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WE wonder where Senator Gorman's influence comes in with the present administration.

KENTUCKY is having a mad dog scare. They probably became effected by contact with mad democrats.

ISAAC P. GRAY has been appointed and confirmed as minister to Mexico. This office carries a salary of \$17,500.

If there has been dishonesty in the management of public institutions in Nebraska "let no guilty man escape."

Now that the democrats have a majority in the senate they openly snub the populist senators. But what else could they expect?

REPRESENTATIVE SHERIDAN was presented with a gold-headed cane for coming out victorious in his recent stic encounter in Lincoln.

In Washington the state legislature also failed to elect a senator, 100 ballots being taken without an election, and the legislature adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE SHERIDAN severely chastised editor Rosewater and his right hand man, Roggen, in the catitol building in Lincoln last Thursday.

BRO. BALUSS has almost given up hope of being able to secure the Atkinson postoffice and the only consolation he has is the fact that Charlie McHugh is in the same boat.

FALL politics are being talked a little on the side. While of course there is nothing definite the signs of the times indicate that fur will commence flying early in the season.

IT APPEARS now that the bill providing for a county assessor will become a law. This is all right if good men are elected for the position, if not, we would prefer the old way.

GOVERNOR CROUNSE has vetoed the bill providing for an additional judge in the Twelfth district. The governor says there is not enough work in the state for so many judges.

THE meeting of the national republican league has been called for May 10, at Louisville, Ky. It promises to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings of the league ever held.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has ousted four of Tammany's favorite sons who held fat positions in Washington, and now Senator Murphy and the other Tammany leaders are after the secretary's scalp.

EX-SECRETARY TRACY is quoted as saying that his cabinet position cost him \$80,000 a year besides his salary. These positions come high and still there are many people who wish the honor.

IT is a little early yet to say whether the new cabinet will have to be wedged under either of its corners to keep it from wobbling. That will depend largely upon the location of its heavy timber.

AT last one democrat has been found who wants office neither for himself or friends. But he is in the show business and probably wants to use this remarkable fact to get some free advertising, hence we omit his name.

TOM GOLDEN does not carry that confident smile around with him now. He has an opponent for the O'Neill land office. But Tom's quite a warrior and there is lots of fun in sight for those who are not otherwise interested.

CHICAGO is more interested in the city election at the present time than it is in the world's fair arrangements. It is quite an honor to be mayor of Chicago, especially this year, and we are not surprised that the fight is warm.

BRO. WERTZ, of the Ledger, has good reason to be happy. If Postmaster General Bissell does as he says he will, that is, not to remove any postmasters but let them serve their terms out, Wertz will be able to hold the Stuart postoffice at least three years yet.

THE country which produces statesmen of no higher caliber than those of the republic of Paraguay, who see no better way of raising their country from the slough of financial despondency than the establishment of a national lottery, it is indeed to be pitied.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that Postmaster General Bissell says "no editors need apply," the first postmaster appointed by President Cleveland was Robert Brown, editor of a democratic paper at Meadville, Pa. This fact gives the rest of the boys consolation.

DR. ARMSTRONG, superintendent of the Beatrice Institute for Feeble Minded Youth, last week filed a bill with the state auditor for eight tons of soap, purchased within the last month. Be it said to the credit of Auditor Moore that he refused to issue a warrant in payment of the bill and the doctor now has the soap on his hands, but it is said that even that large amount of cleansing properties will not suffice to wash the stain of dishonesty from his official record.

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean says: "It is noticed that the new senator from Nebraska, Mr. Allen, got no chairmanship. It is thought, however, as he formerly belonged to a famous base ball club, that he will be able about the second round to knock some senator out."

CLEVELAND believes that those who held office under a former democratic administration should not again be appointed to office. We are surprised that Grover would consent to accept the nomination for the presidency for the third time. But then that is a horse of another color.

WE understand that John A. Harman is a candidate for the O'Neill land office and is being pushed for that position by several of the stalwarts of this city. John is a young man who has numerous friends in Holt and adjoining counties, and he will make the other candidates hustle if they head him off.

THE idea of moving the capitol of a state because of an attack on the legislature by a local paper is original with the California solons. If generally adopted the state capitols would be continually on the move and by this time the capitol of Nebraska would be located somewhere over in darkest Africa.

THERE was an increase of 10 per cent. in the number of business failures in Great Britain last year, compared with 1891. This is in great contrast to the condition of affairs in the United States. Free-trade there, protection here, results as given. How will it be here when democratic free-trade comes upon us?

EX-REPUBLICAN EDITOR MATHEWS and erstwhile republican nominee for state senator and now register of the O'Neill land office, appointed upon the recommendation of republicans by a republican administration, is trimming his sails to the democratic breeze. He deals out his land notices to democratic papers.

REGISTER MATHEWS is more solicitous for the welfare of the democratic papers than Grover-the-Great. Grover says they are entitled to nothing, but Doc says they are entitled to everything. Such fawning sycophancy for the sake of political position would do all right for an independent but it is unbecoming a republican.

LET our citizens get together and work with a will and with unity for the upbuilding of O'Neill this summer, and, unless all signs fail, the growth of this city during the coming summer will exceed that of any other year. One of the improvements needed is a good hotel and one can be secured if our citizens go about it in the right manner.

THE citizens of the United States, irrespective of party or state, have contributed enough money to pay Gov. McKinley's debts so that gentleman and his estimable wife will not have to sacrifice their personal property to pay the debt of \$95,000, notes which he had signed for a friend. This is a tribute to one of the greatest statesmen of the day.

