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To the victors belong the spoils, and Judge McHugh will not be confirmed.

The Woodmen of the World have started a fire in their camp which threatens to consume the whole forest.

Protection to American industry will be exemplified by McKinley wearing a home made suit at his inauguration.

Corn growers at Hastings, who were disappointed in getting a factory built, have sold their crop to the Fremont factory.

McKinley has selected Senator John Sherman for secretary of state, which the latter has accepted. This will probably result in Mark Hanna being elected senator.

A new legislative apportionment bill is being formed at Lincoln, as the pops consider it necessary to future success to redistrict the state to their own advantage.

Supervisor Moss wanted to let the printing to the lowest bidder. Had this been done it would save the tax payers several hundred dollars. But the majority did not want it that way.

It would appear that Judge McHugh is playing the short end of the political races and is bound to be loser. Senators Thurston and Allen are both working against his confirmation.

A BILL is up to have the state appropriate \$250,000 to build, own and operate a beet sugar factory, have its officers salaried, and subject to political control. Wouldn't that make a sweet mess for you?

SENATOR WOLCOTT has met with an enthusiastic reception by the English financiers, who are greatly interested in his mission to that country. He has made a wonderful impression for the cause of bimetalism.

ANOTHER pop editor has been called to sacrifice himself upon the altar of his country, as it were. This time it is Editor Eves, of the Atkinson Plain Dealer, whose "inflection" secured him a clerkship at Lincoln last week.

ONE familiar face was missing when the roll was called at Grand Island last Friday, and the boys asked each of the other, "Where is Ross Hammond?" Can it be that the late unpleasantness has caused Ross to forsake the boys?

THE horrors of the plague and famine in India are making the whole civilized world stand aghast. England is raising a monster relief fund for the unfortunate people, and the lord mayor of London has issued an appeal to America for aid.

A LARGE number of papers throughout the state showed material improvement last week. While the editors were "cutting the pigeon wing" at Grand Island, the intelligent compositors got in their fine work on how to make country papers interesting.

THE Omaha Bee of Saturday was a handsome illustrated edition of twenty pages, devoted to the Trans-Mississippi exposition, giving a graphic description of the wealth and resources of the great Trans-Mississippi states and territories, character of the products to be exhibited; also showing some of the leading industries of Omaha. It was a paper which of itself will be a good thing for Nebraska.

In another article will be found the idea of a new patent process for making sugar from corn, which is destined to revolutionize the sugar industry of the world. With corn now prepared in various ways for food, glucose, starch, whisky and sugar, corn husks for mattresses and hot tomale wrappers, and the stalks to be used to make battleships, this great corn producing state of Nebraska has a bright future before it.

An effort is being made in Iowa to improve the swine herds by crossing with the razorback hogs of Arkansas, the claim being made that a hardier race of hogs will be developed. That is not all. If the razorbacks are turned loose to roam the fields of Iowa, it will also have a tendency to develop the fast horse industry, as nothing short of a race horse would ever be able to catch one of the animals.

REPORTS from various parts of the state indicate that farmers are burning corn in preference to coal, as it is not only cheaper as fuel, price of each considered, but the hauling to and from market is saved, which in many parts of the country is no small job. It does appear sinful, however, to burn what God intended for food, when we read of eighty million people in India alone who are suffering and dying by thousands for the want of something to eat.

THE annual meeting of the Nebraska Press Association at Grand Island, last week, was one of the best in the history of the organization. The hospitable citizens of the Sugar City spared neither pains nor expense to make the stay of the visitors a pleasant one, and they succeeded admirably. There were several business propositions introduced which if carried to a successful termination, will result in much good to the entire press of the state. Every editor in Nebraska should be a member of this organization and attend its annual meetings. If the Brothers would attend one meeting they would never miss another, even if walking was bad.

