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HASCALL, as president of the city council, would amount to a municipal calamity. _

DENVER is happy over the completion of its cable road system. And now the Denverites will bowl along just like the people do in Omaha.

CHICAGO need not depend on the anarchists for blowing up buildings. The explosion of an oat meal factory would indicate that dynamite is in the air.

WITH Hascall president of the city council and Southard the city clerk, the contractors will gain some advantage in forming the new combines now under way.

THE inter-state railway commission threatens to take an active hand in the railroad war, if the managers do not come to an agreement. Chairman Cooley has blood in his eye.

THE state printing has always been a rich plum for the politicians of Lincoln. It is safe to predict that the same old ring at the same old stand will trade it off at the same old terms.

IF Dr. Billings had inoculated him-

self with the hog cholera, the virus thus obtained would have had sufficient strength of self-assurance to carry every | mits hog in Nebraska safely through the To THE man up a tree it looks very

much as if the Union Pacific was indifferent as to the result of the suit between that company and the Western Union over the control of the telegraph lines to the Pacific.

ONE day of breathless anxiety has passed and our war ship Galena has not suffered the fate of the Talliposa in being sunk by a coal barge. Evidently the Galena has gone forth to do battle with Havti in dead carnest.

MR. HASCALL ought to be an authority on the subject of wine rooms. But his amendment to the proposed ordinance will make its provisions practically ineffective, which was doubtless his intention.

Now it transpires that the election of McGinnis and Smith, republicans, and of Pendleton and Wilson, democrats, in West Virginia, has exactly divided the delegation to congress. Could all the counting and recounting in that state do no better than that?

CALIFORNIA estimates the total wine yield in that state, for the season of 1888, at seventeen million gallons. The tectotaler will not compromise hunself, however, by taking a sip or two of the vintage. The lowness in the color of the wines indicates a very small percentage of alcohol.

THE Douglas county delegation to the legislature will do wisely to inform itself of the necessary charter amendments. The citizens and taxpayers, the merchants and mechanics, the mayor, the board of public works, the council the city officials are in position to give most valuable information as to the needs and the proper safe guards to protect Omaha's best interests.

THERE is a possibility that Nebraska may secure the appointment of commissioner of agriculture. It is more than likely that the place" will be elevated to the position of a cabinet office, and there are now men in the state, of national reputation, who are well qualified for the trust. It would certainly be a well deserved recognition of Nebraska as a great agricultural state for General Harrison to appoint one of her sons to the post.

THERE are few more pathetic spectacles in these days of heliday anticipations than that of the hungry-eyed children of the poor, lingering about the windows of the toy and candy stores. A little thing makes the Christmas of childhood the brightest in the calendar; the lack of that little thing makes of it a day of miserable disappointment. Realizing this, the Rev. Mr. Harsha and others have made arrangements to distribute the gifts of those who wish to contribute. A little effort will enable him to reach the homes of all the poor of the city, and his appeal should meet with a cheerful

A PRACTICE THAT MUST STOP. Every instance of a firm and decisive stand on the part of the inter-state commerce commission against the pernicious practices of the railroads is to be heartily welcomed. The course of the commission has not been so uniformly of this character as could have been desired. It has doubtless been governed by the best intentions and been entirely conscientious, but it has in many cases laid itself open to the objection of leaning too much in the direction of a conservative leniency, as if disposed to cajole the railroad copporations into a performance of their obvious duty under the law rather than to enforce obedience to the plain requirements of the statute. Consideration of this sort is not usually appreciated by the corporations, and it is be fewer evil and unlawful practices to be remedied if the inter-state comrigidly, with a closer regard for its letter and spirit, than it has been. Certainly the experiment would have received a fairer test.

The inter-state commerce commission. in session at Chicago, has been investiating the methods pursued the railroads in transacting their passenger traffic, and the information obtained shows an amount of crookedness, involving nearly every road centering in that city, which reflects discredit on the entire railroad system of the country. It is deplorable to find that men holding the reputable and responsible positions of railroad managers and agents have recourse to the most pernicious practices, in undeniable violation of law, in order to deceive the public and take advantage of each other in the competition for traf-

He. Yet this the commissioner has ascertained to be the case. It is found that nearly all the through passenger traffic of the roads has been done through scalpers, for the express purpose of avoiding an open reduction and to keep up the rates between local points. Of the large number of railroad officials examined, not one was able to give a plausible reason for selling tickets to scalpers at a much lower rate than they sell them at their own offices, nor to satisfactorily explain why they have persisted in paying enormous commissions for the sale of tickets to scalpers and others who could command business. The sole excuse was that they had to do it because their competitors did it.

