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OUR VAL will be home presently to look after his fencibles. They are sadly out of repair.

RAILROADS deny that they corrupt politics. They only grease the creaking wheels of adverse legislation.

OFFICIAL REPORTS make it extremely doubtful whether the English reconnaissance on Saturday was not, after all, a substantial victory for Arabi Bey.

MAIRIAL ANGELL reminds us of the good cat that allows mice to run between its legs and plays with the rats. Instead of nabbing and caging the birds of prey that prowl round our city, the good marshal pets them and plays with them.

THE democratic state central committee have held a solemn convocation to fix a day when victims are to be chosen that are to immolate themselves in the coming campaign.

EX SENATOR SPENCER, whom the star route prosecution pretends to be searching for, turned up in Schuyler, Nebraska, a few days ago.

AN order has been issued by Postmaster-General Howe reorganizing the railway mail service.

EASTERN CHURCHES are deserted during the hot season, and perspiring preachers are taking delightful vacations at sea side resorts and across the blue water.

NEW YORK republicans meet in convention on the 20th of September at Saratoga to nominate a state ticket.

THE hundreds of individuals who are moving heaven and earth for positions in the diplomatic and consular service will do well to study the mortality list of the past year among our foreign ministers.

PERSONS who fill mutilated coins with other metals may be interested to know that such action has been legally decided to be counterfeiting under the construction of the law defining that offense.

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LIFTING THE BURDENS.

An objection is made to Congressmen by a certain anti-monopoly journal on the score that he has done nothing to lift the oppressive burdens from the shoulders of the poverty-stricken farmers of Nebraska.

There are none so blind as those who will not see. Valentine has been in congress three years and a half.

Up to this day Valentine has not fathered any measure tending to afford relief to the producers of the country, either by reducing taxation or setting a limit to the exactions of corporate monopolies.

Only last week Senator Van Wyck went upon the record as the consistent opponent of monopoly in a measure that touches not only Nebraska, but the whole country.

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MR. MORGAN--I should like to say to the senator from Nebraska before this bill goes out of reach that I think it is the most important bill in reference to the trans-oceanic telegraph business ever presented to the senate, and it will bring down the rates of telegraphing to ten cents a word if we can pass the bill.

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MR. HAYARD--Does not my friend think that competition is the best regulation?

MR. VAN WYCK--We have been told that would be the effect of competition in regard to our land telegraph lines, and yet every organization of a new company under the competition is absorbed by the old one, and the public suffer by the watering of the stock in the increased rate of charges.

MR. HALE--Let me ask the senator if we have not had the same experience in regard to competition not only on land telegraphs but on sea telegraphs?

MR. VAN WYCK--I do.

MR. HALE--I do not think that competition will double the rate fixed by congress, and the patrons both in this country and Europe will reap the benefit of Senator Van Wyck's effort, not merely for a day or a year, but as long as the cable remains in operation.

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OUR VAL's bill to create a cabinet office for the man at the head of the garden bureau. The postal savings bill, the bankruptcy, educational, interstate commerce and Hawaiian reciprocity bills, though considered in committee, have not been touched by either house.

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life has been spent as a lobbyist either at Albany or Washington, and who uses the party for trading with one or other of the two older ones for his own benefit.

The important development has been that the anti-monopolists will go into the field with a ticket for Governor.

The anti-monopolists will support a labor ticket, if the Buffalo convention, nominates a man satisfactory to the league for governor.

The present indications, therefore, are that the republicans will nominate a man to whom the railroad interests can give their individual and powerful support; and that the democrats will nominate a candidate unsatisfactory to the anti-monopolists and the laboring man.

The Omaha Land League met on Sunday at the U. S. L. A. rooms, Mr. James Harrigan presiding, who stated the object of the meeting.

The ladies all favored a literary and musical concert instead of a fair, and the gentlemen acquiesced in their ideas.

On Literature--Miss Stella Crowley, Miss Sarah Bronson, Miss Moran, Mrs. McDonald, E. A. O'Brien and Mrs. Jno. Rush.

On Music--John Regan, Michael Riley, Miss Sadie Riley, Miss Delia Heelan, Miss E. F. McCartney.

On Refreshments--Mrs. P. McGuire, Mrs. M. Donovan, Mrs. W. Hennessey, Mrs. Gen. O'Brien, Mrs. Egan R. Mullin and Thomas Fallon.

The leagues and committees all meet again next Sunday at the Catholic library rooms at 3 p. m. sharp and cordially invite all well wishers to participate with them, when the date and programme is expected to be announced.

Woman's True Friend. A friend in need is a friend indeed. This none can deny, especially when assistance is rendered when one is sorely afflicted with disease, more particularly those complaints and weaknesses so common to our female population.

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This is an important movement, for in it and the anti-monopoly agitation lies the success or failure of the two old parties.

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