THE senate Thursday passed the measure known as the "free homestead bill," which has been under discussion since the holiday recess. It is a measure of far reaching importance, particularly to the west, and the interest in it was shown by the fact that a plank concerning it was a feature of several national platforms. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all the public lands acquired from Indians, free of any payment to the government beyond the minor office fees and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on those lands. The number of acres involved, according to an estimate made by the commissioner of the general land office, is 33,552,541, which would have yielded the government, at the prices heretofore established, \$35,348,000. To offset this statement, it was brought out during the debate that the lands were mainly arid and that those who had settled upon them were unable to make payment by the scanty products of the soil. The bill will lift a great burden from the honest settlers of Nebraska who have suffered the loss of crops for several years since filing on their homesteads, and will enable many of them to prove up on the land and use the money for needed improvements.

THE affairs of Holt county are in the hands of the populist reform party, who are reformers in name only. For the past four years they have been fleecing the tax payers of this county, in awarding printing contracts, and they still continue. In order to enable their pet organs to live they give them printing contracts at their own figures, and make the people foot the bill. Only last week another printing steal was made, and we pause long enough to ask: How long are matters to continue thus? The contract was given to the Beacon Light last week for the printing of all legal notices at 50 per cent of legal rates. The Sun had a bid in for the same work at 40 per cent of legal rates. The taxpayers get it in the neck in this instance from their servants. The tax

list was let to the Beacon Light, Ewing Advocate and Atkinson Plain Dealer for 5 cents each description for lots and 10 cents each description for lands. Another populist paper agreed to do the work for 3 cents for each description of lots and 7 cents for each description of land. In this instance again the tax payers will have to pay several hundred dollars for the support of the populist pets. For printing the proceedings of the county board they pay the Beacon Light 16 1/2 cents a square, when there was a bid in to do the work for 12 cents a square. Another case of hollowness. These are samples of populist reform in popocratic burdened Holt county. In the halcyon days of republican supremacy in this county no such rates were received for doing public printing as has been paid by the officers of these great reformers. Even the Sun managed to get a good hold this year as he increased his bid about 85 per cent above that of one year ago and still got the contract.

We do not object to the publishers getting good pay for their work, but we wish the tax payers to see how the reformers save (?) money for the people.

NEW USE FOR OUR CORN.

The statement is made that a Chicago man has discovered a process for manufacturing white powdered sugar from corn. The actual tests were made sometime since and were entirely successful. The Chicago Sugar Refinery Co. is now turning out an article of powdered sugar, wholly from corn, that is equal to anything on the market. It is a secret process and the statement is made that it is expected to make all grades, even to a yellow sugar. This latter will be used principally by the breweries in the manufacture of beer.

This new sugar has been put upon the market at some 2/3 of a cent less than the trust price. It is not of so fine a grain as the regular powdered sugar but this is claimed as an advantage, as it will not cake or become lumpy. It possesses 97 per cent of saccharine strength against 98 per cent of the regular powdered sugar.

If all the expectations of the patentees are met it will revolutionize the sugar business of the United States. This is particularly important to the west which produces the corn. It is important to this city, which should have a sugar refinery. No other section will be permitted to manufacture our raw material for us.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

"The greatest growth and prosperity that the country ever had seen came suddenly in 1870, after several months of disappointment that specie resumption had not brought the benefits expected," says the editor of Dun's Weekly Review of Trade. Large bodies are slow to start in motion, but they often move quickly when started.

The editor of the Review of Trade is not discouraged because of the slowness of return to prosperity. He gives reason for expectation of bet-

ter times than we now endure, and affirms that there has been "gradual and steady improvement of mercantile conditions for more than two months." The output of pig iron gained 12.3 per cent in December last, and 41.6 per cent since Oct. 1, 1896. Sales of wool again have become large, though prices still are low. There is a steady increase of demand for loans of money to be used in manufacturing and commercial enterprises. Additional works have gone into operation during each week of the present month, and the working force is greater today than at any other period during the past six months. And, best of all, there is so little speculative excitement that the improved conditions of trade properly may be ascribed to the conservative action of the ablest and most prudent men in business.