Upon the information obtained Judge

Cooley, chairman of the inter-state commerce commission, on Tuesday notified the managers and general passenger agents of the various railroads that the pernicious practice of dealing with scalpers and paying commissions must stop. The chairman is stated to have unmercifully scored the roads which have been guilty of discrimination in passenger rates by secret dealings, but without naming the culprits, a far too generous consideration that should not have been accorded. Corporations that thus persistently and scandalously violate the law should be publicly exposed and condemned, and it is an amiable weakness not becoming in public official that railroad managers by false pretences deceive the public secretly ignore the requir

in the of a national statute to escape the personal reprobation they deserve. Nor is it entirely satisfactory that these guilty managers are allowed to escape all present responsibility for their violation of the law. Having been found amenable to prosecution, the injunction of the commission to these managers to go and sin no more appears a piece of magnanimity hardly within the discretion of that body, and certainly not just to the public which has suffered from the unlawful practices of corporations. Still the action of the commission is a welcome sign of a more decisive policy in enforcing the law.

These disclosures, and others likely to be made as the investigation of the commission is extended to other fields, must serve to strengthen public opinion in favor of maintaining the inter-state commerce law, which has already been assailed in congress. They supply clear evidence of the necessity for the regulation and control provided for by the act and point out some of the dangers to the public interests that would certainly follow its abandonment.

MONTANA MUTTON.

There is a preference for beef among American consumers of meat which has its effect upon the ranges, for wherever cattle can be grazed the cattle men will crowd out the sheep herders. And this is equally true, whether the sheep are raised for their wool or for their flesh. In past years Nebraska has nourished numerous flocks, but the increasing demand for beef from the stock yards of South Omaha has begun to drive them elsewhere. At the same time there is an undoubted gain in the price of mutton in the eastern states. where it has become a popular article of consumption, and the slaughtering of sheep in South Omaha for the refrigerator/cars has assumed importance. But this mutton comes for the most part from Montana, and will in time be derived altogether from that source. In that important territory there has been for the past five years an intelligent investment of considerable capital in English rams, and wethers for the purpose of breeding sheep for the market, not for their wool. Instead of Merinos and Cotswolds the sheep owners of Montana have been paying good round sums for Southdowns, both Shropshires and Welch, and the improvement in the flesh of the slice psent to market has been remarkable. There is no doubt that for cities along the sea coast mutton is more wholesome than pork, and though it is not more nutritious it is more easily digested. In fact doctors assert that it is as digestible as venison, and order it for invalids.

Montana, as its name implies, is a mountainous country, and the experience of the world has been that such regions are especially adapted for the grazing of sheep. There are numberless valleys where the sheep can look after themselves during the winter, for than the newspaper statements on both to beat her husband, the prince consort, is business, at all, but the more the newspaper statements on both to beat her husband, the prince consort, is business, at all, but the more the newspaper statements on both no match for her daughter, the German papers say about it the more its impor-

have on the plains, being continually checked by cross ranges, which prevent them from gathering the fearful force from which the blizzard darts forth upon his errand of destruction. With intelligent shepherds and sheep dogs the flocks can be maintained fairly well in the open all the year round. There is every probability, therefore, that the great cities of this country will in time derive their mutton wholly from Montana, and as one industry always gives birth to another, it is likely that the sheep farms wilt also be dairy farms, for that is what has happened in Oregon. It has been found that far better cheese can be made by mingling the milk of the cow with ewe's milk than by using either singly, and Oregon is today the only state in the union where cheeses are made that will compare with hardly to be doubted that there could | the famous cheeses of the continent of Europe, whose price is so much higher than English or American. In fact, merce law had been enforced more foreigners who come to San Francisco eat with great delight the cheese of Oregon and accept it as some new variety of Roquefort, or Gorgonzola. The famous Swiss cheese of Gruvere is made of the same mingling. It is clear that Montana is striking out in the right direction, and in-another decade will be hailed as the true pastural land, the Arcadia of America.

OFFICIAL ANXIETY.

