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The senate refused to have 20,000 copies of Governor Holcomb's message printed.

ONE Huckins, a howling pop, wants "fixing" from the way he howled in his paper last week.

FRED WERTZ, of Omaha, was the lucky delegate to carry the vote of Nebraska's electoral college to Washington.

SENATOR MILLS, of Texas, urges recognition of the Cuban belligerents and strongly denounced Cleveland for showing favoritism to Spain.

WHEAT continues to advance a little in price, and the dream of a dollar a bushel may yet be realized before another crop is ready for market.

ALL weekly papers printed on Thursday performed the unusual feat of getting out 53 issues in 1896, something not known to have happened before in over thirty years.

THE distributors of political pap at Lincoln couldn't pass the goods fast enough to preserve harmony, and numerous howls are heard from those who failed to get a seat at the lunch counter.

Now is the time to encourage immigration to Nebraska, the land of the sugar beet, the chicory root, and where corn is king, and cattle and hogs enough can be grown to supply the world.

THE Pacific railway funding bill went to its doom Monday, much to the chagrin of the railroad people, and the chance is now open for the government to do something for itself by foreclosure proceedings.

Now that the pops have cleaned the state house pie counter of every available crumb, it will be in order for them to show up some tangible reform work for the benefit of their constituents, besides drawing their salary.

SOME people are just beginning to see the advantage of having a chicory factory in O'Neill, when there is a prospect that it may be moved away. A concerted effort should be made to keep this institution in our midst.

BOTH branches of the democracy celebrated "Jackson's day." It must have made the shade of "Old Hickory" turn over in its coffin and groan at the slobberings of the degenerated mortals who claim to embody all the traits of that distinguished statesman.

THE populist legislators gave several good positions to pop editors at Lincoln last week. We wonder if that is an indication that the incoming national administration is going to give the boys of the craft an opportunity to take the postoffice plums off the pie counter. We hope so.

PEOPLE who visit printing offices looking for the fighting editor, should take warning from the fate of a politician who called to "settle" with an editor in southwest Nebraska. A physician was called to probe the politician's anatomy for a bullet, and the papers state that he will probably recover.

THE Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern, branches of the Union Pacific, were sold at Salt Lake City last Saturday for \$7,185,500. The water and stockholders are both getting squeezed out of the Union Pacific system, and the government is also liable to be lower to the extent of its mortgage holdings.

It has been discovered that the bicycle is spoiling the ball room darlings by developing certain muscles, so that, as one of them describes it, "I cannot make the little kicks and twirls with my legs that I ought to in order to make my dance perfect, and so, you see, I had to give up my wheel."

THE Baltimore Sun says "trocha" is pronounced "trotaha," with the accent on the first syllable. It means a fortified roadway. Being somewhat rusty with our Spanish, the Sun's definition is accepted as correct. It also explains why Gen. Weyler made a bee line for the "trotaha" every time a few Cubans came his way.

AN exchange has a customer who advertises his hotel with a first class undertaking establishment in connection. The boarders are probably starved to death, or the transients are "bled" until death is a sweet relief. It must require nerve to register at that hotel, and have the landlord take your measure for a coffin at the same time.

THE recent blizzard had the effect of precipitating another capital removal scheme in South Dakota. Pierre, the present capital, is situated at the extreme outpost of civilization, and is accessible to the legislators when its one line of railroad is not covered under two or three feet of snow. The prospects are good for its removal to a more accessible point, although the question of removal will have to be submitted to the people at the next general election two years hence. If the question is ever submitted to the people, South Dakota will not have Pierre for its capital.

FRANK PHILLIPS, one of Holt county's most prominent and enterprising farmers, has just returned from Omaha where he went with two car loads of sheep. He found the market a little dull, but the prospects good for a steady rise, with a great demand for ewes for breeding purposes. All of which goes to prove former assertions, that the sheep industry could be made to pay larger dividends than any other business in this section of country, and would today have been the largest and most profitable had it not been for the blighting effects of a democratic administration and its free trade tariff, which not only killed the market for American wool but paralyzed other lines of industry as well. Already the incoming of the republican party is restoring confidence to the sheep growers, which is noticed in the demand for ewes to increase the flocks. With the return of prosperity we may expect to see Holt county take front rank in the sheep industry, as no other county in the state, or state in the union, is better adapted by nature for that purpose. Mr. Phillips says Holt county is the best place he has ever seen for sheep raising. All that is necessary to stimulate this business is the protective tariff policy of the republican party, which we will again have under President McKinley.

IRRIGATED NEBRASKA.

That portion of the governor's message relating to the present and prospective irrigation conditions in the state is a feature, when well studied, that cannot fail to convince the most skeptical that Nebraska has passed the period in which its agricultural interests can be seriously impaired by any ordinary season of drought.

The 4,785 miles of completed irrigation canals for the crop of 1896, bringing under water control an area of tillable lands of 1,207,000 acres, is in itself evidence that there can never again be a repetition of the crop failure experienced in 1894.

The governor's recommendations for careful and studied amendments to the present irrigation law, whereby all needed improvements will be secured for the further development of the state's irrigation interests, is timely, and will serve to put lawmakers on their guard that only impartial and practical matters be considered in relation to irrigation law amendments.

The increased value of agricultural lands brought about by the irri-

gation improvements in the state he very conservatively puts at \$10,000,000. The value of agricultural lands depends upon the ability of the lands to produce cultivated crops. This statement is verified by the fact that the highest condition of crop value is produced by intensive cultivation. If to the producing properties of the soil is added the certainty of growth and yields, then the highest quality of land value has been attained. This, in brief, is the basis upon which irrigation improvement in Nebraska stands today.

Irrigation in arid and semi-arid districts is a necessity, and carries with it fixed values. It can be readily seen that the irrigated farm is the permanent crop producing land, and therefore possesses the elements of permanency in value.—World-Herald.

THE latest news regarding the Spanish-Cuba war would indicate that Spain is financially bankrupt and unable to negotiate a new war loan with which to keep Gen. Weyler and his butchers. Weyler's recall is demanded by many of the leading Spaniards, and it would appear that poor old Spain, as a kingdom, is in a very shaky condition. The Cuban cause continues to grow, and it has already reached the stage where demands have been made upon the Spanish government.

Minister Taylor has written a plain letter of what he interprets Secretary Olney's cabled approval of his condemnation of sham Porto Rico reforms as worthless, and of promises of greater reforms in Cuba as too vague, when he urged prompt action upon Spain. He said in his letter to the Spanish minister of foreign affairs that unless Spain offered clear and reasonable terms as the basis of peace in Cuba before President Cleveland went out of office the question of local self government in the island would soon disappear from American politics and the only question to remain would be the immediate and unconditional recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic. In the meantime the people of this country continue to agitate the Cuban situation, and it now looks as though peace must be offered during Cleveland's term or the republic will be recognized. It is sincerely hoped that speedy action will be taken by this country to recognize the Cubans in their struggle for liberty. The action would be short and bloodless, and the island of Cuba, which by natural right belongs to this country, is entitled to the aid of loyal America to secure its freedom, even as our early colonists were assisted by the French to secure the precious boon of free citizenship which we now enjoy. Senator Money, who has just returned from an investigating tour of the island, says: "At the very outset I will say that everything I saw and heard taught me that Spain is unable to cope with this insurrection. She will never put it down. Spain will never end this war with victory to herself." Consul General Fitzhugh Lee also sent a message by Senator Money to Secretary Olney as follows:

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