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Ex-Councilman McGuckin has not yet risen to explain.

With the approach of the dog days the American house of lords may consent to vote an adjournment.

It was proper and creditable for the council to give Mayor Chase until Monday to decide whether he will step down without further ceremony.

There is one thing at least that is satisfactory in the conduct of public affairs in Omaha. The grand jury has found the Douglas county jail in excellent condition.

The republicans had a narrow escape last spring in the defeat of McGuckin. Had he been elected, we would have had a vacancy in the council, which could not be filled by appointment.

District Attorney Godwin has conducted the investigations in the grand jury very creditably, and if he does as good work in the trial of the criminal cases he will be a hard man to beat next fall.

We know that the responsible editor of the Lincoln Journal has resumed business at the old stand. Nobody else could have penned the malicious perversion of testimony before the last legislature.

There is almost as much speculation concerning the preferences of the New York delegation to the democratic national convention as there was regarding the delegation to the republican convention.

The summer resort business has been all this season, and the recent failure of so many millionaires and bank officials will make it still duller, as most of the bankrupts prefer to go to Canada or Mexico.

Ben. Butler will be the white elephant of the next Chicago convention. The way he will tramp on the toes of some of the square-toed fraternity will afford a great deal of amusement to the rest of the circus.

"The clouds of yesterday are dispelled," says the Omaha Herald. Dr. Miller, who was ferried Cleveland the day before, waited till the clouds rolled by, and a clear sky revealed to him the coming man in the democratic convention. The wise men from the east have wired their prophecy, and now the Omaha Herald shouts for Cleveland and harmony. But in our opinion there can be no harmony as long as Cleveland has to pacify Tammany.

The New York independents are now between the devil and the deep sea. They want Cleveland nominated by the democrats, and promise him their votes if he is nominated. But if Cleveland gets the nomination he must make a bid for Tammany support, and if Tammany helps to elect him, Cleveland will have to go back on the reforms which the independents want to inaugurate. If Cleveland is not nominated the independents will have to choose between Blaine and the democratic candidate, supported by Tammany, unless they want to go over to Butler.

DR. GEORGE MILLER, the able editor of the Omaha Herald, will not attend the national democratic convention. Electric bells and speaking tubes will connect him with the Nebraska delegation, so that he will be able to control matters and things from his quiet little editorial room out on the hillside prairie of the far west. Since Mr. Tilden's retirement the good doctor has made up his mind to play no conspicuous part in politics hereafter. He will simply pull the strings and let the other fellows do the dancing. This is better, we take it, than immersing himself in a mummy or, as we feared he would do when he saw that Tilden's letter in cold, unrelenting type.—Chicago News.

Unless the city council orders all the wires that connect Dr. Miller's office with the telephone system to be put under ground between now and the 8th of July we fear the connection will be broken by some villain, and the Nebraska delegation will be left in a state of exasperating uncertainty. The doctor's suspense would be agonizing.

We have been asked why the Bee does not list the names of Blaine and Logan at the head of its editorial columns. We reply that the Bee is a metropolitan daily. With very few exceptions all the leading editors have dropped the custom of hoisting tickets and keeping them standing. The Chicago Tribune, which is recognized as the leading Blaine and Logan paper in the west, does not keep the ticket at the head of its editorial column. Neither does the Philadelphia Press, which next to the New York Tribune, is the most pronounced Blaine and Logan paper published in

the east. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the St. Paul Pioneer Press, the one the leading republican daily in Missouri and the southwest, and the other the leading republican organ in Minnesota and the northwest, do not print the presidential ticket at the head of their editorial columns. And other republican papers of less note are in the same category. When Mr. Blaine was nominated the Bee made a positive and unequivocal announcement of its support of the national republican ticket. That ought to be sufficient for the present in a state that will give Blaine and Logan a majority of 25,000.

It is about as hard to get a bill in the interest of anti-monopoly passed through the American house of lords, known as the United States senate, as it would be for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. When a bill is brought up providing for the forfeiture of land grants it is pigeon-holed or amended to death. When it is proposed to apply the provisions of the Thurman sinking fund bill to railroads other than the Union and Central Pacific, delay is asked for until the judiciary committee can digest and strangle the proposition. When Senator Hill brings up his postal telegraph bill he is summarily choked off, and informed that other measures must have preference and precedence. It is no trouble, however, to get lavish appropriations through the senate for any scheme or job that may be proposed.

