

### The Omaha Bee.

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ACCORDING to the Buffalo Express, nothing will so become Congress as its departure.

EUROPE will have a deficit this year of 343,000,000 bushels of grain. Europe's extremity is America's opportunity.

NO OPPONENT of Valentine need fear or a moment to compare records either in or out of public life with Nebraska's present congressman.

THE Constantinople conference is said to be more harmonious than ever. The sultan is evidently preparing to get in his diplomatic work.

UNCLE RUFUS HATCH thinks the railroads will have more grain this fall than they can carry and predicts a great rise in railroad stock.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR must be omnipresent. At last accounts during the week ending August 5th, he was booked for Long Branch, Saratoga, Newport, the Aderoncks and Grand Island.

CALIFORNIA is complaining that Chinese cheap crime is keeping pace with Chinese cheap labor. In two consecutive days last week thirty-three Mongolian offenders were arraigned before the San Francisco police court.

ARTHUR HALE, the oldest ex-member of congress, died on Thursday night in Massachusetts. Mr. Hale was a contemporary of Toombs, Giddings, Howell and Cobb in the house, and Benton, Cameron, Winthrop and Douglas in the senate.

SENATOR BAYARD claims that the profits of steel-making in Pennsylvania are 77 per cent on the capital invested. These are the pauper corporations which ask increased protection and refuse living wages to their employees.

ONE of the monopoly organs of Fillmore county trots out a prominent grain buyer as the right man for the new legislature. Carna was a grain buyer and he made a good deal of hay while the sun shone.

THE strike of the freight handlers in New York seems to be giving way. The chief difficulty in maintaining the combination arose from the daily arrival in New York of many thousands of foreign laborers willing to work for wages which could not support an American laborer and his family.

THE Cleveland Leader denounces the passage of a bill by congress granting the right of way through the Indian Territory to the St. Louis & San Francisco railway company as a gross violation of pledges solemnly made to the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes. It says that this is the first time in the whole history of the government that congress has undertaken to exercise the right of eminent domain over reservations and territory occupied by the Indians, and it is doubtless the entering wedge to other schemes for tramping under foot what few rights have been secured by treaty pledges to the descendants of the aborigines.

Just where monopoly ends in railroad management it is difficult to see. One line of road, with sole control of the traffic of the section through which it runs is a monopoly because there can be no competition. It might be supposed that the building of two presumably competing railroads would break such a monopoly. Under the existing policy of combinations, monopoly is maintained by a compact to sustain monopoly rates and to cut the throat of patrons by pooling earnings. By this method the public is invariably robbed of all the advantages of parallel lines, and after subsidizing corporations to break down the extensions of others which have their hands on the throat of the producer, it finds its time wasted and its money used only to fasten more strongly the chains upon states and communities.

### REMEDIES FOR LOG ROLLING.

It is natural that neither political party should wish to be held responsible for the extravagance of congress at its present session. A convention which during the past ten years has not declared in its platform for a greater economy in the use of the public's money would deserve to be stuffed and placed in a glass case as a curiosity. Economy on paper and economy in practice are, however, two very different things, and the difference is nowhere so marked as in political professions meant to influence votes.

What is needed is some remedy which will take out of the hands of a few congressmen the power to bulldoze their fellow members into passing measures of which they do not approve. The suggestion was made some time ago that appropriations should be required to be made, each specifically in a separate bill which would stand or fall on its own merits.

### AN ERA OF COMBINATIONS.

The inability of the Burlington and Union Pacific roads to conclude a pooling compact, which is said to be due to Mr. Touzalin's refusal to promise not to extend the Burlington system into Colorado, is calling attention to the increasing magnitude of railroad interests between Lake Michigan and the Rocky Mountains. The Burlington route, as the only possessor of a through line between Chicago and Denver and intersecting Nebraska points, possesses an immense natural advantage over both the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the two lines of the Union Pacific system in handling through freights and passengers from the east and west.

