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Official County Paper.

Gov. CROUNSE is governor no more, but ex-governor now, if you please.

BILLY ANNIN writes from Washington that Jim Boyd will not be appointed postmaster at Omaha. That much is settled.

SILAS A. HOLCOMB is now governor of Nebraska, and if anybody in the wide world thinks any less of the state for its choice he has been very quiet about making the fact known. He is as hard to find as the men who abducted Barrett Scott.

A NEW YORK butcher has given notice that he intends to serve horse meat to his customers. Secretary Morton was called upon to prevent the sale of horse meat, but he writes that there is no authority warranting the interference of the United States government in the sale of horse meat.

At this time, when Nebraska as a whole feels poorer than ever before, we submit that it is inappropriate for the legislature to vote for giving bounties to sugar beet raisers or beet sugar makers. If Oxnard would spend the time and money used in lobbying in congress and at Lincoln in his business he would save enough to make a good living.

BARRETT SCOTT and his whereabouts seem to be the center of an immense sensation just now. For a man who has been a curse to the county which honored him one would think he deserved little. There is nothing conclusive of the fact that he was not taken away by his friends to be driven out of the country to avoid the necessity of going to the pen. Holt county has a pretty tough reputation, anyhow.

THE Omaha World-Herald has done a fine piece of business in securing the services of Alfred Henry Lewis as its Washington correspondent. As a letter-writer, keen observer and critic of events political and otherwise Mr. Lewis has no superior at Washington, in our judgment, and the Nebraska public will soon learn to look for and read that of the paper first. He has long written for the Chicago Times, and is a wonderfully bright young man.

THE Nebraska City Independent is slightly disgruntled at the prospective appointment of Jas. C. Dahmann as warden of the penitentiary under Gov. Holcomb. There should be no such feeling. The warden can do little good for the state so long as the Mosher contract holds, or in fact, any contract which practically puts that concern under control of the contractor. The state should work its own convicts, and not make merchandise of them. When it does that, the wardenship will be a place worthy a good man's ambition.

THE republican legislature will, if it conforms to republican principles and shows due regard for intelligent public sentiment, restore the party to supremacy for a long term of years; but, on the other hand, an indifferent, lobby-entertaining, time-killing, salary-grabbing legislature means in all probability a humiliating rebuke at the polls in the next campaign. Above all, this is not only the time to do right things, but to do them promptly and in a manner that will in every way meet the approval of the people.—Lincoln Call.

THE bond-buying syndicate of New York bankers are seeking the official blood of Secretary Carlisle with a vengeance, and it is reported that they sent Pierpont Morgan down to Washington to demand of the president Carlisle's resignation, which Mr. Cleveland very properly told them they couldn't have. Affairs are said to be in a pretty mess, and the president is seriously thinking of declining to redeem any more treasury notes with gold for the purposes of shipment to Europe. If he does this it will be the most sensible act of his life, and will do more to solve the money problem than all that has been done within the past twenty years. Let the quarrel between Wall street and the president proceed. It is a good thing for the people.

An Attack On the Income Tax.

John G. Moore has brought suit to test the constitutionality of the income tax. Mr. Moore is a member of the brokerage firm of Moore & Schley, through whom sundry senators scandalously made money by speculating in sugar trust stocks while the sugar schedules of the tariff bill were under consideration in the senate.

Men like Mr. Moore who have "money to burn" will find no difficulty in multiplying suits of this kind. Business is dull with eminent lawyers as with other people, and fat fees will induce these gentlemen to aid clients in finding out by expensive suits at law what they might learn much more cheaply by reading the decisions of the United States supreme court.

The income tax has come to stay. It is just, constitutional and especially commends itself to the popular sense of right. It will be altered by future congresses as to make it conform more closely to the demands of justice, but it will not be abolished. It will be graduated, so that incomes below \$5,000 shall be untaxed and incomes below \$10,000 taxed at a nominal rate, while above that figure the rate will increase with the amount of the incomes.

The burdens of government will be laid upon accumulated wealth where now they rest upon industry. Superfluity instead of necessity will be made to pay.

SEVERAL people, including Mr. Frick, and Dr. Defries, the editor, have been discussing the problem of government ownership of railways, in the Fremont Herald, to the end that much diversity of opinion and considerable information on the subject has been evolved, to say nothing of the give and take, cut and parry of intellectual combat that has been brought out by it. The editor well says that "if railroads were operated on a basis that would return a fair profit upon the actual amount invested, there would be little heard of the demand for government ownership."

