

FARM MORTGAGE STATISTICS.

The opposition of the senate committee to the proposal to require the superintendent of the census to ascertain farm mortgage statistics was because the committee desired to avoid the danger of putting in such new work as would delay the census. It is quite natural, in view of the experience with the last census, that there should be objection to adding the one to be taken this year with work that would delay the result for years, until it became of practically little service except for the purpose of future comparisons.

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Tax shirkers will not receive much comfort from City Attorney Poppleton. The harmony and unity of the council combine grows delightfully discordant. Familiarity with the Dodgin gang breeds contempt.

In the Illinois senatorial spoils fight the Conkling episode will not repeat itself. There is no one to play the roll of "Me Too" to Farwell's Roosevelt.

The boomers of a deep water harbor in Texas are dredging the national treasury for six millions. If congress approves the job the surplus will soon strike deep water.

The proposition to increase the city treasurer's bond to a reasonable amount is right and proper, but the efforts of the Broadwines to make the amount excessive smacks of revenge.

SOME fifteen remnants of the late administration have been discovered short in their accounts. President Harrison promptly adopted the democratic slogan and "turned the rascals out."

The spirit as well as the letter of the law require that city officers should be created only by ordinance. Yet there are sinecure salaries without even the doubtful authority of a resolution.

When a railroad penetrating the corn belt of the west can earn six per cent on its actual and fictitious capital in eleven months of 1889 the corporate plea of poverty refutes itself. Down with the rates.

IT is useless for Denver to groan and lament the commercial greatness of Omaha and Kansas City. Location and the laws of trade are against the Colorado "sanitarium." Her jobbing trade cannot rise above a dispensary of ozone and cod liver oil.

BISHOP HARE'S protest against the proposed prohibition law in South Dakota will call down upon him the emotional wrath of the zealots. Every man who appeals to reason is denounced as in league with the rum power, and Bishop Hare's position and calling can not shield him from the shafts of "the holier than thou."

ALTHOUGH the electric wires are going down in New York at a rapid rate, they succeed in roasting a victim occasionally. Monday last a laborer fell against an iron hitching post connected with a grounded wire, and was instantly killed and partly burned. It is evident that the mankillers will not go underground alone.

GOVERNOR ABBETT of New Jersey joins the phalanx of democratic leaders in favor of ballot reform. It is evident that the governor understands the composition of the legislature or he would not recommend a measure calculated to overthrow democratic power in Jersey. A fair, untrammeled election will place the mosquito state in the republican column.

SENATOR FRYE rarely misses an opportunity to do a kindly service for the Union Pacific. His action in recalling the Omaha bridge bill for the purpose of inserting the third of a mile clause recalls to mind his former efforts in the house to prevent the reduction of the Union Pacific bridge tax, when ten dollars per car load and fifty cents for each passenger was charged.

still holds the respect and confidence of the great majority of the republicans of Iowa is not questionable, and his reelection to the senate will be gratifying to the people of that state generally.

It may be well to observe that while the New York Times could refer to Senator Allison as having "secured" his seat as an enterprising contractor secures a fat job, it was extremely mild and inoffensive in referring to the election of Mr. Brice in Ohio, notoriously secured, if democratic testimony is to go for anything, by a lavish use of money. The explanation is obvious.

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As to spontaneous action on the part of the people of the republican party, of which the Times was able to trace very little, it is sufficient to say that the senatorial question was one of the most prominent in the attention of the people of Iowa during the last campaign, with the full understanding that Mr. Allison would seek re-election, and it is by no means improbable that but for this the legislature of Iowa would be democratic in both branches.

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Lower rates of course explain why traffic passes from Nebraska east by way of the "Sooner" route through Canada instead of the American trunk lines. Two-thirds of the 1,800-mile haul via the "Sooner" is American territory and the total distance is considerably greater than over the routes which will be traversed in the United States.

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LINCOLN GETS THE FAIR.

Fifty-Six Votes Out of a Total of Eighty-Nine. THE OSCEOLA ELEVATOR CASE.

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THE following members, whose terms expired January 1, were re-elected: L. A. Kent, Minden; J. D. McFarland, Lincoln; G. M. Green, Fairbury; J. B. McElwain, Fairbury; S. M. Barker, Lincoln; W. H. Holmes, Lincoln; Frank H. Young, Custer; Charles L. Lawson, Hastings; J. C. Warner, Lincoln.

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1. That the respondent has the only one of railroad running through said station of Osceola within the limits of its right of way and depot grounds.

2. That there are only two elevators at said station, and that said elevators are situated on the right of way of the respondent, and that the owners and operators thereof have combined to refuse to receive grain shipped at said station and are practically operated by one controlling hand.

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Cardinals to Take Up The French Heroine's Case. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] Rome, Jan. 22.—[New York Herald Cable.]—Special to The Bee:—The cause for the canonization of Joan of Arc will be read by the dicastery of the cardinal of the sacred congregation, and the rite of canonization proper will be performed, when the celebrated French heroine will have then become a saint. This will not be for many years, as she must pass through two grades beforehand. She must first be made a venerated, then become a venerable servant of God, and after that must be beatified. Every minute particular relating to her life is being looked into with the greatest care by Monsignor Cappara, a learned advocate employed by the vatican in all matters concerning beatifications and canonizations.

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