

THE first improvements Omaha should make are improvements in her municipal government.

DEMOCRACY in Madrid and Castile is rapidly increasing. Castles in Spain will soon become unfashionable.

Kossuth's sister reports him as enjoying excellent health at the age of 79, and being pleasantly situated in his villa at Turin.

Jones' insanity wasn't anything. If you're to believe our democratic contemporaries who are discussing Senator Mahone's latest break.

The new city council should be above reproach. Otherwise it will be a waste of money to vote bonds for our much needed improvements.

The weather service slipped up in predicting the late storm, but Vennor "called the turn" six months in advance. Vennor is a bigger man than old Hesen.

In a set of irresponsible agrarian and political shenanigans elected to the city council, that \$100,000 in improvement bonds will never be voted by our people into their pockets.

Harcall is after the nomination of mayor on the republican ticket. He may possibly be induced to resign in favor of Smythe if he is guaranteed the presidency of the city council.

MR. FRYE, who will take Secretary Blaine's place in the senate, is one of the most active political tools of monopoly in congress. Mr. Frye will be a step before the expiration of his term.

With Smythe for mayor, Harcall for president of the city council and Baldwin as city attorney our citizens will be upon their pockets and vote down any bonding scheme of which such shysters and high toned bilks can take advantage of.

VANMETER, pays no taxes on \$50,000,000 of personal property and shirks his taxes on the railroads which he owns, while the people are taxed by a direct tax on their property and an indirect tax on the monopolies on every necessary of life.

We are constantly in receipt of letters from all over the state condemning the nomination of Stanley Matthews and urging our senators to vote against his confirmation. There is no doubt that the mass of Nebraska are strongly opposed to the nomination of Jay Gould's Cincinnati attorney.

MR. S. F. DONNELLY, an able and experienced journalist, who is well and favorably known to our citizens as the former city editor of the Herald, has accepted the position vacated by Mr. Kent, who is to be on the editorial staff of the Salt Lake Tribune.

It is a significant fact that the new senate committee on railroads is at the very outset packed with the tools of the monopolies. Kellogg, its chairman, is the late relic of the worst element of southern carpet baggers, and has up more than enough of returning to the bosom of the South, or to the bosom of the West Jersey railroad, and represents the Pennsylvania road in congress. Teller is the Union Pacific's attorney in Colorado. Brown is the great railroad monopoly king of Georgia. Hawley, Sawyer, Lamar and Williams are all reported to incline in their sympathies towards the monopolies. Against such a majority Senator Saunders' voice is not likely to carry much weight.

THE RAILROAD TAX LAW. To the Editor of the Bee.

As you have stated in your issue of March 9, that others and myself would have the pleasure of explaining our vote on Senate File 40, for one gladly avail myself of the opportunity. Your statement of the case, in your anti-monopoly paper, casting the impression that others would have had said out to the public in my name, is a gross misstatement of the facts.

THE BEE very naturally expressed surprise that Mr. Moore and other staunch anti-monopoly men should be so glibly to inquire of an inhabitant as to how they made a living in that region, or whether they were engaged in any "strange" business. "But," questioned the traveler, "What do you do when there are no strangers?"

"O, in that case, we skin one another." While we were fighting our common enemy.

The Bee fought manfully for our cause, but when the country needs to soothe for its rights in a just proportion of the vote to be derived from railroad property, then the Bee attempts to skin its own friends. Now, I think that is not only just and wise, but what we combine to rid ourselves of the injurious others that we deal fairly with one another. And in so doing, if the Bee will make a true statement of our action in regard to Senate File 40, we are willing that our constituents should exercise the perfect right they have to comment or censure our action in the matter, in which the point at issue, was not between the railroads and the people, but between the railroads and the country. The law of 1876 gave all railroad property, of every description, to be valued and assessed with the line of road, and if the state board had discharged their duty by placing a proper valuation on the property, the country would have been the losers, as against the old law which gave the country nothing but the rolling stock, to be valued and assessed with the line of road. The new compromise bill being a substitute for house bill No. 1 and 2, now pending, does not change the law, and all machinery, stores, houses, offices and other property standing off the right of way, to be assessed by the local or city authorities, for which we worked and voted, believing that the provisions of the bill were right and just, as follows: "The city and county boards shall assess the property in the city and county. The bill passed in the house and sent to the senate, when the city members of the house made amendments to the bill, the compromise bill by writing the passage of Senate File 40, (giving to the city and county) before the house will be reached in the senate. Now for those members who were contending for the

STATE JOTTINGS.

