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OMAHA architects will now have a monopoly of the city-hall-plan contest among themselves.

PUBLIC sentiment in Colorado is in favor of a high license law. So it is in every state where the liquor problem is thoroughly understood.

BOULANGER has an eye to marrying an American woman. Let him by all means be made dictator of France.

WHEN the street car consolidation comes not only will rapid transit be assured, but a single nickel will carry a passenger to any point of the city.

KANSAS is agitated from center to circumference over the discovery of a gigantic penitentiary swindle.

GOVERNOR CHURCH, of Dakota, has deliberately insulted the legislature of the territory.

THE council is to be commended for taking up the erection of the city hall so promptly.

THE restrictions placed by the council upon the erection of poles and the stringing of electric wires...

OMAHA smiles all over in looking at her clearing record.

THE shooting of Dr. Kelly, yesterday, seems to have been a cowardly and wanton attempt at murder.

NEVADA has found itself in desperate straits. Do what she will, her population is gradually dwindling away.

WITH Fort Omaha two miles below Bellevue, this city will not be a gainer from the relocation of the fort.

ALTOGETHER TOO SPONTANEOUS.

A few days ago the Associated Press banded the wires with the announcement that Mr. Smith, secretary of the republican state committee of Colorado...

The fact that Colorado has a candidate of her own for a cabinet position shows that the legislative petition which Mr. Smith carried to Indianapolis was procured with no design on the part of the signers to have Mr. Thurston honored in preference to Governor Routt.

STILL SPRINGING UP.

Trust combinations continue to spring up, despite the menace of adverse legislation and the assertions of Mr. Carnegie that this form of monopoly can not last because those who enter into it are the principal losers by it.

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he doubtless reflected the views of the other majority. Mr. Randall and a few other democrats may support the bill, but not a sufficient number of them added to the republican vote to carry it.

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WHY SHOULD THEY NOT WAIT?

A Question Asked by an Investigator of Appropriations.

WANTS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Six Hundred Thousand Asked to Be Expended During the Coming Two Years—A Measure of Economy Proposed.

Their Wants.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 11.—[Special to THE BEE.]—On looking over the sixth biennial report of the commissioner of public lands and buildings I find a total of about \$700,000 asked to be expended during the coming two years in buildings and other improvements.

The industrial home is located two miles from the city. The building is three stories in height, of brick on a stone basement, has been erected at a cost of \$30,000.

The superintendent of the insane hospital at Lincoln asks \$12,000 for the construction of two three-story wings with stone basements, of a separate large building for dining rooms, kitchen, etc., and for various improvements to the present building.

The Home for the Friendless at Lincoln asks an appropriation for a new building for a dormitory, school rooms, etc.; for connections for water, gas and sewerage, and for the purchase of more ground, which to amount to \$20,000.

The institution for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice will accommodate 72 inmates. The sum of \$75,000 is asked to provide another ward building, a structure for kitchen and dining room, a refrigerator building, a boiler house, and their necessary adjuncts.

It will be observed that the whole of this vast sum of money is asked for purposes of building merely, and not to meet regular and continuous expenses. In other words, the legislature are coolly asked to appropriate \$600,000 at the present session for purposes which would normally be supposed to have been completely provided for in previous years.

There has been a great deal said about senate bill 61 which was introduced some time ago at the instance of Hon. W. J. Connell, regarding the cession of jurisdiction to the government over property in this city which may be selected for the site of the proposed city hall.

The seven dynamite guns for which the secretary of war has just awarded the contract, are all to be completed, delivered and mounted ready for service within eight months.

The increased production of the mineral output for Colorado for 1888, as compared with previous years, has given a promising color to the mining industry of that state.

and from \$30,000 to \$40,000 more for the salaries of other employees, with their board and lodging at the public expense. The three institutions require every a contribution of the sum for cost and maintenance, which our central institution, enlarged from time to time to meet the increasing demand, would need. Instead of three institutions, each of the others, all with the same list of expensive officials most expensive of all, the state should in the interest of economy and of efficiency have but one institution, enlarged from time to time in answer to the growing need of the population which sustains it, all under one enlightened and experienced management.

These various institutions now come to the representatives of the people and ask for \$600,000 to be spent in permanent improvements during the coming two years. There are years here, if this extortionate and exorbitant demand is granted, a million will be demanded for the same purposes. There must come a pause in this wholesale and exorbitant demand. It is absurd for the friends of these institutions to ask that our young, third-house state, fed, with the majority of whose inhabitants are only barely beginning to enjoy the comforts of life, shall outshine the oldest and richest states in the Union.

