

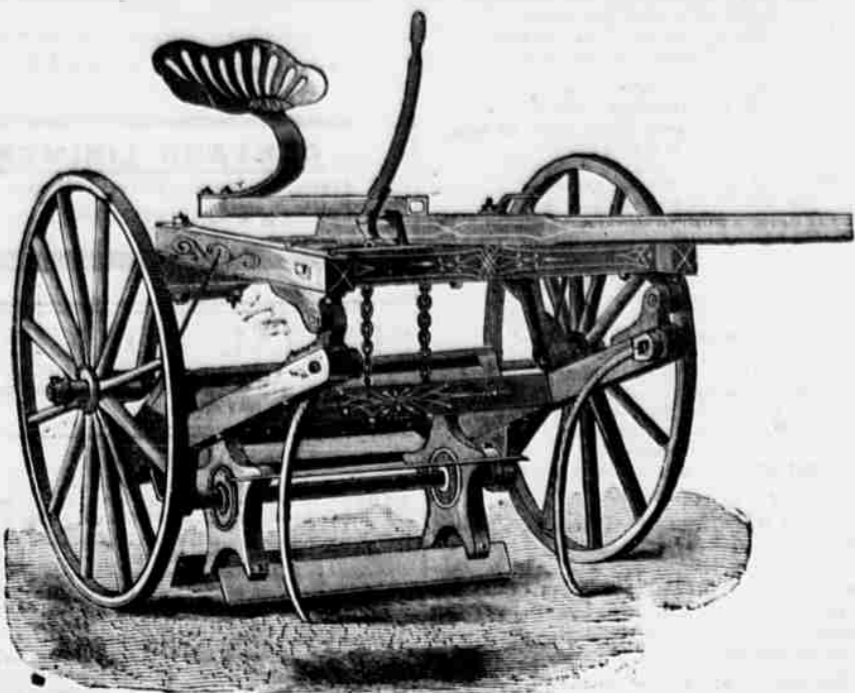
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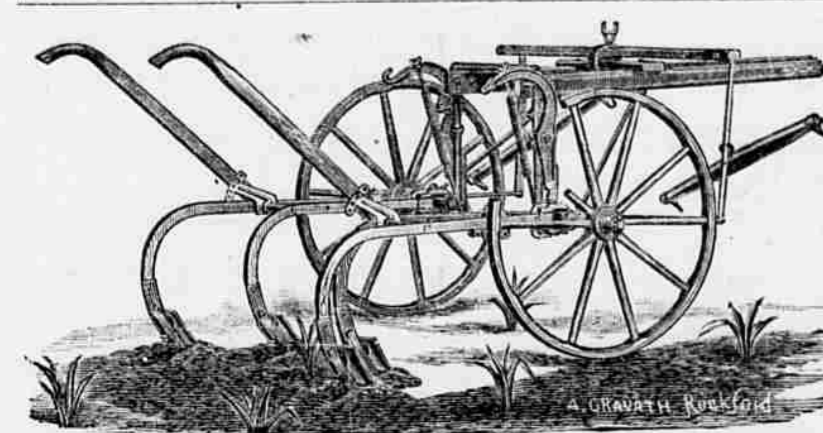


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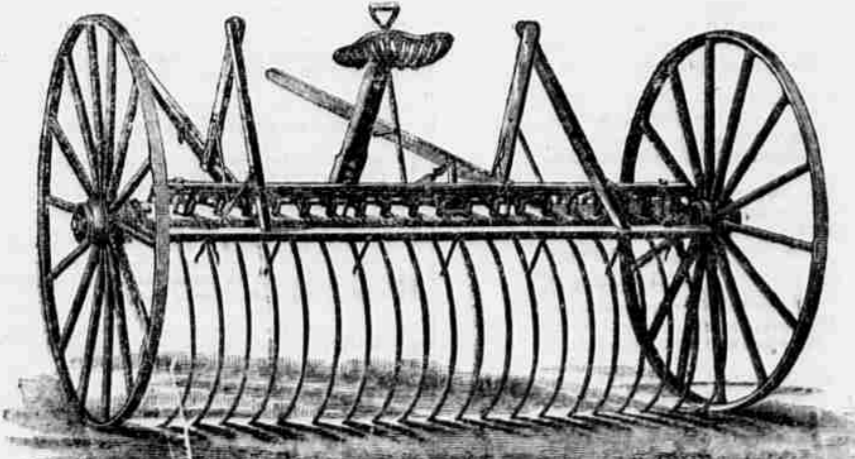
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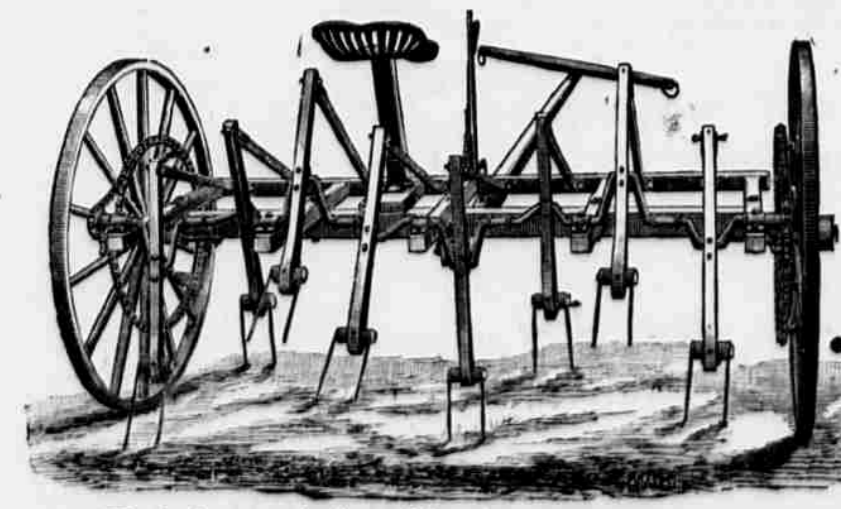
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### WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

