien and a naval veteran, having served brough the war on the Kearsarge, and havng assisted in her fight with the Alabama, has received from Captain A. C. Bradley of Salem the union jack which was flying at the masthead of the Kearsarge when sh struck on Roncador reef. measures \$x10 feet, and is comparatively new, was obtained by barter from the wreckers of the Caribbean sea.

VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Hartington Leader: Omaha wants state fair, and a majority of the people of Nebraska would like to see her get it. She has direct railroad communication with all parts of the state, and has other advantages

Lincoln ignored the governor, and he found he was a marked man, and he felt his situation and at one time talked of resigning. One of the practices was that of paying the officers of the state three months' salary in advance. State Auditor Moore, in writing on this subject, says: "The practice of paying the state's officers and employes ninety days in advance was entirely without precedent or justification." If all the republicans would feel that they were conducting business for the people and not in the interest of lot of grasping sharks they would be doing their sworn duty as expected by the people

DEMOUS HIGH US.

St. Louis Republic: Bourke Cockran has kicked down the ladder on which he climbed. If he cannot hold on at the top there is plenty of room at the bottom.

Chicago Record: Mr. Croker has already said what he thinks of Mr. Cockran. No one will learn what Mr. Cockran thinks of Mr. Croker until his thoughts have been edited sufficiently to bear printing.

Washington Star: It is unquestionably w good deal of a shock to Bourke Cockran to find himself challenged to a joint debate with Richard Croker. He might adopt the Corbett factics and claim that Croker is not his cratorical class.

Detroit Free Press: There is no danger of a personal encounter between Richard Cro-ker and Bourke Cockran. Their row will be an bloodless as a fight over a long-dis-tance telephone, and, measured by results, will amount to no more than the wind ex-

Chicago Post: The threat is enough to make as American citizen ashamed of his birthright. Croker is an illiterate, underbred creature of the slums. He has been head and front of the foulest conspiracy that ever plundered a community. Without vistible means of support he is a millionaire. Day after day a New York paper demands: "Where did he get it?" And he has no answer. The spectacle of this enlarged saloon tough making a making declaration. "Where did he get it?" And he has no answer. The spectacle of this enlarged saloon tough making a public declaration that he will "demand a personal explanation" from a member of congress, and he a national figure, one of the leaders of his party, is the most disgusting, the most disgraceful and the most saddening sight that Tammany has called the nation to gaze

IOWA RAILROAD RATES.

Petersburg Eclipse: Every farmer and business man is interested in keeping the rates where they are, and instead of them going higher they should be made lower, so that I low a manufacturers and wholesalers will be better able to meet competition from Chicago. The present rates are remuserative to the railroads of Iowa, and the proposed increase would favor Chicago and be a blow at the manufacturing and wholesale interests of the state. It is probable the ammissioners will refuse to grant the increase asked by the roads.

Davenport Democrat: The lowa railroad commissioners are taking another whirl at commissioners are taking another whirl at the proposition of the Iowa railroads to increase their Iowa rates. This is the matter in connection with which a number of the shippers of this city went to Des Moines two or three months ago. They gave evidence and argument at the hearing then held, all in opposition to the proposed raise of rates. The matter is not settled yet, but it is hardly to be expected that there will be any increase. The railroads are making a strong showing with all the means at their strong showing with all the means at their

ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF SHILOH.

Features of the Reunion and Some of the Prominent Men Who Will Be There. MONTICELLO, III., Dec. 30 .- (Special.)-There will be some interesting reunions of the old veterans during the Shiloh battlefield reunion in April next. The survivors cebraska would like to see her get it. She as direct railroad communication with all arts of the state, and has other advantages over Lincoln without number. The relocation of the great annual show at Omaha would be a guaranty of an increased patronage for the concern.

North Bend Argus: Nobly are the calls for assistance sent in by the people of the drouth stricken districts being responded to by the better conditioned class of people in Nebraska. These people west of us are needy, not from any fault of theirs, and as charity should begin at home, there is no excuse for not looking after the comfort and welfare of our own people.

Papillon Times: A fellow by the name of Frick is just now earning a handsome salary by writing railroad articles for the Fremont Tribune. The burden of his song is an attempt to prove that government ownership of railroads would crush the common people and build up more millionaires. The only reply necessary to the Frick articles is the bare statement that this fellow, Frick was the chief of the highwaymen employed by the railroads to defeat the renomination of Judge Maxwell.

Fremont Herald: Mr. Frick's opposition to the government ownership and control of railroads reminds us of a story about Church Howe. During the session of the last legislature two years ago Church was talking to a little knot of friends in the lobby of representative hall. "Never write a letter if you can avoid it," said Howe. "The rest is nothing strange about that," remarked Speaker Elder, who was standing near. "Why?" asked Howe. "Well," drawled the statesman from Clay, "it costs 2 cents to send a letter." Perhaps it would cost Mr. Frick more to travel if the government operated the railroads.

Fremont Leader: When Governor Crounse. of the Third Iowa infantry will hold a reof the Third lowe intentry with the Forty-first Illinois infantry union with the Forty-first Illinois infantry on the steamer Nisbet, going up the Tennessee river. These regiments were known as "Twin Brothers" of "Pap" Pugh's First

present.
Send all names of survivors of the battle who wore the blue to E. T. Lee, secretary, Monticello, Ill., and all names of those who wore the gray to Captain James Williams, assistant secretary, Savannah, Tenn. Parkhurst Denounces the Newspapers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- Rev. Charles Parkhurst preached a sermon this morning, in which he made indirect and incidental reference to the work of the past year. The people had learned, he said, that a politician was a man of expediency, and that he might arrange things in such a manner as only a mighty uprising of the people could undo. In looking over the field of the future he said the people should look for an improvement in the character of the newspapers. The papers, he said, that daily serve up a mass of undigested matter, without discrimination, to their readers were rapidly becoming a public nuisance.

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