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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 21st day of April, A. D. 1888.

THE ministers of the city in attacking the wine-room have struck at an evil in which they will have the hearty co-operation of all good citizens.

A BOSTON paper announces that there will be no session of the Concord school of philosophy this summer.

THE vinegar trust is the latest combination formed to sour the consumers. Protected by a tariff of 75 cents per gallon.

NEW YORK, Boston and Philadelphia show a decrease in bank clearings for the week ending the 21st inst.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., is going to pay its councilmen \$50 per month and during their term of office they will not be allowed to engage in any other business.

THE St. Louis papers are publishing glowing accounts of the preparations that are being made by local committees to entertain the democratic delegates.

SOME time ago the Canadian Pacific railroad announced with a great flourish that it had put on a line of swift steamers between Hong Kong and Vancouver.

AT Kansas City the county board of equalization has raised the assessment on all real estate platted into city lots.

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The legislature of Minnesota, at the session of 1887, passed an act to regulate common carriers and creating a railroad and warehouse commission.

The most important feature of the decision relates to the question of the validity of the act, that is, the authority of the legislature to confer such powers upon the commission.

Who is to blame? The Bricklayers' Union, whose members have been idle for more than a month because they refuse to accept last year's scale of wages.

ACT FRUENTLY. The mechanics employed in the building trades will make a very serious blunder if they do not come to an amicable understanding with the builders and contractors before the building season opens.

overproduction of buildings. The present year, independent of the usual dullness of presidential election years, will witness a general slackness in building operations.

When there is an active demand for mechanics and laborers high wages can be maintained, and the demands of working-men for reduced hours and extras can readily be enforced.

How does this caution appear in the light of recent experience? Why was not our advice heeded? Had the bricklayers' union acted with prudence and contented itself with demanding last year's scale, we doubt whether the contractors would have dared to refuse their reasonable request.

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THE reason why Roscoe Conkling refused to participate in active politics for the last seven years are now coming to light. It was only recently that he sent

a courteous letter declining the honor of bearing the name of a young man of the republican club of Pittsburg, which strengthens the belief, current among his friends, that he never again intended to enter the political arena.

We have two parties in this country, and what are they? They have been going down, until now they have almost reached the lowest depths. What a commentary upon the politics of a great republic they represent.

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Small wonder then that railroad men are so soon worn out and incapacitated for active service, and small wonder that an occasional accident occurs. The wonder is that accidents are so few. The safety of the traveling public demands that a law should be framed making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a heavy fine, for a railway company to require its employees to remain on duty for a longer period than ten hours at a time."

Even the Seward Reporter, which for years has been allied to the monopoly faction, cannot stand the actions of the Republican club league. It says: "We are not of that class who think that because a man is in the employ of a railroad he loses all honor, and is not entitled to the respect of the public; but we do think that other men are just as capable to fill positions of honor, and that railroad attorneys should not monopolize everything of a public nature that is in sight."

THE Madison Reporter gives vent to the following burst of indignation: "There is a trust now organized in Nebraska known as the monopoly trust, which springs into existence at Lincoln, and dates back to last winter. It has for its object, the capturing of the republican party of Nebraska for corporate purposes, and against the whole people of that great state."

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of land to the soldier's home has been recorded. Willie Nesmith, of Hitchcock county, accidentally shot himself Saturday evening.

A Stratton preacher who talked for temperance and voted for whisky has been asked to resign by the Blue group.

The Nebraska City Press printed an "Arbor Day edition" which reflected credit upon its publishers.

Alliance has a new newspaper, the Argus, J. D. Calhoun, of the Lincoln Democrat, being one of the owners.

California lions are killing many young horses in Trinity county. The people are anxious for a bounty law to be passed.

THE population of Alaska is estimated at 35,000, of which number 27,800 are uncivilized natives.

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extensive preparations for their second annual celebration, which occurs at Redfield April 28. A grand ball and banquet will be given in the evening.

There is not a Monday morning paper in the state. Spencer has a building and loan association.

The Sanborn band has purchased a library for its hall. The soldiers' monument on the capitol grounds will soon be commenced.

THE directors of the O'Brien county agricultural society are getting ready for a big fall fair.

THE Fortieth district republican judicial convention will be held at Spencer June 15, to nominate a candidate for district judge to succeed Hon. Lot Thomas.

AMUSEMENTS: "Zozo," the Magic Queen, at Boyd's Last Evening. The spectacular drama, "Zozo, the Magic Queen," was presented to a fair audience at Boyd's last night.

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