How the Nebraska Delegation Divide  
the Spoils of Office.

The Memorials Presented by Sen-  
ator Manderson, and Other  
Matters.

A Visit to Various Persons and Places  
of Interest.

#### Correspondence of THE BEE.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Some  
time last spring the Nebraska delegation  
in congress met for the purpose of ad-  
justing the matter of postoffice appoint-  
ments, and it was unanimously agreed  
that all questions under that head should  
be left to the members of congress in  
their respective districts. Since then  
this rule has been pretty well lived up to.  
Omaha and Nebraska city, where the  
senators reside, were excepted, but in  
all other cases the senators have promptly  
and heroically transferred all applications  
for postoffice appointments and retentions  
to their friends in the house and  
written explanatory letters to the anx-  
ious parties. If this were not so the  
time of the senators would be frittered  
away in investigating the claims of rival  
individuals in territory with which the  
various representatives are supposed to  
have much better means of information.  
It is hoped, moreover, that the Nebraska  
delegation will be able to act unitely in  
appointments of this kind, and so far,  
everything has been harmonious among  
them.

#### ANOTHER THING

which "constituents" should bear in  
mind when they start to correspond with  
their representatives in congress is, that  
there is no possible way in which pen-  
sions can be pushed here, and that no  
influence whatever can take a case out of  
its regular order except it be a case of  
immediate distress or the petitioner be  
an object of charity. All that senators  
can do is to ask a statement of the con-  
dition of the claim, with information as  
to what needs to be done in the matter,  
to be forwarded through them to the  
claims office. This information, which can-  
not be obtained by writing directly to the  
pension office, can always and will  
always be cheerfully obtained by sen-  
ators or representatives for their home  
people. If the pension office was to an-  
swer all letters demanding information as  
to this claim and that claim which come  
directly to it, its clerks would be doing  
nothing else. Restraining it to the con-  
gressional channel relieves the immediate  
pressure on the office. If this fact were  
more generally known there would be  
less growling at inattention to claims by  
the bureau.

A senator's correspondence is some-  
thing enormous and his postage bill a  
matter of so many dollars a week.

#### LETTERS FOUR IN

on every conceivable subject, demanding  
in almost all cases lengthy replies. Peo-  
ple seem to have forgotten that the  
franking privilege is done away with, and  
that stationery is not plunder. A sen-  
ator is allowed \$125 a year for stationery  
but in nearly all cases the outlay is great-  
er than can be covered by that figure.  
There are no "perquisites" to the office  
and a senator pays for what he orders.

#### NEBRASKA MEMORIALS.

Nothing important will probably be  
undertaken by congress until after the  
holidays. Senator Manderson has pre-  
sented in the senate the memorials and  
joint resolutions which were adopted by  
the Nebraska legislature last winter.  
Their texts may have been forgotten so I  
copy them:

Memorial and joint resolutions to congress  
relative to lands in the state of Nebraska  
granted to railroad companies and not taxed.  
To the honorable Senate and House of Rep-  
resentatives of the United States:

Whereas the general government has made  
large and generous grants of the public  
domain to the several railroad companies in  
the state of Nebraska, as well as other states;

Whereas certain railroad companies in the  
state of Nebraska having neglected to obtain  
patents upon large portions of such lands  
and have refused to pay taxes on the same; and  
Whereas it is manifest injustice to all citi-  
zens of this state, and particularly to settlers  
in the immediate vicinity of said lands, who  
are by their industry and improvements add-  
ing value to said lands, and at the same time  
being unjustly taxed for the support of local  
and state government: Therefore,

Resolved, That the senate and house of rep-  
resentatives of the state of Nebraska, their  
senators and representatives in congress are  
requested to secure such action by the heads  
of departments at Washington, or such legis-  
lation by congress as will compel railroad  
companies to take out patents for said lands,  
so that they may be taxed, or that they may  
revert to the general government, and be sub-  
ject to the homestead and pre-emption laws.

