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This gentle spring, up to date, has been something like our last legislature. It is a flat failure.

THE increase in the population of Omaha during the last twelve months is 33 per cent. And the city is still booming.

COMING events cast their shadows before. The coming spring has been a bumper's corner near the Fifteenth street crossing.

SOME suspicious democrats are beginning to think that Congressman McShane, like some other politicians, is disposed to let his friends severally alone, and conciliate the opposing faction.

OUR next postmaster pledged himself some weeks ago to vote for Blaine, if Grover Cleveland is renominated, and Blaine is his opponent.

CRITICS, the new land office register at Chadron, if we remember right, is the same person that lost the confidential correspondence with J. E. Boyd in which he expressed the opinion that Mr. J. E. House was not fit to be surveyor-general.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL has been admitted to practice at the bar in New York city before the general term of the supreme court. When he was asked to be sworn he refused, and affirmed in place thereof.

THE adverse criticisms of the Germans on the latest composition of Sir Arthur Sullivan, "The Golden Legend," may not be entirely just. It was a daring invasion of the English composer that was very sure to stir up some jealousy.

MRS. CLEVELAND is a pretty woman, and has made a wonderfully successful mistress of the white house. It is only natural that newspaper men should like her, and praise her.

THE current statement of the United States treasury shows that \$16,677,000 of the interest bearing debt of the country were paid during March, and that \$35,076,550 of the sight paper still remain uncollected.

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Our Late Misrepresentations. The last legislature, like the last blizzard, "is always the worst that we have ever had."

The legislature of 1885 was certainly bad enough. It loaded the state down with a mountain of taxes imposed by placing upon the legislative payroll a horde of needless employees.

The campaign of 1886 was not a political hurdle race. The issues were clearly defined and the candidates for the legislature in almost every district were bound by party pledges and personal promises.

The election returns gave Van Wyck over 51,000 votes out of less than 55,000 votes cast on the issue of senatorial preference.

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Quite naturally Mayor Hewitt finds himself first confronted by the almost insuperable obstacle of an unfriendly police force largely drawn from the rabble and necessarily more or less in sympathy with it, while sharing also the gains of vice. He seems determined, however, to exhaust every power the law gives him for carrying to a successful issue the herculean task, and if his efforts shall not result in all that could be wished, they will undoubtedly accomplish great good.

The really creditable measures which it enacted can be counted on the fingers of one hand. It was the play-ball and property of the railroaders, jobbers, bummers and tricksters.

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ter by what dishonest device a man has amassed wealth, he is classed as the peer of the honest laborer who works ten hours a day at his trade.

Hence the lines are more sharply drawn than they should be between the wage-worker and the wage-payer. It is not likely that Nelson will be elected mayor. But if he should be, it would not mean a commune of Chicago.

All intelligent Americans must feel a degree of satisfaction in the material prosperity of Mexico. There are obvious reasons why we should not only welcome the progress of that country, but in every practicable way aid and encourage it.

We have not hitherto given adequate recognition to this policy. Spasmodic efforts have been made to effect closer business relations, but their scope has not been national.

The annual message of President Diaz, submitted to the Mexican congress on last Friday, showed the feeling of the government to be of the most friendly nature. Not only have the efforts of mischief makers to seriously disturb the cordial relations of the two countries entirely failed, but so far as appears they have produced not the least ill-feeling on the part of the Mexican government.

A LOCAL paper wants to establish a grain exchange in Omaha instanter. Before such a scheme can be made feasible Omaha must become a grain market, and she never will be a grain market until she has a number of large mills and elevators to compete in the purchase of grain.

THE prospect of another Missouri river bridge is good, but meantime Omaha would feel gratified if the Union Pacific would push its wagon bridge annex and place it in condition for public use.

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CUMMINGSVILLE, Neb., April 1.—[Correspondence of the Bee.]—If there is a section in this state which should be looked over by land seekers it is Wheeler county, and more particularly Wheeler valley, which is one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys in this state.

A Mother's Inhumanity.

OMAHA, Neb., April 1.—To the Editor of the Bee: As I was strolling along Saunders street last evening at 7 o'clock to make a call on one of my Ohio friends I stumbled across a little fellow apparently about three years of age weeping bitterly to get home.

New Towns Spring Up.

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 1.—[Correspondence of the Bee.]—While cold and snow and wintry storms have prevailed to the north and west, the beautiful Republican valley has since last November enjoyed one long autumn, now merging into spring.

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