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The pernicious effect of the convict labor contract system upon free labor is well illustrated by the disastrous competition that has resulted in Joliet, Illinois, between free labor and the penitentiary convicts. A large wire-drawing establishment which is in direct competition with the prison contractors, who pay only fifty-five cents per day for labor, has been obliged to reduce the wages of its operatives.

"SEE" HIM IMMEDIATELY. The republican state convention paid a deserved tribute to a most worthy and efficient officer in the manner of the renomination accorded Hon. James W. Dawes, for the governorship. The political scavengers were at work doing their utmost to compass his defeat and the manner of his renomination was only a slight indication of the high appreciation the republicans of Nebraska have of his integrity and efficiency.

DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

The democracy of Nebraska, for almost the first time in its history, is in a position to render an important service to the people of this state. The nominations made by the republican party for state officers do not commend themselves to the rank and file of that party as entitled to their support.

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STATE JOTTINGS.

Stanton is building a \$7,000 school house. The Republican, of Tecumseh, has branched out to a daily.

The west Nebraska mission conference is in session at Stanton. The north Nebraska annual conference of the Methodist church meets at Blair on the 10th.

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Redress can thus be had by all bad people on good laws, and good people on bad laws.

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I am a friend to all--to everybody--as far as the good law can testify; but I say for the good of all, that the American who is unwilling to obey the laws is not worthy of the name, and any foreigner who ignores the laws of this free land of his choice, should reform and obey the laws or return to his mother country.

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