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The fellow who runs the Lincoln Journal statistic mill ought either to change his drinks or his vocation.

Has anybody found the late Senator Spencer, government director of the Union Pacific, &c.?

The senatorial currycombs are hard at work, but the nags which are groomed the hardest appear to be in the worst condition.

We have not heard one word since the election from the superintendent of the Kearney reform school. What has become of Dr. Collins?

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat wants some one to preach Herbert Spencer's "Gospel of Relaxation" to the fellow who is figuring up Grover Cleveland's majority in New York.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRIN has written a poem on Ben Butler, and expressions of the most sincere sympathy are being extended by the press to the newly fledged governor.

BUT one republican was elected by St. Louis to the state legislature this year, the smallest number in twenty-five years.

The question is very confidentially asked whether J. Sterling Morton has formed a silent partnership with the Kitchen Bros.

SEVERAL heavy weights of the senate expect to retire to private life after March 4th.

NEBRASKA farmers insisted upon taking an interest in politics at the late election and in the second district alone polled over 10,000 votes for the farmers ticket.

MR. JOSEPH COOK is a man of undoubted ability, but his overpowering egotism is enough to bring a blush to the cheek of a brass monkey.

THE outlook for the admission of Dakota into the union is not very promising.

AMONG the men whose votes for the river and harbor steal have doomed to private life, the one above all others whose loss in congress will be regretted is Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts.

OF unquestioned integrity and marked ability his judgment in matters pertaining to public policy was in the large majority of instances sound and weighty, and his address and talents gave dignity to the delegation he headed from the old Bay State.

THE point at issue is one which will affect every state in the Union.

It involves the settlement of the question whether in taxing the railroads of California the amount of their mortgage indebtedness shall be deducted from their taxable valuation.

"How much will be left to the tax gatherer," asks the Chicago Tribune, "if these roads are allowed to deduct the vast total of their swollen mortgage debts from their assessed valuation?"

The corporations that own almost the whole of the state will then

OUT OF POLITICS.

Just before the late election the Omaha Herald announced on behalf of General Manager Clark that the Union Pacific was out of politics.

Just after the election the managers of the E. & M. followed suit by announcing they also had drawn out of politics.

Within the last twenty-four hours we have received two letters that show how the railroads went out of politics in the late election.

One of these letters from North Platte throws light on the operations along the line of the Union Pacific.

Our informant states: "There has been any amount of intimidating and bulldozing done in the late election.

One of the chief parties engaged in that kind of business in this part of the country was Roadmaster Dudley.

I am told he visited all the stations and section houses before election, burned up all tickets that were not satisfactory, and intimidated the section bosses that would be held responsible for the manner in which their men voted.

I am also informed that a work gang which belonged in Colorado voted at Lodgepole.

There were voters run down from Wyoming and voted at Antelope, the most westerly voting precinct in this state.

It is well known that there is no greater number of voters at Lodgepole than at the other stations adjoining.

Now Potter polled 6 votes, Big Spring 9 votes, Alkali 9 votes, while Antelope polled 31 votes and Lodgepole 43 votes.

I have no doubt that a large portion of the votes at Lodgepole and Antelope are fraudulent.

Another correspondent writes from Culbertson, Neb., as follows: "I hope the United States grand jury will investigate the wholesale frauds perpetrated in the Fifty-sixth representative district, in Dundy county, Binkelman and Hagler.

The B. & M. railroad participated in the election by voting their men on the gravel train and "fence gangs," headed by the road master, compelled men to vote who had not taken out their papers as citizens of the United States, and others who had not been in the county to exceed twenty days, also others from Kansas.

There were polled 132 votes in said county, whereas there cannot be over forty legal voters in the county.

The election held at Binkelman was held in the B. & M. depot. Democratic and anti-monopoly tickets were destroyed.

The election was carried on by Roadmaster Feland, and dispatches were sent west from McCook to vote these men.

Now, here we have reports concerning the conduct of the election along the line of both the U. P. and B. & M., and the methods employed seem to have been inspired by the same master mind.

NEW YORK GOSSIP.

Model Homes for the Rich and the Poor.

Our Oldest Inhabitant Society's Brilliant Season--Green-Room Whalerings.

New York, November 17.--The wife of a prominent Berlin manufacturer, who is on her first visit to this country, attempted to tell me a day or two ago of her amazement at the recent magnificent exhibition of autumn foliage in Central park.

She had been with difficulty persuaded by her husband that the gorgeous panorama of coloring spread before her eyes was not a special exhibition but an ordinary annual occurrence, and, like all foreigners who see the park in October for the first time, she was voluminous in her praise.

Though the leaves have lost their first brightness and begun to fall to the ground, a drive or ride through the park is still more enjoyable, and would be more so but for the vandalism of former management which swept away acres of graceful underbrush, lopped off the lower branches of trees and attempted to saw out vistas where none were needed.

The new rich men of the city are rapidly surrounding this pleasant oasis with a setting of handsome houses. On the Fifth avenue side of Central Park, where there is a double row of trees on the western side at all points, there are some exceedingly handsome buildings in process of construction, and the vacant spaces are being rapidly occupied by houses that are a credit to modern architectural ideas.

One of them, at Seventy-eighth street, is built of granite, and in design it would answer the requirements of a palace. Its owner is Mr. Cook, who laid the foundation of his fortune in Steuben county, and came here to double and enjoy his money.

He has set a fashion that is likely to be followed. At Sixty-seventh street I notice two new houses of Queen Anne style, built of brick and stone, with stained glass windows and carved stone fronts, and a block below are several others which are as tasteful dwellings as can be found.

