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THE adoption of pneumatic postal tubes in the larger cities of the country, as recommended by the postmaster general, ought to receive the attention of congress. It is believed that the introduction of these tubes would greatly enhance the economy, convenience and efficiency of the postal service, and if the experience of European capitals is of any value the belief is well founded. It is an improvement clearly in the line of progress and there is no good reason for delaying its adoption.

THE proposition of Mr. Butler to change the national flag by arranging the stars in the blue field in such a way as to represent a white pansy, is unique; but it is foolish. "Old Glory" may not fill the esthetic recesses of sensitive souls like that of Mr. Butler, but for the ordinary plug of a patriot, who is willing to fight, bleed and die for the honor and glory of the flag, it satisfies as nothing else can do. If Mr. Butler wants a new flag he might adopt one for himself; but the country still clings to the stars and stripes, and long may they wave!

THE clergymen who are saying Gould was a thief could have given proof of their courage had they said so before he died. It doesn't take much of a man to say that a dead lion wore false teeth—but the accusation is seldom made against the live animal. The ministers are doubtless well meaning, but they have got into the bad way of waiting until after a man dies and then calling him all manner of good things or all manner of bad things. It would take a great deal of courage to say as much either way about a live man, but it might do some good.

THE supreme court has rendered a decision in the Clay county contest case which fully sustains the views expressed by the Bee regarding the right of the judiciary to determine who is and who is not entitled to a seat in the legislature. By declining to act in the premises the court practically denies its own jurisdiction, thus clearly defining the boundary between the judicial and legislative branches of the government. When the Clay county contest reaches the legislature that body may find upon investigation that the certificates have been wrongly issued, but that fact is to be determined only by the house in which the contestants claim seats.—Bee.

THE charge of wholesale poisoning made against the labor organization at Homestead, Pa., that controls the Carnegie mills strikers, is of so serious a nature that public opinion should wait for the evidence. The American people will not believe that such an atrocious spirit pervades any set of respectable workingmen in the republic. It is to be hoped that the charges will not be sustained. If they are, however, found to be true, there will be a reaction against the wickedness that will be powerful enough to crush out the spirit of murder and insurrection as effectually as in the case of the anarchists of the Haymarket in Chicago a few years since.—Journal.

CHICAGO socialists do not take kindly to the recent gift of a million and a half by P. H. Armour for the endowment of a great industrial institute. At a meeting of the new Question club, which is composed chiefly of socialistic agitators, Armour was soundly berated as a robber and no better than Jesse James. One of the speakers before the club declared that Armour steals, lawfully and upon a magnificent scale, and has become a millionaire merchant prince, but his benefactions will principally benefit the rich, since the poor cannot avail themselves of his college. This may in part be true. But there are hundreds of wage workers who desire to improve, to acquire a higher industrial education, and will avail themselves of the institute and cannot fail to profit by it. Mr. Armour's methods of cornering pork cannot be commended, but that fact does not militate against his deeds of beneficence for the education of the working people in mechanical arts.—Bee.

NEBRASKA'S legislature will convene on Tuesday, January 3d, and the session promises to be an exciting and absorbing one.

"THE populists will name the next senator from Nebraska, or failing that the Republican governor will appoint one until the next legislature is elected."—Denver News.

FARMERS State bank of Holdrege has voluntarily wound up its affairs, A. L. Clarke, president of the First National bank of Hastings, agreeing to pay depositors in full.

CALHOUN of the Lincoln Herald agrees not to publish all the slush and bosh of the next legislative session; but promises on honor to artistically skin and pickle a few legislators as the days go by.

THE Bee boldly takes the bull by the horns and asserts that the local Nebraska railroad rates must be reduced; placing the line between moderate exaction and highway robbery at the Missouri river.

THE first annual meeting of the Nebraska State League of Local Loan and Building Associations was in every respect a success, and the discussion of various topics of interest to the members will greatly promote the purposes of the organization. The building and loan associations of this state have done a great deal toward enabling the wage workers to provide themselves with homes, and their influence in encouraging the accumulation of money by people whose incomes are small is a public as well as a private benefit. It adds to the wealth of the state and stimulates the development of its resources. Organization is always a source of power, and the state league seems to be doing a great deal for the permanent success of the loan association system.

THE whisky trust is gradually raising the price of alcohol and whisky and has actually bought up a great portion of the two articles on the market that it had previously sold to its customers. There is no concealment of its plans. It thinks it has a cinch on the democratic congress and the next president, and that it will be able, after it gets control of all the whisky in the country, to get them to advance the tax on whisky from 90 cents to \$1.50 per gallon. This would bring them a snug profit on all the whisky in existence at the time of the passage of the bill. They expect that the new law will except from the tax the whisky now in bond. There are billions in it, and the trust can well afford to divide liberally with the congress if it is found necessary.—Journal.

THE democratic press with one accord pretend to find President Harrison's message full of sarcasm and bitterness. And yet it is one of the most genial and comforting documents that was ever sent out from the White house. It brims over with patriotism and good feeling. It congratulates the country on its greatness and gives stacks of figures to show that it is prosperous and ought to be proud and pleased to find itself in such good condition. But because he said that the people having concluded to change the policy of the administration, it would be well for the present congress to cease monkeying with the tariff and leave the matter to the new congress which had been elected for that purpose, the democrats claim to be hurt by the sarcasm. That must depend upon how they take themselves. If they have no faith in their own platform and are not willing to do what they said they wanted to do with so much energy and eloquence before the 8th of November, the president's suggestion that they are going to do it is very sarcastic indeed. If they really mean to carry out their pledges the president's assumption that they will, is the highest compliment that could be paid to the democracy. Whether there was sarcasm in the message depends entirely on the outcome of the democratic party's wrestle with its promises in the Chicago platform. They give themselves away beforehand, when they admit that it is sarcasm now.—Journal.

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