Anent this subject, last summer while in Washington, the writer made the acquaintance of and had some pleasant converse with Representative Boatner, of Louisiana, who is not only an acute man of affairs, but has given the railroad problem much consideration. In that chat Mr. Boatner observed that while railways in general charged "all that the traffic will bear," and did many things that were demoralizing to the public, the managers were not so much to blame. They took things as they found them. The roads were all capitalized for far more than they could be replaced or were worth, were loaded down with bonds at high rates of interest which had to be met, and with stock and preferred stock, until it was next to impossible to make dividends—even in proper times, at fair rates. The manager, therefore, finds it necessary to make rates high, and at this the people kick and an agitation is started for controlling the rates through state legislatures. To prevent this the railway management goes into politics, using all the ammunition at its command, including the seductive pass in all its divergent methods or uses, the hiring of lawyers, with fees contingent on their control of county, district and state conventions, and to the effect of corrupting every channel of political action which they touch. In the meantime cheaper methods may be invented for handling freight, new avenues for traffic opened up, wages of men reduced, new and cheaper machinery put into use—and still by reason of this immense drain of political expense, the rates must be kept at the top notch—because if dividends fall off the road goes into default and perhaps a new manager and set of officers is put in to displace the old. "The chief source of all this trouble and agitation lies at the foundation," said Mr. Boatner, "once squeeze the water out, put HONEST men in control, who will be satisfied with reasonable salaries, and rates would come down, the railroad 'pass' system would disappear, railway lobbies would no more infest legislative halls, a horde of hangers-on would seek other employment, business principles would prevail in railway management, strikes would end, and the problem of cheap transportation would soon settle itself." That course of argument was very impressive, and it is submitted as about the best statement of the matter that has come to our notice.

JOHN M. THURSTON, whom the republicans have agreed on for senator, in an interview with a Bee reporter, speaks very glibly about the loyalty to the people with which he will accept public office, and says his selection for senator comes to him not because of his relations to the railways, but in spite of that, and it has taken years to live down the prejudice against a public man in corporate employment—all of which sounds very nice, and if the

public could overlook certain other things it would be a source of public gratification. It is known by Mr. Thurston's own testimony, and otherwise recently published, that when first employed by the U. P. railway and always afterward to affect or defeat certain legislation at Lincoln, and that the methods there carried out was to corrupt, vitiate and demoralize the course of legislation to the scandal of the state and the injury of public morals. Can he blind himself or the public to believe that a man can corrupt himself, can he handle pitch without becoming defiled? His business, in effect, was unquestionably to defile others. Could the fountain be purer than the stream? Is the man who plans and profits by a robbery any better than the thief who committed the theft? Yes, it did take a long time to bring the republican party down to a level with Mr. Thurston and his methods, but the process has been carried on for years, not only by him, but by others in the employ of other railways, until one can hardly find a county or community through which these arteries of commerce run but that they have left their impress in the form of a depraved public sentiment, a low state of morals and a corrupt and debased set of politicians, all dominated by corporate rottenness. It will take years of penance and right acting for John M. Thurston to undo the wrongs he has committed under cover of "professional employment." If he had a real active conscience, like Judas of old, he would go hang himself instead of accepting a seat in the U. S. senate at the hands of a people whom he has corrupted and betrayed.

THERE is no fact more pressing upon the legislature now in session than that some better system of assessment of taxes should be invented. In Cass county, for instance, there are fourteen banks, having on deposit from their customers cash amounting in the aggregate to something like a million and a half dollars, and besides this there is probably an equal amount on private deposit and in circulation, yet, when one looks into the tax books for this money he does not find taxed up one dollar in more than fifty. Why, there was shown to be more money on deposit in the Citizens bank alone when it failed than was put on the tax books of Cass county last year! Thus the kind of property which is not subject to fluctuation, and should be taxed at its face value escapes almost free, while the property in sight—the land, buildings, merchandise, machinery, stock—those things which represent the enterprise and industry of the people—are taxed out of proportion to the whole amount of property in existence. The fault is largely in the law. The assessor is not given power enough to find this missing property, and this the legislature should supply. There are too many loop-holes whereby the well-to-do citizen is tempted to evade paying tax on the money he has in his possession or under his control. There are too many temptations to perjury, either in the assessment law or in its method of enforcement as it stands today. And it should be remedied by the present legislature.

EDGAR HOWARD, who represents Sarpy county in the legislature, and edits his paper, the Papillon Times, from the capital city, is very frank and outspoken in the expression of his opinions and of what he observes. Speaking of the republican senatorial caucus he says that every member voted for the great railway attorney, John M. Thurston. "Even Haller of Washington and Davies of Cass, two alleged anti-monopoly republicans, swallowed the railroad dose without even making a wry face. I am glad every republican voted for Thurston, because this unanimous vote for the Union Pacific spokesman completely explodes the theory that there is an anti-railroad faction in the ranks of Nebraska republicans. Even Rosewater dared not raise his voice against the unanimous choice of the Nebraska railroads. Never again can we give place in our dictionary to the words 'anti-railroad republican.'" There is no such a commodity, at least none in the Nebraska legislature.