Such houses as these have set the example of granite and Queen Anne fronts to whole blocks of houses elsewhere, built for tenants. So it may be taken for granted that we grow in taste as we increase in population.

At any rate, no more must move up town or be lost to society. Mr. Robert L. Stewart, who has just completed his handsome \$350,000 brown stone house at Sixty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, has leased his old residence on Fifth avenue and Twentieth street to a firm of furniture manufacturers, at a rental of \$20,000 a year, and they are to transform it into a warehouse.

One of the most practical experiments in the way of cheap homes for the poor has been in operation for six months in the great tenement house on First avenue, between Seventy-second and Seventy-third streets, and its results are said to be entirely satisfactory.

The building is plain, with stores on the first floor and a large court in the interior, and accommodates 230 families. It is so large and the regulations are so stringent that it was originally thought that none but the very poor would occupy the rooms, but it turns out that the majority of occupants belong to the comfortable class of artisans.

They are compelled to keep their rooms neat, to behave orderly and to sustain good characters, while the occupants of the stores are required to sell their goods on reasonable terms.

The capitalists who constructed this experimental tenement had their work done well, and arranged rents so as to get a return of 5 per cent. It capital find out that this sort of philanthropy pays it may yet be possible for some of the landlords of Gotham to get to heaven on their merits.

Our oldest inhabitant is slowly dying. Almost blind, and with little interest in passing events, old Peter Cooper, at the age of 92 years, is anxious to close up his ledger of life.

To a friend he long ago he said, with touching pathos, that he sometimes seemed to hear his mother calling to him, as she did when he was a little boy, "Come, Peter, it is about bed time." He lies now in the past, and has ceased to take any interest in politics or elections, and has almost forgotten the charities that will be a monument to his name while the city exists.

His son, ex-Mayor Cooper, of his son-in-law, Abraham S. Hewitt, will, however, keep up the political end of the family, for both have the presidential "bee" in their bonnet.

Thurlow Weed who has just had a hard tussle with death, celebrated his 85th birthday on Wednesday, when two of his octogenarian contemporaries, Gen. James Watson Webb and Mrs. Gen. John A. Dix, called upon him and found him comfortable and chatty.

RECONSTRUCTION.

A great deal is being said just now as to the methods of bringing about "unity and harmony" in the republican party.

In some quarters "reorganization" is demanded, in others "changes of leadership," etc., etc. Volumes might be written on these topics without exhausting them, and without contributing anything of material value either to the public stock of information, or to the promotion of republican success.

What is really needed to promote this is a response by republicans who occupy public places to the demands of the people on the living issues of the day.

Adherence to "bores" and official corruption, refusal to reduce taxation, waste of money by congressional jobbery, are four at least of the great errors of the party in the last year.

Reversing such policy is a plain course and easily followed; it will bring success where the other plan brought disaster. And when men are attracted and satisfied, they will be in truth both united and harmonious, without artificial efforts to make a mere partisan "unity" and "harmony."

THE CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS.

CLEVELAND, November 21.--The second session of the Federation Congress of organized trades and labor unions began here to-day, Richard Powers, of Chicago, in the chair.

The address of welcome was made by George A. Collis, of the Cleveland Trades assembly. A committee reported upon labor legislation, which was the chief topic of the afternoon's discussion.

The report reviews the committee's successful work during the year in behalf of the seaman's bill and the Chinese labor bill before congress; cigar making in tenement houses bill before the New York legislature and the convict labor bill before the Ohio legislature; also in opposition to the bill in congress to declare combinations of seamen mutiny, and the bill in the Ohio legislature entitled "A bill to prevent intimidation of workmen," which prescribed punishment for efforts to persuade men to leave work on any pretext.

A paper read by Frank K. Foster, of Cambridge, Mass., "Protection vs. wages," which was an elaborate argument in favor of free trade and against high tariff. The congress will be in session four days.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

PITTSBURGH, November 21.--The strike of coal miners is gradually spreading and miners' officials confidently assert that before a week has elapsed all of the pits not paying four cents will be idle.

"Men are but sorry witnesses in their own cause." The praise of Kidney-Wort comes from the mouths of those who have been made strong and healthy by it. Listen: "It is curing everybody," writes a druggist. "Kidney-Wort is the most popular medicine we sell." It should be by right, for no other medicine has such specific action on the liver, bowels and kidneys.

INDIANA'S OFFICIAL FIGURES.

INDIANAPOLIS, November 21.--The official canvass of the state election was completed by the secretary of state to-day.

For secretary of state: Hawn, republican, 210,234; Myers, democrat, 220,918; Leonard, greenbacker, 18,500; democratic plurality, 10,634.

*All ladies who may be troubled with nervous prostration; who suffer from organic displacement; who have a sense of weariness and a feeling of lassitude; who are languid in the morning; in whom the appetite for food is capricious and sleep at proper hours uncertain, should have recourse to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECK.

COLUMBUS, November 21.--The Panhandle limited express train leaving here for the east at 12:50 met with an accident at Union station, twenty-six miles distant.

The whole train is in the creek--baggage, two postal cars, two sleepers, two coaches and hotel parlor car. The wires are down and no definite information can be received as to the killed, if any. Physicians have been sent for, and all implements for clearing the track.

A CANADIAN CLAIM.

MONTREAL, November 21.--A claim for \$1,000,000 will be preferred against the United States from this province for wrongfully charging twenty per cent duty on hay imported there when the proper duty is only ten per cent.

A REBUKE TO ARTHUR.

NEW YORK, November 21.--Kings county (Brooklyn) republican general committee to-night adopted resolutions declaring the result of the late elections was a rebuke to the administration. Its interference in the politics of the state and in condemnation of fraud at the Saratoga convention.

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