Experience has shown that nothing short of a civil war or a great national exigency is likely to work an amendment in the fundamental law of the Union, but this circumstance has little effect upon congressmen who year after year add to the long series of forgotten amendments which, begun with the first session of the first congress, have continued ever since, and remain chiefly valuable for the light they throw on current political views.

capital to increase its value as a dividend earner and the tendency is nowhere so strongly marked as in the management of our great railways. Ten capitalists virtually control nine-tenths of the entire railway system of the country, and through their subordinate managers dictate rates which fix the prices on the food and clothing of a vast majority of our people. Roads long ago became public necessities and in their power of developing the country and opening up new sections, public benefactors. The necessity for their commercial use has brought with it the opportunity for gross abuses of the public on the part of their managers.

THE London Garden, a leading agricultural authority, learns that in England the apple crop is comparatively a failure; in France a poor half crop is calculated upon; in Germany one-third crop only; in Holland only half a crop, and in Belgium not half a crop.

THE OMAHA BEE has not such a following among Nebraska papers as it used to enjoy. Grand Island Independent.

### Recent Constitution-Making.

Constitution-making has been in steady progress in the United States for a century, culminating in three great periods of activity—at the close of the revolutionary war, in the ten years just succeeding the war. Each of these periods was marked by the adoption of a large number of important constitutional provisions, bearing a family resemblance, and showing signs of a successive development in the conception of the organic law of a state.

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by the people of each district, and by Senator George, of Mississippi, of these and the federal judiciary; while Mr. Geddes, of Ohio, proposes a board to make all nominations to the senate, and Mr. Buckner, of Missouri, seeks to limit the president's power of removal to charges for cause, except in the case of heads of departments and bureaus.

State amendments in the past two years have dealt chiefly with the judiciary and election laws. Missouri submits to the people next fall an elaborate and somewhat novel judicial system, which, while it continues the serious independent judiciary enjoyed by St. Louis, provides for the rest of the state a supreme court of six justices of three as now, to be divided into civil and criminal branches, the former having superior jurisdiction, and the united court sitting in banc whenever the chief justice certifies that the criminal side has ruled in law or practice contrary to past cases or the decisions of the civil side.

Legislative powers have been sharply restricted in Minnesota, 1881, by the sixty-days' limit on the session adopted in 1880 has been abandoned, and a stay put on sessions by paying members \$5 a day; the pay has been \$3 for only ninety days in future.

### Neither Fair Nor True.

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### VOICE OF STATE PRESS.

Times Have Changed. The Omaha Republican cannot see anything good in Judge Crouse. It appears to be so completely overruled in the presence of Valentine's sublime virtues that its recognition of merit doesn't reach beyond him.

The people will forgive Dr. Miller for his sudden change of mind in regard to the narrow-gauge railroad; they will forgive him for his prejudice and wrongful attacks upon the public men and measure; but for this, his attempt to perpetuate an extortion which has bled the unfortunate state of Nebraska to foster corruption too long, we hardly think he will be forgiven.

In regard to the action of Congressman Crouse, we have this to say: In introducing this bill he has done an act for which every intelligent voter in the state of Nebraska outside of Omaha will thank him, and we submit whether it was not the honest deed of an honest and unfeared servant of a wronged people.

### Alexander's Successor.

John Steen, postmaster at Wahoo, in Saunders county, and one of the strong men of the county, is a candidate for secretary of state. Mr. Steen was one of the brave and faithful soldiers of the Twelfth Iowa infantry volunteers. It was in the camp, on the march and on many blood-stained battlefields, as well as in the prison pens of the south, when and where, side by side we stood, facing death and rebel gun for more than four years that we learned to love and admire John Steen.

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No 297, Lot on Farman, near 15th street, \$900. No 298, Lot 66 by 1 on College street, near St. Mary's avenue, \$700. No 299, Lot on Farman, near 20th street, \$1,000.

No 300, Lot 66 by 99 feet on South Avenue, near Mason street, \$550. No 301, Corner lot on Burt, near 22d street, \$2,200. No 302, 120x122 feet on S. Harney, near 24th street (will cut it up) \$2,400.

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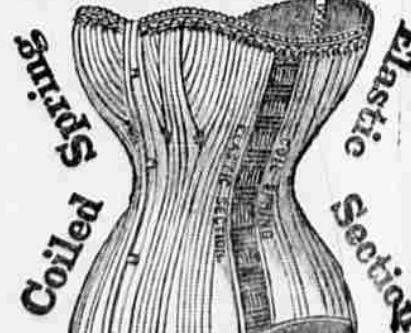


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