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The crying need of the Nebraska Legislature—a speaking machine.—Inter-Ocean.

The next best thing to a dead Indian is an unarmed one; and still better than that is one who has to earn his living by the labor of his own hands.—Herald-Examiner.

There is no use to kick against high rates of interest any more than there is to kick against the high price of corn when there is a short crop. Supply and demand regulates both. When corn is plenty it is cheap, and the same applies to money. Make money more plentiful and on a solid basis and the rates will soon come down.

Few men in public life in Nebraska have ever been placed in as trying a position as was Lieut. Gov. McKeljohn at the opening of the legislative session. He proved that he was equal to the emergency and held the tumultuous body under his generalship when they attempted to ride over all law and precedent. The men who are members of the legislature with honest intentions should be thankful that McKeljohn was there for it looks very much as though a conspiracy existed against the constitution and had not the presiding officer held the hot headed ones in check all would likely have been led into committing a grave crime.

What is the use of attempting to pass laws against the railroad rates? They have so much stock, so much debt, and so many bonds on which dividends and interest must be paid and to make them reduce the rate would be to make them cut off the dividends and interest to which outside parties are entitled. It would be much better to get a law that a line of road could not claim dividends on more than the capital invested. There is no use trimming off the branches of an evil. Strike at the root and the root of the evil of railroad rates is the watered stocks, bonds and mortgages. If it costs \$5,000 per mile to build and equip a road, it should pay dividends and interest on that sum and no more.

A great many of the papers are poking fun at John M. Thayer because he has taken steps to raise the point of Boyd's eligibility to the office of governor. All such attempts at hilarity at Thayer's expense appear to fall flat. If Boyd is not a citizen of the United States, he has no right to be governor of the state of Nebraska. To best a subject of Queen Victoria into the office of the chief executive of the state of Nebraska, would be to establish a precedent which would be decidedly dangerous and the friends of our government should rejoice that the question is to be settled legally. If Boyd is a citizen and was elected he should be governor, and if he is not a citizen was or not legally elected, he should be denied the office.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday and are still at work. All the members are present and by order of succession Commissioner Grove is chairman of the board. The new member, F. W. Knott, took his seat on Tuesday and all are working to get the business of the county along as fast as possible. There was a good deal of work for them to take up, among other things was the drawing of a list of names from which a jury is to be drawn and profiting by the experience of last year, care was exercised so that a plea in abatement will not prove fatal to the jury. The making of the estimate for the expenses of 1891 also comes up at this meeting and that is rather a perplexing matter as a mandamus has been served upon them to include some of the old allowed claims of 1889 in the estimate. The insurance policy on the court house issued by a company which was represented by D. P. Lewis, and for which a claim for \$44 was allowed in 1889 has been canceled and new policies written by B. H. Jones and C. E. Verity for the same amount, at a cost to the county of \$240.00. A county relief committee was appointed consisting of County Clerk Lindeman, Sheriff Reidy and L. H. Griswold and they will have full charge of all supplies sent here. There is a good deal of business yet to be transacted but the board expect to complete the work today. Settlements were made with the various county officers. THE SIoux COUNTY JOURNAL was made the official paper of the county for the year 1891. A number of road petitions were considered and altogether it was a pretty busy session.

The people are again urging that an investigation of the county records be made. It is certain that the demands of the people in this matter should be granted. Changes have been made in regard to the records and if they are true they should be proven and if they are not true they should be proven and if they are not true they should be proven. The people have a right to know.

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The Legislature.

There has not been so exciting a time at the meeting of the legislature since Nebraska became a state as prevailed there last week.

The House organized by the election of S. M. Elder as speaker, and then arrangements were made for the joint session as required by law, in order that the speaker might publish the result of the last election in the presence of a majority of both houses, as provided by the constitution. The lieutenant governor has at ways presided at such joint sessions, but the independents decided to change things and attempted to ignore Lieut. Gov. McKeljohn and have the speaker of the House preside. But in this they failed, for McKeljohn held the fort. The returns of the election were delivered to the speaker and he was requested to publish them, and this he refused to do. A great tumult was kept up all the time as the independent leaders were determined that the speaker should preside. An adjournment was attempted but McKeljohn ruled it out of order. Finally a recess was agreed upon until 10 o'clock on Thursday.

A caucus of the independents was held and it was decided to exclude McKeljohn from the building the next day and thus accomplish their purpose. But in this they were failed, for that gentleman went to the state house and entered the hall at 5 o'clock in the morning and waited patiently for the members to assemble.

Auditor Benton swore out a writ of mandamus before the supreme court to compel the speaker to publish the returns as provided by the constitution. The writ was placed in the hands of Sheriff Sam McElroy, who was denied admittance to the hall. The door was forced open and the sheriff entered. The sergeant-at-arms who had been appointed by the independents attempted to keep him back and attempted to choke him. He fought his way inch by inch towards the speaker's desk. Some of the numbers took a hand, but the sheriff raised his heavy cane and proceeded on his way, dealing blows on those who attempted to check him. He was several times knocked down, but at last reached about the center of the aisle between the door and the speaker's desk and there he was seized by about a dozen republican and democratic members, hoisted upon their shoulders and carried to the desk of the speaker where he served the writ. He looked at his cane and found it was nearly bent double, but he walked out of the hall the proudest man in the state. The independents asked Atty. Gen. Leese to give his opinion on the proceedings and he advised that the speaker obey the mandate of the court, and stated that the speaker should preside. Later he was called before the supreme court and Chief Justice Maxwell took him to task for what he had said about the speaker presiding, after which he sent a note to the joint session to the effect that the court had not made that ruling. Finally the speaker proceeded to publish the returns, but did it in a manner which indicated that he did it because he was compelled to, and after it was completed a resolution was passed declaring that no one was elected to the state offices. The resolutions being carried by the independents.

Gov. Thayer refused to recognize Boyd and is prepared to fight him on the ground of his citizenship. New rooms have been provided for Boyd and he is exercising the duties of the office of governor, and the matter will be settled in the courts. It is not likely that the majority of those who voted for the independent members of the legislature expected that they would attempt to carry matters with so high a hand, but the indications are that the foolishness is past and now the members will get down to business and will likely be called to an account by their constituents in future.

Both branches of the legislature have got to work in pretty fair shape during the present week and it appears as if something would be accomplished. It is reported that should Thayer's action against Boyd be decided in favor of the latter, that the question of eligibility will be taken up by Lieut. Gov. Majors. It is to be hoped that the matter will be settled before any important laws sent to the governor for there would be a question as to the validity of any law signed by an alien as governor.

The glass trust has become too great a load for itself and has gone to pieces. It is only a question of time when other trusts will follow. The greatest combination which the farmers are called upon to meet is the harvester trust and that has not got a smooth road to travel. The greatest trust which all have to battle with is the railroad trust and the sooner trusts are made obnoxious by wise laws, the better it will be.

The Indian question should resolve itself into either a question of total extermination or a disarmament and scattering beyond the possibility of concentration. The Indian question demands radical and heroic treatment.—Lincoln Call.

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Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment.
In the District Court of Sioux County, Nebraska.
The undersigned, plaintiff, vs. Klamer McFarling and K. A. Conroy, trustees, defendants.

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