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MR. LAIRD'S wicked brother, like his wicked partner, Bowen, promises to become an interesting issue in Nebraska's future politics.

GENERAL HOWARD is off for Deer Lodge, Montana. The General will soon rival Eli Perkins' record as the Great American traveler.

Now that Mr. Laird has heard from the Herald, there are several thousands of his constituents who would be glad to hear from Mr. Laird.

BLAINE thinks that Butler is already beaten in Massachusetts. Even so, Blaine has little idea of the Widow's might.

MR. VANDERVOORT has received a strong endorsement from Mr. Laird. And now, as Mr. Laird seems to need a strong endorsement from some one, it is Paul's turn to reciprocate.

FOUR naval cadets having been found guilty of hazing have been dismissed from the service. A healthy reform seems to be in progress at both our military and naval academies.

Of course so. What else could be expected from a Missouri Bourbon lover? Governor Crittenden declares himself "an anti-prohibitionist from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot."

EX-CONGRESSMAN LYNCH, of Mississippi, believes that his State should be counted as Republican next year, and says that Chalmers' independent movement will not succeed.

MAYOR CHASE will make a crowning mistake of his administration in the way of appointments if he sends in the name of the notorious Ed. Walsh as sewer inspector.

THE Century will in 1884, as heretofore, devote more or less space to the subjects of art and archeology. There will be printed early in the year papers on Winslow Homer, George Fuller, and Edward Kemeys; also several on French artists, including Corot and Rousseau, and to be illustrated with engravings of their work.

THOSE speculators who are figuring on heavy damage done to the corn crop by frosts, will do well to think twice before jumping into the market and staking money on their opinions. In the first place it is now generally agreed that the reports have greatly over-estimated the amount of corn damaged.

THE New Jersey Democrats are down on the present system of internal-revenue. The say that it is—

A nursery of spoils and informers, a menace to the freedom of elections, an insupportable and unnecessary burden upon the taxpayers.

THE Democrats of New Jersey favor a chance at the patronage fish pots and a platform adjusted to any principles which will win votes.

PARTISANSHIP AND TREASON.

Several of the railroad organs with the Republican label are endeavoring to persuade themselves that THE BEE has gone over to the Democracy. While there are no grounds for the charge, we have no doubt that it would be a great cause for rejoicing among the Republican thieves and rascals in Nebraska if they could assure themselves that such was the fact.

As THE BEE has never sought the company or craved the approval of these gentlemen during the last eight years it is not likely at this late day to feel injured or hurt over their criticisms. Their praise would be a worse dose than their blame.

The position and policy of this paper is such that it asks no favors and fears no attacks. It stands upon a platform of political independence which gives it a vantage ground over those of its contemporaries who prefer hide-bound partisanship to an honest expression of their convictions.

Is another column we reproduce the charges made against Congressman James Laird which are now the subject of investigation by the Interior department.

For their sake, as well as for his own, Mr. Laird should come promptly to the front. He cannot longer maintain what he considers a dignified silence.

THE IRISH PARTY'S DEMANDS. The Irish National League, of which Charles Stewart Parnell is at once the animating motive and the political mouthpiece, have announced the programme which they will endeavor to push at the next parliamentary session.

The first asks the amendment of the Land Act with a view to first securing to the tenant the benefits intended by the Healy clause, which was meant to forbid the commissioners to take into consideration the improvements he had effected when they are ascertaining what is fair rent; and second, to secure more favorable terms to those tenants who wish to purchase lands.

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lands to agricultural laborers be imperative and not optional as at present. These clauses were introduced as an act of policy at the expense of the League, their authors believing that they would enlist the half million of day laborers on the side of the government and against the less than half a million tenants who compose the League.

The third demand is more sweeping and if granted will be more wide-reaching in its effects. It is nothing less than that the members of the British Parliament shall receive compensation for their services, or regular salaries as in the case with American Congressmen.

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'The Colors of Flowers.' 'Vegetating Animals.' 'How the Earth was Peopled.' 'The Lives of Sheep.' 'The Savings of Science,' etc., etc. There are a portrait and biographical sketch of the celebrated hygienist of Munich, Dr. Max von Pettenkofer, and a large mass of criticism and miscellaneous information in the editorial departments.

THE Republican still calls for Judge Savage's record. THE BEE published it some days ago, condensed in a single paragraph: Honesty, impartiality, dignity and ability.

PERSONALITIES.

Sharon's dewy rose is making it decidedly unpleasant for him. Redmond had his hair cut, as a last concession to civilization.

Dear Wilde should try his hand on patent medicine advertisements before writing another play. The death of Hugh Hastings takes a deal of peppery warmth and liveliness out of New York journalism.

It is understood that Dock Griffin, Mary Anderson's step-father, also declined the attention of the Prince of Wales.

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Jenny Lind is coming to this country to sing in concert. She is only one year old, and her mother is thought to be mighty careful about straining her voice. But she will probably bring a nurse to take care of her.

Mrs. Katharina Chase, who, a few months ago, was known as Mrs. Catherine Chase Sprague, has been staying for some time past at Carlebad, Bohemia, with her three daughters, and will probably spend the winter in Europe.

William Henry Hurlbut, formerly editor of the New York World, is in Scotland, paying strict attention to the pretty widow of a Scotch duke. When this news reaches the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, what a dreadful attack of the cramp colic it will inspire.

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