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A KANSAS CITY paper refers to an honest Indian. The author of the "clearance" records of that town is now known.

OUR legislature will adjourn pretty soon. But Lucy Parsons will continue to harangue the people. This life cannot be all sunshine.

No MATTER what is said about the president appointing Trotter, the fact is at once apparent that Mr. Cleveland is not color blind.

Two or three funnel-shaped political clouds hang over the city, and the man who predicts a quiet campaign in the city election lives to himself alone.

An eastern paper says Bismarck "will not resort to violent measures." That to which Bismarck most resorts is a quart measure. It will hold two pints of beer.

AFTER reading of the appropriations to pay members and employes of the Nebraska legislature, a Niagara Falls hackman thought of his own reckless liberality and immediately committed suicide.

IT HAS been often noticed that accidents, like crimes, seem to take an epidemic form. It would also appear that | feature of the European situation since islator gets an idea that he should whip somebody, the whole assembly wants to fight.

SENATOR CULLOM says that the interstate commerce act will in no way interfere with railroad companies desiring to give special rates to excursion parties, delegates to conventions, or large gatherings of any nature.

A POEM reaches this office on the "Ontlook of Germany," in which dishrag is made to devetail with reichstag. It is supposed that the poem belongs to one of Mr. Agee's labored speeches on railroad commission bills.

A BILL has been introduced in the New Jersey legislature making it compulsory for railroads to have at least one chemical fire extinguisher in each passenger car. A law compelling railroad companies to heat cars with steam would answer the purpose better.

THE story goes that at a ball a "gentleman recently wore the swallow-tail coat in which he was married fifteen years ago, which seventeen other bridegrooms had worn, and which had done duty at forty-three weddings." Yet some men want the earth.

REPORTS from Cairo say that Abdelka der Pacha, minister of the interior, has resigned on account of scandals fastened on him in connection with real estate speculations. So it would appear that Kansas City real estate agents have been platting additions to their town as far east as Cairo, Egypt.

THERE is a bit of grim humor in the announcement that at the recent banquet tendered the legislators at Lincoln by Grand Island people our own Pat O. Hawes, in a moment of excitement. drank the contents of a half gallon hand grenade, and insisted that it was a superor brand of champagne.

THE stilted effort to make Russell and Caldwell out as paragons of integrity is slightly premature. The Republican ought to have kept its whitewash until somebody has accused them of crooked work. A woman may be spotless as the driven snow-but when rakes and libertines who have been her intimates prate about her virtue, she becomes a subject for just suspicion.

THE Dakota legislature which closed its session last week, was in many respects above the average of law-making bodies. Many of the laws enacted this winter are commendable. In order to place the judiciary beyond obligations to railways, the legislature appropriated \$1,500 a year to the justices of the supreme court for traveling expenses. This allowance will save the judges from the the humiliating acceptance of railway passes. In the matter of appropriation, the Dakota colons were very lavish. They endowed two insane asylums, two penitentiaries, two universities, two normal schools and a school of mines. They also created a number of new offices, among which are those of veterinary surgeon

and goologist.

Senator Meiklejohn. Whenever a man in public life has had

the manhood and integrity to resist the

debasing influence of the jobbers and

railway attorneys at the state capital, he

is made a target of the organs that champion the interests of public plunderers and monopolists. Senator Meiklejohn has been no exception to this rule. His independent and fearless course during the present session on legislation affecting the masses, has arrayed against him the whole horde of vampires in the legislative lobby. They do not, however, dare to attack him openly on his effort to secure railway regulation and lower railroad tolls. But they assail him maliciously about his bills to regulate and restrain insurance companies. The method of attack has its advantage. It affords the monopoly press a chance to punish Mciklejohn for refusing to play the railroad capper on the floor of the senate. It gives aid and comfort to the strikers who are playing stool pigeons for the railroads in exchange for annual passes. Last but by no means least is the opportunity to turn an honest penny by writing paid editorials on insurance legislation. It is notorious that some of the most unprincipled lobbyists at the state capital, at every session of the legislature and at every convention, are general and local insurance agents. These men travel from one end of the state to the other on annual passes-year in and year out. While plying their double vocation they become more dangerous by reason of their pretended respectability than any other class of corruptionists. Exceptions may, of course, be found among insurance agents, as in all other occupations, but of those who pretend to take a deep interest in insurance legislation at every session, the majority belong to the vampire species.

