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WHAT the democratic party could do if it had a clean candidate and an honest platform is vain speculation.

THE independent party newspaper seldom has independence enough to express an honest difference of opinion.

JOHN JAMES INGALLS wishes to serve notice on the country at large that he and a political corps have nothing in common.

AFTER careful reading we are confident that there are just 169 state papers each of which "started the crusade for better country roads."

THERE can be no longer any doubt of the fact that Omaha can make herself what she will. She is the gateway to the greater west.

If General Dryden and his crowd of Texas experimenters, who exploded bombs a few months ago, are responsible for this undue deposit of dew it is time they left the country before the people discover the fact.

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA of the Marine band is considering an offer to go to Chicago. Now if Gilmore would make a similar move what would the effects be?

WILLIAM ASTOR'S will disposes of from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and not a cent is bequeathed to charitable, educational or religious enterprises.

THE czar of Russia has just made two export orders. One referred to oats and corn, and the other referred to 10,000 Jews in Odessa.

IF ANY seer should rise up and tell these people the true future of this state and the whole Mississippi valley he would be mocked and jeered as a lunatic or a fool.

IT LOOKS as if the National Editorial association meeting in California is to be more an excursion than a business meeting. There is great danger in this.

AMONG the principal clearing house cities Omaha ranks first in the rate of increase in clearings during the past year. Minneapolis, which comes in as second best, shows an increase of 44 per cent while Omaha increased 49 per cent.

THE great element of respectability in the republican party cannot be ignored. It is not a question of obedience to bosses or the fear of their displeasure.

BROWNELL HALL has just completed sixteen years of useful existence in Omaha. The trustees and friends of the excellent young ladies' school are justified in the pride which they feel for their institution.

THE dressed meat products of South Omaha are placed upon the European markets within ten and one-half days after their shipment from this point.

A WILD STEERER FROM TEXAS. It is a trite but true adage that you may fool a few people sometimes, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.

A striking example of the wild and reckless assertions in which some of the leading lights of the new political creed constantly indulge was furnished in the speech of Colonel J. H. Davis of Texas, delivered in this city a few days ago.

With the kindest of feelings THE BEE ventures to correct the great Texas steerer of the independents with regard to those 30,000 millionaires.

These figures prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the number of millionaires in the United States will fall below 3,000. Out of this number Nebraska is credited with 15, Colorado 17, Kansas 11, Iowa 28, Missouri 85, Minnesota 85, Montana 24, Idaho 3, California 162 and Illinois 340.

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revenue. We believe no other enlightened country puts a duty on works of art in any form, and it is manifestly a stigma upon this great and progressive nation, boasting a degree of enlightenment and an interest in popular education equal to any other country.

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this innovation, though as yet there has been no marked tendency anywhere to follow the example of New York in inflicting the death penalty. In no other state has it been proposed, so far as we have observed, to substitute electricity for the rope, and it is doubtless quite safe to predict that it will be a very long time before such a change becomes general, notwithstanding the expert and presumably disinterested testimony that electricity performs its work quickly and painlessly.

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IN RHINEWASHED COLOGNE. What may be seen in the Finest Gothic Cathedral in the World.

Where Charlemagne Built His Burial Place—Relics and What You Pay to See Them—What It Costs to Criticize an Emperor—A Modern Instance.

The river Rhine, it is well known, both was your city of Cologne. But let me, my dear, what power divine shall henceforth wash the river Rhine. Aix-la-Chapelle, April 28.—What Cologne said, in its inimitable way, of Cologne may have been true in his time, but it would be a slender now to the beautiful crescent city, with its seven miles of fortified walls, its five squares and broad streets.

Coloche cathedral is said to be the finest Gothic structure in the world. It is larger than the Milan cathedral, but not so tall. The gray stone of which it is built is not so lovely as the pure white marble of the Milan, nor are its spires so enchantingly graceful, so far as the spires go.

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Oh, thank God for the children! Aye, give thanks though we lay Under the sod of earth. The fairest of all away. Thank Him for those that are dead! Thank Him for those that are dead!

France. Such an infamous woman ought not to have been buried at all. Relics and the Cost of Seeing Them. Wonderful relics did the old priest show in the sacristy of St. Ursula—born from an oak tree, and used at the marriage of Charlemagne, the dress worn by the Holy Virgin in the stable at Bethlehem, the chains with which St. Peter was bound. This is only the fourth time I have seen them. After telling each article over in a single-sung tone, our priest-electure said, "Swallow them up!"

It was night when we arrived in Cologne, and a more magnificent sight I never saw than the approach to the city across the Rhine bridge, 1,330 feet long. The various bridges, which are reflected in the Rhine, which at Cologne is wide and grand.

The cathedral was crowned with a dome from the French in 1570-71, said to weigh 520 cwt. It was raised to the second city in the empire. The successors of Charlemagne were crowned at Aachen, the time of his son, Louis the Pious, to Ferdinand in 1531. In the Rathaus we are shown the statue of the emperor ascending and descending the stairs, a very fine thing. There is a stained glass portrait of Emperor William I that is beautiful in design and finish and a wonderful likeness.

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BROWNING, KING & CO. Largest Manufacturers and Retailers of Clothing in the World. It Can't Rain Forever. Ever since Noah's flood, people have relied upon this fact, and though we have had our faith tested pretty thoroughly this spring we feel no hesitancy in guaranteeing that the sun will shine again and when it does it will shine upon one of the finest arrays of bargains in men's suits ever shown in Omaha. \$7.00, \$8.50, \$10 and \$12.50 for men's light weight suits that two weeks ago were considered bargains at twice the money. New importation of nobby styles in men's neckwear, just in.