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People who bet on elections do wrong; but the man who never bets is no better.

JUSTICE GRAY, of the supreme court, has fore set at rest the reports of his intention to give up his freedom of bachelorhood by moving into a new house he has had built without a single closet.

The voluntary retirement of Mr. J. D. Calhoun from the Omaha Herald is to be regretted. "Peaceful Cal" has been the only refresh- ing oasis in that journalistic desert in years. His going will leave a desolate void.

The Louisville Courier-Journal figures the new house at 165 Republicans and 159 Democ- rats. This settles the controversy, as the Courier-Journal may be regarded as the voice from the trenches. In other words, the last ditch.

ENGLAND had in 1882, 5,500 students in her universities out of a population of 29,000,000, and Germany, with a population of 43,250,000, had 24,000 students. In that same year with a population of 63,000,000, the United States had 66,457 students in colleges.

AND now comes the Mexican postal author- ities and bring serious charges against the American post-office department accusing it of negligence and carelessness in handling Mex- ican mail. This, too, after Don Dickson made his glowing report to congress of the effi- ciency of the postoffice department for the year.

The Omaha Bee's political coat is as poly- chromatic and fanciful in coloring as Joseph of old's famous garment. Coupled with this cham- eleon capacity it has the facility and celerity of a "lightning change article." All the Bee has attained 27 years as a journal and its prop- rietor wealth. The people read it and its publisher is fat, saucy and happy.

The New York Sun says that the Fifthth congressional district in Wisconsin is so small that it is possible to get from one end to the other in a day. It is a small district, but it is a good one. It is a good one because it is a good one. It is a good one because it is a good one. It is a good one because it is a good one.

The territory of Dakota cast 114,000 votes at the congressional election last month and it was not a full vote either. This indicates a population of over 700,000. The vote in North Dakota was a little over that cast in an aver- age congressional district in a northern state, about 33,000. So there is no doubt of the eligi- bility of the northern half of the territory to admission.

The oyster crochets in the waters of the Chesapeake have completely cowed the vary- land navy to all appearances, and to keep up the entertainment have commenced firing on passenger steamers that happen to approach their place of business. Stars and stripes will have to be hoisted on the water front as a poor reputa- tion as a maritime power as the federal government.

A VOLCANO is said to have been discovered in Dakota. It is a mud spouter, so-called, in the nature of the geyser in the National Park. The big sister who is rapping at Uncle Sam's door is probably getting tired of the mud- spouting at her from out the democratic win- dows, and proposes to retaliate, now that she is in an independent position since the election of a republican president and a republican house.

FURTHER observations with the Lick tele- scope on Mount Hamilton, California, have without doubt that the instrument is the most powerful in the world. California observers were more or less dependent on the ob- servatories of Europe for reliable and the latest information. Now the eyes of the sci- entific world are riveted on Mount Hamilton for the freshest news of important discoveries in the celestial regions.

The Birmingham, Ala. murderer, about whom such a fuss has been raised during the last few days, is a member of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers. It seems and the brotherhood is now taking steps to procure detectives to ferret out the mystery of the kill- ing of which the imprisoned man is strongly suspected. Meanwhile the excitement in Bir- mingham continues unabated, but while the city is under military government no serious out- break is probable.

EIGHT years ago California had a population of about eight hundred and sixty-five thousand while curiously enough Nebraska had a popu- lation of about half that number. Basing the present population of California on the vote cast at the late presidential election, its popu- lation number one million three hundred thou- sand. The present population of Nebraska, instead of being six hundred and fifty thou- sand, one half of California's, numbers one million one hundred thousand as estimated by the votes cast on November 6. This certainly would indicate that Nebraska has not only outstripped California in population during the past eight years, but is likely to pass the golden state within a very short time.

The report that the Chicago pork packers have formed a trust to embrace the packing houses of St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City and Sioux City, is not at all improbable. It is well known that the pork packing establishments of Kan- sas City, Omaha, Sioux City, St. Paul and other cities are closely connected with Chicago firms. In fact, the former were originally branches of the parent houses in Chicago. An under- standing therefore may have been reached to concentrate the business as much as possible at several of the prominent packing centers. This would, of course, necessitate the shutting down of houses in centers not so well adapted and forcing smaller concerns to the wall. But the formation of a trust in the sense to control absolutely the pork packing business of the country is out of the question.

The battle before the jail at Birmingham, Alabama, for the possession of the man Hawes, who is suspected of murdering his wife and daughter, appears to have been the most des- perate and fatal struggle with a mob in our an- nals. The mob was challenged by the sheriff when it approached the jail and ordered to halt. It disobeyed the order, when the sheriff and the posse fired their Winchester and finally discharged a Gatling gun into the crowd. The number of killed and wounded is variously reported from twelve to twenty. Among them were the postmaster of the city, a United States deputy marshal and a man from Bos- ton. It is unusual that punishment of this kind is meted out to lynchers, but when men attack the officers of the law they should be prepared for accidents. If every sheriff would so receive lynching mobs in this manner, the odious custom would soon go into innocuous desuetude. In the intention of the law that is exactly the way a mob that undertakes to over- power the constabulary force of the state should be met and repelled. These men have no earthly business to be there trying to hang a man before he has been given any sort of a circumstantial hearing. They got more than they bargained for that time.

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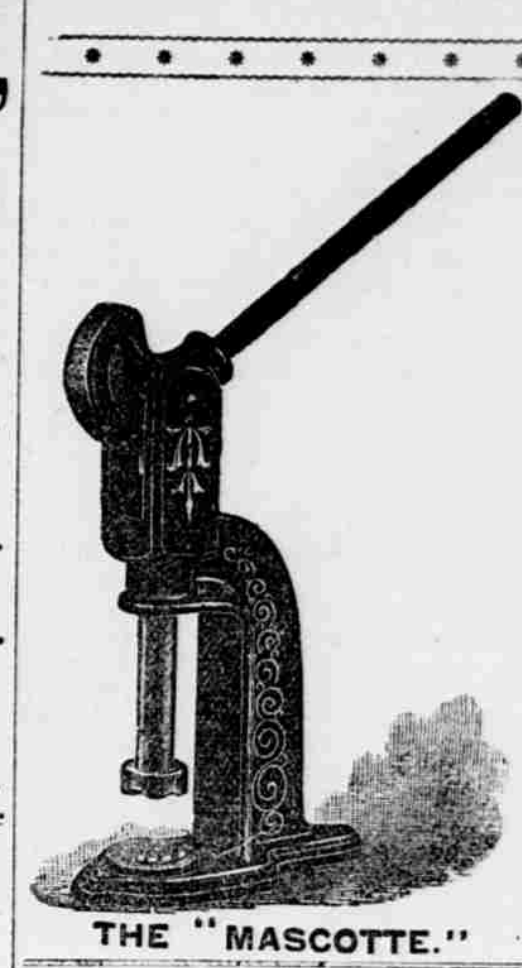
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