A GOOD many eastern capitalists are refusing to pay their income tax. They want to wait until the courts have passed upon the constitutionality of the law. Very many of these kickers are men and women who live upon incomes from investments in American securities, and who have no use for the United States other than the protection this government affords them while they hob-nob with European aristocracy. It is to be hoped that they will find no hole to escape from the operation of this most just and righteous law.—Omaha World-Herald.

Some Sample Railroad Methods.

There is something like a panic among the railroads owing to the recommendation, if one may call it that, of Commissioner Wright that the government assume control of every transportation line. The corporation magnates are aware that a strong public sentiment has been aroused in this country in favor of government railway systems, and they take good care to cow it down, as they cow down all other sentiments. In some of the towns in the Keystone state the Pennsylvania railroad exercises a veritable reign of terror. In Coatsville and such places the corporation secures arbitrary privileges by threatening to remove round houses and similar structures to Wilmington. Of course, small settlements are very dependent on the railroad. The citizens are employed by it, and the storekeepers sell to the employees. Property owners want the railroad to center in the town that it may be kept "alive." No magnates appreciate these things better than the magnates of the Pennsylvania railroad and their reign of terror in some towns would win the palm from every Incan despotism. A very shameful advantage is taken of this state of affairs when some citizen is injured in a railroad accident. No employe or storekeeper or property owner dare testify against the road. No local jury daring in an adverse verdict. No wonder the hired representatives of the Pennsylvania railroad stood upon long ago before the robbed justices of the supreme court of the second greatest commonwealth of this republic and threatened them with his client's displeasure if they dared decide against the corporation.

THE Barrett Scott abduction case, up in Holt county, is indeed a nine-days wonder, and refuses to down. Since he was taken from the carriage with his wife, child and niece, nothing substantial has occurred to indicate what has become of him. His friends at O'Neill hold that he was murdered by enemies and his body secreted. On this theory much work has been done, and three men are under arrest for participation in his abduction. They were known to be his political enemies. Sunday a well was discovered in an abandoned house, and this was searched for two days, in hope of finding his body, but this was finally given up. On the other hand, it is now held by his enemies that all this concentration of effort on the theory of his murder has been made to give him time to escape and get well out of the country before attention was called to the possibility of such a thing, so that all trace of him would be impossible. It is a strange case, at least.

THERE need to be no better evidence of the fact that the republican party of Nebraska is affected by a moral miasma, which stifles the moral convictions of its members, than to see the entire party representatives in the legislature vote for John M. Thurston, for years the oil-room boss, for senator. As intimated by Mr. Howard of Sarpy, such men as Davies of Cass, have no moral stamina to resist the all-pervading power of the railroad ring. Like a great serpent that power has wound its coils about the descendants of the party at Lincoln until its members cannot resist the dictation of the lords of the rail. Protesting that they want to stand for the people such men as Davies are as babes and sucklings in the hands of their masters. To do other than to fall into line would mean political suicide. And such a party has the audacity to call itself patriotic!

IT was eighty years ago yesterday since Jackson won his great victory at New Orleans with a handful of raw recruits over Packenham and the flower of the British army of regulars. The splendid courage of Jackson in organizing victory was never equalled except by Jackson himself when, as president, he overthrew the money power represented in the United States bank. O, for a man with the heart and spirit of a Jackson in the presidential chair now! He would dare to stand for the gold and silver of the constitution and drive the money-changers out of the temple of liberty which they have since his time made a veritable "den of thieves."

AN eastern writer suggests that the frequency with which eminent men are stricken down by death at public functions can be accounted for only by the intense nervous strain to which they are subjected. The thought comes to our mind, however, that if public men were content to be entirely honest with themselves and the public they would probably not be subjected to such a mental or nervous strain. The effort made to find an excuse for doing

or saying the wrong instead of the right thing may be at the foundation of the trouble.

CANNOT Colonel Breckinridge and Miss Pollard be persuaded to cease worrying the ears of the world? Last year they worried it with the tales of their escapade and fleshly quarrels. Now the colonel is aspiring to a seat in the senate—as if that body were not degraded enough already—and she is hiring constables to hang on his heels and seize the box office receipts from his lectures. The world believes both to have been both sinned against and stung. Now let them "take back seats" and be quiet, if they can't be decent. Boston Traveler.

THEY have a grand jury in Rice county, Kansas, which has been in session four weeks and refuses to adjourn, even at the invitation of the district judge. Their sessions cost the county about \$100 a day. It seems that such a body can only be adjourned on its own motion.

THE Lincoln News is rather pointed in its allusions to members of the sporting fraternity from Plattsmouth. It says that "recently there has been a great influx of gamblers in the city." We haven't noticed the absence of more than one of this class from town.

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