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NEW STATE OFFICES GALORE.

If all the bills introduced into the present session of the legislature for the creation of new state offices should become law Nebraska will soon be transformed into an office holders' paradise.

Running over the bills only that have been presented in the house, and then, too, those only of the first ten days of the session, we get a glimpse of the awful possibility that may be in store for us.

Close on the heels of this bill is house roll No. 3, which creates the office of state boiler inspector and deputy boiler inspectors not to exceed six in number.

By some kind of an oversight the salaries they are to draw are not prescribed in the original draft, but they are to be covered by the fees charged for inspection.

House roll No. 10 would, if enacted, do equally as well in the matter of constructing berths for people anxious to serve the public.

Something more out of the usual run and likewise less expensive is the bill denominated house roll No. 21.

The next bill in sequence, No. 22, jumps back to the old level. It creates a Board of Examining Engineers, whose members are to examine and license engineers.

Some of the Brooklyn trolley lines are equipped with electric postal cars. Isn't it about time to call the federal troops out to enforce the law prohibiting the obstruction of the mails?

It may be pertinent to inquire what call there is for a legislative expression of opinion on the Barrett Scott tragedy any more than there is on every other flagrant infraction of the law?

It sometimes makes a considerable difference in opinions of the press whether a strike is near at home or far away. Compare utterances of eastern newspapers on the Chicago strike and on the Brooklyn strike.

Wyoming's legislature is cutting down the salaries of county officers to a hard times basis. Nebraska's legislature is considering bills to increase the salaries of county officers.

CONTRIVERSY.

The Board of Education is required to conduct the business of the schools, and its members insist that they are the ones to determine how much money is needed for that purpose.

It is manifestly, therefore, perfectly idle to undertake to conciliate the silver men by any concessions short of their repeatedly declared demands.

We do not believe the city council will do anything to cripple the public schools or to invite litigation with the school board.

The obviously wise thing to do is to entirely drop the silver question out of consideration, but as it seems impossible for the present congress to do this, it would be well to drop the whole currency question.

A bill is now before the legislature the object of which is to make a note given by a farmer to cover the cost of seed grain a first lien on the crop harvested.

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There should be a United States man-of-war stationed at Honolulu until there is a policy of infamy.

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THE HAWAIIAN EMBERT.

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Howells Journal: The state fair will be located at Omaha for the next five years. There is no other city in the state that can accommodate the crowds who attend except Omaha, and we are glad Omaha got the plum.

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BOLT COUNTY'S TRAGEDY.

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HOW THE ARMS WERE SENT.

Story of Shipment of Munitions of War from Victoria to Hawaii.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A gentleman, whose business has brought him into contact with the customs officials, has just returned from Victoria, and he tells a rather startling story regarding the shipment of forty cases of arms on the notorious smuggling schooner South Bend to the Hawaiian islands.

When in the year 1867 the United States had Russia the suit of \$2,000,000 territory of Alaska the purchase caused no end of comment, and the caricaturists of the day were busy with their pen and pencil.

Washington Star: "If a p'liceman," remarked one of the crowd, "had his eye on er bad citizen ez industrious ez er bad citizen kin keep 'is eye on a p'liceman, dah wouldn't he be a much better man?"

Buffalo Courier: Kawler—it strikes me those articles of yours are so deep people will hardly be able to digest them.

Philadelphia Inquirer: It seems a provoking paradox that a light bill can be made such a heavy bill when it's a gas bill.

Boston Courier: "Quite a jerg show here," said the customer to the proprietor of the muton department.

Somerville Journal: Of course there is such a thing as a strictly honest lawyer. We are sure of that, but we wonder whether there is an exception to every rule?

Truth: Mr. Athaw-Anyo—You Americans have no patriotic airs such as we have in this country.

Indianapolis Journal: "What is that you are reading?" asked the fop.

New York Press: The Wife—Do they call a drink a smile, John? The Husband—Yes, dear. Why do you ask?

MUCH IN A NAME.

Brooklyn Life: Phyllis, if I could I'd paint you as I see you sitting there.

What's in a name? he idly said—For surely 'tis no sin. If one little Shakespeare knows, 'To sometimes work it in.

Phyllis, since I can't depict your charms, or give you ought but fame, Will you let me paint the picture?

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