One of the chief troubles with the present system has been, that the managers of these legislative funds have exercised no care in their outlay. Instead of keeping strictly within the means placed at their command, they have uniformly undertaken to do far more than they had either the means or the ability to undertake. They have not only gone far beyond the original intention of the legislature in making the appropriations, hence we every where see incongruous and wasteful arrangements, machinery, imperfect arrangements. Nothing whatever is finished. No effort has apparently been made anywhere to complete what has been begun.

Prof. Parmalee, superintendent of the institution, thought the building as good as the system which is to be installed. He is not in a better shape, in fact, that the institution was a model one and worthy of imitation.

It is learned from J. S. Woodbury, secretary, that there are just 111 inmates in the institution now and that nine teachers are employed at the building. That they do it in a highly satisfactory manner, and secured under the special supervision of the excellent matron, Mrs. Gillespie, assembled in the parlors and witnessed a class of eight young ladies, inmates, execute a "sacred song," accompanied by Mrs. J. K. Reed upon the piano.

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families and friends. The living rooms have no place in the hospital. They ought to be in separate houses built for the purpose. From \$5,000 to \$10,000 would be sufficient to expend on building comfortable houses for the superintendent, his assistants and the steward and his families. The rooms of the asylums could then all be arranged on the main floor, leaving the two floors above for the use of patients. Under such a rearrangement as this there would be no further necessity for appropriations for buildings at present. The various officers with their families might not be housed quite so magnificently as they are now, but their residences would be far more in keeping with the character and condition of the people of the state, and the money so saved would be available for all this expenditure. If matters go on much longer under the present system, the time is not distant when there will be a revolt of the people against what they would seem otherwise than as an expensive system of aristocracy and bureaucracy in the management of all our public institutions. The fact simply is in regard to the whole of the ten institutions of which this article has spoken, that \$300,000 or \$500,000 is spent every year in sustaining them which has no relation to their proper character and the efficiency of their work. There ought at once to be a most careful overhauling of their management and the method of their expenditure. The legislature of the state has no business to tax the people to pay for the princely housing of six or seven hundred employes, when it is provided for and whose salaries are adequate to entitle the people to the best services and the most right economies on their part. It is not at all the business of the state to do more than provide a decent and respectable home and living for this class of its public servants. The state has no business to provide for them places in which to live, and to fill their stables and barns with such a quantity of horses and carriages for their own private use. The system as now reformed altogether.

SWINGING ROUND THE CIRCLE.

The Committee on Public Lands and Buildings Visit Omaha. Portions of the committees on public lands and buildings, on ways and means, and asylums, of the state legislature, arrived from Norfolk yesterday morning and were driven in cabs to the city hall, where they were met by the committee of the city.

The committee, which are composed of Messrs. Caldwell, Wynan, Horne, Fieldgrove, Olin, Satchel, Larson, Las, Craun, McNeill, Porter, Dickerson, Weber and Gilchrist, are accompanied by nearly as many members of the legislature. They were met at the city hall by the committee of the city, and accompanied by their wives. They are making the annual visit to the state institutions for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the condition of them and that they may vote intelligently upon the various appropriation bills. They are enjoying themselves in a most agreeable manner, and along, and subsisting upon the fat of the land. "We are here on business pure and simple," observed Mr. Strick, the member from Battle Creek. "The first question I don't want to be styled, or looked upon as junketers."

Mr. A. Gillespie, the affable and courteous, and should be added the highly efficient superintendent of the institution, piloted the committee over the ground and through the institution, immediately after their arrival. They watched the inmates in the various grades go through their regular morning exercises, questioned the teachers and examined into the internal machinery of the institution with much studiousness and after all was over the unanimous verdict was that the condition of them and not in better shape, in fact, that the institution was a model one and worthy of imitation.

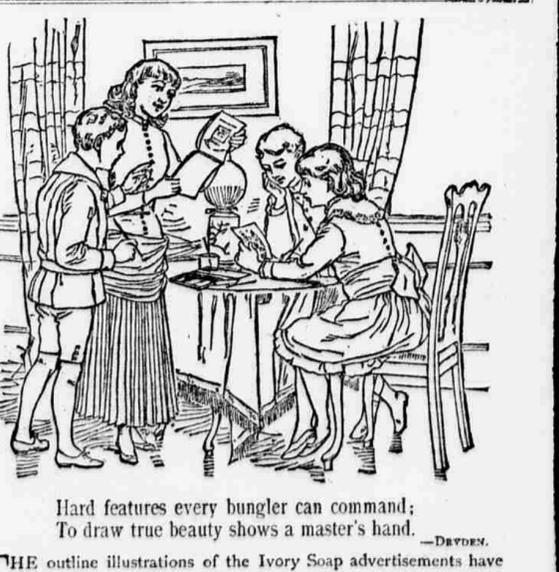
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