Mr. Meiklejohn can well afford to incur the enmity of these cormorants. His insurance bill may not be perfect, but it is in the interests of the people. The fight made against him and his measure by the hireling press is a strong argument in its favor. As we understand it, this bill is simply a copy of the Massachusetts insurance law. There is no danger that it will drive foreign insurance companies out of Nebraska, but it may drive some insurance frauds out of the business. If the law is good enough for Massachusetts, where the insurance problem has been probed and solved by experts, it is not likely to prove very disastrous in Nebraska.

Senator Meiklejohn is doing good work at this session. He may not go as far as we would wish in support of some reforms, but he has shown a disposition to discharge his duties regardless of clamor and abuse. He certainly is entitled to credit for standing by his convictions.

A Web of Conjectures.

In the absence of actual events the

European correspondents are forced to

fall back upon conjectures, the resources for which are always ample, and the latest advices constitute an interesting, if somewhat confusing web. The center of interest just now appears to be the Austrian capital, and the course of events in Vienna is evidently being watched with very carnest solicitude. The strained relations between Austria and Russia which have been a conspicuous is simply ridiculous. the Bulgarian issue set the nations by the ears seem to be quite as tense now as at any previous time. The Austrian preparations for a possible conflict have reference solely to Russia, and there can be no doubt that the popular sentiment of the empire acquiesce with the determination of the government to resist further dangerous advances of Russia for the control of Bulgaria and through that to virtual domination at Constantinople. But in order that such resistance might be effective Austria would require assistance. She could not successfully cope single-handed with Russia. If there is any value, however, in the latest opin ions and surmises she must, whenever the exigency comes, elect to take this task alone or abandon it. The prevailing idea is that Germany has assured Austria that the former is not, and can never in any way be, interested in the eastern ques tion, and that she could render no aid to Austria in a war against Russia, brought on by this question. This is by no means an incredible view, when we consider that an ambition to extend the German empire might be gratified by the weakening of Austria, which would certainly ensue from a conflict with Russia. Holding herself in readiness, with all her great power unimpaired, Germany would ind an opportune time to act before the dismemberment of Austria became inevitable, and the price of her interposition would be a material reduction of the Austrian empire, to the advantage of the German.

Meanwhile, the surface of affairs in Germany and France wears an entirely pacific aspect. What plans the cunning and busy brain of Bismarck may be maturing, time will develop, but nobody supposes that he is idle. On the contrary, the belief is that German diplomacy i working stealthily and industriously to effect results which, while involving other nations, could operate only to the advantage of Germany. France is wholly without political disturbance, and the cordial reception of De Lesseps in Berlin has had a most soothing effect upon French feeling toward Germany. The mission of the distinguished engineer to the German capital has not been dis covered, and his own statement is that it is purely personal; but, however this may be, he has been shown great consideration, with a gratifying effect upon his countrymen. A noteworthy feature of the situation is the exceptional apparent inactivity of Russia, which, in the light of experience, may be regarded as por tentous. On the whole, the indications at this time are not promising for the fulfillment of the prophecy of a European war to be inaugurated this spring.

A Novel Decision.

An important but yet novel decision has just been rendered by a Pennsylvania court. The question involved was the right to recover damages, by reason of the explosion of natural gas. The ease in point was that of Wesley Greer against the Canonsburg, Pa , Gas company. The plaintiff, Mr. Greer, was awarded \$6,902.84 damages, inflicted by the destruction of his residence. The accident was as singular as the suit just deorded. The pipe line of the gas com-

pany which conveyed the natural gas supply to its consumers, was fully 125 feet away from the building. But the gas found its way through the loose earth into Greer's cellar, and after ascending to a room above, came into contact with a coal fire. This brought on an explosion which wrecked the whole building. The decision in this case, in holding the company liable for the accident, will make the supplying of natural gas a risky business.

