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Several senatorial candidates will is out.

mikado will soon be wrestling with lost a good deal of its York have no rights which the monthe agony of a retired list.

\$15,413,000 during December, but that Nebraska should hunt for better taxation still continues at the old war timber than bass wood for her gov-

JOHN M. THURSTON will not be as busy in the opening days of the legislative session as he was last year. The senate has taken in its own hands the appointment of its own committees.

GEORGE E. SPENCER has been found at last and in an interview instats that the way in which he hast been treated is an outrage. Steph Dorsey is of the same opinion.

senators who have been excused from congress "on important business" is alarming. In nine cases out of ten the "important business" will be found to be the repair of political fences at the state capital.

Who is there to fill Gambetta's place? Many asses will attempt to speak from the lion's skin, but the mantle of the dead statesman is not likely soon to fall upon any Frenchman hard enough to burt him.

LEADVILLE'S boom may have burst, but the "Camp on the Carbonates" eclipsed all previous records last year, the output of the district being over \$4,000,000 greater than ever before. Colorado is not yet playing out as a mining state, in spite of the croakers.

Its height and pipe laying for the senatorial contest its the one absorbing business of nearly a score of candidater. This is the time when the great interest to the railroad managers.

Congress will do well to think. service, as the postmaster general now thinks will be necessary. The fast mail is one of the most economical ex- to assess the franchises of corporapenditures of the department, and tions. Mr. Nance says that no legis-There are other departments in which greater advantage than in the railway equalization under the constitutional

RAILROAD transportation is always decision of the supreme court of Pennsylvania which holds that when a railroad company permits a passenger to travel without paying fare it does not avoid its responsibility as a common carrier by giving the passenger a printed pass condition that the person occupying it assumes all risk of accident without claim on the corporation. This decision is in harmony with many other similar decisions

Among the many questions which ought to be considered by the legislature is an increase of the judicial districts of the state. Many of the districts and notably the Third, comprising Douglas, Sarpy, Washington and Burt counties, are suff ring with an accumulation of business which cannot be disposed of as rapidly as lidgants have a right to demand. The Douglas county district court is already two years behind its docket with no prospects of relief except what will come from a division of the

which the products of this great valley can reach the markets of Europe criticism. Having cleared a cool \$7, months. From the latter part of February, 1881, when havigation to the during that time shippers are at the bludgeon and horse pistol. But when, the rich, and which can be relieved of which runs into the thousands of mercy of railroads.

EXIT GOVERNOR NANCE.

Governor Nance has stepped down failen to his successor. Of his farewell message the most that can be said pamphlet pages of long primer type. Its best portions are compiled from attempts to make use of his own

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THE public debt was decreased by mand another specimen. It is time the state may undeceive him. ernors and learn to understand that the local celebrity of a country lawyer is not always the best guarantee of a wise and efficient executive. If Mr. Nance acquires no more distinction as a Boy attorney than he has as a Boy governor he will have to fall back on his old friends the railroad managers for remunerative retainers in order to keep up his end of the log.

> In retiring from office, ex-Governor Nance took occasion to enter into a lengthy and weak apology for the sins of the state board of discrimination, of which he was formerly head center. He says: "Railroad property has been listed for taxation by the various companies under oath, as provided by law, and every means within the power of the board has been employed to obtain a fair and just valuation of the property so listed. In the judgment of the board such property has been assessed at a valuation correponding wish that of other property throughout the state. In fact, if a compuison with assessments of railroad property, and of other property, a guide, it will be found that under the present law the taxation of railroad property has been higher, comparatively, in this state than in most others."

No one knows better than ex-Gov

Nance that his whitewash of the board

of equalization is a mass of misrepreentations. The managers of the railroads under the present method assess their own property, which, as shown "hay seed grangers" become objects of by THE BEE, is listed at from onetwelfth to one-seventh of its market value, while the property of private citizens is assessed on a basis of about twice before cutting off the fast mail one-third. There has been no attempt made by the board of equalization to obey the mandate of the constitution greatly facilitates ousiness transact lation has been passed looking tions between the east and the west, to that end. What legislation was needed more than the revenue bill economy could be practiced to much defining the duties of the board of provision. There was no lack of power in the board to perform their sworn duty? But there was a lack of given for a consideration. This is the inclination. The information available regarding the actual value of the corporations was in every respect sufficient for the carrying out of the law. Either the cost value, market value or income valuation would have afforded a reliable basis for a fair assessment. The statistics published by THE BEE have shown conclusively that none of these methods of determining the value of corporate property was adopted, and that the statements of the railroads in every instance determined the action of the board. The demand of the people of Nebraska for the abolition of the state board of discrimination is due to the fact that they know that the evasion of taxes by the corporations has been assisted by the operation of the law in the hands of the board of equalization, and the attempt of Mr. Nance to pull the wool over the eyes of the legislature will not be successful.