There is said to be a great deal of uneasiness among our consuls abroad, many of whom expect to lose their official heads very soon after the next administration comes in. There will doubtless be a very eareful investigation of the consular service, and in that event numerous changes are to be expected. The present administration has not been entirely fortunate in selecting men for this service, and if it is to be improved a considerable number of individuals who are now representing this country in foreign lands will be asked to come home. But it is to be hoped the next administration will be enabled to introduce such necessary reforms in the consular service as will give it a higher standard of usefulness and efficiency than it has thus far attained. and in order to do this something more will have to be done than the mere replacing of incompetent men in the service. There were some excellent suggestions on this subject in the president's message. Mr. Cleveland referred to the reorganization of the consular service as a matter of serious importance to our national interests, and so unquestionably it is. A great commercial nation must have such a ser vice, and this country has vast and growing interests which demand that its consular service shall be equal to the best in the world, which is admittedly not now the case. Fewer officials of this kind, better salaries, an assured tenure for capable and efficient service, and the appointment only of men of approved worth and capacity. are some of the reforms required for an improvement of the consular service. and they are to be expected of the next administration.

AN APPOINTIVE LICENSE BOARD. "It will be a serious mistake," says the Republican, "if the friends of law and order in this city undertake to place the liquor license system under control of the board of fire and police commission." No one can deny that the license system, as now existing in our city, has been a source of corruption and irregularity. It has had a demoralizing effect upon members of the city council and the city clerk. It has exacted political support from the low dives and bummers; it has compelled the orderly liquor dealers to support with money and influence the very worst element of the city, and has used the liquor men to do the dirty work at primaries and elections. The reason for this is easy to find. The license board is made up of the mayor, president of the city council and city clerk, each holding an elective office. The temptations to abuse the position as a member of the license board are manifold. There are opportunities to make corrupt bargains. In return for pecuniary or political support a member of the board can grant license to disreputable individuals or wink at violations of the license law. The average member of the license board plays for political power, for re-election, and he keeps his eye to the main chance to gain the solid support of the liquor men.

To vest the powers of the license board in the police commission removes this source of danger for the reason that the police commission is an appointed body composed of citizens wholly divorced from the council and independent of local elections. Such a license board would protect the interests of the city and the interests of the better element of the liquor dealers, since it has no political bargains to make and no political debts to pay. Our elections would be purified and the sources of corruption in the council would be materially lessened. The city of New York has found the appointed excise board the best solution for the difficulty, and it behooves our citizens to foster the city's

interests by placing the granting of

licenses in the hands of the police com-THE virtuous Mr. Holman, of Indiana, wants the judiciary committee of the house of representatives to investigate the alleged voluntary contributions of money expended in the late elections, and to report what legislation is neces sary to suppress such contributions and expenditures. Of course, any such investigation, if ever made, would be the merest farce, and the Indiana congressman, who is so fond of clap-trap, knows it would be. Doubtless an honest inquiry would show that there was more money raised by the democrats in the late campaign, from voluntary ard so-called voluntary contributions, than by the republicans, and for exactly the same purpose. Whatever evil there is in this matter both parties are equally guilty of, and it is not doubted that the judiciary committee would fail to find anything seriously reflecting on either party more tangible than the newspaper statements on both

of Mr. Howard, of Indiana, to punish ! crime against the elective franchise, which provides that the current use of money in any election for representatives in congress shall be punished by disfranchisement for from six to ten years, and disqualify the persons for that period from holding any office of honor, trust or profit, under the United

States. A MEETING is called to arrange for the proper celebration of "Forefathers" day." The descendants of the pilgrims are numerous in Omaha, and any efforts which stimulates them to emulate the virtues of their ancestors is commendable. These annual reunions too are productive of good results in comenting the natural friendliness of natives of the same states or countries. The west owes a good deal to New England, and the proper celebration of this anniversary is a fitting acknowledgement.

THE new and reputable members of the council may be depended upon to steer clear of entangling alliances with the old combine which has controlled that body for two years. Some of the best men in the city will soon take their seats in the conneil for the first time. and the people endorsed them because they believed that the corrupt ringsters would be reputsed in their raids upon the city treasury. On this proposition THE BEE stood with the people, and is confident that the new members will not be long in making their presence felt.

DR. MERCER feels very confident that he can fly in the face of public opinion and erect his electric motor poles where he will. But he will find the current of public opinion more powerful to contend with than any electric current he may wish to send on an overhead wire.

Hints to the Hungry.

Chicago News, Tickets to the inaugural ball in Washingon next March will cost \$5, supper extra Economical officescekers are earnestly remested not to take their suppers with them. That would be too painfully Jeffersonian.

Would He Care For Them?

Boston Herald. Up to date forty-four babies, two gas wells, a mountain and a new variety of apples have been named for Harrison. At this rate there is likely to be considerable con fusion before Harrison makes way for his successor. Why not give Levi Morton a share of the honors:

Canada Will Get There in Time.