Talk About Competition. The Republican has procured a \$17,000 perfecting press. Any paper with less than 5,000 daily circulation has no more use for tast presses than a dog has for two tails. Had the managers of that sheet been content with merely blowing their own horn in order to keep up the confidence game which they are playing upon credulous advertising patrons we should indulge in no comment on their vaunted enterprise. But when they purposely go out of their way to make malicious statements concerning the alleged decline of this paper, they are entitled to no professional courtesy. The effect of so-called competition upon the business of the BEE can best be shown by comparison. For the year ending February 18, 1886, the total income of the BEE from daily subscription, was \$43,741.13, from weekly subscription, \$35,579.82, from advertising, \$63,572.85; total receipts for the year, \$143,893.78. For the year ending February 1, 1887, the total receipts from daily subscription were \$61,298.48; weekly subscription, \$53,632.51; advertising, \$95,802.92; total receipts, \$210,734.91. In other words the gain in subscription for the year ending February 1, 1887, was \$35,611.04, and the total gain from subscriptions and advertising over the pre-ceeding year, \$67,841.13. We venture to assert that the total receipts of the Republican for the same period do not equal the gain made by the BEE. Now about circulation. On the first of March, 1886, the total circulation of the DAILY BEE was 10,595 copies. The average circulation for the' week ending March 4, 1887, was 14,274 copies, a gain of 3,679 subscribers in twelve months. This issue alone is larger by more than 500 than the entire circulation of the Repubican. These gains in the BEE's circulation have been steady and are about equally divided between the circulation in this city and outside. In the city of Omaha alone the gain made by the BEE during the past year is larger than the total city circulation of any other daily in Omaha, among which the Republican occupies the rear rank. Its city circulation has been smaller for the past year than it was fifteen years ago when

Major Eslcomb owned the paper. The fact that no other Omaha daily except the BEE has ever published a sworn statement of circulation, affords striking proof of the imposture which is being practiced upon advertisers. The truth is that the BEE can, with its perfecting presses, print the entire daily eight-page edition of the Republican in six minutes by the watch. It takes forty minutes on both these presses to print any single day's eight-page edition of the daily BEE. We can print the entire weekly eight-page edition of the Republican in five minutes by the watch, while it takes one hour and a balf on the same presses to print the WEEKLY BEE. In view of these facts and figures all the talk about the effect of local competition on the BEE

Another clincher. The BEE is the only paper that dares to take its patrons into full confidence with regard to its business. Its books and press room are al ways open to public inspection.

In awarding contracts for paving the council has a plain duty to perform. In every case the lowest bid should be accepted, provided that the party making such bid gives a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of the work A sufficient bond, it seems to us, would mean a bond that will enable the city to have the work done by the highest bidder without loss. In other words the amount of the bonds should be equal to the difference between the contract price of the work proposed by the lowest bidder and the cost of the work computed by the rate of the highest bidder. For instance, if the amount covered by a paving contract is estimated at \$200,000 under the lowest bid, and the highest bid was 25 per cent above the lowest, \$50,000 would be an ample bond. Now if the signers of such a bond are worth \$75,000 above their lia bilities, the council has no option in the matter. No matter who a contractor is, such a bond would entitle him to the contract.

WILL Congressman John A. McShane please explain what his editor refers to when he says:

Representative Garvey's good nature may et give way and enable him to win that gold-headed cane promised him by his col eagues in the house.

Does this mean that the boodlers and blackmailers of the house, and the oil room procurers at Lincoln have raised a fund to reward the man who repeats the Cury assault on the editor of this paper? If Mr. McShane's editor is a party to such a plot as Paul Vandervoort was to the Cury assault, we would like to have Mr. McShane's opinion as to such conduct. Does Mr. McShane propose to continue at the helm of the Herald a bravo who incites murderous assaults on his col leagues?

THE change which was supposed to have taken place in the management and policy of the Herald, is not visible to the naked eye. That paper still plays Siamese twins with the Republican in the praise of rogues, drunkards and bummers who are disgracing themselves and the state at Lincoln. The political complexion of the Herald atways has been and is yet only a veneering.

IT HAS been suggested that President Cleveland would call an extra session of congress in September. The New York Herald very sensibly says upon the subject: "We do not believe the president would do what would derange the fall business of the country and cause a great deal of financial trouble." The fact, however, that Mr. Cleveland never figures on results, but goes ahead to suit himself, makes an extra session probable in most

any month. A Sr. Joe paper writes an article on "An Englishman and an Ass." It appears that Representative Caldwell's reputation extends as far east as Mis

Dangerous Combination.

The location of state institutions at

various points has brought about combinations which are becoming more dangerous from year to year. Almost at the outset of every session delegations and members who represent localities where state institutions already exist, or have been projected, pool their issues upon appropriation bills. Thus, the delegation from Lancaster, whose chief mission is to secure appropriations for capitol extension, penitentiary enlargement, university wings and insane hospital improvements, organize a pool with Buffalo county on reform school, Gage county on home for feeble minded, Madison county for insane hospital, Otoe on blind asylum. Nemaha on normal school, and with all other counties whose members have appropriation axes to grind. This combination is, however, not confined to the support of appropriation bills, but members in the poll are usually dragooned and dragged into support of all sorts of vicious legislation. Such a compact body of freebooters can do a great deal of mischief. No matter how worthy some of the objects for which they are laboring; no matter how essential some of the expenditures may be, there always will be schemes of plunder linked in with the legitumate appropriations.

