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"Tis true 'tis pity; and pity 'tis 'tis true," but unless the Journal Topics Man brightens up, he will have to forfeit his laurels as the greatest self-encomiast in the state, to the writer of the Gazette-Journal slop-over. Our contemporaries in the Valley ought, as a matter of self-preservation, to withhold their "meed of praise" until the G.-J. regains its wonted composure. "Modesty is to merit as shades to figures in a picture; giving it strength and beauty."

"No," said a fond mother, speaking proudly of her 25-year-old daughter, "Mary isn't old enough to marry yet. She cries whenever anyone scolds her, and until she becomes hardened enough to talk back vigorously, she isn't fit for a wife."

SARAH BERNHARDT has just cow-hided Mlle. Marie Columbie, who had written a biography of the great actress which did not please her. Sarah is to some extent right. A biography such as hers ought to be post mortem.

CIVILIZATION is advancing with powerful strides. Of more value to the human race than the telephone is the recent sentencing to hang of a New York policeman for clubbing an inoffensive man to death.

FRANKLIN says that "he that takes a wife takes care." Which probably explains in a measure why there are so many "baches." They are too distressingly careful already.

"I was only footing one of your late bills," remarked a fond father to his daughter, after kicking her sweet William out of the front yard.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

ANOTHER terrible accident occurred at Nebraska City, Saturday afternoon, resulting in the death of another of our citizens, Harvey S. Bundy. The Nebraska City Press contains the proceedings of the inquest held on his body, from which we copy the testimony of the conductor, C. W. Patterson, who said: "The engineer had run the engine out passed the switch and was backing in to couple on to the freight going west. 'Harve,' as he was generally called, had thrown the switch and given the signal to 'back up.' When I was standing on the depot platform I saw him jump upon the brake beam of the tender to the engine and grab at the chain that holds the coupling pin. He missed his hold and fell. I signalled the engineer to stop his engine, which he did, but too late to save 'Harve.' The tender passed entirely over his body, and when I reached him he was dead."—Gazette-Journal.

WORK in the B. & M. shops at Plattsmouth has increased to such an extent that the nine hour system has had to be abandoned, in all departments except the carpenter and paint departments. The shops have all been lighted by electric light and ten full hours will be put in each day.

THE new invoice of stationery received at the B. & M. offices here, read in the headings B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, C. B. & Q. R. R. owners. This is simply a pointer that the name B. & M. will be dropped in future and the entire Burlington route after a while be operated under the name C. B. & Q.—Plattsmouth Herald.

BY OUR ASSISTANT EDITOR.

A HAPPY New Year.

THERE is "prohibition lightning all around the sky" in our sister state.

EX-SENATOR TABOR's hobby is \$250 night shirts. Senator Sabin, with his income of \$100,000 a year, runs to boots. He has twenty-eight pairs. Whenever Sabin undertakes anything it is not a bootless job.

In a prayer meeting at Westfield, Mass., a brother arose and said: "I want to hear sung that beautiful hymn, 'Split Doors.'" A ripple of laughter was suppressed by a sister who struck up "Gates Ajar." "That's it! that's it! the brother shouted, as he sat down to enjoy the melody.

THE moon was shining brightly. He slid over the fence and sneaked up to her window he sang, in a plaintive voice, to the accompaniment of the guitar: "The last rose of summer is fading away," and the old man stuck his head out of the window and said: "Never mind young man, just throw your coat over it and I'll take it in in the morning."

OSCAR WILDE, the English dude, gets off a good thing once in a while. In a recent lecture on America, he said: "American romance is different from ours. It is not the romance of Shakespeare—it is the romance of commerce. * * * The men in America have very little childhood. They leave school at 14, have two or three successful bankruptcies by the time they are 20, and at 21 are millionaires."

WE see from our exchanges that a self-acting sofa, just large enough for two has been invented and is considered as a great relief to the old folks. When wound up it will begin to ring a warning bell just before 10 o'clock. At 10:01 it splits apart and one half carries the pretty daughter of the house up stairs to bed, while the other half kicks the young man out doors and lets the bull-dog loose. The price is "away up yonder," but people must have them.

ONE of Ella Wheeler's "Poems of Passion" begins: "She touches my cheek, and I quiver—I tremble with exquisite pain; she sighs—like an overcharged river, my blood rushes on through my veins; she smiles—and in mad-tiger fashion, as a she tiger fondles her own, I clasp her with fierceness and passion, and kiss her with shudder and groan." Ella may call this a poem of passion, but here we call it drunk and disorderly.—Chicago News.

JAY GOULD says the reason he doesn't give a party that will outshine old Vanderbilt's "snorter," is that "they don't keep a girl now, and that with the washing and mending the children's clothes Mrs. Gould has about all she can do, and there's one thing certain—while the world thinks him callous and cold-hearted, he will not impose on his wife." This is a base subterfuge. We know Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. Cyrus Field would be only glad to run in and help Mrs. Gould out with the baking and dusting. It's just like Gould's confounded meanness to set up an excuse like that.—Topics.