IT is now conceded that G. A. Lukihart, who is a member of the present legislature from Madison county, will be United States Marshal. There were about twenty applicants for this position, but Lukihart stands in with Senator Allen and he will capture the plum. Allen has nothing to say about the distribution of federal patronage. Oh, no.

SEVENTEEN MILLION cotton spindles idle and a million working short, is a late report from England. Some prospect of a mutual concession and a decrease of two and a half instead of five per cent. in wages, which may end the strike which keeps thousands idle—a strike greater and more costly to the workmen than any ever known in this country.

A FEW days ago the South Omaha Tribune came out in quite a lengthy editorial advising those who had horses to sell to keep them away from the stock yards there, claiming that if they were sent there people would only be giving them away. Bro. Ritchart is making a good fight on the stock yards management and if he keeps it up he will see his labors rewarded.

THE FRONTIER before election repeatedly warned the people to beware of electing Henry Murphy county attorney, stating at the time that he was incompetent, but the warning fell on unheeding ears. The consequence is that he has utterly failed to successfully prosecute any of his easy cases in this term of court and the costs he has piled up against the county will aggregate a thousand or two.

BUT a few more days and O'Neill will have passed through the turmoil, toil and trouble of an annual election. There is no issue in particular and from this point of observation it looks as though the event will lack even the spice of friendly contest. At this writing no nominations have been filed with the city clerk so it is not definitely known who are aspirants for the several positions which will become vacant in May. Care should be taken to select men with the qualifications and inclination to economically and judicially administer the affairs of the city, with an eye always to the advancement of her public improvements.

It is now announced that the democratic senate will not seat the three senators who were appointed in states in which the legislatures failed to elect. The reason for this action is probably due to the fact that two of the three senators are republicans. If the senate does this it will be necessary for those states to hold an extra session of the legislature to again try to elect senators. The old fights will again be brought up.

THERE is a project started to build a railroad from O'Neill to Butte. It is expected to get one of the two roads now running into this city to run a branch out there, and if this cannot be done a road will be built with local capital. This road would result in much good for this city as it would open up a new territory for us and put our wholesale merchants in good shape to handle trade from South Dakota. We would like to see it a success. It is expected that surveyors will be secured and preliminary survey made in a few weeks.

THE purchase by Boss Croaker of the Belle Meade farm for a quarter of a million has caused New York to wake up enough to wonder in a mild way how this man who was penniless but a comparatively short time ago has managed to accumulate so much money. He has not been engaged in productive employment aside from politics, and as a rule that occupation yields no such returns upon the time invested. When he is asked to solve the mystery the boss coldly says: "I do not admit the right of the public to inquire into my private affairs." This is a little more polite than Boss Tweed's question: "What are you going to do about it?" but it means the same thing.—Journal.

IT is a hard thing to say, but it is a fact never the less, that Holt county is burdened with a county attorney who is wholly incompetent to perform the duties of his office. This fact was again demonstrated last week in his prosecution of the ex-treasurer of Grattan township for embezzlement. Apparently there was good grounds for the prosecution but the county attorney's bungling manner of procedure spoiled the case and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal after about 10 minutes' deliberation. The county attorney failed completely to get anything in evidence and his ignorance was the laughing stock of both spectators and jury. A less lenient judge than Kinkaid would have sent him out of court in disgrace.

W. D. MATHEWS, register of the United States land office at O'Neill, and by virtue of his position dispenser of newspaper patronage in the shape of final proof notices, has established the rule that all notices must go to the democratic papers. Now we don't intend to wage any lengthy war on Mr. Mathews, as there is not enough in the patronage to pay for the space, but the principle of the thing makes us weary; yes, decidedly weary. Our memory runs back to the time when things were different; when Mathews was a publisher and someone else was register and this same question was under discussion. Then it was that Doc got up on his hind legs and roared and denounced the practice in language invective, and rightly, too. But now things are changed. Mathews is register and other poor republican cusses are publishers. Mathews likes the place and thinks perhaps by throwing his patronage to the democrats his term of office may be extended indefinitely. He says "to the victors belong the spoils," but he doesn't think so strongly enough to resign in favor of some good democrat. That would be consistency. We only hope that Mr. Mathews' idea of giving the spoils to the democrats will be carried out by the democratic administration. It would only be giving the register a dose of the nauseating decoction he is now forcing down the throats of the republicans of his district. THE FRONTIER is sadly disappointed in Mr. Mathews.

THE following words of praise for Nebraska's new auditor, Eugene Moore, we find in the Fremont Tribune: "It is due to the republican party in the state for the public to understand that a new deal was commenced with respect to the expenditures of public funds the day Eugene Moore went into the auditor's office. All the revenues of the state must pass through this office and the business of every institution is recorded there, also, and it is plain that the auditor's office is practically the key to the situation and the auditor has it in his power to correct abuses that may exist and to give a business-like administration of the business affairs of the state. He is even responsible on his bond for every cent paid out, whether it be authorized by some other officer or board, or not. In the midst of all of the evidences of lack of business system in the management of the state government and of the uncovering of multiplied cases of rascality arising under this lack of system, it is comforting to know that the people are being protected from the ravages of rascality by an auditor who knows his business and who has the courage to defend the treasury against those who seek to make it their perennial prey. The auditor is by no means alone in this good work of reform, but as we have said, his position is such that he is enabled to check the dishonest drain of the treasury more effectually than any other official. The good work will go on and the republican party will profit by its own renovation."

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