—Seward wants a crenamory.

—St. Paul has a democratic paper.

—The Wahoo brewery has taken up.

—St. Paul is agitating incorporation.

—Optimism is predicted at Sidney.

—Grafton is to have a bank and a new school.

—Wahoo is to have still another brick block.

—Sheldon's new depot is almost completed.

—Dwelling houses are in great demand at Blair.

—Pium Creek is to have a new postoffice building.

—Lincoln expects water works before the end of the year.

—North Bend bridge is finally completed at a cost of \$14,500.

—A thirty-three pound wolf was shot last week near Fairfield.

—Only two bridges across the Republican river are left standing.

—Lincoln's land league had a most successful ball on St. Patrick's day.

—The citizens of Republican City have organized a free ferry company.

—A number of kites of lime will be burned at Pawnee City this summer.

—Scraper sportsmen had a deer hunt recently in defiance of the law.

—Contributions of Black Hills freight sidings are increasing daily.

—A new G. A. R. post has been formed in South Loup precinct, Hall county.

—Oakland's population will double inside of sixty days from the first of April.

—The deficiency in the accounts of the Adams county treasury amounts to \$40,000.

—Wahoo's new hotel building will be of brick and three stories high.

—A new grist mill is soon to be put up about five miles from Blue Springs.

—The saloon of John Serensen, at Jackson, was destroyed by fire on Thursday.

—A Chicago party has been looking up a location for a steam grist mill at North Bend.

—Wilber masons have secured the third story of the brick school house as a lodge room.

—The publisher of The Fremont Pioneer (German) will soon issue a Norfolk edition.

—Willie Pennington, of Waverly, fatally poisoned himself last week by eating licorice root.

—August F. Arat has again been evicted from his farm in Wahoo precinct by the U. P.

—Blue Springs has petitioned the U. P. to move their depot to the west side of the depot.

—Smith Mead was run over and instantly killed by a locomotive at Grand Island last week.

—The Tillman and Seely and Wright dams on the Blue went down with the flood last week.

—Fifty thousand dollars in bridge property was swept away by the flood in the Republican valley.

—One hundred beaver were recently captured in three lodges of Omaha Indian near Fort Harker.

—The loss to the B. & M. railroad by the late freight, between Orleans and Indianola, is fully \$15,000.

—The A. & N. railroad company are putting in a new bridge across the Omaha just east of the depot at Humboldt.

—A brave named Geo. Wilson at Grand Island, sold the dead body of his wife to a physician and then jumped the town.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

Judge Wood is said to have lobbied for the re-nomination of Judge Billings.

Mr. O'Connellman De La Matye is a man of abiding faith. He is making great speeches in Maine.

There are four vacancies to fill in the house, the seat formerly occupied by Fernando Wood, O. D. Conger, W. P. Frye and L. P. Morton.

If barred-wire fences are introduced into politics, as they are being introduced into agricultural regions, David Davy will have to carry a cushion in his trousers.

The republicans of New Jersey have made an appointment which gives them a chance of electing a republican to the senate.

The prohibitionists in Rhode Island propose to run a ticket this year in the name of George Littlefield and his associates. Last year there were local issues which gave strength to the movement, but this year they do not exist.

State Senator John I. Rich of Michigan, the republican nominee to succeed Representative Conger, is a progressive farmer. He served two years as speaker of the house of representatives and has been a republican candidate for governor last summer.

The federal supreme court has barely able-bodied men enough for a quarrel, and, as the last congress made no arrangement for retiring judges, the court is likely to be crowded to the limit for another term two men short, even if Matthews secures a confirmation.

Wayne McVeagh is said to have protested against Stanley Matthews' nomination. The report is probably correct, except for the fact that the protest of the head of the department of justice, in all ordinary circumstances, would be enough to prevent the nomination of a man to the supreme court.

New York and Ohio each contribute to the United States senate five sons in addition to their own representatives in the senate. New York's are: John C. Breckinridge, of Louisiana; John C. Breckinridge, of Louisiana; John C. Breckinridge, of Louisiana.

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