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The beautiful balmy weather of the past week emphasizes the fact that we are living in the banana belt of the northwest.

DAME NATURE has tackled the coal trust in elegant style, by tempering her winds to meet the conditions of the pocketbooks of the people.

CUBA continues to get plenty of sympathy, which is probably appreciated in the same ratio as the man with a big boil receives condolence from his friends.

The Ord Quiz makes special mention of itself in having enlarged from a 6-column quarto to a 5-column quarto. Quiz is evidently struggling for admittance to the ranks of funny papers.

The large cities are vying with each other to see which can dig up the most official corruption in municipal affairs or in the management of the late campaign. It is not known what the net results will amount to.

OTTO WASMANSORF, one of the Chicago busted bankers, committed suicide Sunday morning by shooting himself with a revolver. Whether it was remorse at failure in banking or because of Altgeld and repudiation, is unknown.

CHRISTMAS was a favorite theme with the newspaper boys all over the country, who toiled to get out the best paper in their district while their readers were generally doing nothing except lay plans for the enjoyment of the holiday.

As will be seen from an article in another column, taken from the Sioux City Times, there is at least a prospect that O'Neill people will see an early extension of the Pacific Short Line. When the papers containing the article were read here Tuesday our people loaded up with considerable enthusiasm and railroad talk was the main topic of conversation during the day. It is to be hoped that Mr. McLean is correct in his statements and that the article was not the Christmas dream of some turkey-burdened reporter. Whenever the Short Line from O'Neill westward is an established fact then will this city boom and grow and assume its proper place as the industrial and commercial metropolis of the north half of Nebraska.

NEBRASKA as a whole is justly proud of the efforts now being put forth in behalf of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha in 1898. The work of organization has been completed and perfected, congress has pledged a handsome government display to the amount of \$200,000, the capital stock is being rapidly subscribed for, different states are making appropriations commensurate to the character of the exposition, and it now remains for the Nebraska legislature to make a handsome appropriation to help represent our great and varied industries, and the success of the show will be assured. What the World's fair was to Chicago the Trans-Mississippi Exposition will be to Omaha and Nebraska. A glance at the personnel of the men at the head of the enterprise alone guarantees its success, especially the department of publicity and promotion, which is presided over by Hon. E. Rosewater, of the Bee. The success of the Omaha Bee is a striking example of the ability of Mr. Rosewater in this direction, which alone would insure the success of any enterprise with which he is associated.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

It has been some time since Nebraska has been in a position to stand up as a "promised land" to the settler and homeseeker, owing to crop disasters and consequent depression of business, but again nas prosperity smiled upon us and bounteous crops and well filled granaries testify to the prolific and unlimited resources of the greatest agricultural state in the union. The eyes of the homeseeker will again turn toward Nebraska as offering almost boundless inducements to the agriculturist and stock grower, containing as it does today by far the larger portion of cheap lands in the union left open to settlement by purchase or homestead. With the coming of the springtime the state is bound to receive a large influx of immigrants from the crowded farming districts of the east, and THE FRONTIER believes that now is the proper time to scatter broadcast the numerous advantages and inducements which Holt county can offer. With this object in view we propose to issue a large edition of THE FRONTIER at once, which will be replete with up-to-date statistical matter of Nebraska generally and Holt county particularly, giving in detail the numerous advantages of soil, climate, rainfall, shipping facilities, historical and biographical matter, the whole to be splendidly illustrated and forming a complete compendium of ready reference in a most attractive form. To do this we will be at a large outlay of time and expense, but believing that now is the time to "stand up for Nebraska," and that THE FRONTIER shall continue to labor for the general good of all as the pioneer of Holt county journalism, we invite co-operation and assistance from our citizens to the end that our special large edition may be a "hammer" and in every respect worthy of patronage and carry an influence which will be felt in the increase of immigration to this county.

Scarcely a day passes but the daily press contains one or more reports of suicide or murder committed caused by the too free use of cigarettes. The awful curse of intemperance, opium and other habits are not to be compared in the same list with the condition of the cigarette fiend. Here in O'Neill there is a tendency toward this vile habit, and a number of boys of tender age are already weaving the coils for future destruction of their manhood. The effect is already noticeable in their deportment and studies at the public schools, in bad lessons resulting from loss of memory, and deterioration of the finer sensibilities which should characterize the youth as a forerunner of the useful man. To see the cigarette exhibitions given on the street by mere slips of boys is simply disgusting, and in some instances it will be but a matter of few years until their ranks will furnish mental wrecks for the asylum. If there is any law to prohibit the deadly cigarette it should be enforced. If not, then the boys parents should take the matter in hand by making numerous applications with the butt end of a shingle.

It has been some time since Ben Franklin put in his spare moments at kite flying, in which he accidentally got struck by lightning and afterwards made a good thing out of it, but kite flying has ever been kept up as one of the ennobling sports of youth. Now comes a fairy tale of an experiment tried on an English war vessel where the kite was reeled off with a telephone wire attached which was caught by another vessel at some distance off, the same being attached to a 'phone and conversation being held between the two vessels for several hours. To successfully fly a kite will be an accomplishment of naval cadets in the future, and we may expect an era of kite flying which would make the Chinese ashamed of themselves in this art.

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