

THE stieck of the National banks upon the money market, shows how dangerous is the power which rests in this institution if called out into action. The banks consulted their owo interests when they receded from their avgrassiva position.

THE Republican says there are two sides to the railroad question. There are. There is the monopoly side and the people's side. The monopoly side as explained by the organ of the Union Pacific, is the greatest amount of extortion consistent with a moderate amount of resistance from the people

THE Lincoln Journal clustes Peter porstions acting as common carriers Conper, Judge Black, Francis B. are bound to transport the goods and Thurber and Senator Windom as comchattels of the public whenever offermuniats whose fingers itch for the proed them, without favor, bias and disperty of others. After that printing crimination. It means that the procontract investigation both the Linper conduct of railways is not simply colu Journal and the Omaha Herald a question between the carrier and would do well to keep very quiet about the single individual with whom the "itching fingers" and steals of any contract is made, but that, in the words of Justice Bradley, "it is a

nestion of public interest on the one One of the most praiseworthy aphand and of public du's of the other.' propriations of the late legislature was Our laws permit of no parellel be that of \$\$5,000 for the increase of tween a private .merchant and a cor facilities at the de f and dumb instiporation acting as a private carrier tute, and the increase of Superintendont Gillespie's salary. Superintendent Gillespie is one of the ablest and most efficient instructors of this class in the country and amply deserved this slight recognition of his merits,

ME DOANE'S RAILBOAD BILL Following is Mr. Doane's bill regu-

lating railroad management in Nebrasks, which was passed by the last legislature, and will remain the law until repealed or amended by a subsequent legislature:

Be it enacted by the State Legislature of Nebraska SECTION 1. Every railroad corporation shall give to all persons reasonable and equal terms, facilities and ac-commodations for the transportation

of any merchandise or other property of every kind and description upon triction for the public banefit. And so, Rosewater asserts that any railroad owned or operated by there can be but one side to the such corporation within this state, and there can be but one side to the for terminal handling, the use of the question that railroads are affected depot and other buildings and grounds a public interest, that of such corporation, and at any point where its railroad shall connect with such any other railroad, reasonable and equal terms and facilities of interdemands that common carriers shall transport withot favor or discrimchange, and shall promptly forward merchandize consigned or directed to instion the goods and chattels of the

be sent over another road connecting that monopolies endowed by the pubwith its road, according to the directions contained thereon or accompanylie with princely gifts of land and ing the same. SEC. 2. No railroad company in the state shall hereafter charge, colnoney, shall fulfil their obligations towards the people of the country. lect or receive for the transportation He calls the attention of the business mee of this community to the brazen of any merchaudise or other propety

upon the railroad owned or operated hy such company within this state, a higher rate for such service than was charged by such company for the same or like service on the first day of November A D. 1880, as shown by the published rates of such company. And no railroad company shall demaud, charge, collect or receive for such transportation for any special distance a greater sum than it demands, charges, collects or receives for a greatplease and refuse it from whom they the great bulk of its stock is common

or distance. se. 3. No railroad company with-

res rt to their usual means to obtain acter they are subject to legislative a majority. They bought some honregulation and control. This position orable senators This is no idle cannot be broken down. It is forti- statement-I know whereof I speak, and can name the men Though the fied by a chain of precedents from the reads could reasonably control this time of Chief Justice Holt to the legislature, popular sentiment was latest decision from the supreme bench such that they did not think it expedient to repeal the O'Donnell bill of the United States. It is grounded without substituting something in its in equity and strongthened by the replace. quirements of public policy.