It is with a view to check and prevent such inexcusable raids on the treasury that counter combinations have to be formed in legislative bodies by members who desire to see prudent management and economy in public affairs. The safest policy for the welfare of the state is to let every tub stand on its own bottom. If an institution is entitled to liberal appropriations at the hands of the state they should be granted without tying up with any other institution. If an extravagant or uncalled-for appropriation is asked, it should be voted down without regard to locality. This state is not wealthy enough or old enough to maintain benevolent institutions that are not absolutely necessary. Older states than Nebraska still lack institutions that are sought to be established here on very slim foundations. The time may come when Nebraska can afford to tax herself for eight or ten normal schools and asylums and homes without number. But even if we had the means without bankrupting the state to carry out every project, the pooling of localities to achieve this end would be extremely dangerous.

A SILL has passed in the legislature of New York raising the salaries of the clerks of the speaker from \$6 a day to \$10. The bill was introduced and passed without a word of dissent in one minute. When Nebraska legislators think of their opportunities they will doubtless be surprised at their moderation.

MISS CLEVELAND is writing a novel. It is sincerely hoped that brother Grover will veto it.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. Ice cream signs are ripening. York is sure of two more railroads this

The Methodists of Dakota City propose to build a \$2,000 church.

Street railway is one of the early luxuries ripening in Fremont. Sutton is talking for a canning factory-sounding for tin, as it were. Final proofs to 274,610 acres of land in

Holt county were taken out last year. The question of questions is, "Will Norfolk combine against the combined?' Creighton has organized a board of trade to boost the town and Knox county. A prominent minister in Fremont 18

Hard coal 1s \$16 a ton in Ord. Providence is allied with the consumer at the present writing. Norfolk schoolboys indulge in boxing

credited with being a good one to tie

They tend to straighten the folds of the ears. A prohibition fight is on in Sutton, and school fund has been enlarged with

several \$50 fines. A faith-cure female humbug has hung out her sign in Oakdale. Her faith is measured by a bank roll.

The waves of Omaha's real estate boom are washing the shores of Elkhorn City Farm land is up to \$100 per acre. A stock company has been organized in Gordon to grow buffalo for beef. The

company has 100 head to start with. A. J. Miner, a stock dealer from Nel son, lost a leg while disputing the right of way of a switch engine at Edgar.

Greenwood, Cass county, will decide by a vote on the 5th of April the question of planting \$1,500 in water works. The work of setting the grade stakes of the Omaha cut-off of the Elkhorn Valley line began at Arlington last Tuesday. Dakota City had a severe spasm of re-form last week and a raid on bums, hugs, gamblers and saloons is on the

H. M. Roberts, of Brown county, made sudden dash on the road to salvation last week and landed in the insane asy-

It is authoritatively given out that Nor-folk will not banquet the legislators. The state must yield the palm in that respect to Grand Island.

Live grasshoppers are the latest dis-covery near Rushville. Evidently the ediors of the northwest are preparing their soles for the abolition of passes.

The Fullerton Telescope has changed hands and forty leading citizens are now crowded in the observatory. Heretofore the paper has not been worth a Schuck. Buffalo Bill's agent is negotiating at Pine Ridge agency for a band of forty or ifty Indians for a summer tour in Europe. Of course they will be painted

The B. & M. shops at Plattsmouth are crowded with work, and \$15,000 worth of machinery has been purchased to meet the demand for rolling stock and repairs.

