

HON. G. M. LAMBERTSON has been honored with the appointment to fill the vacant assistant secretaryship in the treasury department for the period that will intervene between now and the 4 of March. Mr. Lambertson doubtless appreciates the compliment, but we doubt whether he would refuse to fill the seat in the United States senate after the 4 of March if the legislature should see fit to elect him.—Bee.

A STRICT party paper in discussing the subject of immigration says: "Fortunately the matter has not taken the form of a party issue." Exactly; and why would it not be fortunate if no question affecting the country at large took the form of a "party issue?" What good is attained by making every question that arises a "party issue" and discussing it from a party standpoint; yet this is precisely what the regular orthodox party newspaper does, and meanwhile belabors the independent press for taking a non-partisan view of the particular subject under discussion.

THE lake front in Chicago, which the court says belongs to the public and not the Illinois Central railroad, is famous for some things besides the litigation it has caused. It is now a recognized branch of the business of the Chicago highwaymen to lure innocent strangers to the shore of the lake with the story that a great wreck is floating toward the beach. When the agricultural visitor reaches the shore he is enticed into a shell game or robbed by a more direct plan, just as the fancy of the gentleman in charge dictates. The lake front has been a source of great profit to these robbers as well as to the lawyers.

Now that Mr. Gould is dead any number of persons are announcing that he was all sorts of mean things and claiming that his success was due to his cold-blooded cunning. It has come out in the biographies that Gould was a very hard working man; that, as a boy, he was used to getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning to study, while the other youth of the generation that is abusing him were getting their "beauty sleep." It has also been found that he was regular and methodical in his work, and it is likely that there was not so much luck and cold-bloodedness in his success as the unthinking were likely to surmise. Mr. Gould was not a proper character to walk up and down the pages of a Sunday school book, because his ambition was not of a high order, but such as it was he stuck to it and kept it before him early and late, and finally satisfied it. That is something to one's credit—even if his ambition is not the best.

WE have passed through a period of political convulsion just as they have across the water, but every patriotic American will rejoice that none of the political scandals and turmoils which are now amazing Europe, have their counterpart here. The change in administration has been effected in the main without corruption, and a healthy tone prevails in both official and private life. When we make improvements in our elections and insure every citizen a free ballot in every voting district in the land of our political condition will be far in advance of any nation on the planet. Contrary to the views of a great many good people, the world is getting better and the government of the United States is steadily advancing in efficiency and integrity. Of course it may pause in its onward march now and then, but it is pleasant to know that temporary setbacks like a democratic victory are more often caused by the restlessness and curiosity of our people than by the quality of our public men.

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E. L. LAYCOCK, PROPRIETOR.

SOME of the papers of the state are making their biennial suggestions to the members of the legislature in regard to the abominable system of assessing in vogue in this state. The people and the papers have pleaded loud and long for a change, but no attention has been paid to their complaints. To say that we have the worst system of assessing of any state in the union but faintly expresses it. Some countries assess at one-sixth, others at one-fourth, one-third and some at its cash value. The next legislature should pass a law making the assessments uniform all over the state.

John M. Cotton, formerly of the Lincoln Vanity Fair, now with the Lincoln Newspaper Union, was in the city this morning.

F. S. Schoonover was a Windsor guest, Lincoln, yesterday. Harry Thompson was registered at the Opelt, yesterday also.

Charlie McConnell has arrived from Virginia, Illinois, and taken a position in his brother's drugstore.

The man who fails to keep his sidewalk clear of snow is not a good citizen.

Albert Cowan of our city was a guest at the Opelt, Lincoln, yesterday.

Jay Gould's charitable bequests amounted to zero—nary a red gave he.

The Rock Island telegraphers have gone out on a strike.

Annual meeting Nebraska State Horticultural society, Lincoln, Dec. 7 to 12. Fare one and a third rate for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 7 to 12, inclusive.

Annual meeting Nebraska State Patrons of Husbandry, Kearney, Dec. 13 to 16. Fare one and a third rate for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 10 to 16.

A. M. Drew of the Fair expects to be able to attend to business personally first of the week. Charlie O'Brien has been in charge during his illness.

It is understood that a new Independent newspaper will appear at Indianola, the first of the year.

J. C. Gammill came over from Frontier county last evening.

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