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The Lincoln Journal intimates that Mr. Her of Omaha paid the Omaha Bee \$4,000 for its Iowa anti-prohibition correspondence.

The announcement is made that Mr. Parnell's health is failing him. The cause of freedom cannot well afford the loss of the services of that grand man now.

Said Attorney General Leese: "The passage of House Roll 95 will put Sioux county along with all the other counties in the state under the operation of the herd law."

Helen M. Gougar, the great woman suffrage agitator from Indiana, addressed the state legislature at Lincoln last week, Wednesday, and delighted everybody with her witty remarks.

Why do the free range men kick so hard and so high about the passage of House Roll 95 if they are sincere in saying that it will permanently fasten free range on this county? Rats!

Before another issue of the JOURNAL is published Republicans will be in possession of the White House, Harrison will be President, and Grover will have retired into "innocuous desuetude."

Senator Manderson delivered an eloquent and graceful address to a joint session of the two houses at Lincoln on last week Tuesday. Republicans of Nebraska are proud of Senator Manderson.

Sam Jones claims 1,200 converts during a recent revival meeting at Los Angeles, California. That's all right for Los Angeles, but if Sam ever strikes Harrison Holy Row will have him in jail on a charge of criminal libel before he has time to preach his second sermon.

Chauncey M. Depew claims to be the first man who ever got a railroad charter through the city council of New York without the use of boodle and seems to think it a feat to be proud of. What a comment on the unadulterated Democratic government of that city!

The closing act of the present Democratic administration is enlivened by the antics of Judge Edgerton whom Grover is trying to depose from the civil service commission to get the place for another Democrat named Thompson. Edgerton makes the welkin ring with frantic yells to the general effect that Cleveland has ruined the Democratic party, and to an outsider there is a general appearance of ruin all around.

The Democratic house committee of congress has decided that it has "no jurisdiction" to investigate the right of Breckenridge to his seat. Breckenridge is the Arkansas gentleman whose seat was being contested by Col. Clayton, and the latter was recently assassinated while collecting evidence in the case. The murder was unquestionably a political one, and the Democratic party reaps the intended reward and adds one more deed of blood to its record.

A few copies of the Bodarc Record are still in demand at this office at 25c. per copy. Were we in the position occupied by the Herald's editor, \$5 a copy would gladly be given rather than have their contents again made public. We already have a copy of a letter written by "Uncle Bab" and published in the Bodarc Record, which we expect to print in due time, that will show up an entirely different position as formerly occupied by that aged and learned gentleman, from the one he now so ardently and sincerely(?) occupies. There must have been a different train of thought gambling around through the mind of the present editor of the Herald too, when he was so earnestly engaged in conducting the brain pillows which supported the editorial columns of the Bodarc Record. That consistency is a jewel, each of these gentlemen seems to have forgotten.

Mean things may sometimes appear to be done with some show of reason, but mean things that lack consistency meet universal contempt. The action of the scoundrels who claimed to represent the republicans of Sioux county and reorganized the County Central Committee, is not only mean—it is worse. Alleging that they suspended members of the Committee because of disloyalty to the party ticket, they retained a loud mouthed member from the much stuffed Running Water precinct who boasts of his opposition last fall to Representative Gilchrist, along with the old fiend who resigned from the Republican ticket in favor of the nominee of the Democratic party. And yet the dirty action referred to seems to excite little comment, probably for the reason that suffering people are getting used to a sort of thing. What a howl would be if such contemptible actions were resorted to in a community where people are trained to expect some sense and decency!

Sioux county seems all broken up over the bill supported by representative Gilchrist for repealing the law making free range in that county. The cattle barons and their strikers are after his scalp, and the small farmers are happy. If he has nerve enough to stand by the poor man against the abuse of the cattle kings he should be retained another year. —Whitney Champion.

The bottom dropped out of the London Times case against Parnell Saturday. The cross examination of Pigott, one of the Times witnesses, convinced everybody that the Times letters are forgeries. At a meeting of the stockholders of that paper, the editor who was responsible for the publication of the alleged Parnell letters, Mr. Walter, agreed to pay the expenses of the trial out of his personal estate. The news causes rejoicing.

The negro exodus from some of the southern states is creating much excitement there and force is being resorted to to compel them to stay and be deprived of the right to vote and suffer other abuses as usual. The manual labor in the south is done principally by the blacks and should they leave in such numbers as is threatened, their former employers would probably be obliged to pay a fair price to other workmen to do the work, and that is what they kick against.

The bill admitting Washington and Montana territories as states, and Dakota as two states has passed Congress and been signed by the President. This gives to the union four more republican states. The territorial legislature of Dakota on joint ballot stands 61 republicans 8 democrats and 3 prohibitionists; of Montana, 27 republicans and 9 democrats; and of Washington, 32 republicans and 4 democrats. Now brother Jones you may yell "justice at last." You've a pair now, twins, what will you name the other kid?

We have already received numbers 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, and 27 of the old defunct Bodarc Record and are still in the market for other copies; and all this in the face of the fact that Mr. Slingerland says that a person who will dispose of a copy of the Record is no friend of his. He may finally realize that the steps he has recently taken and the position he now is assuming—as the advocate of a set of leeches who have ever been spoken of in connection with the county and town as one of its principal drawbacks and detriments—has lost him more friends than any one other act of his life. Friends too, whom to claim is an honor, and whose disapprobation it were well to consider and which would in many cases be sufficient proof of actual waywardness.

The Herald says there is nothing in the bill (known as the herd law bill or house roll 95, now before the senate) that will make it retroactive, or in other words, that it will not revive the herd law in Sioux county even if passed. No you cannot see it in the bill for it is not there, but, should those sections be repealed and stricken from the statutes of Nebraska, where would you find a law sustaining free range in Sioux or any other county in the state? Pshaw! Charlie you surely do not want the people to believe that a free range system would be sustained in direct opposition to the statutes of this state which would read, were those sections stricken out, that all stock should be restrained from running at large? Yet you are in favor of free range in Sioux county and opposed to the passage of the aforesaid bill? Bosh!

We sincerely hope the present legislature will pass the bill adopting the Australian Ballot system of voting for this state. If there is a single weak and crumbling stone among the many which constitute the foundation of our government it is the much abused election laws of today. Would it be wrong to say that the people are robbed of their wishes at 25 per cent of all the polling places in the United States by the corruption practiced under the present system? We think not; and in many states it would be doubled. Such a law as is proposed would of course cut down the population of Running Water precinct and thereby incur great loss of trade to our town and loss of taxable property from the county, but nevertheless we are ready and willing to have the proposed change. Massachusetts has been testing the law for several years and the report of its success is very favorable. Its adoption would free from employment many democratic election workers but other and more honorable employment could probably be secured for them.

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