THERE is violent indignation expressed in New York over the taking off of night trains on the elevated THE St. Louis Republican calls at railroads. The general manager of tention to the fact that the immense the roads states that the order was advantage over other routes possessed issued by Jay Gould and the local by the Mississippi river as a means by papers are dragging the great monopolist over the coals of a merciless has never been more clearly exhibited 000,000 by his famous stock watering than during the last twenty-two operation in Manhattan. Gould now proposes to make the public pay interest on the water and is cortalling south opened from this port, to the every expense to increase profits. The present time, there have been only New York Times says that "so long eight days during which boa's could as Jay Gould's railroad operations not leave St. Louis loaded; and, from were confined to comparatively dispresent indications, it is safe to say tant fields, the people of New York that no further interruption to naviga city knew very little of his methods. tion is liable to occur until next win- In a general way he was regarded as a ter. The route by the lakes and species of brigand who extoris propcanals, on the other hand, is closed erty from its lawful holders by trick by placing on it such articles of neces. The Lord made him in corners, and for fully three months each year, and and strategem, rather than with affy as are used alike by the poor and every corner aticks out. One of his

ment and the men who have cost the right to build iron railways, doilar. been fighting for years just they contemtuously deny that the pubsuch tools of the corporations as him- lie has any right which the corporation

We must look to the legislature for to "see" a commissioner than the ma-OMAHA. Drafts, Checks and Postoffice ernorship he played fast and loose to be made payable to the order of the Company.

ernorship he played fast and loose the deep the the elevated railroads assume the right election, and in every issue between to run trains when and how they the railroads and the people took his please, with nothing but their own sion play as tending to injure public the railroads and the people took his cues from the monopoly managers. His administration called for little executive ability. If it had it would required to consider, to be law-executive ability. If it had it would required to consider, the same blessed to give than to receive, as the spherical set of be talked to death before the session have called in vain. Mr. Nance in the public interest. A railroad secured his election on his shape and must be maintained for the reasonable complexion. A "boy governor" was accommodation of the public. If Mr. quoted by the Washington correspon-JAPAN is enlarging her army. The a curiosity four years ago. It Gould thinks that the people of New interest after two years of exhibition opoly that has seized upon its streets and the people are not likely to de is bound to observe, the legislature of whenever they come in; they burn

DELAYING THE REFORM.

The ways and means committee are

for congratulation on the part of consumers. The additions to the free list are few and unimportant. The respective few and unimportant. The respective few and unimportant is a sumer of the carpet.

Pacific Railroad Robbery.

and throws his cigar and pipe ashes all new course of ectures in Boston "the most blazing and strategic topics in the political and religious world." He may blaze with his strategic columns, but he carpet make any but Bostonians bend the ductions on staples are small Chicago Tribune. mand for tariff reform, and endeavor- lect in this very business.

