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BALLOU and Estelle tied up in their scramble for judicial honors, and they will both be buried in the same ditch.

FOR once free whisky and temperance locked arms, when Estelle and Ballou made their combine. Extremes do meet sometimes.

JUDGE GROFF has been snubbed, insulted and stamped upon by the rowdy republican convention.

WHEN a drunken bummer like Pat Hawes and an iron-jawed blatherskite like Vandervoort are allowed to dictate judicial nominations...

CADDET was very active against Judges Groff and Wakeley. "A rogue never felt the halter draw, with good opinion of the law..."

LAND COMMISSIONER SPARKS, in his annual report, makes out a long list of corruptions in the surveys and transfers of public lands.

THERE is such a thing as slopping over with party loyalty and beer, just when you want to keep your brain cool.

FROM present indications Colonel Fred Grant seems likely to be elected secretary of state of New York.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS says in a tone of injured innocence in Harper's Weekly, that the democratic party "has given fair warning that it does not invite votes as a party of reform."

THE folly of fools has been repeated in spite of the Church Howe lesson of twelve months ago. Asking decent and intelligent republicans...

ANOTHER instance of the injustice of justice has come to light. A man in Ionia, Mich., was, in 1880, sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary for shooting a man during a dark night.

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While Judges Wakeley, Groff and Hopewell kept entirely aloof from primaries and county conventions...

This barter and bargain was disclosed by the first ballot when Otis H. Ballou and Lee Estelle were nominated by exactly the same number of votes.

The work of degrading the bench to a mere political trading-post having been completed, the republicans of the district will be given the choice of being branded as bolters and lashed by partisan pharisees...

The democrats, having conceded Judges Groff and Hopewell, who are good enough republicans for any loyal partisan, the substitution of their judicial ticket for that of the roustabout and bummer convention will be very general throughout the district.

Trade and Money. The bank clearings of the country for last week show a slight increase over the previous week, and very generally a considerable gain over the corresponding week of last year.

Reports regarding the general trade movement show that while not especially active for this season it is on the whole of fair volume and is moving in a healthy course.

In view of the fact that the treasury has added nearly forty million dollars to the circulation since the 1st of September, the failure of prices to advance, especially the prices of stocks, has somewhat puzzled those who had expected a different result.

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advantage of being known to have no other or better purpose in view than the gratification of his personal ambition to be returned to the senate.

None of the fears now expressed may be realized, and it is very much to be hoped that they will not. At all events there is very little reason to apprehend, as some appear to do, that the country is in danger of experiencing a repetition of the financial and business depression of 1873...

George Timme has been a member of the board of county commissioners since January, 1885. During his term of three months ending with the 1st of October he has drawn out of the county treasury \$4,002.10.

THESE seems likely to be a serious hitch at the outset of the negotiations which Mr. Bayard is soon to enter upon regarding the dispute over the Canadian fisheries.

THE second year Mr. Timme's pay ran up to \$1,642.80. During the year 1886 Mr. Timme attended 108 meetings of the commissioners, or two meetings more than he did in 1885, yet he draws \$218.10 more for the year 1886 than he did for 1885, when he had already pocketed twice as much pay as he was entitled to.

During the first nine months of the present year Timme has actually drawn eleven hundred ninety-four dollars and sixty-four cents. During these nine months he has attended only seventy-eight meetings, which entitled him to a per diem and mileage amounting to three hundred fifteen dollars and eighty cents.

Honest George has taken out of the treasury during the last nine months eight hundred seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents for extras beyond the regular pay for attending the commissioners' meetings.

THE late holocaust at Kouts station has revived the assaults on the car store, which stubbornly holds its place in spite of all denunciation and all the horrible consequences that have proceeded from its use.

THE handful of readers of a so-called newspaper in these parts were treated on Sunday morning to a tirade against personal journalism, while one half of the editorial space of that sheet was devoted to personal vilification and malignant abuse.

MR. HANCOCK has nothing to lose and everything to gain by his candidacy for judge. He can afford to be defeated, as he surely will be, for the sake of the advertising. But the 600 lawyers in the district who are head and shoulders above him in point of ability must feel highly flattered when their own choice is repudiated.

HOW insignificant the magician who swallows swords and other iron implements must feel when he sees Knight of "Black Friday" storing a whole railroad or telegraph system in his maw without wincing.

A CORONER'S jury in the Kouts disaster has mildly censured the railroad company, as usual, and laid the chief blame on overworked and underpaid employes.

THERE was a combine at the republican roustabout convention. There will also be a combine at the election when the roustabouts will be snowed under.

IT will take Honest George Timme a great deal of time and paper to explain how he came to draw pay for pretended

the time for its activity if ever. And the detectives? Well, they are as destitute of conscience as of ability.

THE Standard Oil company has for a month or more been at work upon a scheme to restrict the production of oil, and it is claimed that the monopoly is likely to be successful.

WONG CHIN FOO, who recently told this country why he was a heathen, had to pay a duty of \$50 on himself to get into Canada last week.

BESIDES Dakota, the next congress will doubtless be called upon to consider the claims of both Montana and Washington territories for admission to the sisterhood of states.

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THE Prince of Wales is said to be an expert performer on the banjo. Prince Ferdinand seems to have the bulge on the so-called great powers.

PARIS physicians say that Dom Pedro's brain is affected and that he will never be able to resume his duties as emperor of Brazil.

THE king of Holland, who only the other day was reported as ill beyond all hopes of recovery, has apparently no intention of dying just yet.

PRICE Albert Victor, of Wales, was severely stung by wasps the other day at Balmoral. His royal highness sat inadvertently on a nest and being stung in a kilt he soon discovered that Scotch wasp and bee knees are sworn foes.

PRINCESS Irene, of Hesse, who is about to marry her first cousin, Prince Henry of Prussia, is prettier than most of Queen Victoria's granddaughters.

THE car has found in the Princess Waldemar a companion who is at once femme et charming garcon. He is always in attendance on her.

THE good men are continually going wrong. When, oh, when, will the bad men commence to go right!

NO SURPRISE IN CALIFORNIA. Justice Field expressed surprise when he learned that Judge Hoffman had written an adverse opinion in the railway commission case.

OPPORTUNITY. This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream; There spread a cloud of dust along a plain; And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords Shooked upon swords and shields.

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trick. Shades of John L. Sullivan and all other chumps! Humphrey is an original poet find. He is a railroad fool. Last winter his boast was to show books of trip passes. He attempted to bulldoze voters at the polls in Pawnee City, and because he couldn't run things just his way, assaulted an old man and took to the woods.

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