The standpipe of the waterworks in Plattsmouth has reached the refreshing height of seventy feet, leaving ten feet more to complete it. The town is look-

Fremont is determined to be fresh and fashionable. A number of capitalists have organized a company for the manuducted on business principles.' facture of brooms, and a clean sweep of all rivals is a foregone conclusion. Blue Springs is bubbling over with im-Douglas. provements and business activity. Stock-

yards, roundhouses, machine shop and epot are under way, and also a number The Cheyenne branch of the United of business houses and residences. Workmen propose to build a \$25,000 A religious editor and a profane at-torney locked arms and rolled in the gut-The new mill and smelter in the Silver ter in Auburn last week. The mud bath cured them as readily as the cleansing waters of Norden's buffalo wallow. Crown mining district has begun opera-

The North Platte board of trade was resurrected Thursday evening, and the proposition of Buffalo Bill to advertise the town and Lincoln county at the American show in London was endorsed. The spring rush of settlers to central and western Nebraska has been produc-

FOOD FOR THE WASTE BASKET tive of two "singular" incidents and one pair of twins, on board the cars, since the 1st of March. Let the good work

honeymoon of

view, for rattling the

married.

to mine it

only.

trail.

newly married couple. Receptions of the

upper tin order are frowned upon by

Dr. Pickett, who has been browsing on

the larders of physiology and relating

his experience to the amateur scientist

of West Point, is described as a "veritable ducky daisy" in an exquisite swallow tail and doeskin pantaloons. He is

now fluttering in Fremont, but he is

Chadron is convinced that her coal

find was a vain speculation. The analysis of a specimen by Prof. H. H. Nicholson of the state university shows

too low to generate sufficient enthusiasm

The Oakdale Pen and Plow intimates

John is a broad gauge builder of air lines

Alma, and moved toward Mormondom.

He camped in the suburbs of Chevenne.

but his money gave out and a landlord collared him. He soon heard from home

in the shape of a warrant, and together

Two farmers with the taking names of

county some months ago, and diligently

cultivated the acquaintance of merchants in Stanton and Madison. They mort-

gaged the farm to a dozen different per

articles and \$150 in cash and then made

chuckled at the disappointment in store

streaked through the old Mackinaw doing duty as a window pane. The dep-

redator lunched on free puffs and de-parted without leaving his name.

lows Items.

Rents are on the rise in Davenport.

Citizens of Keokuk are moving to ma-

once tigured prominently among the leading journalists of this state, is at

present engaged in writing an autobiography of his life which contains many

startling incidents pertaining to his

Wilbert Cleary, twenty-one years of

age, son of a commission merchant at Washington, committed suicide Tuesday

morning at his home. His mother hear-

ing the report of a pistol in the dining room ran there and found her son on

the floor, dead. He had placed the muz-

zle of the pistol in his mouth and fired

the bullet passing upward and through

A new system of train dispatching be

came operative on the Chicago, Burling-ton & Quincy lines the other day, which

train orders, and it succeeds the old sys

tem which has been in vogue for years.

According to the new device there are to

be no more running orders, and when an order is sent it will be received simul-

taneously by all railroad men and at all

points affected by it. Trains, whether freight or passenger, will leave terminal

points on the time prescribed in the schedules and not wait for orders, as is

now the case. Freight trains as well as passenger will be obliged to run accord-

Dakota.

The legislature has passed a bill abolishing the capital commission.

settle in Logan count this spring.

A colony from Mt. Pleasant, Ia., will

The payroll of men engaged in mining

A sheep man on Spring creek, Law-

"The prospect of Black Hills mines,"

Wyoming.

The money appropriated by congress to pay the Mongolians damaged by the

Rock Springs rioters, was distributed

Territorial convicts have been sent out

from the Illinois and Nebraska peni-

tentiaries. The territory must build a jail for its own crooks.

last week.

around Deadwood, is estimated

in Charles Mix county.

at \$300,000 a month.

were emptied into the Coon river.

The police of Keokuk cost \$500.

Story county.

nearing completion.

work profitable.

travels.

his brain.

cost the county \$7,000.

sons, secured horses, harness and other

turned his face and feet eastward.

fashion, sometimes with a shot gun.

The Fate Which Surely Awaits Many A gang of small boys with large lungs and cowbells were fined from \$5 to \$25 Measures in the Legislature. each by the dispenser of peace in Fair-

SPECIAL ORDERS NOW THE RULE

Matters Pertaining to the New City Charter of Lincoln-Sent to the Penitentiary-The Spring Municipal Campaign.

IFROM THE REE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.!