tion. Its importance and the demand | debt due the United States. On the for a prompt reduction of the worst im first loan of \$61,000,000 there are positions of the tariff were clearly rec-United States, which interest is now ognized by the president in his annual due ty these roads. The money grant paper published on this side of the earth message and has been steadily insisted was equal to the construction of two upon by every leading journal of both roads; one was built, and the rest of so many men and women. parties in the country. The Morrill the money stolen; the owners of the tariff was put into operation at a time wards its construction, but ever since when the country was straining every it was put in operation have been plundering and robbing the public a cursey whatever has interest for humanwhen the country was straining every it was put in operation have been war for the national existence. It was shame a gang of Bedouins commandthe boldest, the most comprehensive ing the routes over the detert. and wide-reaching scheme of taxation ever devised. Nothing but the ur and passengers over the railways from gent need of money could have justified its adoption. And congress was greater than would be tolerated in any three hundred and sixty-five days in the control in its promises that the control other part of the civiliz d world where year, before election as well as a feer, about moval of the greater part of its bur- sharers of the plunder. dens. Eighteen years have gone and week much was said about the power the Morrill tariff is still substantially of the government to make this reductreasury, and a score of protected in- were frankly conceded. While every of dollars at their disposal, are clamorcoffers of the industrial millionaires. Enormous protection has built up between Council Bluffs and San Franarticles or to increase the wages of what they were on the 1st of July, the workmen. The purchasing power of a dollar, by which alone the value of transportation on government busof wages can be estimated, is less today than it was before the war. The benefits of overproduction have all offered the public from the rapacity of the men who live off of the country's bounty. While there is good ground for argument over the policy of protection to American industry, there is no question as to the disastrous results of an over taxation such as that from which the country is now suffering. A policy which tends to concentrate the wealth of the people in the hands of a few pampered manufacturers whose profils are enormously atimulated by its operation is a national curse. So far from being

Congress cannot afford to de'ay the reform. The country does not de- friends wender at his wealth. Sensmand the abolition of the tariff. It demands a substantial reduction on all liver and he never gets bilious. He weekkiy-81 a year. Eight pages of the cest matter or the daily issues; an arcicles of domestic consumption and is a good fellow, full of funny jokes a material enlargement of the free list mentally he is strikingly angular. in an evil hour, this thimble-rigger duty without cripping industry or de-

gained possession of the elevated stroying values. Popular confidence railway system of New York, we be- in the republican administration of and out and his official shoes have gan to have a taste of his quality, national affairs, so severely shaken Precisely what game Gould has now during the last few years, cannot be in hand it is impossible to tell. But regained by a weak and vacillating is that it will occupy thirty-one the elevated rallway travel is to be policy of temporizing with this import- least. squeezed "for all it is worth." ant question. The country demands, Frank Frayne should go to Niavara "It is assumed by Gould and his and it will be satisfied with nothing yune. the official reports and its weakest are associates that the elevated roads, else than a radical revision of the whole those in which the ex-Boy Governor with their valuable and inexpensive tariff, the effects of which English franchises, are to be run solely for the will be felt in the cheapening benefit of Gould and company. Hav- of prices, and in the corresponding in-Mr. Nance's gratuitous insults ing taken possession of the streets and crease of wages by the enhancement offered to the anti-monopoly move- avenues, and having gained without of the purchasing power of the laborers

Rose Evringe denounces the Pas-

Congressmen make .ery undeslrable ent of the Philadelphia Times, "They keep all sorts of hours," she complains, but there are several things that she has managed to prove very effectually the last few years. That she can't act, lecture, or more gas than anybody else, and re quire more attendance from servants. It takes an extra servant to answer the door bell for them, as for every still tinkering over the tarif. Taking senator or member there are always at least twenty persons coming every day the report of the late commission as a to see them about something, and the basis, they have been busily engaged mucky boots of their constituents and for the past five weeks in trying to wet umbrellas in falling weather ruin please the manufacturers at the expense of the public by restoring as far stop to use spittoons. One who can't as possible the petty reductions in duties suggested in the report of the tarifl commission. The more that report is examined the less cause is seen and throws his cigar and pipe ashes all

Pacific Raliroad Robbery

as compared with what was There has been an animated debate expected. The wealthy capitalists in congress covering two whole days whose concerns have been built up and the concerns have been built up and railways, built by government subsidy, thriven through exorbitant duties shall be paid for their services in transhave been able to bring enough influ- porting troops and supplies for the ence to boar upon both commission government only 50 per cent of what arian. and committee to prevent any such they are now collecting from private individuals for like services. The decrease in the customs taxes as members, of course, soon became dens of the people by materially diminishing the profits of their industries. With the universal cry for contracts, the powers of congress and the consideration of them oney put up. It's Chicago against New York. a reduction of taxes ringing in their right, justice and equity. We read ears, Mr. Kelly's committee, organized the debate carefully, and with the in the interest of monopolies, and hope and expectation that at least one made in other states, may be taken as backed by four billions of accumuthe person among the representatives of the people would have courage enough

system of war taxation that has ever build there railways; at the same female constitution. We have no of land; subsequently it voted to which entered largely in the late election the lien therefor priority over any efficacious. road never contributed a dollar to

