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SUPPLIES FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS.

At the recent meeting of the State Board of Purchase and Supplies, which passed upon the estimates for supplies for the various state institutions for the coming quarter, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the state has suffered pecuniary loss and this board great trouble and annoyance by reason of the failure of contractors for supplies to state institutions to furnish goods in accordance with contracts, especially as regards goods of Nebraska manufacture.

The state board, we are informed, has already been encouraging in a measure the use of Nebraska-made goods in the state institutions whose purchases are under its control.

It is no more than just that in making purchases of supplies for state institutions the products of Nebraska manufacturers be given the preference, quality and price being equal to those of goods imported from other states.

A NEW TEST OF FITNESS.

OMAHA, June 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly allow space in The Bee for a correct statement of the nationality of the principal of the Castellar school.

MRS. MARY S. ALLIS. The Bee cheerfully complies with the request, but fails to comprehend why any such correction should have to be made concerning any teacher employed in the public schools of Omaha.

We again urge upon the park commission the expediency of improving the natural parks this year. Defer the conversion of outlying cornfields into landscape gardens until money is more plentiful.

The fuss made over the triumphant Guards and Rifles upon their return from Memphis was commented upon as being evidence that Omaha was not asleep.

If President Cleveland would only appoint one of the free silver democrats to the position of secretary of state the futility of expecting an international monetary agreement would be soon made certain by an announcement of the refusal of the United States to participate in any proposed conference.

It's passing strange, too, that Commissioner Strickler, who has been making grandstand plays ever since he was appointed to the board in the direction of police reform, now wants to defer action on police reorganization until he can have more time to think the matter over.

The Woman's Wesleyan edition of the Lincoln Journal, which made its appearance yesterday, compares well with other woman's editions of daily newspapers that have preceded. There is little that is distinctively feminine about it, but it is replete with contributions that will make interesting general reading.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The report of the death of Colorado from an overdose of water is supported by a superfluous affidavit.

Da Maurier has declined a Boston manager's offer of an American lecture tour on the mercury was climbing into the nineties.

It may be stated without violating confidence that presidential available in the democratic party are not sufficiently numerous to warrant a harmony dinner.

It is thirty years since General Buckner surrendered to Grant at Fort Donelson. The veteran soldier walks about Louisville now a decrepit old man, waiting for a summons to represent Kentucky in the senate.

Denver is determined to have a mining exposition, commemorating the Louisiana purchase, and illustrating the juicy snap which comes out of a song.

The venerable ex-Governor Oglesby of Illinois said to a reporter the other day: "I'm not taking any more of it."

On her way back from Cape Martin to Portborough, the ex-Empress Eugenie stayed for a time in Paris and drove through the Tuileries gardens.

"Does electricity kill?" The noted George D. Burton of Boston says not, and gives a variety of reasons for the fact that it is in him.

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KEEPING COOL.

Timely Receipts Furnished by Journalistic Wits.

New York Tribune: To many it may seem a mockery to say "keep cool" at a time like this.

Thus the impatient, perspiring multitude, Nevertheless, we say, with added emphasis, "Keep cool!"

But many can who now fume and sweat and abrogate. What is the use of hurrying so? If you miss that car, there is another coming on the next block.

Chicago Record: If people understood how much of the physical suffering incident to protracted seasons of hot weather is due to the food they eat there would be more common sense used in the selection of diet.

It is not at all uncommon to see in any of the city restaurants many plain fastidious eaters who are not eating anything but beef with a greasy, rich gravy, potatoes heavily buttered, or pork and beans.

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THE OLD TIMES.

Daniel Webster's sister-in-law, Mrs. Estel Webster, is living in Concord, N. H. She is 94 years old.

Victor Ballot, 103 years old; Vasey, 102; John Rose, 101, and Sebastian Prouant, 99, survivors of Waterloo, are living in France.

Two illustrious Englishwomen, Florence Nightingale and Jean Ingelow, celebrate their seventy-fifth birthday this year. Each lives in London. Miss Nightingale in the west end and Miss Ingelow in Kensington.

Three noted German painters celebrate their eightieth birthday this year—Schrader, Achenbach and Menzel. They are still busy with the brush, except Schrader, whose eyes have given out. Menzel, curiously enough, draws with his left hand and paints with his right.

Andrew Hafts, the last veteran of the Greek war of liberty of 1821, died in Athens lately at the age of 110. One of the streets in Athens is named after him, and his funeral was a public one. He had often expressed the wish to live until 1891 in order to be able to say that he had seen three centuries.

Prof. Crouch of "Kathleen Mavourneen" fame remembers Queen Victoria as a girl of 16, who was engaged to be married in the British royal household as a 'cellist in the band. This band was abolished by the reform bill passed in the early 30s.

Mrs. Mary Ann Smith of East Lyme, Conn., celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday last week. She is hale and hearty, and only four days before the anniversary she led a party of women to an assault upon the wretched roasts which the selectmen had provided for the occasion. Yet she, though not allowed to do much work, she carried fully forty big baskets of stone from the pike.

One of the numerous fine old men in Philadelphia is Frederick Fraley, who has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. He is a lively nonagenarian, up at 7 in the morning and busy at his desk from 9 to 7 in the evening. He takes life easily, and in moderation, he says, is the secret of his robust old age. He drinks a little, smokes a little, sleeps a good deal, and lets worry go to the winds.

Philadelphia Times: While the new woman may be set in her opinion, will she show at dress functions as much backbone as her fashionable predecessor?

Truth: Mr. Softleigh—Oh, Mrs. Vera, your respectful beauty shows my brain fire. Mrs. C. Vera—Well, never mind, it won't be much of a confagration.

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