Of the thousand bills that the array of lawmakers have introduced the present session, the open question is how many will escape a snowing under when the that in carbon it is below the average of merchantable coal. Its heating power is eloquent gavels shall sound the welcome notes of final adjournment. The period in the session has arrived when special orders are the ruling methods of work, and half the coming week in the house is that the sueveyors working in that neigh-borhood is a quiet effort to galvanize John Horbach's, line to Kehapaha, via already laid out with work of this character. Previous to adjournment Satur-Oakdale. This is an outrageous assault on Horbach's enterprise, which is here-with hurled in the teeth of the allegater. day the house took up a special order of the bills that had been favorably reported from the claims committee. There were eighteen bills of this character and, when Jimmy Ramsey, alias W. H. Parker, deserted his wife for a handsomer girl in the house adjourned, only one of the number had been considered, and that was not acted upon. This is a fair index of the progress that is made under special orders, and is a fair criterion to judge as to what can be accomplished in the two paramour, a Mrs. Bradly, weeks' remaining time toward clearing the docket. From the few remaining members who Sundayed in the capital Hans and Grip settled down in Madison city, the drift of talk seemed to be that the coming struggle of the next few days would be in the pooling business. The success of the bears on Friday and Saturday in knocking out two of the appropriation bills, and frightening the backa dash for Dakota. Officers are on the ers of other measures of like nature, has caused a bull movement to appear upon The peaceful slumbers of the editor of the Nemaha Granger were broken one the gusty horizon, and it looks as though night last week by an unexpected call from a burgiar. He did not rise up and the friends of appropriations, primarily, and of the tattered old flags, secondary, smite his lungs for help, not he. Knowing that his quoins were safely boxed under the stone, he quietly would be exhibiting a bull movement on the market and creating a pool of their own to put through every appropriation, for his visitor, rolled over, and snored away the yawning hours till daylight regardless of other measures, in which event, the closing scenes of this long-drawn-out session would be in the house a battle of pools. The senthe old Mackinaw ate is ahead of the house in work accomplished, and it will undoubtedly rest with the senate to attempt the decision whether the Agee-Meiklejohn railroad bill shall be agreed to as passed by the house or whether the senate shall insist upon the Conger bill as passed by that body, or agree to nothing at all and Eagle Grove has a population of 2,000. There are eight incorporated towns in allow the present abortion in the shape of the commission bill to bleed the peo-ple another two years. It is understood The water works at Independence are that Senator Majors will unlimber from the wall his sword used in the late un-The Rainsbarger trial in Marshalltown pleasantness and be in future prepared to maintain the peace and win the ap-plause from the gallery. The capital city enjoys a session of the legislature: in fact, it fairly revels in a session of lawcadamize the country roads leading to In Des Momes last Wednesday 247 makers, and the old timers felt like havcases of beer and several barrels of whisky worth \$1,000, and as many fights ing the mayor issue a special thanksgiv-ing proclamation when it was found that Vandemark's recount had extended the The Rev. Talmage, of Brooklyn, is haleyon days a month longer. There is, however, a surfeit to everything, and a booked in various towns in the state for a series of eloquent gymnastics the latter couple of comparatively new residenters, who believe in the city for its sure and part of March. His Brooklyn sermons will be delivered by the box as usual. certain every-day work, were heard to say that the sun would shine the brighter Up in Pocahontas county there were some map peddlers who promised the and it would be very good for all when farmers that they would survey the roads and sloughs, and obtain exemption from the legislators should go hence with their hand-painted cuspidors under their arms taxation on the same. And there were enough fools believed them to make their and the long and reckless session would be ended. CONCERNING CHARTER MATTERS. Phillip S. Evans, a printer of Des Moines, who has traveled extensively in both this and foreign lands, and who

The city charter of Lincoln is not yet a law, but it will presumably be passed in time to hold the city election under its provisions. The instrument was delayed omewhat on the part of a few parties who sought amendments of no possible moment except to let a few of the parties advocating them have a finger in the pie. The State Journal has risen to exclaim that a salary of \$1,200 a year for the mayor is altogether too large, and it probably would be unnecessary if the city were to adopt the plans of that concern and elect a mayor, who, either as a salaried B. & M. man or some one who could handle the contracts, could afford to do the work for the outside power the position would command. Unquestionaoly the railroad influence in Lincoln would be glad to furnish a mayor and

