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COLORADO sandstone will be a millstone around the neck of every councilman who votes to force it upon his citizens against their expressed will.

The Chicago Herald makes the pertinent query whether the secretary of the navy will throw in the useless officers when he sells the useless ships.

NEBRASKA farmers are too busy cultivating crops to write much for the papers or to attend many anti-monopoly meetings, but they are doing a powerful sight of thinking on the great issue of the day.

The Ohio supreme court has declared the Scott liquor tax law constitutional. The election music will now begin to play in the Buckeye state with Hoody and Foraker as the rival band leaders.

DISMISSAL from the army and eighteen months in the penitentiary was the sentence of the court martial in the Wasson case, while those who ought to know claim that the president will approve.

No more letters have been printed lately from Dorsey and there is some anxiety expressed over the report that he has abandoned his intention of publishing a "Complete Political Letter Writer."

The investigation of the office of Supervising Architect Hill, at Washington, is bringing out some scandalous testimony, which, if sustained, will place Mr. Hill side by side with Robeson, Babcock, Belknap & Co. as another monument of republican misrule.

It is reported that Montgomery Blair is dying. Mr. Blair comes from a family of distinguished politicians. His father, Francis Preston Blair, was one of the founders of the republican party.

In ordering a stricter enforcement of the law against gambling houses, Mayor Chase has taken a step that will be generally commended by our citizens. Within the last year the number of disreputable sporting men in Omaha has been greatly increased, until the city swarms with crooks who class themselves as gamblers in order to hide their real profession.

THE BEE as usual leads its contemporaries in a review of Omaha's school interests and the full reports of the work and condition of our city educational system will be read with general gratification. Omaha expends \$100,000 annually on her schools, whose standard of efficiency is steadily increasing.

THE Mississippi at St. Louis is said to be higher than it has been in twenty-five years, but the latest dispatches announce the water as falling with good prospects that the bottoms will be in sight again in a few days.

Although high water in the Missouri and its tributaries has not reached the same stage as in the Mississippi, there has been a great deal of damage done in various parts of Nebraska and Missouri, particularly at Kansas City and St. Joseph and along the valley of the Ne-maha in this state.

NO GREAT ISSUES.

"There are really no great issues between the live parties," said Abram S. Hewitt the other day to an interviewer. That is the truth in a very small nutshell.

There is no issue on the tariff. Both parties demand a tariff for revenue with incidental protection for industry and affording liberal compensation for American labor.

St. Paul has just passed a rigid building ordinance which provides for the superintendence of the erection of public buildings, sewer connections and plumbing and safeguards against loss of life or property by fire.

So emboldened, on the one side and the other, The Sun's banner should be a hit. Its Political Effect. That the common sense of the country should hold the present administration ultimately responsible for the hideous mockery of justice in the failure of the star route prosecutions is not a natural result, though, as we have before said, it does not appear to be a just conclusion.

Mr. Hewitt is quite right. "There are really no great issues between the two parties"—because both of the existing dominant parties are too cowardly to make an issue of a score of important questions which are pressing for political solution.

THERE is a great deal of misapprehension about what the government means by pauper emigrants and some high-minded philanthropists are protesting against its refusal to offer asylum to every class of refugees regardless of their previous condition or present circumstances.

Whether that failure is the fault or only the misfortune of the administration, is no great matter from a political point of view. The real question is whether in the present light the republican party can best be maintained in an untenable position, merely to justify the administration. We don't think it can.

THE question which puzzles the war and interior departments is what to do with General Crook's captives. The interior department sustains the Indian agent at San Carlos in his objection to receiving these wild Apaches, and the war department does not know what else to do with them.

THE band could choose between the surrender of the really guilty parties and the punishment of the certain leaders who might or might not be guilty of the crimes charged against the band. The Indians Crook has in his charge are known collectively to have committed many murders.

never can be, because a state law cannot restrain a personal appetite. The true method of dealing with the problem is that which Nebraska has adopted in her high license system, which places such checks and restraints around the business as to throw it into responsible hands, and at the same time brings our schools a handsome and increasing revenue.

NEW YORK republicans, after a vigorous effort to restore party harmony, seem to be as far removed as ever from the point after which they have been striving. The party machinery is still controlled by the stalwarts and the 213,000 half-breeds who refused to vote for Folger last fall are practically as much unrepresented as they were before that memorable campaign.

It is urged by the anti-silver financiers that all the labor expended in silver mining, while adding many millions annually to the stock of silver, does not at all enrich the world; that smaller amount of metal would perform all the offices that the larger amount does; and that, therefore, silver mining, so far as the world is concerned, after sufficient silver to meet the uses of the arts is produced, is wasted effort.

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or \$2,000 a year they would value their positions more, and, therefore, would be honest in their dealings with the company. He was satisfied that the charge of dishonesty of conductors was greatly exaggerated. A man's honesty could be usually rated by his habits on the road and at home.

Telephonic Profanity.

Mr. Pugh, a job printer, had a telephone in his office. He desired to be put in communication with the Cincinnati type foundry, and so informed the exchange. Through some misunderstanding he was put in communication with the Cincinnati transfer company.

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