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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1888, at Omaha, Nebraska, N. P. FRIEL, Notary Public.

THE democrats went down to Nebraska City to find a Van Wyck and got a Morton.

ENGLAND is making inquiries concerning Canada's military strength. Thunder and guns, is Canada to be hindered from annexing herself to the United States?

THE shotgun in Mississippi is so sacredly devoted to influencing republicans on election day and to settling private feuds, that it seems almost sacrilege to use it in intimidating yellow fever refugees.

THERE is a quorum neither in the house nor the senate, nor can any man blame the absentees. Congress is only nominally in session, and ought to have adjourned long ago, but could not on account of the insane ambition of Grover Cleveland, who raised a big fire simply to warm himself.

THAT loud and exceedingly smoky light of democracy, Postmaster General Don Dickinson, in his Detroit speech the other night, described Cleveland as "an honest man who stands for the right with the firmness and serenity of the Rock of Ages itself." This will hardly go down even with the democracy, but to christian men it is revolting blasphemy.

THE democracy of the First congressional district have placed in nomination as their candidate for congress Hon. J. Sterling Morton, of Arbor Lodge, Otoe county. Mr. Morton, barring some of his erratic notions, is eminently qualified for a seat in the national legislature.

THE swindling operations of Bedell, the real estate clerk of the New York law firm of Shipman, Barlow, Laroque & Co., were only possible through the connivance of a notary named Henry, who is legally responsible to the banks for the losses which most ultimately fall upon them, because Henry has no money.

IT is now known that the Panama Canal company failed to raise the whole amount of its last loan. Financiers in Europe regard this as a sign that trust in De Lesseps is impaired, but that the class of small capitalists to whom the appeal was directly made have no more money.

THE decision of the inter-state commerce commission in the appeal made by the American Postal telegraph company to compel the Union and Central Pacific railroads to comply with the obligations imposed on them by their charters will be availed with no little interest. It is an open secret that these land-grant railroads deliberately ignore their contract with the government.

AND why should the New York City...

The Apportionment Bill Valid.

The supreme court of Nebraska has decided that the apportionment bill of 1887 is valid. The court found that the acts of both the senate and the house were all right, but that the act of the conference committee was defective in excluding Sarpy county from representation.

This is perfectly explicit in requiring that the apportionment should be made on the basis of three years ago, and in indicating that the legislature was alone competent to make such an apportionment. The duty was devolved upon the legislature, and had the act which it passed been declared void a new apportionment could not be provided except by the legislature.

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more than any other property owner be granted the use of a large area upon a thoroughfare? What benefit is the city to derive from such a grant? Why should the public be inconvenienced by having the street blocked at the outset while the excavation is going on and periodically by accidents whenever any break may occur?

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ALL is not serene with the appointment of Chicago's new postmaster, General Walter C. Newberry, who succeeds Mr. S. C. Judd. The business men of that city are not at all pleased with the prospect, as the general, it is said, represents the short-haired school of politics and will not forget the "boys" when the appointments are to be made.

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Madison, but they receive only \$1 per day and teams are paid only \$2.50. The news says one of the Des Moines farmers who had been with the boys that life is made miserable for the dwindling crop.

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catch, corn and other marketable farm produce of the territory tributary to Council Bluffs is taken to Omaha and sold. Each day, if you will, you can see dozens of farm wagons loaded down, being transported across the river on the ferry train. Why is this so? Just because there are no markets here.

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