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EVERY day sees a strengthening of
the Farmers' Alliance in Nebraska.

THE Omaha interpretation of the
Slocumb law is not likely to prove
popular throughout the state.

How not comply with the law is
the problem with which the city
licensing board appears to be wrest-
ling.

Rioting, drunkenness and bloody af-
frays are not necessarily disorderly
conduct according to Omaha official
standards.

NEW YORK's city government this
year will cost her \$27,421,821. And
yet the street cleaning problem seems
impossible of solution.

ONLY persons who think they know
more about medicine than the doctors
can safely omit vaccination. And one
such person can spread a great deal of
small pox.

DENVER is greatly excited over the
rumor that the R. G. Grand's road is
about to remove its shops from that
city to Pueblo. It will be a bad case
of "shop lifting."

THE Philadelphia courts have decided
against bay-windows projecting
into the streets, on the ground that
their use gives the owner a few feet of
land to which he is not entitled.

THE marriage of the Baroness Bur-
dette Couts causes a loss of \$350,000
per annum to that venerable bride,
It isn't every woman who is willing
to pay such a sum for a husband.

CONGRESSMAN REAGAN says if his
railroad bill isn't smothered in the
committee rooms, it will pass the
house by a rousing majority. The
American people will now focus their
attention on the house committee on
railroads.

THE judgeship made vacant by the
appointment of Hon. Horace Gray, of
Massachusetts, to the supreme bench,
is now going begging among the able
lawyers of Boston. No \$30,000 a
year lawyer can afford to take a \$6,500
judgeship.

POSTMASTER GENERAL HOWE is gen-
erally denounced by the eastern press
as an old fog of antiquated notions
and poor business qualifications. Sev-
eral political lightning rods have been
hailed down since Mr. Howe's nom-
ination which may account for some of
the milk in the newspaper coconut.

POSTMASTER PEARSON, of New York
has invented a new kind of letter-box
which will require the letter carrier
to do their duty in collecting the
mail. What some of our cities would
hail with mere pleasure, would be the
post-office which would force the post-
master to attend to his business in the
interests of the public.

SECRETARY HUNT has granted an
advance of pay to a young naval officer
who is about to be married, and intimates
that it is well for all young men
to marry somebody. Secretary
Hunt's popularity among the ladies of
the country is assured from this time
henceforward and forever. He ought
to be unanimously voted "a dear old
thing."

THE poorer classes are the last to
feel the effects of prosperity and the
first to experience the pressure of
hard times. One of the best indica-
tions of the general prosperity is seen
in the great increase in the number of
accounts in eastern savings banks and
the amount of deposits and the
amount of earning. There is no surer
sign of a wide-spread industrial pros-
perity than when these evidences of
thrift among the poor multiply.

THE fact that \$12,600,000 of the
extended 6's and 5's are still
outstanding under the last call of
\$20,000,000 illustrates very strongly
the prevailing ease of the money mar-
ket. All interest ceased on these
bonds on the 29th of last month.

These unpaid bonds are probably
trust funds investments in which se-
curity is of more account than income.
It looks very much as if a 3 per cent
bond could be easily floated.

ANOTHER GOULD PURCHASE.

Jay Gould's latest purchases turn
out to have been a judge of the New
York supreme court and the attorney
general of the state. The story of the
transactions which resulted in these
disgraceful acquisitions is told with
great detail by the *New York Times*,
the most fearless and enterprising of
the metropolitan journals, which by
its exposure of great public evils, in-
cluding the Tweed ring and the star-
route frauds, has well earned the con-
fidence of the reading public.

Early last spring Gould cast his eye
on the three elevated railroad compa-
nies in New York, the Metropolitan,
New York and the Manhattan, the
last of which had leased the other two and
guaranteed 10 per cent dividends
upon their stocks. Following out his
universal policy, which is to wreck a
property before buying it, in
order to secure it cheaply, Gould laid his plans to destroy
confidence in elevated securities, and
bear the stock upon the market. Seven months ago the attack on Man-
hattan began by Attorney-General
Ward's bringing suit in the name of
the people of New York to have the
charter of the Manhattan annulled on
the ground that its stock was mostly
water, that it owned no road, and that it
did not and couldn't pay its taxes, much less its other obligations.
The grounds for the suit were true
enough, and if Mr. Ward had fought
it out, he would have done a public
service. He soon transferred the case
from Judge Donohue's court to Judge
Westbrook's and modified its form to
a suit to place the company in insolv-
ency. He asked for receivers, and in
July Judge Westbrook went to New York, and at a hearing in a private
office appointed John F. Dillon and Amos Lawrence Hopkins receivers,—one Gould's lawyer and the
other vice-president of the Wabash
railroad. In the meantime, other
suits had been instituted against the
other two companies, and their stocks
were very much depressed. The Met-
ropolitan went into Gould's hands July 8, at which time it was discovered
that the New York was entirely
in Mr. Field's control.

