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THE CROW IS A COW-CUSS.

BEN BUTLER'S presidential boom has petered out.

An infant in Arkansas has been born with three tongues. It is needless to remark that it is a female.

THE railroads at the beginning of the session charged that the anti-monopolists were on sale but the transfers have failed to show up in some sixteen ballots.

TOM BOWEN has been elected senator from Colorado. Governor Tabor's vote at the supreme moment deserted him even more thoroughly than the governor deserted his wife.

The 1st of April has been fixed upon in Germany as the date when all barons will be required to justify their titles. It might be a good time to have the list of American colonels investigated.

Food is likely to be dearer for the next six months than for the last four. The dear prices of last year are not at hand, but Europe has had a bad spell of weather from Russia to Scotland, certain to make it a good buyer for the next year to come.

The Sunday Republican is a pretty fair library--Republican.

It is for a fact--of ancient history. One of the most charming novelties yesterday was a reproduction of that familiar and moss covered ballad, "Old Grimes is Dead." Still Old Grimes isn't any more dead than the circulation and influence of the Republican.

MR. McSHANE'S bill which provides against the sale of oleomargarine as butter ought to pass. A majority of our states have already laws regulating its manufacture and sale.

If Senator Windom is defeated in Minnesota the anti-monopolists will lose a strong friend in the senate. Mr. Windom is one of the few remaining senators who voted for the Thurman act to compel the Pacific companies to perform their obligations to the government.

THE Milwaukee fire has stimulated congress to deal with the question of fire protection, and Mr. Bland has introduced a bill for the regulation of hotels in the District of Columbia.

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THE SUPREME COURT OPINION.

The Omaha editorial organ with a republican label makes a striking assault on the supreme court for their opinion relative to the unconstitutionality of a railroad commission. It pronounces the decision flippant, illegal and on a par with an ordinary stump speech and charges that it was "presumably prepared to answer a political demand."

Now the fact is that there was no pressing demand from the legislature for an unfavorable opinion upon the commissioner system. Many of the members, notably General Connor among the anti-monopolists believed it to be unconstitutional, but fully as many others who desired honest regulation of railroads thought a board of commissioners the most feasible plan of dealing with the corporations.

Where did "the political demand" which the Republican says influenced the supreme court to write their opinion come from? Did it come from the republican majority in the House? How many of the republicans were opposed to the creation of a commission, or had ever studied the question sufficiently to know whether the proposed law would or would not conflict with the constitution?

The truth is that the railroads had set their hearts upon a board of railroad commissioners and are chagrined because such a board cannot be created. Several of the corporation attorneys, before the legislature began, declared that the acts of a railroad commission could never be enforced under our constitution.

The "derisive comment," which the decision is said to provoke, is confined to the disappointed corporation attorneys and tools. It has not yet shown itself among the members of the legislature, who are working to secure an operative railroad law, which will stand the tests of the courts.

THE BEE again rises to remark that there are too many coal mill justice courts in Omaha, and that their number ought to be decreased by an act of the legislature fixing the number at not more than one justice for every 8,000 people in cities of the first class.

It is a standing scandal that in many of our justice courts no respectable attorney can win his case against some pettifogger, who "has the ear of the court," and who throws all his cases into that particular judicial grist-mill in return for the judge's favor.

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dynamic pretenders including the Orleans princes, the government measure which gives the power to the ministry to exile a pretender whenever they think him dangerous and a compromise between the two which degrades all princely claims of the army and grants the government discretionary powers of expulsion when the needs of the state seem to require it.

Both branches of congress are now wrangling over the tariff and the debate promises to be a long and fruitless one. Those who are in a position to know doubt whether any bill will pass, and others claim that no measure which makes any substantial reduction in the present duties can stand the fire of the lobbies which crowd the corridors of the capital.

The senate has been engaged for over a week in the attempt to pass a bill which will do something toward meeting the popular demand for tax reduction. It has reduced the tariff on iron rails from \$28 a ton to \$17.50, placed lumber on the free list, and made some excellent changes in the duties on wool, metals and pottery.