This will be referred to the committee on  
railroads, when appointed.

Memorial and joint resolution of the legis-  
lature of the state of Nebraska concerning  
the improvement of the Missouri river:

Whereas the importance to the whole coun-  
try of continuing the work of the improve-  
ment of the greater water way of the west, the  
Missouri, the Mississippi and the Ohio, a sys-  
tem of rivers navigable to the Gulf of Mex-  
ico as a God-blessed competition with the  
railways in the interest of cheap transpor-  
tation, is a matter of ever more than national  
interest.

Resolved, That the house of representatives  
of the State of Nebraska requests its senators  
and representatives in congress to sustain the  
plans for the improvement of said river, and  
to use their best endeavors to secure the ap-  
propriations necessary to carry out the much-  
needed work as speedily as practicable.

Resolved, That we believe that an inde-  
pendent Missouri River commission, in pur-  
pose similar to the Mississippi River com-  
mission, is demanded by the best interests of the  
great valley of the Missouri—the most fertile  
agricultural region in the world.

This will be referred to the committee on  
the improvement of the Mississippi  
river and tributaries when appointed.  
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This will be referred to the committee on  
finance, when appointed.

Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett  
lives in a modest house on I street, the

artificially bedecked parlors of which see  
many a face distinguished in literary cir-  
cles at the reception which she gives on  
Tuesday evening during the season.  
"The season" in Washington, everybody  
should know, begins with New Years  
and ends, or is supposed to end, with  
Lent. A young Omaha journalist, who  
evidently made a pretty extensive ac-  
quaintance during his stay here last win-  
ter, had given me a letter to Mrs. Bur-  
nett and the other evening I presented  
it. Dr. Burnett met and entertained me  
until his talented wife came down and  
we talked on the ever fascinating  
subject of Washington and its future.  
"Everyone seems to fear," said Dr.  
Burnett, "that with the large addition of  
wealthy people which is now being  
made to our population, society here will  
be divided into two circles, that of the  
purely aristocratic and wealthy and that  
of the official class. In any other city,  
in Philadelphia or New York, this would  
be and is the case, but in Washington it  
can never be, and I'll tell you the reason.  
Society is to be led here by the officials  
of the government, whatever the con-  
dition of their purses and however tem-  
porary their residence, and not by the  
rich. No lady, for instance, no matter  
what her wealth, can take precedence of  
the wife of the secretary of state, as at  
present there is no lady at the  
White House. There may be very  
elegant little dinners given and all  
that, but at all large receptions wealth  
gives place to rank. None of us would  
like to see it otherwise."  
When Mrs. Burnett entered the con-  
versation changed to remarks upon

#### THE DREAFFUL CRUSH

that attended the opening day of con-  
gress, particularly in the house. The  
great unwashed held sway that day, and  
influence and name and cards were no  
avail in the impatient crowd. Mrs. Bur-  
nett and her friends, like many others  
whom I know, had to give up any at-  
tempt to see the speaker elected, and  
took refuge in the neglected benches of  
the senate gallery. I had managed, by  
 dint of hard pushing, to get one foot on  
a chair round, one hand on a man's  
shoulder and the other on a door, and  
made myself in this unsteady position  
long enough to see Charles led to the  
chair by Keifer and Randall.

But to continue my visit at Mrs. Bur-  
nett's. Her face is decidedly English,  
and created with a great wave of curly  
hair. She is rather short and stout, and  
converses very delightfully, manifesting  
the greatest interest in public affairs.  
Her two dogs were playing about  
her all the while, and one,  
an immense pug, was particularly affec-  
tionate. Mrs. Burnett is at present  
engaged on another drama. She says  
that, like many other writers, she cannot  
compose when she will, but she goes to  
her room, which is on the third floor,  
every morning after breakfast, and  
whether she writes or not, stays there  
until lunch. If the thoughts do not come  
readily she walks up and down the study,  
to sing a call to the air, a habit of hers  
for many years.

#### SERMONS FOR THE SINFUL

There is to be a series of fine dis-  
courses at the Unitarian church this win-  
ter by various eminent divines. Rev.  
Robert Collyer opened the list last Sun-  
day and drew a large congregation. I  
went again in the evening and was un-  
able to enter on account of the crowd.  
He preaches in a fine, manly way,  
apparently without effort, talking directly  
to his hearers and occasionally making  
them laugh outright. "He is very odd,"  
said the lady in whose pew I sat. "It is  
oddly, give me much of it. There is  
everything about the man to attract one;  
his broad, clean-shaven face, at once  
benevolent and earnest in expression, his  
clear eye, his long white hair, and his  
ringing voice dropping now and then to  
an impressive bass on emphatic periods.  
He talked about the pattern given Moses  
on the mount and urged that all young  
people should start out with some  
ideal in their hearts up to which  
they should struggle to live. No  
one achieves all he hopes to, but the  
work is carried on. St. Peter's prob-  
ably was not all that Michael Angelo had  
conceived in his vision.

