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BURNING down a court house to destroy the returns is no crime in Nebraska railroad politics. It is only

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along had serious doubts whether the any revising body, and upon it rests other property is assessed at from 30 government meant business. The the sole responsibility for the out- to 40 per cent. Incidentally it is well every sfar route thief who runs may taxation by the railroad corporations in the union every railroad pays taxes

ern states at once.

of dollars more is demanded by the railroads as they are assessed, as they pension commissioner to meet next are valued by their owners, and as year's claims. The survivors of the they sell in the open market. revolutionary war seem to be running a competition with Methusaleh's

JOHN LOGAN is out with an article denouncing Fitz John Porter. The officers who fought the most valiantly in the commissary department a hundred and fifty miles from Bull Run seem to have the most decided opinions about the second battle of Manassas

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, they are proud of the fact that they are "no bigots."

"Money to loan" is the cry of the leading U. P. candidate for the sen atorial succession. The market' is very tight but members of the legistature will find no difficulty in securing accomodations for long time at a low rate of interest. Don't all speak

THE less said by the railroad organs about Hon. M. K. Turger'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 In the words of Senator Saunders, "What are our conventions good for, anyhow?" It is a matter of fact that Mr. Turner's canvass was conducted without means and organization. Several prominent men who led him into that fight with pledges of their warm support, quietly backed out, either because they had not the nerve, or because they had been seen by the railroads. He had no passes for his speakers, and few speakers without passes, while every school district in the district was stumped by eminent republican orators, some of them for \$100 a night, and others to earn their regular salary on the railroad pay roll, while the concert halls rang with the sweet notes of the Union Pacific glee club. Beer kegs were tapped by the hundred, whisky jugs were emptied for the glorious cause, and every brass band blew themselves red in the face, in honor of the West Point land grabber. Mr. Furner had to literally hoe his own row. In a number of counties his lickets were burned up total assessed value are taken from and destroyed. In other places none the state auditor's books. The figures went into the hands of anybody, while throughout the district scores of postmasters made it their business Valentine, and to bull-doze voters at the poils. In the face of all this desperate opposition, with thousands of dollars of not only the railroads, but all the rollcorruption money coattered broadcast, ing stock and equipments. political wolves would dare to follow a man in his retirement who had made such a showing. A change of 1,500 Pacific, which secured an aggregate ner in and left Valentine out, and there been tickets in the field where the y were needed these yelping lickspittles would now be fawning at his feet, only too glad to do his bidding for the political table.

Tiving at the true market value of the property, as every assessor is supposed to the free permits from express companies, and they are prejudiced in advance in favor of these liting and their cases ever come because the property, as every assessor is supposed to do? Take for instance the Union Pacific, which secured an aggregate subsidy from the government of over \$30,000 per mile and which was assessed in this state at the time of its completion, for \$16,000 a mile exclusion of judges in most of the states of the Union lies with the people, so the Union lies with the people, so the Union lies with the people, so the Union lies with the people and the railroads. The first and pre-eminent quality to be sought for in a judge should be honesty, the next impartiality and relived tariff. But the men who have porations, and free permits from express companies, and they are prejudiced in advance in favor of these liting and the relived tariff. But the men who have because the door in a prailroad tariff. But the men who have because the door free permits from express companies, and they are prejudiced in advance in favor of these liting and the relived tariff. But the men who have because the door free permits from express companies, and they are prejudiced in advance in favor of these liting and the relived tariff. But the men who have be are elected will determine the something of the substa

RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS.

tained in such manner as the legis-

one of the incidents of a frontier council. The property of railroads, same as the rest of the road. telegraph lines and express companies, PROF. BROOKS, the astronomer, asks contrary to the spirit if not the letter discrimination prevails. The Misthat prayers be offered next Sunday of the constitution, is assessed by a souri Pacific is only assessed at for clear weather on the occasion of special board, consisting of the gov- \$3,494 per mile, and the Omaha, the transit of Venus. Bob Ingersoil's ernor, state auditor and state treas. Niobrara & Black Hills extension at sign was put out Saturday so that rageous evasion of their just share of worth noting that in every other state THE echoes of the woman suffrage shall pay a tax in proportion to the ported. campaign have died away in Nebras- value of its property and franchises." ka, but Mrs. Gougar, Susan B. An- Now, how has this mandate been thony and Miss Couzins are holding a obeyed? Have our state officers ever wake over the corpse in several east- lived up to their oath and levied any tax upon the franchises of any railroad doing business in this state? Let Only a trifle of a hundred millions us examine the returns of Nebraska

