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It is evident that Bismarck has become converted to the Jewish creed, as he is making such a fuss about pork.

The Iowa legislature is badly demoralized. The house has defeated a bill for the protection of stallions, jacks and bulls.

The annual report of the Omaha board of trade, just issued, reminds one of Richard III. It has come into the world half made up.

The autobiography of Fred. Douglass has just been published. The reviewers of the volume, who pronounce it an interesting and ably written book, do not state whether Mr. Douglass says anything about his recent marriage.

RUFUS HATCH'S Yellowstone Park improvement company has gone into the hands of a receiver. Rufus invaded Montana in quest of a bonanza, and he has come out \$80,000 short.

SENATOR BILLS, of Iowa, struck the nail on head, when, in support of his proposition to tax all church property devoted to private use, as residences or for business purposes, he said that "when Jesus of Nazareth was born he had not where to lay his head, but his puny followers on earth to-day seek to dwell in palaces and escape taxation."

THE case of the board of education against the wholesale liquor dealers to compel them to pay \$1,000 license, the same as retail dealers, has been brought before the supreme court.

GOOD business men refuse to become candidates for the city council, and after the election they spend the rest of the year in complaining about "the worst council Omaha ever had."

THE Herald is glad to learn from the Bee, whose authority cannot be questioned in such a matter, that Dr. Miller has taken the railroads with him out of politics. We quite agree with it that this is a "sad" state of affairs for the Bee--Omaha Herald.

WE hear it whispered that Dr. Miller intends to follow in the footsteps of the Omaha Republican and join the anti-monopoly ranks, in order to increase the circulation of the Herald.

HENRY WARD BEECHER made himself solid with Irish-Americans when he paid them the following compliment in his address on St. Patrick's day: "When I look at those who come over to America and I perceive how they work and toil, spending the least and wearing the least that they may get the stream of gold to flowing across the sea to father or mother, and to bring brother or sister to this side, I cannot sufficiently honor them."

JUDGE HAMER seems to have a great deal of leisure these days. He found time to go all the way down to Lincoln to induce state and federal officials to instruct Senator Van Wyck to confirm Alonzo H. Church as register of the North Platte land office.

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PRISON REFORM IN OHIO.

The convict labor contract system, which prevails in the prisons of many of the states, is fast becoming unpopular, and the day is not far distant when convict labor will no longer be allowed to compete with honest labor.

After designating a routine way of doing work by the managers the law says in reference to the abolition of the convict contract system: "The contract system of employing convicts shall not exist in any form in the Ohio penitentiary, but the prisoners shall be employed by the state and in such way as in the least possible manner interfere with or affect free labor, and the managers shall use every effort to so dispose of all merchandise as to avoid injurious competition with any business of citizens of the state."

The law provides that the warden of the penitentiary shall place to the credit of each prisoner (except those serving life sentences) such amount of his earnings as may be deemed equitable and just, but in no case shall the credit exceed 20 per cent of the prisoner's earnings.

A COLORED convention will assemble in Pittsburg next month for the purpose of discussing the question of civil rights. Mr. Fortune, the editor of the New York Globe, a colored man's paper, serves notice upon the republican party that in future "it cannot count upon the allegiance of our people without giving in return the measure of consideration to which we are entitled as co-equal allies."

THERE may be some people who think Omaha has a superabundance of secret societies and fraternal grips, but compared with San Francisco we have only made a fair start.

IT is certainly not very creditable to Ohio that it has spent all the government appropriation and the contributions for the flood sufferers, and proposes to return to the state treasury the money appropriated by the legislature, there having been no need of spending this money.

THERE is nothing like a good square meal to settle a difference of opinion. Alex. McClure gave a dinner to Carlisle, Morrison and Watterson, and followed it up with a breakfast to Mr. Randall and his friends.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The discussions in the British cabinet over the Egyptian policy and the proposed extension of the franchise, coupled also with the illness of Premier Gladstone, have given rise to the opinion that an early dissolution of parliament is inevitable.

The London Times in an editorial points out that the operations which have already taken place are but the mere fringe of the work to be done; that until the road to Berber is open Graham's task is still unfinished.

The spirit of Osman Digma and some of his fanatical adherents is far from broken. He has returned with as many as 2,000 followers to the neighborhood of his former encampment.

THE troubles of France in Tonquin have a certain family resemblance to those of England in Egypt. Bac Ninh was not taken until after three months, and the Chinese have not been beaten but have simply retired to a definite part of the Tonquin delta.

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amendment was a step towards home rule; but he gave the reasons why it was quite impossible for him to accede to this proposal.

This is equivalent to a promise that if the resolution is introduced at an opportune time, and in a somewhat modified form, it will be accepted by the British liberals.

Price Bismarck's greatest failure is his inability to restore the equilibrium of European politics by establishing the basis of international confidence on which it rested.

The end will come from other quarters. It may be by an uprising of the working-men in a socialistic revolution.

The reward offered for Osman Digma's head, though a new feature in English warfare, is quite in harmony with the customs of Turkey and Arabia, where a contest is hardly thought to be properly ended unless the vanquished leader's head has been carried away as a trophy.

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states have gone, over a question of money, and, having fairly beaten their enemy, they determined to pay themselves for their trouble in the plain old way of taking a slice of their neighbor's territory, as we did with Mexico, and Germany did with France.

If people continue to suffer "without knowing what ails them," it is their own fault. All the obscure maladies are clearly set forth in the invaluable new medical work, published this year, entitled "The Science of Life," fully described in the advertisement in another column.

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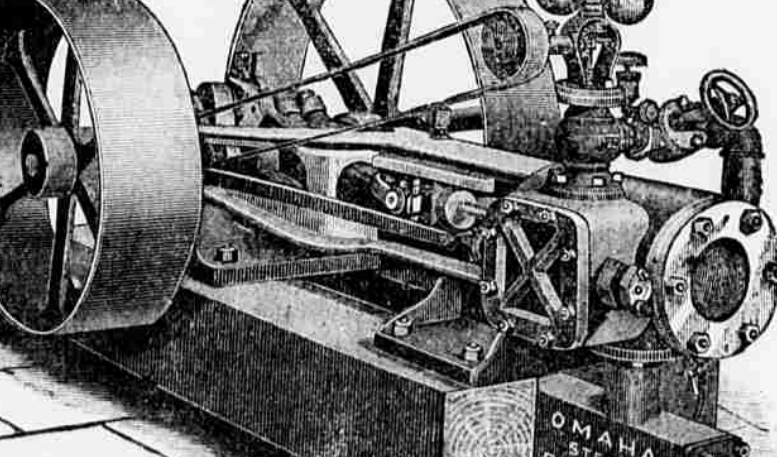
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