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RAILROADS are either the creatures of the people or the people the serfs of the corporations.

OMAHA must face the problem sooner or later of comfortable and cheap homes for her laboring men.

CHICAGO added 14,212 babies to its population last year. Returns from St. Louis are awaited with interest.

The iron wall which the Union Pacific is attempting to build around our city is viewed with great dissatisfaction by the merchants of Omaha.

MR. BLAINE'S political funeral oration has not yet been read, notwithstanding the assertions of a number of the stalwart organs.

NEBRASKA'S are interested just now in knowing whether they are taxed to support a theological seminary or an unsectarian state university.

The long haired men and short haired women who ran the convention of the suffering women of Nebraska in Lincoln last week can now take a rest. The editor of the Republican is at the helm.

MR. SARGENT'S chances for the secretaryship of the interior grow beautifully smaller every day. It is understood in Washington that President Arthur is entirely satisfied with the faithful and efficient services of Secretary Kirkwood, and has intimated as much to the Iowa delegation who waited upon him recently in reference to the subject.

SENATOR PUOH has drafted a bill whose object is to relieve the supreme court by dividing it into three divisions to be known respectively as the federal, equity and admiralty, and law division, which shall be empowered to sit separately in heavy cases.

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THAT veteran journalist, James Watson Webb, made a speech on his eightieth birthday in which he expressed the following sensible views upon the modern newspaper:

"The great want, in my opinion, at the present day, is a journal which shall be perfectly independent upon all questions in which party principles are not involved, and which the editor shall be strictly responsible for everything that appears in its columns.

THE PAVING QUESTION.

Omaha is substantially interested in the speedy passage of an apportionment bill by congress. Such action will necessitate the immediate convening of our state legislature by Governor Nance in order to redistrict Nebraska in accordance with the representation decided upon by congress.

Until a decision is reached upon the best method for raising funds for the paving of our streets all discussion upon materials is somewhat premature. There is, however, among our citizens a growing feeling in favor of using only the best and most durable materials for street paving.

OUR CONSULAR SYSTEM. It will be a gratification for Americans to learn that a number of their foreign consuls have something to do aside from collecting fees.

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THE ESTIMATES for the support of our consular service for the ensuing fiscal year is placed at \$1,325,000. Among the items of increase are the following:

A LIBERAL OFFER.

For the past two years the publishers of THE WEEKLY BEE have given to the subscribers of THE WEEKLY BEE the best line of premiums as inducements to subscription which have ever been offered by any newspaper in the country.

Many patrons of THE DAILY BEE have asked why we do not offer them the same inducements held out to subscribers of THE WEEKLY BEE.

This scheme was first devised to collect subscriptions in arrears from patrons of the Weekly Bee. Its success exceeded our expectations. We have now no back collections on our weekly edition, have established the prepayment system, quadrupled our circulation and correspondingly enhanced the value of our advertising space.

To those who are not familiar with our plan of distribution or the manner in which the premiums are secured by us we append, on our seventh page, the explanation made to our Weekly subscribers, which applies equally to the subscribers of the Daily Bee.

During the year only a portion of the articles distributed were procured in exchange for advertising. When the marked increase in circulation became known to merchants and manufacturers last year they willingly placed their machinery and merchandise at our disposal in paying for advertising.

What grew out of a desire to collect back pay has developed into a new and practical idea. We have discovered that we can afford to make our subscribers sharers in the income of the paper from advertising.

THE BEE has for years stood in the front rank of newspapers west of the Mississippi, and to-day circulates more extensively than ever before.

Having for more than ten years been pursuing a course of kind and complex reasoning out and cooling around the varied industries of the land, and borne the hardly endurable afflictions in peace and without a sign of open revolt.

MONOPOLIES AND THE FARMERS.

No class of toilers have been so thoroughly ground down beneath the wheel of monopolies as the farmers. They produce all the grain and cereals which furnish the food for the people of two continents, and their reward is a scant existence.

Nothing is so conducive to a man's remaining a bachelor as stopping for one night at the house of a married friend and being kept awake for five or six hours by the crying of a cross baby.

THE BEE ANNUAL. A Thing of Beauty. Evansville (Ind.) Review.

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A Commendable Showing. Knoxville (Ill.) Leader.

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Houses, Farms, Lands. For Sale By Bemis, Fifteenth and Douglas Sts.

List of real estate properties for sale, including addresses and prices.

Freight Rates Compared. The State Journal and other state papers are in the habit of trying to make business men and farmers of Nebraska believe that rates on railroads are lighter in Nebraska than in states farther east.

FAST TIME! In going East take the Chicago & Northwest RAIL ROAD WAY.

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