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THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

Nebraska is entitled to her proper share of credit in the nominations of Blaine and Logan, but Mr. E. L. Reed is laboring under a delusion when he claims the credit of Logan's nomination for Nebraska. According to Mr. Reed, Postmaster General Greaham was the vice-presidential slate until the Nebraska delegation entered the breach and forced the nomination of Logan. As a matter of fact the course of the Nebraska delegation had not the remotest influence upon the choice of the convention.

During the recess that followed Blaine's nomination, Stephen B. Elkins and Wm. Walter Phelps, the recognized managers of Mr. Blaine, called upon Frank Hatton as the accredited representative both of Arthur and Greaham, to tender the vice-presidency to Judge Greaham. They stated that Mr. Blaine's friends desired to place in nomination the man that would represent the Arthur wing, just as Governor Dennison of Ohio in behalf of Garfield had taken up Arthur when it is proposed to apply the provisions of the Thurman sinking fund bill to railroads other than the Union and Central Pacific, delay is asked for until the judiciary committee can digest and strangle the proposition. When Senator Hill brings up his postal telegraph bill he is summarily choked off, and informed that other measures must have preference and precedence. It is no trouble, however, to get lavish appropriations through the senate for any scheme or job that may be proposed.

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RETAIL THOROUGHFARES IN THE CITY. IT IS NEXT TO SIXTEENTH IN IMPORTANCE.

I don't know of any street in the city that affords better opportunities for making money than Thirteenth street. The street railway will run the entire length of this thoroughfare, and probably to Haskell's park. The track is already laid to the Union Pacific crossing. The wonderful improvement that has been made in Thirteenth street, as well as in every part of the city lying south of the Union Pacific railroad, is due more to the efforts of the city council than to any other cause. It has not made itself rich, but has been the means of adding much to the wealth of many other property owners. Haskell is a shrewd, enterprising and energetic business man.

"There is a man in Omaha who reminds me very much of James G. Blaine," remarked a well known gentleman. "His name is Will Brown. He looks like Blaine, he talks like him, and he acts like him. If I didn't know him, and should meet him I would take him for Blaine."

"When I was attending the national republican convention," said a prominent Omaha politician, "I met Senator Tom Bowen, of Colorado. He is a man of positive ideas. I like his style. Although worth several millions which he has acquired from mining operations, he does not parade his wealth in any way. No one would judge from his appearance that he was a bonanza senator. It is said that he is a great devotee of the national game of polo. Bowen never forgets his old friends and acquaintances who knew him when he was a poor man. He was a private soldier in the First Nebraska regiment."

"I know it is a violation of the oath of secrecy to give away anything that occurs in the grand jury room," said a grand jurymen, "but I cannot help telling you that one of the most important matters before us for investigation was a dynamite case. It was a villainous attempt to blow up a wealthy Kelly one of the jurymen. Some one gave him a loaded cigar, and while he was smoking it in the jury room it exploded with a loud report nearly frightening Mr. Kelly out of his wits. A thorough investigation of the dynamite outrage failed to disclose the perpetrator of the deed, but it is suspected that it was the revengeful work of some friend of a certain man who has been indicted."

STATE JOTTINGS. THE STATE IN GENERAL. Schuyler has organized a Blaine and Logan club.

The assessed valuation of Saline county is \$3,066,650.

The Blair bridge is assessed at \$150,000 in Washington county.

Blair is blessed with a pop factory, a branch of the Omaha & Lincoln City county.

The West Point public library has been closed owing to lack of interest.

Of the \$81,000 tax of 1883 in Webster county only \$44,000 had been paid in.

Johnson county has paid out \$8,000 for bounty on wolf scalps already this year.

The storm of the 10th did considerable damage in Pawnee city, chiefly in turning over chimneys.

The Red Cloud National bank is issuing its own currency, having received the first installment of \$11,000.

The North Platte Nebraskaian is about to change hands and come out as a full fledged democratic organ.

Musical circles in Seward are brass mounted. There are five brass bands, each under competent leaders.

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