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A COUNTY SEAT WAR IN Dakota stirs up a bigger breeze than a Dakota blizzard.

THE Nebraska democratic office-seekers all showed up at Lincoln yesterday in their store clothes.

WHILE the general depression is causing the shutting down of mills everywhere, the gin-mills, especially those in Omaha, continue to run full time, seven days in a week.

THE recent action of the German reichstag in refusing to allow Bismarck an assistant leads the New York Commercial Advertiser to remark that Bismarck now knows what it is to deal with the mugg-wumps.

SENATOR MAIDENSON is entitled to the thanks of the merchants of Omaha for introducing a bill making Omaha a port of entry. The bill has passed the senate and in all probability will pass the house.

THE latest advices from Albany indicate that in the selection of his cabinet the president-elect will probably take three members from the east, two from the south, and two from the northwest.

WHILE the Spanlab and Mexican reciprocity treaties are steadily growing in disfavor, the Nicaraguan project is constantly gaining supporters, and public sentiment seems to be in favor of its ratification.

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STATERMEN AND POLITICIANS. To the Editor of THE BEE. Will you kindly answer through the columns of THE BEE the following questions? Do you consider James G. Blaine a statesman, and if so, what constitutes a statesman in your opinion?

GROVER CLEVELAND is being overrun with delegations of pilgrims from all parts of the country. So many of these office-seeking delegations would not go to Albany to urge on the president-elect, says the New York Herald, the "claims" of this or that man for federal office if they would read Mr. Cleveland's frequent declarations about the appointing power and its exercise, and would examine in what manner he has acted in this particular while governor of New York.

NEBRASKA'S exhibit at the New Orleans world's exposition is attracting a great deal of attention, and the money spent in getting it up has undoubtedly been well invested. It was fortunate that the state secured the services of Ek-Governor Furnas as commissioner. No better man for the place could have been selected. In speaking of Nebraska's exhibit the New Orleans Times Democrat of December 18th says: Governor Furnas is doing wonders for that young prairie state (Nebraska) in the way of a grand display of her resources and products.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

The tendency to establish schools for manual instruction is growing in popular favor in the large cities of the east. Several of these institutions have proved very successful, and this gives encouragement to the extension of the system, the principal idea of which is to instruct the young in the various arts and trades so that they may learn something of practical value to them when they enter upon the discharge of life's active duties and are thrown upon their own resources.

WHEN our children leave the common schools, the seminaries and the colleges, they have a smattering of learning, but they are wholly unprepared to make their own way, and have to be assisted for years afterwards. The result of too much mental training is that we have too many clerks, too many lawyers, too many doctors, too many professional men of all kinds, and too many men who are seeking soft berths.

THERE certainly ought to be a boiler inspector in this city. There are over six boilers in Omaha and they are used year in and year out without any inspection whatever. This is nothing more or less than carelessness, which sooner or later is likely to result in some serious accident to life and property.

THE Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art has had for a number of years in successful operation a school for furnishing such practical instruction in drawing, painting, modeling and designing as is required by workmen in the various constructive and decorative arts, and to serve as a training school for teachers in these branches.

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THE Burlington railway train, which led the way into Omaha with a through local train to and from Chicago, now proposes to run its principal express trains—the Atlantic and Pacific—directly into Omaha. This is a move in the right direction, and will be appreciated by the citizens of Nebraska's metropolis.

THIS has been an off year for landgrabbers in Nebraska. The United States grand jury has made it uncomfortably warm for them. The railroad papers in the state are abusing all those who would not ring in their noses, and who dare espouse the cause of a monopoly ridden people. Call them such endearing names as blatherers, cranks, etc. Now in all candor, can any one tell us why we should tear our shirts and roar and snort to uphold the railroads as some papers do? Why should we get mad and belch our bile all over one who says that the roads have not treated the people of this state white? We have a faint idea why some papers squeal when a bait is shied at monopolies.

THE city councilmen, in discussing the proposed charter amendments, took up the subject of city officials and salaries. They were of the opinion that the city marshal should receive more than \$1,000 a year, and they accordingly passed a resolution that he ought to get \$1,500. This is not too high a salary for that official, who, if a competent and honest man, earns fully that amount. The councilmen also expressed themselves in favor of raising their own salaries, and agreed upon \$600 per annum. This is not too much. In fact it may be said to be a very moderate salary, for a councilman who attends faithfully to business is worth a great deal more than that to the city.

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JUDGESAS DEATHDEALS.

From the Springfield (Ill.) Register. Mr. Stephen B. Moore, of Kankakee, in a communication to the State Register on the subject of discrimination in railroad freight, which appeared to-day in our columns, offers some facts and suggestions which are timely. It may be alleged by those who would make light of his complaints, that Mr. Moore is a man with a grievance. That may be so; but he is not lonesome in that role. Recent events have demonstrated that the business men of this city are in the same boat with Mr. Moore, and the same could be said of other communities in this state.

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A TOAD FOR A BAROMETER.

Master Builder Irvin, attached to the West Point Military Academy, was, when the other day to some talk about signs of rain that could be depended upon, when he interrupted by saying, "I've got something that will beat you all. I have had a toad six or eight months. I filled a half gallon earthen jar one-third full of water and put the toad in it. Then I built a miniature ladder, which extends from the bottom of the jar to about an inch above the top, and every time it is going to rain that toad will climb to the top of the ladder and sit on the round and croak. Not since I have had the toad has the sign failed."

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