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A WORD TO THE LEGISLATURE

The people of Nebraska expect some relief at your hands from the excessive charges exacted by railroad companies in the transportation of freight. The constitution empowers the legislature to regulate the charges of railroad companies and establish maximum rates. But these rates must be reasonable.

As we understand it the Stevens bill will reduce the maximum rate in Nebraska from 30 to 15 per cent and still leave it from 10 to 15 per cent higher than Iowa rates on some commodities.

In the face of the proposed appropriation of an additional \$100,000 for the relief of western settlers comes the information that the Kansas relief committee is enroute to Nebraska to buy spring wheat for the sufferers of that state.

When Governor Mellotte, of South Dakota expresses the deliberate opinion to the president that the talk about an Indian uprising is chiefly froth at the mouth, it is fairly safe for people hundreds and thousands of miles from an Indian tepee to sleep without perturbation.

There is a vast deal of nonsense in the talk that Senator Call of Florida is making a fight for re-election against monopolies, railway corporations and combines against the people. The fact is that Senator Call is very poor senatorial timber and the people of his state have grown weary of him.

IN THE case of Shibley vs. district No. 1, Dixon county, the supreme court of Nebraska concludes the right of the school trustees to prescribe the course of study and text books to be used in the school and to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be deemed needful, but decides also that the parent may select the studies from the prescribed course he wishes his child to pursue and his selection must be respected by the trustees.

CHARLES N. FELTON, who has been elected a United States senator from California, probably owes the distinction to the influence of the Southern Pacific railroad company. This fact is to be deplored, but inasmuch as this great corporation controls the politics of California generally, it is a melancholy source of gratification to find in the man they have permitted to win the senatorial prize a gentleman of ability, experience and force.

up public improvements without making the taxes too burdensome. The charter bill is not as perfect as THE Bee would like to see it, but it can still be amended when it reaches the house, and we feel assured that the delegation will endeavor to embody such amendments provided they are offered in good faith and not for the purpose of killing the bill.

Assessor Ehrenpfort's efforts are purely selfish and mercenary. It is suspected that he represents something else besides mere opposition to the changes in assessment. The fact that he travels back and forth between Omaha and Lincoln on an annual railroad pass indicates clearly that the corporations have been placed under obligations to him.

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The principal object of a usury law in Nebraska is to protect the producing classes from the payment of a rate of interest which their business will not bear. There is not the same need of a law in New England or other eastern states because lenders there do not attempt to extort such rates of interest.

Interest in the plan of naming candidates for United States senator by party conventions has also manifested itself in New York, where several prominent republican papers have given it approval and urged its adoption upon the party.

PAIRING on railroad bills and other vital non-political measures is a sneaking fraud. Every man absent when a bill is on final passage counts one vote against it and every man paired with an absent member counts one vote against it.

IN organizing a new committee to examine into the qualifications of teachers, the board of education should fix its duties so definitely that there will be neither favoritism or carelessness. This examining committee stands between the board and the schools and if it performs its duties honestly, incompetent teachers cannot pass muster.

A SPECIAL meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow night to consider the Ballou Electric Light franchise. It is hoped the drabbing received by the city council during the present week will teach its members that public sentiment will not be trifled with, and that they will give the ordinance careful and candid consideration.

WANTED A FOOL KILLER. The state senate has passed a bill which contains the following provision: "Any publisher of a newspaper who shall publish or suffer to be published on his paper, about or concerning any person any language of ridicule, abuse or opprobrium, scandal or criticism calculated to, or the natural tendency of which is, to injure or wound the feelings, pride or sensibilities of such person, which if spoken or uttered in the presence or hearing of such person would tend to provoke an assault or a breach of the peace, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisoned in the county jail not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days."

lishers. The officers of a paper may be a stock company, and under the terms of the proposed act every stockholder would be subject to fine and imprisonment for every paragraph regarding an individual which that person would deem an imputation, in the nature of ridicule or censure. It seems to us the fool killer is badly wanted at the state capital.

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CAPITAL CITY NEWS

Terrible Dose Swallowed by a Little Child. LANSING, Mich., March 20.—(Special to The Bee.)—Glad, the youngest of the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. French, met with a terrible accident yesterday afternoon that resulted in the loss of her life.

Political affairs in the Argentine republic seem to be coming out of their sad tangled drift of things now point to the harmonious choice of General Mitre as president. He has already been nominated for the office by a large and representative convention held at Rosario, and gives promise of conducting in his personal appearance history, from over the revolution of last summer. It is curious to note how the leaders of that movement make no figure at present.

Whitehead's Roman High. It cost the taxpayers of Washington \$243,855 to prove conclusively that Judge Sachs is unfit to occupy the honorable and responsible position of judge of one of the courts of the commonwealth.

Not the Cattle to Have Over. "Small things express the man." Among the conservative folks of the time to which Tolstoy has risen superior is the comb; it is gravely stated that he now dresses his hair with his five fingers. His manner he gives to accepting away money, making loans, etc.

Way It Works. Comparisons are sometimes odious. Joyce, the common laborer, was convicted and hanged for murder after his victim had pointed a gun at him. McArthur, of the upper crust, was found guilty of "voluntary manslaughter" after laying in wait in a snail and emptying a revolver in the back of his victim. The first verdict was just, but what can be said of the latter.

Land of Fair Play. The American people need each other braver for years. Neither side in the great conflict attempted to conduct secret assassination clubs after the fight was over; and neither side will now sanction voluntary imported murder clubs in any part of the United States.

Better Off Than Kansas City. The Boston Herald finds cause for rejoicing in the fact that none of the 4,911 abandoned farms of Massachusetts lie within the city limits of Boston. Farming in Boston certainly appears to be in a healthy condition.

When the People Rise Up. It is not quite true that no good ever comes out of this kind of violence, is the opinion of the New York World apropos the New Orleans affair.

How Long the War Lasted. The Secretary of War has declared that the war of the rebellion began April 15, 1861, and ended August 20, 1865. New Orleans' Avenge. The husband of Adelaide Ristori, the great actor, is reported to have died in Paris a few days ago. He was the Marquis de Capraccio, del Grillo, and fell in love with her in the early days of her stage life.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889. Royal Baking Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE