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SECRETARY FOSTER has made himself solid in Beatrice. He has advertised for a site for the new public building.

KANSAS has appropriated \$50,000 for the world's fair, which is rather small for so big a state.

The failure of the Chicago airship to navigate space brings into relief the marvelous ability of the projectors in floating \$2,000,000 of stock in the windy concern.

The reckless statement of Kansas publicly issued that from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each were offered to members to vote for Ingalls.

The president is enjoying his spring vacation on the democratic soil of Maryland. It is his way of celebrating the fact that congress has adjourned.

SPEAKER ELDER possibly imagines that he is following in the illustrious footsteps of Thomas B. Reed.

The general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal says he wants to see the stars and stripes floating over every mile of his line.

THE Canadian Wiggins emerges from obscurity to prophesy dire events. Serious atmospheric disturbances are threatened.

THE whirligig of fate in the Illinois legislature has lopped again. Two of the farmer members who have been holding out for Streeter for weeks announced that they would not support him now that he can be elected.

THE house passed the Faxon bill yesterday, which requires the signatures of a majority of the legal voters in a precinct, outside of an incorporated village or town, to authorize the issue of liquor licenses.

MICHIGAN is agitated from center to circumference. The immediate cause of the trouble was the discovery that one of the board of state auditors had appropriated to his own use \$1,500 of the public funds.

THE Cherokee strip raid is an outrageous confidence game. Hundreds and thousands of land seekers have been lured to the Kansas border by false reports regarding the opening of the strip to settlement.

GOVERNOR BOND'S ELIGIBILITY.

The main issue raised in the quo warranto case before the supreme court, touching the eligibility of James E. Boyd to fill the office of governor, has finally been met by the attorneys of the respondent.

While Governor Boyd does not absolutely prove that his father had taken out his final naturalization papers in 1849 when he assumed full citizenship in Ohio, he has shown conclusively that his father has exercised that elective franchise in Ohio since that date.

It is, however, for the courts to determine whether a man who has thus exercised all the functions of citizenship, and never shirked any of its duties, is barred from the high office to which the people have elected him by a technical flaw in his father's naturalization.

Whatever the final decision of the supreme court may be, it is clearly manifest that Mr. Boyd has not been a citizen of Great Britain since his father swore allegiance to the United States in 1849.

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LET REPUBLICANS DO THEIR DUTY.

Every republican officer in this state is committed to the line of policy laid down in plain terms in the last party platform. The republican members of the legislature should do their duty, regardless of the course of the representatives of other parties.

Recent events make it timely to reiterate these party pledges. When the independents were fighting for the rights of the majority in Monday's session, and seeking to increase the membership of the sitting committee for legitimate reasons, the republicans joined the democrats and left the house for the purpose of depriving it of a quorum.

The Kansas legislative committee found that the prohibitory law is not enforced in any city of the state, and that the more vigorous the effort to enforce it the more irresponsible and debased are the men engaged in the traffic.

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MARRIAGE CLEAN ENOUGH.

The Wisconsin legislature has been wrestling with a proposition to allow notaries to marry people, but the sensible conclusion is that it is already too easy to get married.

It is about time to separate the goats from the sheep in the legislature. Nobody can serve two masters. No member can honestly discharge his duty to the people and vote with the jobbers, ringsters and corporation managers.

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