It may surprise many of our citizens to be informed that slavery existed in this state twenty-five years ago, and we conversed with a gentleman in Lincoln who saw three negroes from the block at Nebraska City.

There are indications that at the close of the present session of the legislature the people of Missouri will be in favor of holding sessions about once in twelve years.

There is a great growing conviction that the only safe rooms in the average western hotel are to be found in the cellar or in the next town.

The cable informs us that the statesmen of France are beginning to "despair of the republic." That's the way Dorsey felt when they indicted him.

A writer in Harper's commences a poem with the line, "Some day I shall be dead." It is indeed a beautiful thought.

The following named gentlemen were admitted to practice: G. Holtenbeck, of Dodge county; George E. Waldo, of Butler county.

1. County warrants having been drawn on a fund in the treasury or tax levied for their payment, county commissioners have no authority to include in their estimates and levy taxes in excess of the maximum fixed by law.

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serious mishap at a birthday party. Falls City Journal. Last Saturday being little Johnnie Wherry's birthday, the event was celebrated by a pleasant little party, his young friends being invited, and bringing such presents as the fancied.

With over 100 bills already introduced in the senate and 200 in the house it may be foolish to propose any action which would delay the passage of a bill which is to be introduced by one and passed compelling railroad companies to fence their tracks, as it seems they will not do this without compulsion.

The dwelling of Fred Merwin, near Palmyra, was burned on the 21st. The family saved much furniture, but lost a large quantity of provisions stored in the cellar.

A young man teaching school a few miles west of Atkinson has not been seen since he disappeared on the 15th. He was supposed to have perished in trying to reach a dwelling house.

Anne Schmidt, a 13-year old Lincoln girl, developed into a first class thief, stealing a lot of wearing apparel and jewelry, and was sent to the reform school.

The anatomy of Jonas Fox, near Wood River, was burned on the 23rd, with its contents, 1,000 bushels of corn and 175 of oats. An incendiary did it.

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STATE JOINTINGS.

F. M. Davis, of Weeping Water, narrowly escaped being shot to death on the 19th. He changed cars at Louisville, returning from Lincoln, and there being no M. P. train he started for Weeping Water on foot. When he reached the house of a farmer about eight miles distant, his toes, fingers, ears and nose were badly frozen.

Mr. Wilber, living a few miles out of Springfield, had a leg broken the other day. He was hauling a heavy log on a sled, when the conveyance was overturned and the log rolled on him. He was unable to get loose and remained till the school teacher passed, who secured assistance and released the unfortunate man.

A man in Dry Creek, Thayer county, is being visited by his first wife from whom he separated some years ago, and married another woman from whom he also separated. It is now said that the old lady would be revived, and another wedding take place.

Dr. G. W. David, one of Harvard's energetic farmers, set out several hundred rods of orange hedge a year ago last spring, and notwithstanding the dry spell that followed, he secured a splendid crop of fruit, and now has a splendid growing live fence.

James Malloy was found dead under the railroad bridge near Atkinson on the 24th. He left Atkinson a few days before to walk to his claim, and it is supposed got under the bridge to keep warm, and became drowsy and fell asleep and froze.

A republican county convention is to be held in Colfax to nominate a county judge to fill the vacancy--the nominee to be voted for if an election is called, or it not called to nominate a county judge.

A Central City man whose office is connected with his residence by telephone says that when the weather is just right he can tell every time what they are doing at home by the small-getting dinner, etc.

A Hastings newspaper man at a watermelon last week. An Adams county farmer kept it over and kept it so well that the fruit tasted as good as freshly picked and soles.

A St. Louis concern wants all the old buffalo bones to be found in Nebraska, and will pay \$25 a ton. They want to make fruit jellies out of them--"Lute season's fruit."

The Springfield ladies gave a dinner Friday to raise funds to start a public library.

A woman named Mabel was burglarized on the 12th, and 45 cents and an old razor taken.

The ladies of York have organized a relief society to care for the destitute in that town.

A 600 lb. hog raised in Buffalo county, was shipped from Kearney last week.

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