We mean that Canada shall become a naon, allied in freedom and inviolability with he democratic industrial system of America. We also mean to get rid of the empire busiiess, old flags, old rags, old rubbish of all sorts, and to go right ahead, a free people in a free country.

The Clamoring Patriots. Lincoln Call.

Petitions are circulating in a dozen or nore cities in Nebraska asking the forthcoming president to appoint the petitioning applicant to the office of postmaster. A man of good business ability can earn more money with less labor in almost any other avocation than that of government postmas ter, but this certain fact does not reduce the number of clamoring putriots in the least.

His First Financial Lesson. Philadelphia Record,

Baby Gould-Grandpa, I want to buy some andy, but I have no money. Grandpa Gould-Go, to the candy store, y child and offer the man a liberal sum for his candy, give him bonds for the amount eased on the value of the candy, then double the issue of stock, sell one half to other par ties, pay the man his money, and you will have one-half the store. Seef

The Speakership.

Springfield Republica Wire-pulling for the speakership of the Fifty-first congress grows more interesting daily. At first Reed and McKinley were mentioned for the place, but Cannon of Illi nois soon started in an active personal can vass. Now Michigan puts in a claim for Burrows, and with the understanding that Alger does not go into the cabinet. It would be a pity if all this deal and dicker should bring an inferior man to the front. The country does not want another Keifer in the speaker's chair.

The Scepter Will Move West.

Globe-Democrat. With the almission of the three or four erritories which will undoubtedly come into the union between this time and 1892; the political conditions will change. New York will no longer be the pivotal state. The partisan centre of power will be on the west side of the Alleghenies four years hence. In 1892 the Mississippi valley will furnish the presi dential candidate for the democratic party unless David B. Hill be selected. The south already sees the march of partisan empire westward, and announces that the time has come to throw off the yoke of New York.

The Premature Skater. Burlington Free Press. Now the skater premature, Whon the frost-bound ponds allure.

Dons the steel again. See how swift he glides and slick! What!-a crash! A plank there quick! Saved-but stiff as any stick. Trot him up the lane.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Mrs. Hancock, widow of the general, is now comfortably settled in her new b Sixteenth street, Washington, D. C. Mr. Gladstone will start for Rome in ten The Irish residents there are preparing to give him an enthusiastic recep-

General Harrison recently sent \$2 to an in the erection of a church near Now Haven, Conn. Two bricks are to be marked with his name and put in the corner of the build-Secretary Whitney is said to have had

every newspaper reference to him since he became secretary of the navy clipped out and pasted into a scrap-book. The scrap-book now comprises forty large volumes. Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, has received from the pope, in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of his accession to the throne, an autograph letter and a beautiful portrait of the Virgin Mary in mosaics, made

work shops of the vatican. Warden Osborne, of the Tombs in New York, has inaugurated a sensible reform, and one which should be adopted in every prison in the country. He absolutely re-fuses to permit presents of flowers to crum-mals by the soft-headed women who have been addicted to that sentimental idiocy.

General Boulanger, it is known, received arge subscriptions of money from many dif ferent quarters, but most persons will be surprised to learn, as is declared in the Lon-don journals, that he has received \$50,000 admirers, compatriots, of course, in the United States.

MEmpress Victoria of Germany and her mother, Queen Victoria, are at Windsor together, and spend a great deal of time playing chess. Queen Victoria, who was a celebrated player in the old days, and used easily

Rev. Hugh G. Pentecest, the socialist, Roy. High G. Pentecost, the second married the daughter of Dr. Gatling, the inventor of the gun which bears his mame. The doctor is much opposed to his son-in-law's revolutionary theories, and the old argument which, in the entleman has one argument which, in st extremity, can be relied upon to knock out the socialist.

Colonel I. M. Drye, of Kentucky, is a candidate for a federal office under the new administration. If all the dry colonels in Kentucky must be provided for, there will be little show for other people. But the pathetic appeal embodied in this particular colonel's me will probably secure public sympathy or him, at least in Kentucky.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. Corn in Butte county will average about orty-five bushels to the acre. During the fall four residences and three ores have been erected at Dodge.

The Dodge Congregationalists are raising inds for the building of a parsonage A singing school has been started at Norfolk by the Christian Endeavor somety

A steam roller mill, with a capacity of fifty parrels a day, has commenced operations at The motto of the Nebraska City Press is

at "none but a rustler deserves the post-The Plattsmonth schools will probably re nam closed until after the holidays, on account of diphtheria.

