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A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

There is not likely to be general approval of the bill for the Department of Commerce. There is no necessity for such a department. It is not apparent in what respect it could be beneficial and it would increase public expenditures.

As far as the domestic and foreign commerce of the country is concerned it is not apparent that a new department could do anything more to promote it than is now done, and the information regarding this commerce would not be more complete or trustworthy than that furnished by the bureau of statistics of the Treasury department.

There is no reason to suppose that a Department of Commerce would promote our commercial growth any more than the Department of Agriculture has advanced or improved the agricultural interests of the country.

There are now eight executive departments. The distribution of their functions is working satisfactorily and there is no good reason why the arrangement should be changed.

THE KENTUCKY SENATORIAL CONTEST.

The letter of Secretary Carlisle to the supporters of Senator Blackburn in the Kentucky legislature, who appealed to him to make an effort to induce the democratic opponents of Blackburn to transfer their votes to him.

TOO ANTIQUE FOR OMAHA.

The curfew ordinance is well enough for villages and college towns, but it is altogether out of place in metropolitan cities. We might as well reintroduce the night watchman with his horn and lantern going from door to door crying "All's well."

PROHIBITION WEDS POPULISM.

On St. Valentine's day a prohibition party of Nebraska threw itself into the arms of the populists, who now call themselves the bimetallic league, and adopted the following platform:

BURT COUNTY'S INNOVATION.

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HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVING POWER.

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REGULAR REPUBLICAN TICKET ELECTED.

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to the railroads than any movement that has ever been inaugurated west of the Mississippi. Where civilization is possible competition is inevitable. There never was an instance of permanent competition between rival street railway companies for the reason that no two street railways can supply precisely the same service.

THE TRANSLATION OF OMER.

Congressman Kem is from Broken Bow, Neb., and a thirty-third degree silverite whose utterances on the issue are so full that his constituents look upon him as one of the great men in his day and generation.

RAISING FALSE ISSUES.

Three copies of an obscure Missouri weekly that has been lying about Nebraska have found their way into the editorial mail bag of the World-Herald.

IS THE CLIMATE CHANGING?

The idea prevails that the settlement of Illinois and neighboring states has caused a marked change in the character of the seasons. The cutting down of forests and the cultivation of the soil are supposed to be the cause of this change.

MIGHTY GOOD ROUTE.

Governor Morton seems to be engaged in a desperate effort to reach the hearts of the Iowa republicans via their stomachs.

A TIP FOR THE SEEDLESS.

An executive department building is a crying need. The nation ought to build it even if it means to give up the idea of a permanent capital.

TOUCH ON THE HEAVENS.

The house Saturday was a volcano in an eruption of indignation because Secretary Morton pleases to obey the law in his refusal to squander thousands of dollars for useless and unnecessary experiments.

THE OXNARD BEET SUGAR COMPANY.

The Oxnard Beet Sugar company is making contracts with beet growers in Nebraska for this season, and the contracts are more favorable than heretofore.

WEYLER AT WORK.

Detroit Free Press: General Weyer made it one of his first orders that no newspaper men should accompany the Spanish army. There are obvious reasons why the general would prefer to report his own battles.

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King Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE. Highest of all in Leaving Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. It's a deal of consolation. Max advised me to get the sunburn. It's simply pouring down. And it's lots of relief. When the rain has frozen through. It's the best advice I've ever received. So it makes the world go better.—Though it takes a lot of luck. When the rain has frozen through. In some other fellow's shoes.