The result was ratiroad law inesat What then is the public interest This is the law which OWB. which our laws inform us affect Mr. Touzalin essumes fixes the rates with which he compared the the railroad corporations? It means barges of his Nebraska roads. Now, that the corporate franchises, privihe important facts bearing upon Mr. leges and immunities with which the euzalin's argument and that this law railroads have been endowed were as purely a railroad measure-that it an drawn by Judge H abbard, of Cegranted for a public purpose and for ar Ranids, then and now the attor the public benefit It means that cor

ev of the Northwastern railroad; that it did not want any freight rate st all, but left the roads free to fix the ates themselves, which they apeedily lid and do now. The features of this "I are substantially as follows: It provided for a railroad commission of three members; it classified the roads on the basis of their gross receipts; it fixed the rates of passenger tariff at thrae to four cents per mile; it prohibted unjust discrimination; it the duty of the mide commissioners to hear complaints of aggrieved partles, make suggestions to the roads, and report to the governor; it made it their duty to examine at stated intervals the railroad bridges of the state: it authorized them to aquire into infringements of the law

They recognize that in the one case and report to the governor This the public interest is exceedingly Iowa law is a legal curiosity and ingeniously illustrates the problem of limited, and is protected by the laws how not to do it. Laincerely regret I of trade, chief of which is the power have not a copy of it to submit to your of competition. But what protection Inspection. First, its penalties are is there for the public when corpora-

affixed by sections. For instance, it provides that the railroads shall furtions brazenly and openly put themnish ample facil ties, cars, etc., for the selves above the laws of trade, comtransaction of business. This the bine to crush out competition, and roads are of course anxious to do; and even defy the powers which called the penalty for non-compliance is very them into existence. It is on this severe. It prohibits discriminations, and the penalty for non-compliance is account and from the knowledge of very inadequate. But it is not my the results which would certainly purpose to discuss the law-only to arise from unbridled license on the show the falseness of the claim put forth by Mr. Touzalin that the Iowa part of common carriers, that our rates are granger rates. I believe the laws avow the public interest in the law is better than none. It is a law affairs of common carriers and make which the roads are willing to comply them subject to legislation and reswith, having made it themselves. It gives the commissioners advisory pow-ers, and there is not so much conflict between the roads and the people as there would be without the law. In addition to his claim that the lows rates are granger rates, Mr. Touzalin claims that the rates of his a public interest Nebraska roads are intrinsically low. Having destroyed his comparsion, we have only his unsupported word for this statement. It is true? I have not the stock account of the C., B. & O public offered to them. He insists railroad, with which the B. & M. Nebrasks is consolidated, so as to know the extent of water in its stock. Bat on Feb. 11th the C., B. & Q. e mmon stock was quoted on the New York Exchange at 1271. Mr. Touzalin may go out of his way as far as he pleases to account for the high price impudence of the Union Pacific of stocks-the fact remain . that their monopoly organ, which may be pre-sumed to be speaking for its master value on the New York market depards upon the monthly net receip's when it declares that the railroads of the roads. But take Mr. Touzaacknowledge no law above the law of lin's own comparison with the Chicago self interest. He warns them of the and Northwestern, one of the Iowa pool lines. If the rates are proven by inevitable result which may be expected in the case of every merchant this test to be low, I will give up the battle. This road, under Mr. Touzdin's "granger rates," or producer who refuses to bend his neck to the monopoly yoke, should such an infamous dectrine that, rail- is estning fifteen per cent. on bot roads can carry freight for whom they common and preferred stock, and as

the superstruction will not be built cur manufactured goods, and diffusing among ourselves the elegancies and waters have subsided. necessaries of civilized life.

Much has been and is said abou our need of capital and the danger that the mere agitators of this railroad question will prevent money from coming within our borders I know that capital is timid, and will not go where it is discriminated against. But the what do we want capital for? Is it to build railroads through a wilderness? To lay our wealth away and return us nothing?-to destroy our commercial treedom, and build up great centres in remote states at our expense? No, sir! to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Ve want capital to till our prairies, to evelop our water powers, to manufacture our wool, to diversify our agriculture. Give us commercial freedom emove the shackles imposed by this little thing of discrimination equipst the short haul, and such capital will flow in upon us abundantly. And is any man insane enough to sup pose that as we produce to men. articles to be carried, facilities for carrying them will not be abund antly offered? To a man who takes a broad and statesmanlike view of this question, Mr. Touzslin's bugbear about the future action of states east of us is food for ridicule and laugh. ter. The "political economy" of such men is a myth. They do not underthe district churt. stand its first principles. Why, sir, this astonishing political economist, actually threatens us with the danger nection between Blue Springs juncof the cessation of the very toil which

is keeping us a people in obscurity tion and Endlectt, and it is not prob ble that it will be completed before and poverty. There are other points in Mr. Touthe middle of April. Considerable grading remains to be done, and the zalin's article I would like to discuss; ground is too full of frost to permit but I have already largely exceeded the limits I set for myself, and I fear | any headway.