The outlook is encouraging. Patience, prudence, and enterprise are doing their work in promotion of a sure, if rather slow, return to prosperity.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A bill has been filed in the senate at Lincoln making it unlawful for a candidate to use liquor, cigars or money to influence voters at an election, and requiring candidates to file an itemized statement of expenses. The bill will be killed by the astute statesmen at Lincoln.

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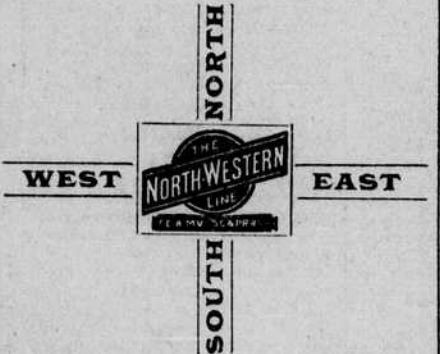
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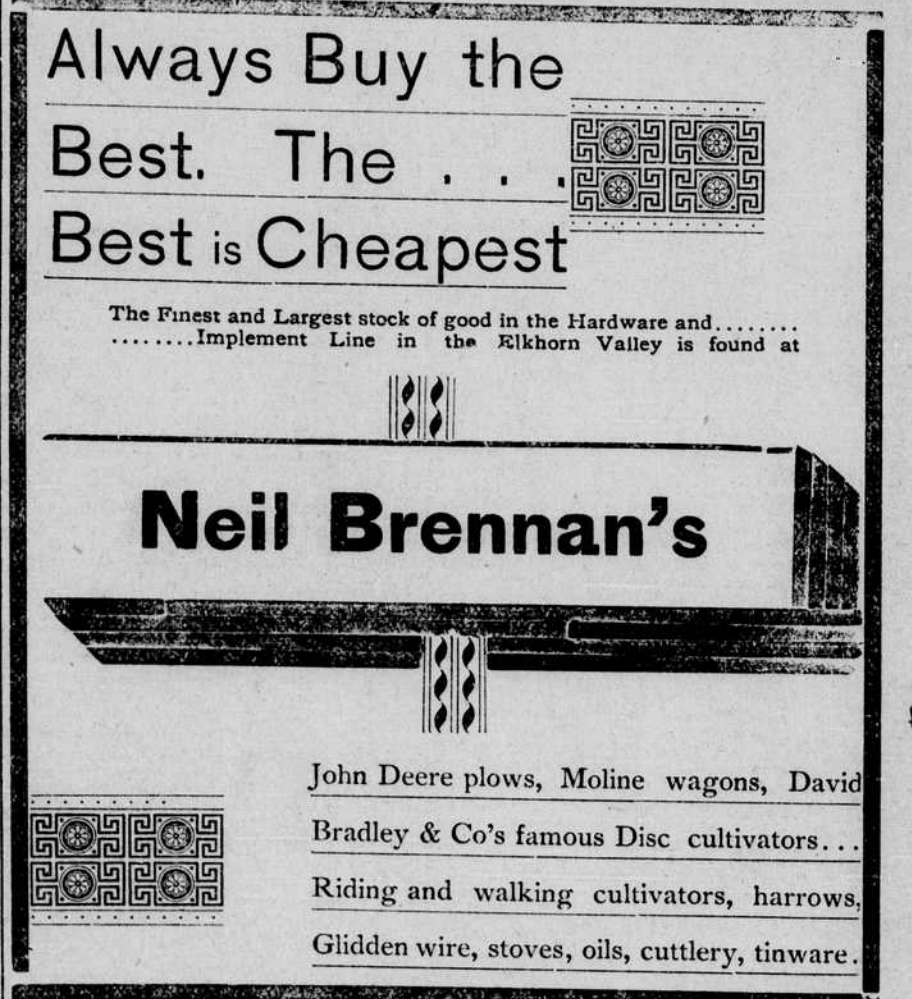
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