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THE TESTIMONY NEARLY CLOSED.

The taking of testimony in the contest for state offices will close next Monday and the volume of evidence will be put in form for presentation to the legislature. Unless some very startling disclosures are made within the next three days the investigation will utterly fail of its purpose and the legislature will be fully justified in declining to waste any time with it.

Very early in the investigation it became apparent that the prohibition managers were largely responsible for instigating it, and it is another example for which the people of the state will have to pay a good round sum, of the disposition of those unappreciative marplots to create trouble whenever there is a chance to do so.

General Morgan, commissioner of Indian affairs, whose zeal in his work merits and receives the heartiest commendation, has just returned from a tour of observation occupying three months, and he bears emphatic testimony to the great improvement that has been wrought in the government schools.

While it is the duty of the legislature to hear and determine the pending contests for state offices it will not be surprising if they decline to waste any considerable time on the reading and discussion of a contest that has such a slender foundation.

South Dakota's Problem. The legislature of South Dakota has a problem to deal with that would try the statesmanship of any commonwealth. It is the question of meeting the state's expenses with an empty treasury and the fact that the resources of taxation and bond issuing are exhausted.

South Dakota's embarrassment comes at a time when it is to be more keenly regretted than under ordinary circumstances. All western states are feeling very sensitive about their credit in the east and the value of their securities.

During the recent amendment campaign South Dakota loaned Nebraska a few of her surplus prohibition orders to advise as that Nebraska must abandon high license in order to be prosperous.

What of Boyd's Acts? SAINT EDWARD NEB., Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the daily of the 23d inst., in answer to the inquiry of M. A. Hostetter, you say that Mr. Boyd would be governed until the supreme court should pass upon his citizenship.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The defeat of Mr. Parnell at Kilkenny was a severe blow, but he announces his determination to fight on and to get the opinion of every man in Ireland on the subject. He will appeal from Kilkenny to the remaining 102 boroughs and divisions.

The main reason advanced in justification of the western railroad combine was the paralysis of receipts caused by petty wars. It was asserted that business was falling away and receipts also, and that an iron-clad syndicate was necessary to prevent the corporations rushing headlong into bankruptcy.

Those who have been accustomed to regard Siberia with horror as a terrible and desolate waste coloured exclusively by the criminal population of Russia, will be surprised to learn that there are two enterprising nations, namely, the English and the Chinese, who consider it sufficiently attractive to be worthy of invasion.

It falls to the lot of few men to enjoy public confidence and esteem to such an extent as Judge Gresham. In a majority of the complimentary references to the new justice of the supreme court, regret is expressed that the honor was not bestowed on the distinguished Indiana jurist.

There is no scarcity of plans for reforming taxation, but the most desirable reform at present is to assess and collect taxes on all property in sight.

It is surprising even to the councilmen the vast amount of tax shirking to be found in the city when they go after it. The published reports of the local banks show that the rumors of financial stringency do not apply to their vaults.

Spain has just tried its first experiment with universal suffrage. The election of one-half of the new provincial councils took place a few weeks since and the complete returns have been received.

You kin talk about y'r op'ras, y'r gormans, an' all, but y'r afternoon 'receptions an' them pleasures o' rich. For there's any perfume like the lasses on the fire.

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The state who are interested in any of the following departments of science: Anatomy, archeology, botany, biology, bacteriology, chemistry, electricity, geology, history, mathematics, natural history, ornithology, physics, physiology, psychology, zoology.

Another Danger in Wildcat Insurance—Two Boys Steal Valuable Paintings—A Pickpocket Caught—Other Lincoln News.

LONGEVITY AND COUNTRY LIFE. How great the difference is between an urban and a rural population in the average age of all who die, may be conveniently illustrated from the registration reports of Massachusetts, which have now been published for forty-seven years.

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