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And still the bank guarantee law hangs fire.

Up to the present time the democratic legislature has not redeemed a single promise made in the state platform.

The suggestion that, when New Mexico becomes a state the name be changed to Lincoln, will meet with the unanimous approval of the American people.

If you are a democrat, don't become a "sour dough" if the present legislature fails to incorporate the word "immediate" in the proposed law guaranteeing bank deposits.

The members of the Nebraska senate are not built on the economy plan when it comes to asking something from the general government.

The Humphrey bill, providing for election of United States senators by the Oregon plan, is in the interest of W. J. Bryan.

The people of Platte county are more interested in securing bridges spanning the Loup and Platte rivers than they are in the length of sheets in hotels.

Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, who has posed as a political reformer, must answer another charge. He has been indicted in the U. S. district court, with other prominent politicians of his state, for town lot frauds.

Congress appears to have abandoned its efforts to discredit the president since the undignified speech of Representative Rainey of Illinois, in which he charged the president, President-elect Taft, Charles P. Taft and Oliver Nelson Cromwell with having bribed the national assembly of the Republic of Panama in order to secure certain concessions on the isthmus.

LINCOLN AND DAVIS.

On the 12th day of February, one hundred years ago, Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Hardin county, Kentucky. Eight months previous, another child was born in a luxurious home in Todd county, in the same state. Jefferson Davis was a little more than eight months old when the Great Emancipator made his appearance in Hardin county.

THE MARTYR MOTHER.

Maternal martyrdom is a state of mind which every mother who loves her children and who wants to hold their love in return should dread. The martyr-mother is the woman who enters the estate of matrimony thoughtlessly, bears children willingly, and then when the real responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood press upon her more heavily than she anticipated, holds a grudge against husband and children, and rises in rebellion against conditions of her own creating.

NOT ALWAYS GOOD?

PREACHER'S OPINION OF APPEAL TO "PRINCIPLE."

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CUPID MUST FIGHT RED TAPE. Ludicrous Mistake in French Law Hard to Correct.

Curious difficulties occasionally beset young people who wish to marry in France. A young Frenchman proposed recently to a Miss Eugenie, and was accepted. The parents began collecting the mass of legal papers required for French marriages.

WITH THE AIR HE BREATHED. Emigrant from the Green Isle Absorbed Americanism.

How long it requires an Irishman to become an American is another story. The federal statutes, of course, have

their own crude opinions on the subject; but those authorities are apt to be influenced by prosaic fact rather than by divine instinct.

It is told of two steerage passengers whose steamer entered New York on the morning of the glorious Fourth, that one of them, an Englishman, listened a few minutes to the tremendous cannonade and cracker firing that ushered in the dawn of Freedom.

Rare Gases in the Air. Samples of pure air from a height of eight and one-half miles have been collected by Teisserenc de Fort, the French investigator, in his observations on the rare gases, especially argon, neon and helium.

The collecting apparatus—a vacuum tube drawn out to a fine point at one end—was carried up by a large sounding balloon. At the desired height an electromagnetic device operated by a barometer broke off the point admitting the air, and a few minutes later a second contact sent a battery current through a platinum wire around the broken end, melting the glass and sealing the tube.

Tulips Like the Light. Tulips are very sensitive to the light. During a cloudy day they will sometimes close their petals, and not open them until the sunlight returns.



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