exhausted your patience. Yours truly, J. BURROWS, Secretary State Alliance. MELROY, Feb. 19, 1881.

STATE JOTTINGS. -Ulysses is agitating incorporation.

-Geneva has a new paper, The Bud-That even the form of trial by ury is not perlectly free from pre--North Platte has a population of judics, is believed by some. But in our section, St. Jacobs Oil has been 1,650. tried by that great jury-the public -and been judged the infallible cure -Knoxville has a home minstrel roupe for rheumatism and all painful dis--The Wahoo-Cornet Band has re organized.

-The railroad tank at Hubbel Mrs. Jacob Willson, Marion O., says he Mrs. Jecob Willson, Marion O., says her child was not expected to live, owing to a severe attack of Croup, she tried Dr. Thomas' Eclectri : Oil, which gava immediate relief. Mr. C. Cleadennen, Marion, O., used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for Bunions, he says at first start he thought il was like the rest of the a vertise i humbug, but was agreeably disap-pointed and now would not be without some in the house for any money costs \$4000. -Fremont's new creamery will cost over \$8,000. -Ice on the Blue at Beatrice is 28 nches thick.

-Oakland offers \$5,000 bonus for a he house for any money. packing house. -Beatrice Odd Fellows' hall

great success. -Sew rd is excited over the discov. ery of a faro bank. -Columbus is to have a newspaper called The Gazatte. -Schuyler is reveiling in a breach of promise sens tion.

-The iron vaults for Crete's new bank weigh ever a ton. -Stock in Seward county has fared vell during the winter. -Alexandria has home talent for

n excellent dramatic club -The Howard county funding onds sold at 2 per cent premium. -Thayer county tailies it's tenth paper in Der Bote aus Friedenssll. -A Fairbury farmer shot two large wild cats near his house last week.



a much larger population. -One hundred thousand ties will e at once forwarded to Iudianola and **UNDERTAKER!** the general impression is that the B & M. will push foward to Denver dar ing the coming season. Metalic Cases, Coffins, Caskets, Shrouds, etc. - The Columbus Ancient Order o Fara m Stree . 0th and 11th, Omsha, Neb. libernians are making arrangements Omaha division will assist them. In the evening, at the opera house, the

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passed a joint resolution propising an

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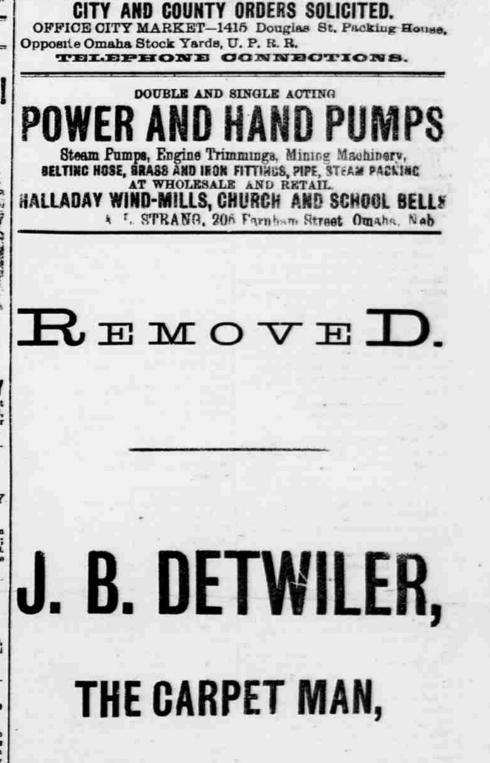
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