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Now we may look for a shower of market house propositions.

The lesson of Gambetta's defeat is that France is greater than any of her statesmen.

The lowest percentage of illiteracy in the union is found in Nebraska and the greatest in South Carolina.

Score another victory for Bill Mahone. The senate has confirmed Mahone's postmaster at Lynchburg.

The state university is supposed to be the highest development of our public school system, and not of our Sunday schools.

The Nebraska press, one by one, are swinging into the anti-monopoly line. The people of the state want none others to apply.

Justice has again shown itself in the sentence imposed by Judge Nixon upon Oscar F. Baldwin, the embezzling cashier of the Mechanics National bank, of Newark.

What is being done with the unexpended appropriation to improve the Missouri river at Omaha and Council Bluffs? A good many people on both sides of the river would like to know.

In a speech made at New Orleans recently by Jeff. Davis intimated that the lost cause was only sleeping, and state sovereignty would in due time triumph over centralization.

Mr. Davis should either put himself in sympathy with the south to-day, or he should hold his peace. There have been elaborate efforts made by so-called statesmen to cover up the real cause of the war, but there is not a man of common sense in the south to-day who is not aware of the fact that there would have been no war if there had been no slavery.

It seems to be conceded that the coming secretary of the interior will hail from the Pacific slope, and considerable pressure is being brought to have Ex-Senator Booth of California appointed to the position instead of Sargent.

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THE OHIO RAILROAD BILL

Ohio is about to deal with the question of railroad regulation, and a bill looking toward this end has already been introduced in the state senate by Mr. Brigham, master of the state grange. The measure is modeled after the Illinois law, and its object is to prevent discrimination and extortion by railroads.

An additional feature of Mr. Brigham's bill is a provision establishing the "commission of railroads and telegraphs," to consist of three persons, to be appointed by the governor within thirty days after the act takes effect.

They are to have access, at all times within business hours, to all the books relating to the business of every railroad in the state. The railroad companies are compelled to transmit to them a yearly statement of the capital stock subscribed, and by whom; the amount of stock paid in, and by whom; the amount of cash paid to the company on account of the original capital stock.

THE PURCHASING POWER OF A DOLLAR. Prices in all lines continue to advance. The increase is particularly noticeable in food products. It is claimed that the advance in breadstuffs is due to short crops. It is also due to a spirit of reckless speculation which is holding large blocks of all the great staples in the hope of an advance.

It is safe to say that a ten dollar bill to-day will not purchase much more food than could have been bought for \$8.50 a year ago. In response to the question of how far a dollar will go the New York Public has supplemented its recent discussion of prices before and after the war by a comparative statement of the amount needed to buy an equal quantity of the staple commodities now, in the past four years, and in 1860.

It appears that if a man earning \$1,040 a year, or \$20 a week, had tried to live in 1861 just as he is now, he could have done it on \$19.10 or \$97.7 a year. In 1878 he could have had the same comforts at \$15.40. Among the laborers the rise in wages since 1861 makes the comparison less marked. If a man is eating a dollar a day and works twenty-six days in the month he can buy as much for his family as he could if he knocked off an afternoon every month in 1861 working at the same price, or put in twenty working days at the same price in 1878.

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The farmers of Nebraska comprehend that Mr. Majors has rendered no service that entitles him to \$10,000 back pay and even if admitted by the end of the present session could only occupy his seat from December, 1882 to March 4, 1883, three months. The endorsement of Senator Van Wyck was spontaneous. Nearly every farmer that spoke before the alliance referred to him in complimentary terms for his effort to bring the land sharks to terms and every mention of his name was received with cheers.

THE MEANING OF THE RESOLUTIONS adopted by the farmers is anti-monopoly; yet they fail to say a word of denunciation of the source of all monopolies, the tariff for protection. What does it mean?

THE ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-MONOPOLY is democracy—we do not say the democratic party, mind you, but we mean it all the same—democracy we say, or a government in which the supreme power is in the hands of the people, not in the hands of corporations. If the Hastings platform then, instead of being so lengthy had just contained the following—"Free Trade and Anti-Monopoly"—and nothing more, it would have been much more energetic and to the point.

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NEW MEXICO. Taos is the best agricultural county in New Mexico. The coming season promises to be more prosperous for the Missouri valley than it has ever been before. A number of mining locations have been made in a new mining district of the Cordons mountains, two miles southeast of Mesilla. Large leads crop out above the surface.

MONTANA. The coal deposits of eastern Meagher county promise to exceed those of any other part of Montana.

IDAHO. A sixty-ton smelter is on the way to Blackfoot. The May Flower mine in Wood River has been sold to Chicago capitalists for \$375,000.

CALIFORNIA. A company has been formed in San Jose to operate the electric lights. Four thousand shares were subscribed in San Francisco at the 1st and 2nd meetings.

DAKOTA. The new flouring mill at Canton uses hay as fuel. The meals have been taken in all the available children of Madison.

COLORADO. Gunnison is preparing to manufacture mineral paint out of her dirt. Colorado carried off the medals for the collection of ores at the Cincinnati exposition.

MICELANEOUS. There are eighty mining districts, embracing 5,000,000 acres, in Utah, and mineral has been found in every county. Twenty-two divorces were granted in Storey county, Nev., last year.

WYOMING. Ten miles of track have been laid on the Laramie branch to North Park. Petitions are in circulation for the es-

At the same time light earthquake shocks were felt in Portland. The Arizona & Nevada Transportation company, of which we spoke some time ago, has made its first mortgage to Governor Low and Walter E. Dean, of California, and mortgage bonds are issued to Senator G. J. Fair, covering the sum of \$10,000,000.

GENOA LEADER. Omaha, like Chicago, the great city of the lakes, is reaching out with her influence and taking in her commercial grasp an empire in boundary and wealth, and will in the near future be the Chicago of the great west.

IN GOOD SPIRITS. T. Walker, Cleveland, O., writes: "For the last twelve months I have suffered with lumbago and general debility. I commenced taking Burdock Blood Bitters about six weeks ago, and now have great pleasure in stating that I have recovered my appetite, my complexion has grown ruddy, and feel better altogether. Price \$1.00, trial size 50 cents."

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