The taxpayers of Nebraska City are kickng because of too little tar and too much and being used in paying

The Nebraska City saloonkeepers have been interviewed, and nearly all of them are against raising the license to \$1,000. The new county of Rock has organized fair association, elected officers and held the first annual exhibit at Bassett last week. Two residents of Gordon have an Indian nummy which they discovered in the ming oil fields, for which they have refused an offer of \$600

Nebraska City boys cannot congregate in he opera house hall any more, without being rested, as the proprietor is mad and has ssued his ukase.

A Boone county farmer named Joseph Me alken ended his last drunk with a big dose f morphine, and now he is weeping and enashing his teeth. The Chimney Rock Transcript is the name

of a paper just started at Bayard, Cheyenne sounty. It is named after the once noted landmark of the plains. The supreme court will be appealed to by he city council of Fremont to compet the tate auditor to register the water works and

intersection paying bonds A Gordon paper reports that Do: Middle ton has been remodeling his saloon. There is plenty to remodel in Doc's saloon if it is nything like the others he has run.

A very slick young man has conducted a wholesale cattle and horse stealing business in Antelope county in the last few days, and has entertained several of his victims on the profits of the transactions. He is now a fagitive from justice, with officers in hot pur-

The "upper ten" of Gordon's social circles have formed a dancing club to be known as the "Early Hour," and have adopted a half olumn of by-laws enumerating the rul govern the fortnightly gatherings. Every number is expected to bring a partner, to acco in any form is taboord in the hall, and t is strictly understood that no one shall ap sear under the influence of liquor. A door recper has been appointed to see that these ules are enforced, and it shall also be the luty of all members of the club to render such assistance as may be necessary to see the above fulfilled. The club, however, explains that the "purpose of these by laws are not to bar any one, but for the purpose of preserving order and meeting the aproval of ladies who do not wish to go where the uffer generiy' gatners at public dances."

The Great Northwest. Hay is scarce at Portland, Ore., and dealers are asking \$17 a ton.

The sugar refinery at Watsonville, Cal. gives 88 a ton for beets. A statehood convention is to be held at Spokane Falls, W. T. Colorado cattlemen expect to ship 130,00 6

end of beef next season.

Two saloonkeepers have failed in business at Helena, Mont., recently. The strike on the Montana Union railroad is off, the master mechanic having resigned

It is proposed to build a seawall 200 feet vide around the water front of San Diego Chinese gamblers have been hiring substitutes to appear for them in the Los Angeles

courts, and have thus escaped. Prospectors in the Flathead lake region of Montana claim to have found authracite coal beds twenty feet in thickness. W. H. Herrington is in jair at Eugene City

for shooting Frank Rollins. It is hought the wound will prove fatal. There is great indignation in Wyoming ver the suggestion made to divide the terriory, half going to Montana and half to Colo-

Illinois capitalists will erect barns and corrals at Miles City, Mont., for the handling of native norses preparatory to seiling them the eastern states,

Oregon's tax levy has been fixed as fol ows: State levy for current expenses, 3.7-16 mills; militia tax, 1-5th of a mill; university 10th of a mill. Total, 4 mills.

W. B. Read, in boring an artesian well on lames McMackin's place, about two miles south of Sonoma, Cal., struck petroleum at a epth of 320 feet. The find will be further The Northern Pacific has been catting

lown their laboring force between Helena and Billings. About three hundred men have been discharged and paid off. Most of hem have returned to St. Paul. A freight train of twenty cars has left th Eric depot, Jersey City, bound for Tacoma W. T., and will go through in unbroken train o that point. The train contains the entire tock of a wholesale dry goods store to b

started at Tacoma. The Butte Inter-Mountain says there is a rumer in the air that next year the Anaconus company will begin preparations for doubling the capacity of the smelting plant. This would mean that the company proposes to treat 6,000 tons of ore per day The Winnemucca (Nev.) Silver State says

that County Surveyor Bowen, who has returned from a trip to the northern part of turned from a trip to the northern part of county, says he saw thousands of cattle on his trip, some of which were in good condi-tion, while others are quite thin. Some ranches are fairly well supplied with lary, while others have light crops. Water is scale all over the country. There is no running water in Quin river, and many of the rools are from over. Cattle new are the pools are frozen over. Cattle men fearful of a hard winter, but think that, less we have plenty of rain and snow, Cattle men ar country will dry up next year, and three dry seasons in succession will ruin the range.

The Republican State Committee. Fremant Tribune.

