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GENERAL THAYER'S POSITION.

General Thayer has been honored by the people of Nebraska as has no other of her citizens. He was the first United States senator from Nebraska and has been twice elected to the office of governor.

But the general's ambition to continue in the office of governor for the term to which another man has been elected will not meet with support even from his most staunch personal friends and most zealous party associates.

Ours is a government by the people. No man has a moral right to force himself into any position to which he has not been elected. But General Thayer seeks by main force to hold a position for which he has not received a single vote at the last election.

By the position which Governor Thayer has assumed he alienates not only his best friends, but he is certain to lose the respect and good will which the people have always manifested for him.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Governor Hill of New York takes advanced grounds in favor of the compulsory arbitration of controversies between corporations and their employes. New York has a board of arbitration and mediation, and the statute contemplates that the functions of the board shall only be invoked by the voluntary action of both of the parties to a dispute.

Legislation to compel the arbitration of labor controversies between individuals may not be practicable. Where private interests alone are involved parties to conflicts may be left to settle them in their own way.

Four democratic governors are today sitting in chairs long held heretofore by republicans. They are Russell of Massachusetts, Pattison of Pennsylvania, Peck of Wisconsin and Boyd of Nebraska.

CONGRESS should go to the bottom of the silver pool scandal. It would be mighty interesting for the country to learn just at this stage whether silver legislation is considered on its merits as a matter affecting the good of the people, or whether it is merely the football of speculative statesmen.

WHILE the people of Lincoln county are calling for aid for the distressed, the county's representatives in the legislature are fomenting strife, attempting to overturn the laws of the state and conspiring against public safety.

The final act in the tragic death of General Barnard on board an American naval vessel at Annapolis has been performed by Secretary Tracy. In a letter relieving Commander Reiter from duty, the secretary administers a scorching castigation to that officer, and denounces his cowardly inaction in permitting the murder of a foreign citizen who sought protection on his vessel.

THE MILITIA IN THE FIELD.

Nebraska is having an experience such as no other state has had since war times, and it is almost as interesting from a general as from a local standpoint. All of the state's available military resources have been suddenly called into play by an emergency.

The militia was called out at a moment when the frontier settlements appeared to be in grave peril. There was every reason to believe that the men who responded would see serious business before they returned. The regular troops were fully occupied in the field, and the scattered settlements in the northwest were all exposed to the dangers of an Indian raid.

The figures show that in the past year 29 companies were subjected to foreclosure sale, with a funded debt of \$90,851,000 and a capital stock of \$91,654,000. Statistics for the last 15 years show even a higher per cent of railroad bankruptcies.

As a matter of fact, the figures throw very little light on the legitimate operations of railroads in general, or of those particular properties foreclosed. The amount of a corporation's outstanding stock and bonds no longer indicates the cost of its plant or value of its property.

A NOTABLE RECORD.

The live stock record of 1890 is a notable evidence of the growth of stock raising throughout the country. Despite various drawbacks the number of animals marketed during the year far exceeds any previous record.

While the increase in receipts was about the average, or 82 per cent, the greatest advance was scored in the packing industry. One-fifth of the total receipts, or 41,949 animals, were taken by the packeries, an increase of 75 per cent over the previous year.

A PROPOSED TRUST ABANDONED.

The farmers of the country are to be congratulated upon the fact that the projected harvester trust has been abandoned. It appears that, having consulted the most eminent legal ability in the country, the projectors of the combine were advised that the legal difficulties in the way of their scheme were insurmountable.

THE news from the front is still serious. General Miles and his little army are maintaining a winter campaign in the face of a well-armed and desperate foe, and although there have been some signs of a peaceful settlement, the great body of the hostiles has yet made no move to lay down its arms.

prospect. A more important work could not be undertaken. As we have repeatedly pointed out, the city has been altogether too modest in blowing its horn. The plan of the exchange for systematic advertising of the city resources will fill a long fall and deserves the active support of all citizens.

BANKRUPT RAILROADS.

A table of figures prepared by the Railway Age, showing the number of franchises of railroad properties in 1890 and previous years, is making the rounds of the press and calling out many touching remarks from newspapers noted for their tender regard for corporations.

THE sudden revival in the natural gas industry significantly coincides with the assembling of various state legislatures.

Between Two Fires.

What between the Indians on the border and the legislative ghost dance at Lincoln, the Nebraska militiamen are having anything but a "real nice time."

Sockless Jerry's Dilemma.

Jerry Simpson's only regret over his lack of hose is his consequent inability to turn it upon the host of newspaper paragraphs who are following him.

Grover is Willing.

Governor Hill says that seven years, a period which expires with 1891, is as long as he cares to serve in the governorship.

The Work of a Traitor.

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The Late Boulanger.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

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his fall signified the tottering of the empire. The forthcoming general election in Holland is likely to bring on a crisis in the affairs of that country. In no other country of the world does religion dominate national politics to such an extent as in the Netherlands.

Now let the legislature take a recess until Monday and give the speaker time to make up his committee, and if the speaker is simply obeying the orders of the independent steering committee, get the legislature in shape to proceed with business.

KATE FIELD gives Senator Wolcott a very handsome endorsement for his speech on the force bill. It is interesting to observe that when a woman becomes a journalist her editorial endorsements retain all the fervor of her sex.

WHEN it is recorded that Mr. McKeljohn "thanked the joint convention for the courtesy shown him" it is plain to be seen that the ex-lieutenant governor is a very polite man, with a nice regard for the amenities of life.

JIMMY HUSTED has this year omitted his annual custom of being elected speaker of the New York assembly. But the innovation was entirely due to circumstances over which he had no control.

Italy, which keeps in the front rank in naval construction and appliances, is credited with being so well satisfied with her recent experiments in the use of petroleum for the fuel of war vessels as to propose introducing it very largely into her fleet.

But the cost of petroleum, compared with coal, is undoubtedly an influential consideration against its use, even where the element of safety is not regarded as of prime importance under such precautions as might be taken.

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