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BURNING DOWN A COURT HOUSE TO DESTROY THE RETURNS IS NO CRIME IN NEBRASKA RAILROAD POLITICS.

PROF. BROOKS, the astronomer, asks that prayers be offered next Sunday for clear weather on the occasion of the transit of Venus.

BRADY, DORSEY & CO. have all along had serious doubts whether the government meant business.

ONLY A TRIFLE OF A HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE IS DEMANDED BY THE SENATOR COMMISSIONER TO MEET NEXT YEAR'S CLAIMS.

JOHN LOGAN IS OUT WITH AN ARTICLE denouncing Fitz John Porter. The officers who fought the most valiantly in the commissary department...

SEVERAL CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE who have been more than favorably inclined to the corporations are now anti-monopolists, though like Ingersoll's temperance Irishman with his half glass of whisky...

"MONEY TO LOAN" is the cry of the leading U. P. candidate for the senatorial succession. The market is very tight but members of the legislature will find no difficulty in securing accommodations for long time at a low rate of interest.

THE SENATOR SAID BY THE RAILROAD ORGANS about Hon. M. K. Turner's canvass in the Third District the better. Turner polled over 7,000 votes, which would seem to show considerable strength for a candidate who was taunted all along with being nominated by only seven men and supported by seven papers.

THE ABOVE FIGURES AS TO NUMBER OF MILES AND ASSESSMENT PER MILE, AND TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE ARE TAKEN FROM THE STATE AUDITOR'S BOOKS.

Now what efforts have our state officers made to ascertain the actual values of these roads and their franchises? Have they exercised even common discretion or judgment in arriving at the true market value of the property...

THE FIRST AND PRE-EMINENT QUALITY TO BE SOUGHT FOR IN A JUDGE SHOULD BE HONESTY, THE NEXT IMPARTIALITY AND

RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS.

Taxation is the premium paid by property for its protection and the safe enjoyment of its use. The only way in which taxes can be equitably levied is to apportion them upon all classes in proportion to its value.

The constitution of Nebraska, Art. IX, entitled "Revenue and Finance," provides that "the legislature shall provide such revenue as may be needed by levying a tax by valuation so that every person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property and franchises, the value to be ascertained in such manner as the legislature shall direct."

Under this section the legislature has directed that the value of the property of all individuals and corporations, excepting railroads, telegraph and express companies, shall be assessed in each county wherever it is located, by the precinct assessor, subject to revision by the board of county commissioners or municipal council.

Take the other roads and the same discrimination prevails. The Missouri Pacific is only assessed at \$3,494 per mile, and the Omaha, Niobrara & Black Hills extension at \$3,335. Computed on the basis of the cash value given by the roads, this is only ten per cent, while all other property is assessed at from 30 to 40 per cent.

And yet the railroads cry that there are no grounds for complaint that they do not bear their share of the burdens of government.

OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM. There is a growing lack of popular confidence in our judiciary. In some of the states it is below contempt.

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and/or of railroad accounts at \$116,000 per mile, but it pays taxes in Nebraska only on \$11,358 per mile. Take its market value of over \$80,000 per mile and add to it the mortgage of over \$45,000 per mile upon which the people pay dividends and interest, and its value will be found to be something over \$125,000 per mile.

What is true of the Union Pacific is measurably true of the B. & M. railroad system. While their main line between Plattsmouth and Hastings is assessed at \$10,559.00 per mile, their Denver extension is only assessed at \$5,350.00 per mile, 363 miles, when everybody knows that it is mortgaged for over \$10,000 per mile, and in the market is stocked the same as the rest of the road.

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labor performed and the money invested—not the watered stock—but a reduction of the tariff will be a long stride in the right direction, and will do very much in accomplishing complete reform in the future.

COMMISSIONER OF Internal Revenue Raum agrees with Fig Iron Kelley that the revenue ought to be reduced—as much as \$80,000,000 he thinks—but he differs decidedly about making whisky and tobacco entirely free of taxation, while articles of general use and benefit bear heavy burdens.

O. J. GOLDBERK, one of the pioneer editors of the west, died in Denver on Saturday. He first embarked in the newspaper business in Colorado in 1860, and in 1865 was the publisher of the Salt Lake Herald, the most scathing and outspoken Gentile organ which has ever maintained its position in Utah.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

The election of (Magnin) (em.) to congress for Montana will probably be contested by Botkin, his republican opponent, because many Christians and Indians vote the democratic ticket.

The St. Paul (Minn.) Press prints the names of eighty-three members of the Minnesota legislature who, it says, are inclined to pledge to vote for Senator Windom's re-election. Seventy-six is a majority of the whole legislature.

The total vote of Arkansas at the congressional election was only 64,321, about half the vote cast at the presidential election two years ago. Each party lost about 20,000 votes.

The Indiana prohibitionists do not propose to allow the democrats to shirk the responsibility of killing the proposition to submit a prohibitory amendment to the people. They will press the measure at the coming session of the legislature.

Exc-Senator Oglesby is likely to prove a formidable candidate for David Davis seat to the senate. The effective work he did upon the stump during the campaign and his discretion in refusing to allow himself to be considered as in the field in position until the canvass was over, tended to make him many friends and no enemies in the party.

That Morton Letter. NEBRASKA CITY, November 27. Correspondence of the Bee. In this morning's Bee I see that you publish a letter from this city to The Chicago Times and attribute its authorship to J. Sterling Morton.

Depend Upon It. Mother Shipton's prophecies and Louisiana elections are very uncertain things, but Thomas Ogle's prophecies are certain upon always. I cure aches and pains of every description.

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