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The above figures as to number of miles and assessment per mile, and as to length of line, cost, (which is returned in the balance sheet as construction account) bonded debt, stock, to suppress the newspapers hostile to profit per mile, are taken from Poor's Manual for 1881. It will be noted of course that the assessment includes

and a venal, cowardly and subsidized press howling like jackalls at his heels, officers made to ascertain the actual after being balked at the polls, block the wishes of the people at the bar. Says the Grafton Gazette: There is the wishes of the people at the bar. When the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. There is the wishes of the people at the bar. The wishes t district. Such a showing is a credit common discretion or judgment in arto any man, and no one but a pack of riving at the true market value of the roads, free stamps from telegraph coring railroad tariff. But the men who have

Taxation is the premium paid by property for its protection and the safe enjoyment of its Take its market value of over \$80,000 thread accounts at \$110,.

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over \$5,000,000. What is true of the Union Pacific Under this section the legislature is measurably true of the B. & M. has directed that the value of the railroad system. While their main has directed that the value of the property of all individuals and corporations, excepting railroads, teleporations, excepting railroads, excepting railroads, excepting railroads, excepting railroads, excepting railroads, excepting railroads, exc county commissioners or municipal mile, and in the market is stocked the share of the support of the govern-

Take the other roads and the same urer. This board, known as the state \$3,335. Computed on the basis of board of equalization, exercises its the cash value given by the roads, arbitrary power, without appeal to this is only ten per cent, while all of Nebraska. Mark the mandate of on switches and side tracks, while the constitution, "Every corporation here in Nebraska not a mile is re-

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 JUDICIARY SYSTEM.

There is a growing lack of popular confidence in our judiciary. In some of the states it is below contempt. The judges are either grossly ignorant, or what is worse, are believed to be grossly venal. Scarcely a month passes bench when Barnard and Cordoza held amusement of the legislature. their sway and acted as the tools of the Tweed ring are paralleled by the recent disclosures of Judge Westbrook's court, where Jay Gould secured his elevated railroad decisions. shall was chief justice, the honesty of the opinions of the court were never questioned. Even when Roger Taney delivered his famous lecture on the Dred Scott case no one accused him of belying his honest convictions. He was at last given credit for sincerity even though sympathizing personally with slavery. In those days the bench was practically divorced from politics as it is to-day in the two states where justice is impartially administered. No one inquired whether the judge was a whig or a-democrat, or whether the district attorney belonged to the same party as the sultan. The integrity of the judgment of the courts voice for John M. Thayer for senator, as ter business than pleading in the public was above suspicion, and the bench gained in reputation through the confidence of all parties who appealed to with the early history of this state, and has

ear of the court," and equally common to learn of judges who have amassed ring papers of the state that the anti-mofortunes outside of their salaries on the bench. Every lawyer has "his justice of the peace," with whom he is supposed to have more than usual influence. And corporations and individuals interest themselves in the election of men to high

auditor of railroad accounts at \$116,. the next learning and ability. All labor performed and the money investedand its value will be found complaints of the lack of integrity in people to make laws if there is no assurance of their proper interpretation!

> COMMISSIONER of Internal Revenue Raum agrees with Pig Iron Kelley -as much as \$80,000,000 he thinksthinks that the people would not go to the polls, ment than by drinking and smoking

O. J. GOLDERICK, 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 Vidette, the most scathing and outspoken Gentile organ which has ever maintained its position in Utah. He was a man of fine education and brilliant editorial talents. His leaders were known throughout the west for their brevity, preciston and force. He was a bitter political antagonist, but gathered around him a host of personal friends. For a number of years past he had been connected with the school system of Col-

Notice of contest has been served upon Mr. M'Gavock by Fred Cronemeyer and depositions will be taken on December 8. The ground of the contest is that the board of election did not sign the returns of Jefferson that instances of judicial incompetence precinct. Mr. Charley Dewey is also or corruption are not ventilated by the contesting the seat of George Canfield press. Police courts in a number of on the general ground that mistakes our cities are notoriously placed where | were made somewhere in the count. justice is sold to the highest bidder. So Douglas county will afford the The corruptions of the New York usual spectacle of a bear dance for the

THERE are democratic possibilities

## THE NEBRASKA PRES.

The Polk county Farmer's Advocate notes that the neweditor of the Republican has always stood by the railroad wing of the republican party and shows great zeal in denouncing such small fry as Senator Van Wyck, Lorenzo Crounse and Edward Rosurater. Zeal at \$6 a day, paid by the government, is cheap at half the money.

This from The Tecumseh Torchlight: The Omaha Republican is "rough" on Senator Van Wyck, and still it wants the republican party to become united. The Republican should remember that Van

its tribunal for justice.

