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The trunk lines are making preparations to advance eastern freights with the close of navigation.

"Will the party recover?" ask a score of editors. That depends very much upon the political doctors who have the patient in charge.

ANTI-MONOPOLISTS are so thick nowadays among Nebraska office hunters that you can't throw a club in any direction through the state without knocking down a couple.

The ways and means committee is about to assemble at Washington to prepare their work for the coming session. The kind of ways and means committee the people want is one which will devise ways to reduce taxation and which means business.

VERMONT like Illinois proposes to raise the whole state revenue by taxing corporations. The whole expense of running the state is about \$250,000, and it is expected that the railroad alone will pay \$150,000.

SAM RANDALL declares that he will never back down from his contest for the speakership, and challenges Congressman Carlisle, of Kentucky, to do his worst for the position.

We notice a tendency among republican newspapers to attribute the recent party defeat entirely to the blunders of President Arthur.

JAY GOULD has come out as a great moral reformer and has instituted proceedings against the Mutual Union Telegraph company for "stock watering."

THE MORRISON commission have done their work and Zion is still overwhelmingly Mormon. Thousands of polygamists were disfranchised, but when the votes were counted it was discovered that less than 5,000 Gentiles had voted.

SECRETARY LINCOLN hints that congress can skip the annual river and harbor bill this year, as there will be an unexpended surplus of over \$8,000,000 remaining over from the last appropriation.

THERE will be more than enough railroad bills introduced at the coming session of the legislature. If the reports from state exchanges are to be believed, a score of senators and representatives have announced their intention of presenting measures looking to the restriction of monopolies and to the payment of their proper proportion of taxation by the railroads.

introduced will be crude and unsatisfactory. Many of them are likely to ask too much and as many others to demand too little. The railroad attorneys may be depended upon to enthusiastically second any measure which cannot be enforced.

REPORTS from various points throughout the state indicate general prosperity among Nebraska farmers, the result of heavy crops and improved methods of farming.

NEBRASKA, according to the November report of the agricultural bureau, produced this year 81,000,000 bushels of corn. This is a larger crop than that of the New England and Middle states combined.

THE crop is distributed as follows: New England states, 7,000,000 bushels; New York, 21,000,000; New Jersey, 6,000,000; Pennsylvania, 49,000,000; Delaware, 4,000,000; Maryland, 17,000,000; Virginia, 35,000,000; South Carolina, 16,000,000; Georgia, 32,000,000; Florida, 4,000,000; Alabama, 29,000,000; Mississippi, 25,000,000; Louisiana, 2,000,000; Texas, 74,000,000; Arkansas, 35,000,000; Tennessee, 69,000,000; West Virginia, 13,000,000; Kentucky, 78,000,000; Ohio, 82,000,000; Michigan, 30,000,000; Indiana, 99,000,000; Illinois, 209,000,000; Wisconsin, 32,000,000; Minnesota, 21,000,000; Iowa, 106,000,000; Missouri, 184,000,000; Kansas, 151,000,000; and Nebraska, 81,000,000 bushels.

THERE is considerably inquiry among citizens whether the laying of the concrete foundation for the Douglas street payment ought not to be prohibited by the board of public works during freezing weather.

MONOPOLIES must go because they are contrary to a sound public policy which contemplates the greatest possible distribution of the means of ac-

quiring wealth among the greatest number of people. The tendency of monopoly is to concentrate all interests in the hands of a few princes who combine to buy out or crush out all intruders and rivals.

THE friends of Mr. Laird say THE BEE will be very much surprised by the anti-monopoly record which Mr. Laird intends to make for himself in congress.

THE Omaha senatorial syndicate has dissolved partnership. Two or three of them have concluded to drop out of the senatorial race, and the others have no longer an interest in common.

ACCORDING to our advices from Washington the Chinese will not go—at least the Chinese minister says he will not withdraw from the United States for some time to come.

BRECHER has knocked that suit for damages by the publishers of his "Life of Christ" higher than Gilderoy's kite.

THE Moral Forces. Governor Cleveland is the son of a clergyman and the brother of a clergyman; Governor Butler has promised to give \$2,500 to a Massachusetts church; Governor Pattison has appointed a Philadelphia clergyman his secretary.

DEMOCRACY Granted a New Trial. Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald (Ind. Rep.). The democratic party will now be put on trial as it never was before.

SHALL We Shoot the Deserters? Philadelphia Press. A zealous Republican writes to us objecting to the declaration that those who parted company with the main body in the recent election are just as true republicans as those who accepted the regular banner.

THE POSSIBLE SPEAKER. A Personal Sketch of Congressman Carlisle. Louisville (Ky.) Commercial, Nov. 11. "John G. Carlisle is one of the greatest men in the country," said a prominent Kentucky politician last night.