Treasurer Bechel, of the republican tate central committee, has rushed into print with a grand flourish and a flare of trumpets, and endeavors to exonerate himself from certain mild accusations which have been made against him by the publication of a little history of the inside workings of the state committee. Mr. Beehel also attempts to throw discredit upon Chaleman Richards. From what the Tribune can learn concerning the matter, Mr. Bechel has become unduly excited and alarmed. It does not believe, however. that he will carry out his threats that if there is not an "explicit and authorized denial" of insinuations against him he will go into details and expose anybody If there is anything to be exposed. Mr Bechel is not probably in the best position in the world to begin that sort thing. Mr. Richards, in a published interview in THE BEE, properly summer the matter up when he said that until Mr. Bechel has submitted a statement of the financial transactions of the cam paign to the auditing committee of th state committee, silence on his part

would seem to be the prudent thing. There is really nothing serious in the business, at all, but the more the news-

empress, who has made the game a study, and finds it the only consolation for her lone undertakes to say that there has been any boodling. There was simply a little

conflict in the working of the commit-When Mr. Richards was made chairman be naturally supposed that he had a right to know what was going on He introduced some strictly business principles in the management of the ampaign, which apparently conflicted with the way things have usually been run. He runs his own business on busi ness principles, and he wanted the cam mign conducted that way. He was the read of the committee, in fact as well as name, and the result of his manage ment of the campaign suggests no apol ogy on his behalf.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

How They Are Procured and Who Get Them.

Saloon keepers have commenced to take

out their licenses for 1889, but are doing it so slowly as to lead to the belief that the numper now in business, 267 will be somewhat decreased. The reason for this is the fact that they are now compelled to pay \$1,000 in advance before they will be given permission to do business. This is the first year that the law has been enforced, though the first at empt at its enforcement was made in March tempt at its enforcement was made in Marco of the present year. At that time all the salcon-scepers had paid for their first quarter \$250. The balance, \$750, was then demanded and paid, and this demand re-duced the number of liquor-dealers in the city. All these licenses expire on the 31st of this month. To review or to take out a new this month. To renew or to take out a new one the saloon man will make formal ap-plication to take out a license to the city clerk, at the same time depositing with the treasurer \$1,000. The fact of this ap olication is then advertised for two weeks The application is then considered by the license board, consisting of the mayor, the chairman of the city council and the city clerk. If the application be rejected the \$1,000 deposited is refunded. If it be onfirmed, the license is issued. In order to do business under a liceuse on New Year day, provided his application be accepted the saloon man must make that application not later than the 16th of this month, be sause the two weeks' advertisement wil bring the licenss to a termination. Up to yes terday morning the following had deposited their \$1,000 with the treasurer, the first so to do being Henry Mies, of the Sixteenth street vinduct saloon:

Ed Quinn, 824 North Sixteenth; Thomas luming, North Sherman avenue; Ebeneser Dallow, 1014 Chicago street; William Gladist, 108 South Twelfth street; Charles Storz, 1818 Sherman avenue; Richard Burdish, 1002 Davenport; S. G. Johnson & Co., 1247 North Nuetcenth; J. A. Wood & Co., 2247 South Fifteenth; Her & Co., 1112 Harney; Charles Storz, 1401 North Twenty-fourth; Gustave Radloff, 2834 Cuming; Isaac Manger, 1013 Farnam; Christ Wueltrich, 1724 St. Mary's avenue; A. F. Wolff, 2301 Cuming; Nat Brown, 1512 Farnam; Gurney & Day, 1224 North Twenty-fourth; A. Frick & Co., 808 South Tenth; Henry Bieser, 906 North Sixteenth; John Rudist & Co., 1806 South Sixteenth; John Hoffman, 418 North Sixteenth; Henry Mies, 1264 South Sixeenth.
The brewers have been relied upon to aid

some of these as they will also many who are yet to make application. One brewer told a enorter that of all his customers there were out sixteen whom he was not compelled to

INCREASE IN VOTES.

What Has Been Developed By the Legislative Contest.

The election investigations now in progress in the city hall are bringing out a surprising increase in the votes cast in the legislative elections and the two immediately preceding. The difference in the votes cast in 1886 and 1887 is very slight, although it is a well known fact that the increase in the population from 1886 to 1887 was much greater than from 1887 to 1888. In the year 1886, in the election for gov-ernor and other state officers, 9,268 votes

were cast in Douglas county. In 1887, in the election of judges for the supreme beach, 10.631 votes were cast, being an increase of 1,373 over the preceding year. In the lave presidential election 21,535 votes were cast, being an increase of 15,847 votes over the preceding year and more than doubling the number of votes cast. In the First, Second and Third wards of

e city there is a remarkable and suspicious icrease in the purioer of votes cast. In he First, in 1886, 1,011 votes were polled; in there were 1.000 votes, the late presidential elethe were cast there 2,337 ballots. making an astomshing increase of 1,328 votes in one year, being 310 more than double the ote of the previous year!