Dr. Collyer, after mentioning that the  
day before was his sixteenth birthday, told  
us of

#### THE IDEAL HE HAD MADE

for himself when a boy in England of a  
little cottage home in Pennsylvania, to  
realize which he had torn up the roots of  
his youth and transplanted them on  
American soil, leaving behind him a sor-  
rowing and widowed mother. He had  
in his heart this little cottage and the  
one woman whom he hoped some day to  
see and children and plenty of books  
for them and the great free country all  
around and himself a citizen of it and  
holding a ballot in its government. And  
all this he quietly worked for and real-  
ized and more too. He had wished that  
they might be blessed with a family—  
about seven children, he thought would  
be the right number—and the Lord gave  
him nine. "There's nothing like being  
moderate in your desires," said Dr. Col-  
lyer, "the Lord will always surprise you.  
Yes, and on the very first Thanksgiving  
after we landed we had turkey on the  
table for dinner, a bird I would no  
sooner dreamed of eating in the old coun-  
try than I would of dining on the Amer-  
ican eagle!" The doctor, as the sermon  
was largely about Moses, could not re-  
frain from a word on Ingersoll. "I  
have been much annoyed," said he  
when riding up town in the Third ave-  
nue street cars in New York by the glass  
in the windows which distorts everything  
outside and makes the church spire look  
all crooked, and I sometimes wonder  
if our vision is not often the fault of  
the glass we look through, and if your  
eminent townsman, who is so strenuous-  
ly endeavoring to put down Moses, is not  
looking through these badly made win-  
dows so that to him the steeples of all  
the meeting houses look crooked?"

#### OLD NEBRASKANS

see turning up all the time. Ex-Sheriff  
Burley was down east last week, he is  
stationed at Baltimore as agent for the  
Union Pacific. Lawyer Harwood of  
Lincoln, and Lawyer Groff of Omaha,  
were at the St. James last week and are  
now in New York. Chaplain Scott of  
the last Nebraska house is looking after  
something at the White House. I think  
he is the right man to seek for a gov-  
ernor: he's a better politician. Mr. and  
Mrs. Will Millard witnessed the opening  
day of congress and then sailed from  
New York on the Servia.

#### EXTREME TIRED FEELING.

A lad tells us "the first bottle has  
done my daughter a great deal of good,  
her food does not distress her now, nor  
does she suffer from that extreme tired  
feeling which she did before taking  
Hood's Sarsaparilla." A second bottle  
effected a cure. No other preparation  
contains such a concentration of vitalizing,  
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general health.  
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My drug store was the first to sell Swift's Specific.  
It was then put up in quart bottles which sold for  
\$5.00 each. I have seen a great many cases cured  
by its use, and some who had tried all sorts of treat-  
ment. In fact, I have never known it to fail when  
taken properly. I sell a large quantity of it, and for  
all diseases that are dependent on blood poison or  
skin humor. It cures  
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and makes the complexion fair and rosy. As for  
blood taint, there is no such word as fail. It cures  
cases that have long withstood other sorts of treat-  
ment, and without any of those recurring troubles  
that generally follow all mercurial and other so-called  
cures.  
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DRY TETTER.

For years I was afflicted with Dry Tetter of the  
most obstinate type. I was treated by many of the  
best physicians; took quantities of mercury, potash  
and arsenic, which, instead of curing the tetter,  
crippled me up with neuralgia, rheumatism, and the  
tetter continued to grow worse, and the itching  
almost made me crazy. In this condition I was in-  
duced to take Swift's Specific, and the result was  
astonishing as it was gratifying. In a few months  
the tetter was entirely well, the rheumatism and  
all out of my system and I was as well man—and due  
only to Swift's Specific. All live sufferers should  
take it.

#### What a Physician Says.

CYRUS RING, M.D., MOON, GA., Ky.,  
July 23, 1883.  
I have a bright little daughter who will be two  
years old next month. She has been troubled nearly  
ever since her birth with a skin disease, which I first  
diagnosed chicken-pox, but later found it to be some  
sort of eczema; at any rate it resisted very stubbornly  
all the different treatments. I procured one bottle  
of Swift's Specific and gave it to her in small doses  
three times a day, and in a short while had the satisfac-  
tion to see that she was entirely well. I am so  
well pleased with its effect on her that I shall not  
only use it in my practice, but I shall administer it  
to my other children and take it myself.  
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