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THERE are some candidates at Lincoln who are too good to be true in politics.

TREASURER POLK of Tennessee has been captured, but Howgate's whereabouts are still a profound mystery to the general public.

MONEY is depended upon to make the Millard mare go, but votes which cannot be purchased will elect the next United States senator.

TEXAS has \$1,000,000 lying idle in her treasury. The cow boy state opens up the financial year in a way which is the envy of several of her eastern sisters.

THE United States army is just big enough for fire-eating representatives to fight over in Congress, but hardly large enough to serve as an armed police at important centers and on the frontier.

THE railroad lobby at Washington is almost alarmed over the prospect that congress will declare the land grants of several of the Pacific roads forfeited, and the exchange of corporation favors promises to be lively between now and the end of the session.

THE bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter passed the senate yesterday. Senators Cameron, Hoar and Sewell being the only republicans voting in its favor. It is not probable that action will be taken by the house before adjournment as several hundred bills precede it on the calendar.

A DECISION has recently been rendered by Secretary Teller which, if enforced, will interfere considerably with the methods which have been adopted by pre-emptors of government land in the far west.

CLEVELAND is discussing giving up the electric light in its streets on the ground that it costs too much. More light, theoretically, is given, but in the main at a higher price.

CITY ENGINEER ROSEWATER at the last meeting of the council submitted estimates of the cost of paving to be borne by the city for the laying of pavements on that section of Omaha bounded by Harney and Douglas, and Ninth and Sixteenth streets.

BUYING HIS WAY.

Joe Millard is busy at work buying his way towards the United States senate. We say "towards the senate" because he will never get any nearer to it than a minority vote in the Nebraska legislature.

Joseph H. Millard is an old hand in political corruption. His experience in the senatorial canvass of 1871, where he is reported to have placed \$22,000 where it would do the most good in securing General Thayer's defeat, has stood in good stead in the present campaign.

This man Millard will discover that the purchase of a legislature in 1883 is a more difficult job than it was twelve years ago. The political atmosphere is clearer. Public sentiment is more fully aroused to the necessity of securing men who are in accord with popular opinion.

THE PLEA OF SWINDLERS

Every session of the legislature where antimonopoly legislation is discussed, is beset by the agents of the railroads, who urge that restrictive laws directed against the interests of their companies will be disastrous to the corporations which they represent.

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the plea of swindlers who only ask to be let alone and who denounce any interference with their games as an insult to the profession.

TELEGRAPH WIRES AND FIRE PROTECTION.

One of the strongest arguments for compelling the telegraph, telephone and electric light companies to lay their wires underground in the serious obstruction which the mazes of poles and wires which disfigure our streets offer to the subduing of fires.

The telegraphic dispatches which brought the fearful details of the Milwaukee hotel horror bring out another dangerous element in the presence of telegraphic wires before burning buildings. One report says: "A terrible obstacle to the saving of life was found in the net work of telegraph wires which hedged the building in. Not only did they prevent the firemen from placing ladders against the building, but it was impossible to hold a canvas in such position that the unfortunates would not strike the wires first.

Many lives would have been saved if the ladders could only have been placed against the building. For these lives the telegraph wires are clearly responsible. Sooner or later all cities will require their telegraph, telephone and electric light companies to lay their wires underground.

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along the Atlantic seaboard after paying duty.

With the plantations in one hand and the refineries in the other Claus Spreckels had no idea of furnishing California people with cheap sugar. He was master of the sugar highway from the islands to the Golden Gate.

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VANDERBILT TRICKED.

Strange Story About the Syndicate's Sale of the Nickel-Plate Railroad.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. New York, January 11.—A Cleveland dispatch to the Journal says: "A remarkable story which has excited general attention in railroad circles here, reaches me from excellent authority. One of the Seney syndicate in Cleveland who sold out the Nickel-Plate road, says that Burke and Deyreux induced Vanderbilt to buy the line through the control of shares at 7 for the preferred and 17 for the common stock.

TO GET FROM GOULD when they offered the road to him, Burke bought for Vanderbilt 135,000 shares of the preferred stock and \$30,000 of the common out of the whole capital of \$50,000,000, paying \$7,205,000 instead of \$4,250,000, at which the same amount of stock was offered to Gould.

VANDERBILT WAS GUILLED into buying a road for \$3,000,000 more than the price at which it was offered Gould. It is a huge joke among Western railroad men, who say that Gould is laughing in his sleeve at what he considers to be Vanderbilt's foolish bargain, more especially as a new parallel line to the Lake Shore is already contemplated.

PERSONAL "Parts of the human body (largest, deepest and strongest," etc., is an interesting advertisement long run in our paper. In reply to inquiries we will say that it is no medicine, and is not about the body. On the contrary, the advertiser is very highly indorsed. Interest persons may get sealed circulars giving all particulars, giving all particulars, by addressing Erie Medical Co., P. O. Box 513, Buffalo, N. Y.—Toledo Evening Bee, Jan. 11-12.

of \$7 for the preferred and 17 for the common stock. They assumed all liabilities of the road and bought it for Mr. Vanderbilt. The road was sold by us for a total sum in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

THE THOMPSON TRAGEDY The Surviving Adopted Daughter Suspected of Intentional Poisoning. Additional Particulars of the Death of Three of the Family.

Correspondence of The Bee. DAVID CITY, Neb., January 10.—The sheriff and coroner are investigating a terrible tragedy that took place Monday night in this county at the residence of Thomas Thompson, five miles east of Ulysses and about fifteen miles from here.

ADDITIONAL FACTS relative to the Thompson tragedy, throw strong suspicion upon the oldest adopted daughter, who was married to the deceased son. Her callous demeanor during the inquest and the presence of strychnine in the sugar used at tea are strong points in favor of the poisoning being intentional.

THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

Efforts of Cattle Men to Secure Leases Therein. Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat. WASHINGTON, January 9.—A large number of cattle men are trying to get the secretary of the interior to lease them tracts of land in the Indian territory, with the privilege of fencing it. Representative Haskell, of Kansas, opposes these projects, and has before Secretary Teller. He claims that were the leases granted, hundreds of small dealers in cattle would be driven from the territory. The secretary is considering the feasibility of leasing the land.

THOUSANDS OF ACRES. One corporation wants the entire Quappaw reserve. A false report to the effect that the secretary of the interior has ordered all cattle men from the Cherokee outlet has been circulated in the west.

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