WE may think that the cause of these republicans was all wrong; we may feel that they were not warranted even from their own standpoint; but that doesn't alter the fact that we need their votes.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The democrats have nominated Albert Palmer for Mayor of Boston. The Colorado republicans got \$75,000 worth of experience during the recent campaign.

Mr. Stilson Hutchins will, it is said, be a candidate for clerk of the next house of representatives. Secretary Folger is reported as saying that he does not believe that Collector Robertson will be removed.

George C. Gorham announces that he will be a candidate for secretary of the senate. So Mr. Gorham isn't much of a civil service reformer after all.

Of the 233 members of the present house, 146 were re-elected and will sit in the next house, while 145 have been invited to re-enter private life on the 3d of next March.

Hale is elected governor of New Hampshire by a plurality of 1,498, and a clear majority of 559. The vote of the State this year is almost 10,000 less than it was in 1898.

General Francis A. Walker was asked to become a candidate for United States senator, in Massachusetts, against Hoar and Long. He has not signified his wishes in the matter.

Mr. Frank H. Hurd and other leading democrats of Ohio arranged for a tariff and labor dinner at Columbus on January 8, when Messrs. Thurman, McDonald, Waterson, and others will respond to toasts.

It is reported that Representative Duane, of Minnesota, thinks he has secured enough republican votes in the Minnesota legislature to defeat Senator Windom's reelection, though there is no chance of his own election.

Senator David Davis, of Illinois, says: "I am not a candidate for the Senate, and have not made any canvass for the position. I expect to spend the remainder of my days in Bloomington after my term of office shall expire next March."

The prohibitionists of Wisconsin boast of having defeated two republican candidates for congress in that state. Their Kansas brethren did better still, in that they defeated the republican candidate for governor.

The most trustworthy reports place the democratic majority in the next house of representatives at sixty-five. The three hundred and twenty-five members will probably be divided as follows when the house is organized: Democrats, 195; republicans, 125; independent, 5; independent, 2.

The appointment of a Methodist preacher to the responsible and arduous post of private secretary to the governor is, indeed, something new in these days of machine politics.

The citizens' committee of one hundred in Philadelphia has congratulated the republican party on its victory in the recent election. Most of the legislators elected have pledged themselves to support desired reforms.

Henry Gray and Mattie Wilson, of Plattsburgh, eloped on the 14th, on account of parental objection to their marriage. Oakland had its first fire on the 11th—F. J. Fried's warehouse used for the storage of doors, sash, moldings, etc. Loss, \$4,000.

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PERSONALITIES.

The Chicago Tribune says Dr. Talmage makes good by smiling at it. According to the New York critic, Mrs. Lantry's lower limbs are not well shaped.

Gen. Abe Buford proposes to start a paper to be called The Christian Turfman. Mr. Bradshaw, over whom there has been so much fuss in England, is busy studying law.

Tom Ochiltree's creditors are congratulating him by telegram on his election to congress. The physicians of Miss Louis M. Alcott have forbidden her to put pen to paper. Mrs. Southworth ought to have that kind of doctor.—New Orleans Picayune.

The horrible story that Langtry when a girl used to milk the family cow is creating consternation among New Yorkers whose fathers got rich by shearing lambs in Wall street.

A Chicago crook named Griswold spent eleven days in a little town in Pennsylvania, and during that time worked and won the bells of the place beat a man out of \$2,000, won \$900 at poker and got away without paying the landlord.

Sir Gerard Walsley and Sir Beauchamp Seymour have accepted \$250,000 each from the English Government for their Egyptian services. They are a little more expensive than our Garfield doctors.—New Orleans Picayune.

General Butler has been called a good many hard names in his time, but one of the latest appellations given to him is that of a "disparate political agrarian." Somebody will next be calling the Governor-elect of Massachusetts an ornithorhynchus.

It is whispered that Tilden, Hancock, Cleveland, Randall, Carlisle, Pendleton, McDonald and a number of other equally prominent democrats have made up a list of party to go on to Boston to attend Ben Butler's inauguration.

Butler is suspected of hiring them as claqueurs to sustain the enthusiasm of the occasion.

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A Pawnee furniture dealer named Pannell missed his footing while stepping from a train at Falls City on the 16th and was run over, one foot being badly crushed.

The line of railroad between Tecumseh and Beatrice passes right through the home of J. C. McLaughlin, and the company gave him \$500 to build another one.

John Dunston, a Webster county horse thief, was sent to the penitentiary last week for ten days. He was a member of a gang that has worried that region for years, hence the severity of his sentence.

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