The tolis demanded from freight Omana to San Francisco are now, and have been for many years, 50 percent clusion of the war would see the re- the government or its efficers are not

During the debate of the present in operation. An immense surplus tion of 50 per cent on the rates rovenue is piling up in the national charged for government freights; the extertions made by the Pacific roads dustries pampered by the government member of the house was fully aware into a strength which places millions that congress had the unquestioned ing against any reduction in the taxes for freight and passengers, we which are eating into the prosperity searched in vain for a suggestion or a of our people while they are fi ling the speech by any member proposing that the rates for the transportation of freight and passes gers over the roads giant industries but it has failed to cisco should during the year 1883 and reduce the prices of the manufactured until altered by law be 50 per cent

The proposed reduction in the rates iness is a trifling affair, while a like reduction on all the transportation business over these roads would be something substantial. gone into the pockets of the protec- people of the whole country would be ed while there is no protection benefitted by the one reduction, while the proposed alteration looks very much like an act of personal spite on the part of some defeated candidates or congress.

We are surprised that in the whole oute of 293 members there was no: se man with courage and patriotism mough to apply the law and facts of the cause of the 54,000,000 of people and in their behalf demand that the Pacific ratiroad robbery shall hence forth be reduced 50 per cent in its

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exactness.

Another western man of means is Van Wyck, of Nebrasks, a republiindustrial protection it is popular rob- can 58 years of age, originally from New York. He has made a great deal of money in lands and other speculations, and his old New York DAILY -55 cents a month, \$6.50 a year; friends wonder at his wealth. Sens- with Sunday edition, \$7.70. tor Van Wyck has a good working and strange ways. Physically and

PERSON ALITIES.

Freddy Gebhardt is atiated that he is a bigger man than the prince of Wales. From all reports it is supposed that those who know Herr Most love him the

Mrs. Labouchere is a French lady, but is presumed that she speaks Pigeon

Mr. Justice Bradley gives notice that he not harboring any intention of greating

a vacancy on the sucreme bench day Gould is changing his habits. He snow accepting invitations to dine and attend receptions, and is frequently seen in New York society.

Every railroad lobbyist is in favor of a railroad commission. It is easier tion, but retrieved his losses in another

The Courier Journal hears Moses saying: "I may have made some mistakes, but I don't remember ever having taken fees for defending any of the wilderness star-r uters."

Ex-State Senator Pond, of Massachu

& Miss Kate Field is a very bright woman,

keep a store are among them. The president has ordered a new piano

for the white house, and it does not sur-prise thinking persons to read that curing his recent visit to Washington Mr. Conk-ling did not call on the head of the nation. Red Cloud has been interviewed in Washington, and the reporter found it ex-ceedingly difficult to stretch the result of his report over a column in length. Mr. R. Cloud knows only one English word,

Miss Nellie Arthur, who is 12 years of age, is a pupil in Miss Burgess' school, on Codnecticut avenue, Washington. She is petted and flattered by the other school girls till there is danger that she will lose her sweet naturalness of manner. Joseph Cook proposes to discuss in his

the other day for the first time. Eli was quite overcome, and remarked: "Is it possible that you have lived to be one hundred years old and never met me before? Where could I have been?" "Wandering in paths where truth is never found, I reckon!" pointedly returned the centen-

secured rooms in a Chicago hotel during Langtry's engagement in that city, a local would substantially lighten the bur-dens of the people by materially the railroads, and the discussion in-that he would cut Gebhardt out and take

*Ladies of all ages who suffer from loss of appetite, from imperfect digestion, low spirits and nervous debility lated capital, are trifling with the de- to remind congress of its criminal neg- may have life and health renewed and indefinitely extended by the use of ing, in a time of peace, to continue and maintain the most extraordinary companies \$64,000,000 of national bonds as a loan to enable them to burdened a government of modern time it voted to them immense grants only a living faith in Mrs. Pinkham, these companies the power to borrow but we are assured that her medicines Tariff reform was one of the issues \$64,090,000 additional and to give are at once most agreeable and

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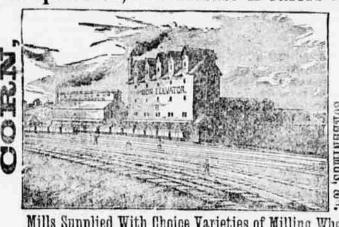
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