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There is only one thing that is bigger and better than the Saturday Bee, and that is THE SUNDAY BEE.

February will be remembered for its successful introduction of the concentrated essence of winter into the western climate.

Among the wonders of the age must be recorded the fact that two Nebraska postmasters have resigned in the last two weeks.

It is stated that Boulanger has been joined in Brussels by a mysterious woman. Mysterious women are about all that is left of the frothy Boulangerists.

The lobbyists have been ordered off the floor of the house at Lincoln. Now let somebody order them off the grounds. Their services are not needed this year.

There is no reason in the world why Confederate veterans should not attend the world's fair in a body, provided they don't forget to cheer for the union and otherwise behave themselves.

By a typographical error the news reports have stated that "the vacancy caused by Vandervoort's resignation had been filled." There is no vacancy. It was the vacancy that resigned.

The president has settled the Boston postmaster's case at last by rejecting all the applicants with fervid recommendations and appointing a man that nobody asked for. He is a man perfectly competent, however, having just served two terms as mayor of Boston.

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SENATOR CAREY of Wyoming testified at the woman's congress in Washington that female suffrage was a monumental success in his state. Of course, Senator Carey would have hard sledding hereafter, in a state where women vote for members of the legislature, if he testified to anything else. He is about as unrepentant a witness as a man who should testify in his own behalf when on trial for his life.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY and the fourth party presidential candidate, Mrs. Belva Lockwood, will henceforth not speak as women. The bluenose knight of woman rights who has long since discarded fashion's foibles touched a most sensitive chord when she declared at the woman's national convention that she could condone Belva's aristocratic dress but when she went so far as to bleach her hair and paint her face, Susan felt herself bound to cut her acquaintance.

It is proposed to put reciprocity with Brazil to a practical test by sending three American steamships to that country loaded with samples of almost every known product of this country. A score of Boston capitalists are interested in the scheme, which is said to have assumed large proportions. The design is to start the expedition the latter part of April or early in May, and arrangements are being made to rent storehouses in Rio for exhibiting the samples. The plan is a good one and if carried out ought to have very beneficial results. All European countries having trade with South America display samples of goods in the principal commercial cities, and in order to compete the manufacturers and merchants of the United States must do the same. The disposition shown by the Boston merchants to take hold of the opportunity now offered in a thoroughly business-like way is most commendable, and it is to be expected that their example will be emulated by the merchants of other seaport cities, as it certainly will be should it prove successful.

TRADE SCHOOLS.

For a number of years schools providing instruction in the rudiments of various mechanical trades have been in successful operation in New York City.

When first established these schools encountered a great deal of opposition, but their enterprising founder, appreciating the urgent and growing necessity for such institutions to meet an ever increasing demand which could not be provided for in any other way, persevered in the undertaking.

The Omaha delegates who attended the national convention of the Builders' and Traders' association, recently held in New York, were most favorably impressed with what they saw and learned of the trade schools, and some of them are seriously considering the question of establishing such a school in this city.

It would prove to be a gratifying success. There is a large number of youths in Omaha and other parts of Nebraska who would gladly avail themselves of such an institution to get a knowledge of the elementary requirements of a trade, and who under present circumstances have very small chance of gratifying their desire to become mechanics.

It should be understood that it is not the aim of the trade school to turn out full-fledged workmen. The student is merely instructed in first principles, but such instruction as he receives is thorough and induces practical thinking as well as work.

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She has fostered her own industrial interests and thrown every safeguard around her laborers. She now applies her influence to a broader field and begins a movement before which the coal-treatment system of New York must in the end be swept away.

This is an age of progress. The social movement flows ever upward and onward in a current which grows daily stronger.

Twenty-four years of statehood. Today is the twenty-fourth anniversary of Nebraska's statehood. On March 1, 1867, President Andrew Johnson issued the proclamation which invested the territory with the powers and dignity of a sovereign state.

The path by which Nebraska found the door to the union was not strewn with roses. It was marked with bitter struggles all along the line, and the object was finally attained only when successive obstacles had been overcome.

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at the same time and in the same way they would sustain one another.

This is the policy which Indian Commissioner Morgan would inaugurate if permitted to, and it is unfortunate that congress shows a disposition to restrict him in a work that is demanded by every consideration of justice, humanity and the public interest.

It is estimated that the number of Indian children now of school age is 40,000, only about one-third of whom attend school, principally for the reason that the government has not provided the education which ought not to be permitted to stand. There are still people who believe it is a waste of time and money to attempt to educate and civilize the Indian, but the results of wisely directed effort show that this is not so.

The general public sentiment unquestionably is that it is the duty of the government to deal justly and generously with the Indians to the full measure of every obligation assumed, among which is that of making adequate provision for the education of their children.

A METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.

Tomorrow will be the one hundredth anniversary of the death of one of the most remarkable men in church history—John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. It will be commemorated by the various Methodist bodies everywhere, and in England especially great preparations have been made for appropriately celebrating the occasion.

John Wesley was born in 1703. He acquired extraordinary proficiency in all kinds of learning and at an early age devoted himself to the English church. He was one of a group of notable churchmen among them the distinguished George Whitefield, his friend and co-laborer, who because of their methodical lives and strict performance of religious duties, were deservingly called "Methodists."

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amendments in the latter, the acceptance of which by the house is doubtful.

At any rate, in the brief time of this congress, with more urgent matters to be disposed of, it is questionable whether there will be an opportunity to give the required attention to the copyright bill.

The characteristic literature of this section may be summed up in a few sweeping sentences. E. W. Howe, the philosopher and humorist of the Athenian Globe, has written three novels that smack of the prairie soil.

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