see that he did not suffer for a salary for privilege of having a leverage of an exchange describes as follows: The scheme is called the duplex system of that kind upon the city, but charters are not framed for that purpose. A salary of \$1,200 is not too great to pay a good square man for doing the duties devolving upon the mayor, and there is not one citizen in ten in Lincoln who believes for minute that the amount is too high. Men of wealth could take the office its honors, and men directly interested in ome individual corporation could take it for the power and prestige it contains, but what the city needs at this particular point in its history is a square business man uninfluenced by corporation or any element of the kind, and no honest man can afford to take the office ing to the time tables in the future, and at a less salary than the char-ter provides. To ask a man to takes an office of that kind at a pittance Signs of spring are not yet visible in would be simply bidding for some man who could make it pay in other ways. The efforts made by a few of the Mule Head is the name of a settlement guardians to have the charter changed to llow councilmen elected at large was defeated, notwithstanding that Messrs. Hathaway, et al., gave a portion of the delegation notice that a compromis must be made on such matters. Recent egislation has that passed the senate, and flows cities of the second class of over 5,000 population to paye the streets, will

rence county, who started in with 4,000 provide a way in which Lincoln can pave regardless of the charter, and if it is de-feated or delayed in coming into effect heep in the fall, has lost one-fourth of them, and they were fed and sheltered. The United States prison at Sioux Falls until fall, the city, under the above cited bill, can be enabled to pave in any event. received two new boarders on the 8th inst. from Omaha-Jacob Runkle and Caldwell Hepner—sentenced for six months each for counterfeiting. When the charter was framed the porations had full swing in its building, and the effort to cut off the mayor's The bountiful supply of snow in the hills and in the valleys is said to argue salary so that an honest man could not

grace.

well for the coming crops in that section, the summer sun's slow melting of these congealed masses forming a vapor to SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY. Saturday the district court closed an eventful week's work with the first condescend upon the maturing crops and effecting the fullest development. It is thought farmers may plant with full conviction that has been made the present erm, with the appendage of a term fidence in an abundant harvest this year. the penitentiary attached. Readers will remember the riot which took place the immediate vicinity of one of the criminal roosts in the West Lincoln botsays the Deadwood Pioneer. "opens far better this year than any previous year. oms some time since, and in the miscel The indications of successful mining surlaneous knock down at the the time a round us in every direction. But we are obbery was committed, and the police not different from most mining camps in the world. Confidence is being restored afterward captured a party to the robbery who gave his name as Robert Spoves. At the trial held Saturday a in the big money centers of the world in mining enterprises, which are just as vigorous defense was made in the case. successful as any other business, if con-

afford to take office comes with very poor

but the jury found him guilty under the indictment and Judge Pound sentenced nim the minimum in such cases-three years in the penitentiary. A colored man The festive jack pot is flourishing in was tried the same day and convicted of petty larceny. His sentence was the county jail for thirty days. Laramie is discussing plans for sewer-age and bounding the city to pay the bill. BOOMING THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

The prohibitionists are already in the field in the capital city laying the wires

for the spring campaign, and promising to make it as lively as possible for every one who does not believe in their particular way of regulating things. For the past two or three weeks their Sunday meetings have savored greatly of politics and they are now arranging for a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, the 20th, at the Metropolitan rink, which they promise to make a rip-roarer. The pro-hibition central committee have decided that a large number of public meetings

shall be held, and to meet expenses they have issued an invitation for the believers in political probibition to the number of 500 to contribute \$1 each for an ammunition fund. The energy the prohibitionists are exercising causes a depressed feeling on the part of the saloons.

AROUT THE CITY.
The charitable work of Elder Howe is an excellent work, but it gives a good many parties an opportunity to parade their charity before the public, and it is very noticeable that when some banker or cent per cent parties take to charity for popularity that the donation is always seen in print and commented upon as righteousness. It is but a very short time ago that a poor Irish boy who sells papers for general assistance in his primitive way in the generousness of his heart divided his day's profits with an uncouth tramp. Whether the tramp was worthy or a beat does not detract from the fact that the boy had a heart beneath his patches, and yet there was no elder or layman to go around and publish the fact. That 25 cents given by the boy was as much more than a \$10 note from a banker as the manner of giving and par-

ading the fact was one above the other. Frank McGuire, charged with felonious assault, will have his trial to-day in district court, the jury in his case being im-panneled before the adjournment of court aturday evening. The case of Mrs Schellenberger has not yet been set for hearing.

Bishop Skinner held his usual temperance meeting at Red Ribbon hall yester day afternoon, and it was characterized by a very large attendance and much en-thusiasm. The bishop's meetings cause the people to feel at home, and as though they were a part of it and are always a success.

Mr. A. G. Wolfenberger, for several years the editor of the New Republic, the prohib organ, has stepped down and out and will devote himself to the work of organizing the state for that particular political hobby.