To-day it is much too common to hear of lawyers who have acquired prominence because "they have the prominence because they have the said and financial success. He has once represented us in the United States senate, and is probably the peer of any man in the state for that position again."

individuals interest themselves in the election of men to high positions of judicial trust with a zeal which is suspiciously begotten of private interest. Where years ago the bench was given for the honors which it conferred upen the occupant, it is now sought for the salary which it commands, and the ermine is bedraggled and besmirched in the mire of a political scramble for office, in which the candidate who secures the greatest number of votes in a caucus and convention is awarded the prize, irrespective of the qualifications for the position which he is called upon to assume.

The character of many of our judges is at once a source of strength to the people. This is why the railroads, after being balked at the polls, block the wishes of the people at the bar.

Essays the Grafton Gazette: There is Says the Grafton Gazette: There is

Their creatures on the bench receive will have control of the next legislature by

### POLITICAL NOTES.

The election of [Maginnis (iem.) to con grees for Montana will probably be son-tested by Botkin, his republican opponent, because many Chinamen and Indians voted the democratic ticket.

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

The total vote of Arkansas at the con but he differs decidedly about making whisky and tobacco entirely free of taxation, while articles of general use and benefit bear heavy burdens. He

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There does nor appear to be much of a boom for ex-Senator Eaton for speaker of the next house among the New England democrats. They cannot give him more than six votes at the outside, three of which would have to come from his own state. The standing of the three democratic congressmen from Mass-achusetts on the speakership question is not known, and it is doubtful if they have considered the matter themselves, the prolonged "eat" over the Butler victory having occupied all their attention.

A fulfillment of promises of economy

cupied all their attention.

A fulfillment of promises of economy the democratic leaders now realize will seriously endanger their prospects of holding a solid south, it is just the same with their promise of revenue reform. They have talked about a revision of the tariff, and have p omised to lighten the burdens of taxation, but find now that the power is to be placed in their hands that the most conflicting views on the tariff question, from absolute free trade to the strictest protection theories, divide their councils. In fact they appear to realize that their recent victory is something of an elephant. Just what to do with it is a terrible perplexing question.—Boston Traveller (Stalwart Rep.)

Ex-Senator Oglesby is likely to prove a

Ex-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 for the self to be considered as in the field for the position until the canvass was over, tended to make him many friends and no enemies in the party. Even now he refuses to enter into any scramble for the place and is willing to leave the decision to the free choice of the republican members of the legislature. It appears probable that Mr. Oglesby discovered the drift of public sentiment were accurately than public sentiment more accurately than his rival and, that this is no: a good year for candidates to succeed who display too much eagerness for office.

In New York Governor Cleveland's mamore votes than Hancock received for pres-ident and 20,000 less than General Garfield received. This proves that there is still a and Colorado. If the democrats gat one of these states the senate will be evenly balanced, not counting Mahone and Riddlegerger.—Philadelphia

Press. Instances like the foregoing do not need to be multiplied. Every one knows that the reverence which years ago hedged in a court has, for the most part, passed away. Even the supreme court of the United States is no longer above suspicion. In the days when the venerable John Marelection, while the republicans polled ever 88,000 less than two years previous. The full returns in the three states mentioned prove that they are still republicans, and can be sounted upon for a republican majority two years hence.

#### THAT MORTON LETTER. NEBRASKA CITY, November 27.

Correspondence of the Ecc. In this morning's BRE I see that you publish a letter from this city to The Chicago Times and attribute tte authorship to J. Sterling Morton. Now, the truth of the whole matter Wyck was endorsed by a large portion of the republican party, who happen to take more stock in him than the Republican, or the small fry papers who are so loud in their denunciations of the senator.

is this: I wrote that letter, without Mr. Morton's knowledge or any suggestion from any one. Mr. Morton, at the time, was in your own beautiis this: I wrote that letter, without press for a seat in the United States senate. As the place has been filled so long by cottonwood men, I deem that there is little honor left in being a United States senator from any state, especially Nebrasks; however, let me thank you for the compliment by referring to my letter as from the pen of so able a writer as J. Sterling Morton. I also hope you will note the fact that Mr. Morton is a member of the United States grand jury; is still bucking the frauds in connection with the surveyor general's office, while Mr. Dawes and Butler slink away for fear of making enemies by simply doing their duty. Hoping you will give this a place in your columns, I am, respectfully yours. W. T. Canada.

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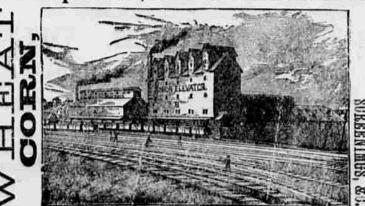


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