

THE OMAHA BEE

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CORRESPONDENCE
From all parts of the State and country...

NABBY, of the Toledo Blade remarks sarcastically:
'A Washington dispatch says the friends of Senator Nye are talking of him as a candidate for the mission to China.'

NEW ORLEANS pays over three-fifths of the taxation of the State of Louisiana. The total assessed valuation of the city property is over \$158,000,000 while her direct debt amounts to \$21,000,000.

THE Daily Lincoln Politician has been rechristened, and has also changed proprietors. It is now the Lincoln Leader, published by the Lincoln Leader Company.

A VERY pointed article on the cheap fuel question appears among the editorial notes of the Beatrice Express. It reads as follows:
'An individual in this vicinity who has no respect for the 4th commandment, is hereby notified that if his little deceptions on our woodpile are not stopped, we shall be under the painful necessity of shooting the top of his head right off.'

REFERRING to the Senatorial contest, the Leavenworth Times, an anti-Pomero organ, says:
'Senator Pomero's friends have the only organization for the campaign at Topeka. Whatever opposition there may be to the Senator is scattered among five or six candidates, and it will be hard to concentrate on any particular man.'

THE death of Sir Edward Lytton Bulwer, which is announced by cable, has created an irreparable void in the world of classic fictitious literature. With the exception of his immortal contemporary, Charles Dickens, no modern British novelist was capable of filling such a large space in the popular heart.

THE Pennsylvania State Constitutional Convention, now in session, has agreed upon an article changing the term for general State election from October to November, to correspond with the Presidential election days.

THE difference in this instance is principally the variation between truth and falsehood—between wilful and malignant misrepresentation and incontrovertible facts. When the editor of the Republican declares that the BEB hauled down the name of Governor Furnas from the head of its columns he simply penned an unmitigated falsehood.

THE Agricultural College endowment bill, which passed the United States Senate last week, appropriates to every State and Territory where these colleges may be opened and in actual operation within five years after the passage of the act, the proceeds of the sale of five hundred thousand acres of public land estimated at \$1.25 per acre.

THE Secretary of the Interior to issue land warrants when applications are made. Although this bill was vehemently opposed by Senators Sherman, Thurman, Hamilton, and others, it passed by a vote of 39 to 14. It now remains to be seen how the House will look upon the project.

THE Herald still persists in advocating the repeal of the usury laws. We are prepared to maintain that the demand for repeal comes principally from the money-lenders, and not from the debtor class.

THE City of Washington, which until recently has been characterized as the Sodom of the nineteenth century, has thanks to a kind Providence and the wisdom of her city fathers, suddenly been compelled to assume the lily colored habiliments of concentrated virtue, piety, and morality.

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THE difference between the statement above quoted is just exactly the same as was the difference between his sworn declaratory statement relating to his bona fide residence upon a certain pre-empted quarter section of Uncle Sam's domain, and the real facts concerning that notorious transaction.

THE North Platte Enterprise, in the name of the consolidated concern which swallowed up the Democrat and Advertiser of that town.
—Lowell is attaining great celebrity as an entrepreneur for wolves. Over 1000 wolf skins have been shipped from there in the past two weeks.

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THE disgraceful policy of "the oldest established paper" to bully, threaten, and dragon representative Republicans into its traces. They understand its value, and give it a voluntary support.

HOW GAMBLING CAN BE SUPPRESSED.
The spasmodic agitation about gambling and gamblers has induced us to look up the present status on this subject in order to see what, if any, remedies apart from the proper execution of the laws may be necessary to accomplish the result.

SEC. 138. If any person shall by himself, servant, or agent, for his or her gain, or profit, keep, have, exercise, or maintain a common gambling house, or place occupied by him or her, or procure or permit any persons to frequent or come together to play for money or other valuable things, at any game, every offender on conviction shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment six months.

SEC. 140. It shall be the duty of all justices of the peace, sheriffs, coroners, and grand jurors now in office or hereafter to be appointed, to take notice and give information to the proper authorities of such offenses as may be committed in their respective counties, contrary to the provisions of this chapter, whenever the same may, in anywise, come under their immediate observation. And if any officer, whose duty it is made to execute the provisions of this chapter, shall neglect to enforce its provisions upon view or complaint, such officer, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in the sum of one hundred dollars, and shall, moreover, be suspended from office for one year.

SEC. 141. A careful perusal of these provisions will make the following points self-evident:
First. The law defines clearly that the owners of houses and keepers of resorts where persons habitually congregate to play for either money or other valuable considerations are liable to fines and imprisonment as much as those who engage in the illegal games.

SEC. 142. The duty of suppressing such practices does not alone devolve upon the city police. The sheriff and his deputies, justices of the peace, coroners and others, are required, under severe penalties, to prefer charges against such violators of the law, and bring them to justice.

SEC. 143. In order to bring about the proper kind of reform, not only gamblers, but those who aid, abet and shelter them; those who exact high rents from them, and those who harbor them for the purpose of securing a profitable liquor traffic should be brought to justice.

SEC. 144. So far as the three card monte men kindred pick pockets are concerned, the remedy lies with the railroad companies. Let every employe on each train be commissioned as Deputy Sheriff, and compel them to arrest every person that attempts to play on board of the train, and you will soon squelch the whole brood.

SEC. 145. To amend this we will say that there has been reported about \$750,000 from the sale of State lots and lands, while the proceeds of the first sale of lots alone amounted to \$300,000. Subsequent sales were still larger, while the sales of lands should be double that sum.

TRIPLET. By Mrs. Johnson of Columbus, two boys and one girl, weighing respectively 3 1/2, 6-1/2 and 7 pounds. Mother and children reported well, father happy.

THE Western Union Telegraph office at Nebraska City is under the management of a female while J. G. Bloss, the veteran operator, is manager of the Great Western at that place.

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