In the Second ward there were 1,480 votes cast in 1886; 1,133 in 1887, and 2,490 in the late election, making an increase of 1,857 in one year, equalling the record of the First ward. Only in 1887 and 1888 have the geo grapmeal bounds of the Third ward been the same, and consequently only a comparison of these two years can be made. In 1887 there were 1,378 votes cast in this ward, and

in 1888 the vote shot up to 2.191. This is considered remarkable when it is considered that there has been a decrease in actual inhabitants of this ward through the erection of business houses and removal of residences.

Board of Trade Directors. The retiring directors of the board of trade

whose term expires the end of this month

are Messrs. Evans, Wakefield and H. G. Clark. Some of these have been a office for a number of years and have always been among the most energetic members of the board. They are understood to be not desirous of re-election, at least to such a degree as to work for re-election. Neither is it known that there are any members who wish to succeed them. There seems to be a general apathy in connection with the board which is regretted by a number of the leading members. These claim that their associates as a whole are too modest and careless in their aspiration for office and men entirely unfitted for the place. There is no wrong, they assert, in seeking office when the desire is to throw some life nto the association, while there is a great leaf to be reprehended in the carelessness which allows any person-to be elected simply because he is willing to accept a nomination regardless of the motives of those who in-

spire him to accept.
"I would like to have a hearty contest in all our board elections," said a member to day. "It would give life to the association, and prepare it for an activity which we ought to be experiencing now, and which w would experience if we had more of the youthful blood and enthusiasm of some of ur rival cities."
The election of directors will take place

on the first Monday in January.

A Children's Christmas. Rev. W. J. Harsha renews his request nade some weeks ago with a view to afford-

ng poor children a memorable and happy Christmas. It is as follows: Will you kindly call the attention of your readers to the approach of the holiday season and the work I have undertaken of supply-ing the poor children with gifts! A check

for a liberal amount has already be served from Mr. R. C. Patterson others will follow the good example he has set; or if they cannot spare money for the purchase of toys, will any one send me toys that have been cast usine, or clothing for children, or hats, shoes, hoods, mittens, etc.! I will guarantee that everything sent me will be well distributed on Caristmas day Surely we ought to give the poor children one bright day out of the year. Very sin-cerely yours. W. J. Hannia. Mr. Harsha's address is 203 South I'wenty-fifth avenue.

The Rookery's Leaky Roof. The roof in the city hall building is so de-

ective that during the thaw yesterday streams of water from melted snow ran through the celling into the city offices below tirent inconventance was caused to the of ficials and slight damaze done to the offic-

A Meeting of Creditors. The creditors of Louis Rosenmand held a

meeting yesterday in Judge Shield's court, The Habilities are \$1,700, and upwards of \$800 were represented. Sheriff Coburn was

THE COURTS.

United States Court. Judge Dundy was on the bench for the perod

of an hour and a half yesterday morning, but owing to the absence of lawyers was un-able to transact any business. He sent word o some five or six legal gentlemen that it oon their cases would be dismissed.

The case against George F. Walker, a suit
a postmaster's bond, terminated in a

igment for the United States in the sum of Judge Dundy gave a decree of foreclosure in the case of Eliza McKee vs. W. A. Lauge

worthy, -District Court.

The foreclosure of a mechanic's lien, T. C. Hamens vs. George Bum, was ordered in Judge Wakeley's court. After this the case of G. H. Hicks against E. H. Cocoran came up. It is a suit for the specific performance f contract to convey real estate. Hicks asks

or the sum of \$700 and interest, the amount or the sum of \$700 and interest, the amount nvolved in the case.

The action of Charles P. Simmonds vs. H. Benson and John B. Carmichael, involving comething like \$15,000 worth of real estate. has been practically settled, the parties to the suit consenting to "trade back" the operty in controversy.

Judge Doane is still engaged in the trial of the suit of the Bank of Commerce against J. T. Hart, on a promissory note for \$30,000, money leaned. The defenses are: First, that the note was fraudulently altered; second, that an agreement to extend the note for one year was nonfulfilled; third, that \$15,000 of the amount has been paid. The plaintiffs cinim that this alleged payment was repudi-ated by them; that all alterations in the note were acquiesced in by the defendant, and the agreement to extend was void because defendant had never notified plaintiffs that he wished the extension. The testimony these points is both voluminous and conflict ing, and the case will continue throughout

County Court. Martha Trowbridge, a minor, was adopted, ith the consent of the court, by Mr. James McMichael.