A concerted attack was now made by
the entire Gould clique on Manhattan
stock. His organ, the *World*, was
running it down as worthless and
writing editorial leaders on the cer-
tainty of its being wiped out by the
courts. The game was nearly played for
Manhattan declined below 20 and
was a drug in the market at that figure.
Again Judge Westbrook's services
were called into requisition. He was
brought in from the country to Jay Gould's
private office in the Western Union
building in September to author-
ize the issue of receivers' certificates
for \$1,000,000. The *World* in printing the news said that the
certificates would be worthless, as no
body would buy them, and Mr. Gould
himself, as director of the Metropolitan,
and therefore acquainted with the affairs
of the Manhattan, made affidavit
that the latter company was
"hopelessly and irretrievably insolvent."
Large blocks of Manhattan
stock were thrown by the frightened
shareholders upon the market and
were quickly snapped up on the quiet
by Gould.

The time had now come for
the closing act and on the 21st of October Judge Westbrook re-
paired again to Gould's office and
read his decision denying the suit of
the New York elevated against the
Manhattan to recover its property.
Three days later he telegraphed from
Kingston an order terminating the
recovery process. Now the Manhattan
stock began to recover, and when the
annual meeting was held a fortnight
later, the Gould party sailed into the
direction of this "hopelessly and irre-
trievably insolvent" concern, and the
stock stood at 55. The profit by this
disastrous performance cannot have
been less than \$2,600,000, supposing
the advance in the 70,000 shares to
have been 35 per cent.

The exposure of this high handed
proceeding is creating confusion in the
Gould camp, and the criminals are
vainly attempting to explain away the
proofs which have accumulated against
them. Public opinion is aroused on
the subject, and public journals are
holding up the case as the strongest
possible argument for state regulation
and restrictions of the corporations.
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THE COMING MEETING.

The Nebraska State Farmers' alliance
meets at Hastings on the 25th of the present month, in special session.
It is the highest importance that the attendance should not only be large but representative. Anti-
monopoly sentiment in Nebraska is
not only rapidly growing, but it is
crystallizing with equal rapidity. Every
farmer who has felt the iron hands of
the Nebraska monopolies should at
once connect himself with the nearest
alliance. Wherever possible new
bodies should be organized in time to
obtain representation at the Hastings
meeting. Indications point to a large
enthusiastic and practical gathering of
Nebraska producers who will discuss
questions of the highest importance
to the future welfare of the tax-
paying citizens in this state. A
number of the county alliances have
already voiced the sentiment of their
members and the state in ringing
resolutions whose tone will strike the
key note for the Hastings meeting.
But it is highly important that there
should be the fullest discussion of the
subjects which will engage the attention
of the state alliance and to this
end every county and precinct in the
state ought to be represented at
Hastings.

Nebraska farmers are a reading and
thinking class. They have a decided
opinion on the anti-monopoly question,
and an opportunity is now extended
to them to make it known. The
state farmers alliance has extended a
cordial invitation to all members of
alliances to attend the coming meeting
at Hastings and assist the deliberations
and discussions of the delegates by
their presence and suggestions. It
is to be hoped that hundreds will
avail themselves of this invitation.
Let there be such a gathering of
bone and sinew of this agricultural
state as has never been known
before in its history. The time has
come when the favor currying politicians
of Nebraska, who are endeavoring
to straddle the anti-monopoly
question, should be made to understand
by suitable legislation the relations between
the people and the railroads.

A Timely Suggestion.

Utica Herald (Rep.)

Ex-Senator Dorsey still remains in
the position of secretary of the Repub-
lican National Committee. If he
should happen to be indicted by the
Grand Jury this week it may occur to
the members of the committee that it
is worth their while to hold a meeting
for the purpose of electing a new
secretary. And even if Dorsey should
not be indicted, the need for a new
man in his position will be quite as
imperative.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Rev. Charles Wesley Howes, a prominent
Baptist clergyman, succumbed at San
Francisco recently.

A fatal scourge prevails in Tulare
County. The mortality for the past two
months has been awful. Typhoid pneumo-
nia, caused by malignant poison in
the system, is the disease. The disease
is called, is the dreadful disease which
has baffled the skill of all the physicians,
and the work of death still goes on as
fatal in its results as yellow fever in the
south.

There are now about 1,000 Chinamen
and about 200 white men employed on the
railroad between San Bernardino and
Tulare.

The manufacture of castor oil is about
to be established at Downey City, the
castor bean being extensively cultivated
in that vicinity.

Twelve thousand tons of German steel
bars were landed recently at San Diego
for the Southern Pacific.

The California Southern has completed
37 miles of railroad and constructed 55
bridges (large and small); the largest
being four acres, and Mr. Tilden
must either call his hand and pay the
stakes or take the consequences. The
World advises the Tilden democrat
to pay no attention to Tammany but
to let matters take their course and as
this advice is likely to prevail the
prospects for a prolonged dead lock in
the legislature are unusually good
while Mr. Kelly prances around the
ring and executes some of his most
soul stirring war whoops.

THE editor of the Boston Journal
is virtually indignant, and gives way
to the feelings as follows: "Clara
Louise Kellogg sang about \$1,000
worth to the inmates of the Nebraska
penitentiary the other day, and asked
nothing for it. A man who had
never stolen anything or made love to
another man's horse would have to
pay \$2 to hear her. About the only
man who gets left nowadays, and has
to pay a big price for all the fun he
has is the honest, respectable, hard-
working citizen." We have no doubt
that if the editor of the Boston Journal
had been in Nebraska, he would
have been placed in a position where
he could have heard Clara for
nothing.

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