

SENATOR ALLEN will vote with democrats on all party questions which do not seriously conflict with his ideas of a liberal construction of populist principals.

IT is not much of an advantage to an office seeker to have been an "original Cleveland man." The indications are that originality is not appreciated by this administration. The men who came in late seem to be getting the best seats.

THE decline in the price of coal comes rather late, but it at least affords some promise that the consumer will not be squeezed as hard next winter as he has been during the winter that is now drawing to a close. There is every reason to be hopeful that the backbone of the monopoly is now broken.

LITTLE regret need be expressed at the manner in which Representative Sheridan expressed and emphasized his respects to Body-Guard Roggen. But this is not an age that excuses or encourages personal assaults of any kind; especially the heaping of indignity upon a small man by a robust and powerful opponent. It is not brave.

THE Hayes County Republican says in referring to President Cleveland and the editors: "He says that because a democrat may own a few pounds of type and print his name as editor is no sign that he knows more than any other scrub democrat. That if he can sign his name without running out his tongue more than half an inch, he is worthy and well qualified."

IN the person of Representative Sheridan Editor Rosewater and Body-Guard Roggen found a venal vampire and a corporation cormorant combined with quite responsible pugilistic attainments. However, Mr. Sheridan cannot wear that gold headed cane without unmixed feelings. A second sober thought doubtless brought the blush of shame and regret to his countenance at being mixed up in such a discreditable affair, as one of the chief actors therein and as the initiator thereof.

MR. CLEVELAND'S determination to appoint none of his former office holders to positions is being criticised more harshly than the circumstances warrant. Without such a rule in force every man who failed of reappointment would consider himself terribly aggrieved and would be sure to say things that would hurt the feelings of the administration. Grover was obliged to choose between appointing 'em all and disappointing the entire lot, and the latter course seemed the only one open. A display of wrath over the conclusion is entirely unreasonable.

WHAT the New York Sun said the other day about the newspaper circulation affidavits is quite apropos to the disturbance now going on at Omaha. Dr. Dana rises to remark: "If the word of a newspaper as to such a matter is not entitled to belief, its oath is also worthless and carries no weight with the public. The mere circumstances that the publisher of a newspaper feels it requisite to have some of his servants to swear to the truth of his statements of its circulation, is a confession that the paper has a reputation lying; and everybody knows it is as easy to lie under oath as to lie without an oath. A man who can't get people to believe his word has the same difficulty in getting them to believe his oath."

COLONEL E. D. WEBSTER of Stratton, Nebraska, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, Colonel Lusk, U. S. A., in Washington. Colonel Webster has been confined to his bed for weeks, dying from a fatal affection of the liver. His wife and daughters have been at his bedside since he was taken ill. Two weeks ago Dr. Magruder informed him that he could not recover. Colonel Webster received the news impassively and said: "I shall die at home." Colonel Webster has been for more than thirty years connected with the development of Nebraska. He was one of the first editors of the Omaha Republican and led a brilliant fight for the republican party in the formative days. He was confidential clerk of Wm. H. Seward during the war period and in person delivered the order for the release of Mason and Slidell. Colonel Webster was well known in Washington as an able and brilliant conversationalist. His acquaintance was extensive among public men and he was a welcome visitor in official and social circles. Hundred of Nebraskans will hear with regret of his death and will say: "Farewell to a courteous gentleman, an outspoken partisan, opponent, close friend and an unfailing advocate of western interests."

THE late "Squire Abington," an English sport who found it impossible to go the American gait and so died, was the son of an iron founder who made a fortune by hard work and who was one of the most unpretentious of men, noted only for his business sense and lack of frills. His son, born to idleness and money, made no name except as a ruffian who blacked a woman's eye and herded with the scum of the earth. The generation who make money, though plentifully abused as plutocrats and so on, are usually better men than the generation who spend the money.

THE heads of departments at Washington are quietly pruning away large numbers of employees on the ground that their services are unnecessary and that the good of the service requires the exercise of rigid economy. In a few short weeks there will probably be an urgent demand for assistance in these departments, and we may confidently expect all the new appointees to be democrats of the old school. The administration hopes to make a reputation for economy by this ruse and find places for a good many of the boys in the bargain.

THE fight which the Minnesota legislature is waging with the state coal combine bids fair to become historical. It may furnish precedents for legislative action in other states. The seizure of books of the trust manager was certainly not according to precedent, but, if it be upheld, it will work a revolution in the management of combines or settle them for good.

THE Pennsylvania legislature is now considering a bill for the exclusion from office of person "addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors." In order to give the bill a chance in that body, candidates for the legislature are exempted from its provisions.

FRANK E. WHITE of Plattsmouth has been appointed U. S. marshal for Nebraska.

The man born of woman who tramps around hunting for a soft place in this world could save himself many a hard tramp by looking under his hat before starting.—State Journal.

This week Wednesday, a gentleman from the eastern part of this state purchased a quarter in Bondville precinct. William Coleman made the sale.

Water tax for second quarter becomes due April 1st and is delinquent April 10th.
C. H. MEEKER.

The "dove" dinner conducted with all the formality of the regulation dinner party, is a decided innovation; but though the guests of the initial entertainment of the kind were invited to dine and incidentally discuss plans for charitable entertainments for the Lenten and Easter season, the affair was so enjoyable, and consequently successful, that others have followed with the sole and avowed object of pleasure. The truth of the matter is, bright women enjoy each other's society much better than is generally believed; and one, at least, has confessed that she considers a bright woman's appreciation more sincere than that of a man, and that she always feels on her mettle when with women only. The strictest formality regarding invitations, service, and toilet are observed; dinner is served at eight o'clock, escorts are invited for ten, and all have departed by eleven.—From Demorest's Family Magazine for April.

J. A. Wilcox this week sold his half of 14-4-31 to Edward W. Barnes and J. M. Stover, both of Conrad Grove, Iowa. The price is \$3,600. These gentlemen have each made arrangements to break up a large part of the land, and may return and occupy the land before the summer closes.

On last Friday N. P. Moss of Iowa bought the W. H. Harman farm six miles south of the city. He takes possession at once. The sale was made by William Coleman. He and Mr. Coleman played together when boys over forty years ago, but had not met for thirty years.

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