New additions to the city are constantly being platted and placed upon the market, the product in the last two days in this line being Cherry Hill Place, a portion of the David Remick tract, and Elmwood, located in southwest Lincoin. The latter addition is the product of Mc-

"Zitka," a play of the nature of "Siperia," under the management of Harry Miner, was presented to a very large Lincoln audience at Funke's opera house Saturday evening, and was received with much satisfaction by the large audience in attendance.

One hundred and fifty teachers of Lancaster county held their regular monthly teachers' institute in this city Saturday, the meeting being held in the business coilege. The teachers' institutes the present winter have been characterized at all sessions as largely attended and of much interest.

The attraction at the Funke opera house the coming two evenings, Monday and Tuesday, will be the inimitable Lotta and her own company of unexcelled artists. Monday night "Musette" will be presented and Tuesday evening "M'ile Natouche." The opening sale of seats for these entertainments was large. Joseph Scott, commissioner of public lands and buildings, advertises for bids

for furnishing supplies to the different state institutions the coming quarter and Joseph Smith, commissioner of lands and buildings, advertises for 100 tons of coal for the capitol building. The State Jour-nal should correct itself and have the work done by one commissioner.

The Nashville colored students, who sang in the city Friday evening under the

auspices of the Y. M. C. A., gave a concert on their own responsibility at the People's theater last evening to a large

audience.

The coming week the members of the Lincoln nine will be among the arrivals in the city, coming as they do from the different sections to report at headquarters for the season's work. A good deal of preliminary practice will immediately follow and the new grounds are expected to be completed for business the present week.

he past week was one of the busiest of the season at the West Lincoln packing houses and the total receipts of hogs for the six days amounted to nearly 10,000 The prices have been stiff and slightly on the advance, and a large number of new shippers have been among the

The BEE is apprised of the exact location where some of the city bloods and bums make night hideous. Some of these parties who congregate at that block would not be happy if their names were in print, but they are hable to drop into sight at any time.

Ladies should reflect well before using any preparation that is appplied to so delicate a surface as the skin. Any cosmetic will at first impart a beautifying effect and not apparently injure the skin, but in a very short time little blotches and discolorations appear on the face which conclusively show the poisonous drugs in their composition. It safely said that more than two-thirds of the face powders contain these injurious ingredients. Pozzoni's medicated com-plexion powder is not only absolutely free from all deleterious matter, but its principal ingredient is an active cura-tive for all diseases of the skin. It has stood the test of years. Sold by all has stood the test of years. Sold by all druggists, and at the depot 607 N. Sixth

A Blind Critic of Pictures.

street.

Detroit Tribune: Detroit boasts of a blind art connoisseur named Coyl, who is also a good patron of art. Whenever and wherever there are good paintings to be be seen he can always be found. Meeting him at one of the galleries a few days ago, a Tribune reporter found him seated in front of a small Hart, which had just been received at which he was looking intently seeming to enjoy it with the rest of the company, "Here's a new Hart," said he as the re-

porter advanced to shake hands. isn't it?" He paints stronger than he did. Don't you think so?"

The reporter wonderingly assented.
"The distance here is good," he continued, "and the water particularly so he con-The picture is small but treated with feeling. Hart's pictures are all alike-two cows, a red one and a white one or two
of a color, a bit of water, and foliage."
"Yes," said a lady of the party. "We "Yes," said a lady of the party. "We call his white cows 'Sunday' cows and the red ones every day cows."
"Well," said Mr. Coyl, with considerable pleasantry, ' 'these are not his Sun-

day cows, evidently! Neither were they, for they were bright But how in the world could a blind man tell a brindle cow from a white one in a picture? Is there a sixth sense?

Prof. Foster, of Burlington, is gaining considerable prominence as an elaborate

weather liar. Not Only the National Disease But

Many Others. It is said that dyspepsia is our national malady. Well, BRANKETH'S PILLS will cure the national malady. It is said that constipation is the curse of our sedentary life. Well, BRAND-RETH'S PILLS certainly curs constipa-

It is generally conceded that rheumatism comes from acid stomach and sud-den changes of temperature. BRAND-RETH'S PILLS have corrected all this and

will do it again. Chronic diseases are cured by taking two to four of BRANMETH'S PILLS every night for a month.

The South Omaha Land company have appointed C. E. Mayne sole agent for the sale of their lots. He will show the property and furnish all desired information

upon application.
[Signed] W. A. Paxron, President.