The Vote Not Illegally Procured.

The arguments in the case of Julius S. Cooley, charged with using undue influence in inducing Dubois to vote at the last election were concluded. Judge Berka reviewed he case and decided there was no evidence on which Cooley could be convicted. Consequently he was discharged.

Likes Omaha Lodge Most. The Elks held a reception in their club

cooms Tuesday night in honor of Milton Noblesand Frank Weston, a member of his ompany. Both of these gentlemen were reently admitted to membership in the lodge of this city. The large company present comprised a majority of the Elks living in and around Omaha, with a large sprinkling of business and professional men. C. C. Hulett occupied the chair, and Mr. E. J. Southard and C. E. Phelps assisted in maintaining the proper decorum. They did this in the most approved fashion; the charges made against the prisoners causing much amusement. On being called on Milton Nobles thanked his brother Elks for the honor conferred upon him, and on behalf of his wife thanked the gentlemen who had attended the theater from the lodge and had sent her such a magnificent boquet. He said he preferred the Omaha lodge to any of them, and hoped as long as he might be coming here it would be his privilege to meet the same agreeable The orchestra from Boyd's Opera ouse furnished the instrumental music, and during the evening gave selections appropriate to the occasion. Revel France, Nat Brigham, E. C. Scott and Paul Lombard furnished the vocal part of the entertainment, the latter being particularly successful in an accompanied Scotch ballad.

A Florentine Sensation.

A case of absorbing interest has just been oncluded in Florence in which Sperry Lantry, one of the sons of the mayor of the place, was accused of assault upon another. boy named Milford Depris, An attorney from Omaha sappeared for the latter, while young Lantry was defended by his father. The testimony showed that young Depris had broken a letter box belonging to the Lantry family and that a couple of members of that firm had gone out searching for the dprit. The result was that someb culprit. The result was that somebody got hurt, though the testimony was conflicting. Lantry, in his defense of his boy, piled a mountain of reproach upon Depris which it is said afforded the crowded court with an entertainment such as the oldest resident has never experienced. The Omaha attorney prophesied an ominous tuture for the Lantry family and painted in blackest colors the example of their father. But it was without avail. The jury found the accused not guilty and stigmatized the prosecution as malicious on the part of the lad who claimed to have

been whipped. Condemned Rottenness. Messrs. Hickstein and Farr, meat and

fruit inspectors, make the following report for the past quarter, the table showing the different articles condemned by them: Sixty-two thousand and sixty-one pounds of meat, fruit and poultry, 1 lump jaw steer, 1,200 pounds; 60 bunches bananas, I car load and 60 bunches bananas, 357 boxes peaches, 24% boxes berries, 98 boxes beans, 6 boxes pionis, 50 sacks new peratoes, 30 crates cab-bage, 1 wagen load cabbage, 5 boxes tomatoes, 50 boxes oranges, 917 watermelous, 8

The inspectors also examined 2,269 milk ows, eight of which were found discased and were killed.

barrels apples, 3 dozen prairie chickens, 2 dozen qualls, 15 dozen pigeons, 3 tubs cheese.

Licenses to Wed. The following marriage licenses were issued by Judge Shields yesterday: Charles Dunn, Omaha......21

Stella Thickles, Omaha......19

St. Andrew's Mission.

John H. Saunders, Omaha.....

St. Andrew's mission of Walnut Hill has purchased two lots of Mr. Joseph Weeks, of the Nebraska National bank, who contributed \$200 to the price.

A Word About Catarrh. "It is the mucus membrane, that wonderful

snes of the air and food passages, that Catarrh makes its stronghold. Once established, it eats into the very vitals, and renders life but a long-drawn breath of misery and disease, dulling the sense of hearing, transmelling the power of speech, destroying the faculty of smell, tainting the breath, and it liling the refined pleasures of taste. Insidiously, by creeping on from a simple cold in the head. It assaults the membranous lining and develops the bones, eating through the delicate coats and causing inflammation, sloughing and death. Nothing sheet of total eradication will secure hearth to the patient, and all alleviatives are simply prograstimated sufferings, leading to a fatal termination. Sanyour's Better at Charles by Inhelication and by Internal alimitistration, has never failed; even when the disease has made frightful incosts on delicate constitutions, hearing, smell and taste have been recovered, and the disease thoroughly driven out." makes its stronghold. Once established, it eats in's RADICAL CURE consists of one bot-POTTER DRIVE & CRESICAL CO., BOSTON.

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