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There must be some Boers on the Quincy police force, judging by their ability to shoot.

The manufacturers of baby carriages have decided to advance prices. Such discouragements to infant industry should be stopped at once.

The members of the State Board of Transportation have become so accustomed to dodging bricks that the last shower never touched them.

General Buller seems to be approaching Ladysmith at the same speed the frog jumped out of the well, rising two feet at a jump and slipping back three.

It will take a microscope to discover the candidate seeking city office this year who is not squarely on record in favor of municipal ownership of water works.

The school board investigating committee expects to finish its work this week. The good results of this investigation, however, will be seen for years to come.

Omaha closes the month of January with a new trunk line between this city and Chicago, to say nothing of its connections to the south.

In the course of getting even for frods in the past the defuncto candidate for U. S. S. is likely to be forcibly reminded there are other kinds of stingers besides those of ingratitude which make just as irritating a puncture.

If South Omaha is to be annexed to Omaha the union must be effected before the beginning of the census taking in June. After that Omaha will have no incentive to annex a bundle of overdrafts and debts.

Boreas serves unmistakable notice on the public that he has not retired from business, but having formed a combination with the leanman and coalman will soon be prepared to meet all of his customers at the old stand.

The democratic portion of the popocratic press is taking up the cry against the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation in the hope if they make noise enough of securing a couple of extra places on the fusion state ticket this fall.

Tax Commissioner Sackett ought to have been made census supervisor. We feel sure that if he would guarantee to find 158,000 people within the limits of the city of Omaha, Census Supervisor Wheeler would cheerfully turn over the job to him.

Omaha must tear up several miles more of wooden block pavement next season. The property owners who get their petitions in first for the new pavement will have first consideration in the distribution of the street intersection paving fund.

Russian papers express the opinion that there will soon be some more broken China in the Orient for the powers to scramble after. It would be real mean to announce a dividend at present when John Bull is too busy to attend the stockholders' meeting.

The senatorial investigating committee has found one man mixed up in the Montana senatorial fight admitted to have had nothing to do with the bribery of members or with receiving a bribe. The popocratic crowd in Montana is not so bad as it has been painted.

The fate overtaken the gang that perpetrated the Shukert fur robbery in Omaha discloses the desperate character of the mob. A review of the case from any unbiased standpoint makes the recovery of the stolen furs by the late Chief White one of the most clever pieces of detective work on record.

LADYSMITH DOOMED.

The military critics of the London press appear to have at last reached the conclusion that Ladysmith is doomed. It is believed that the garrison is very short of provisions and that it will not be impossible to relieve it before the supplies are exhausted.

The fall of this stronghold would be a terrible shock to British prestige, but this can hardly suffer more than it has already. To the Boers it would be a most valuable victory, since the possession of that point would materially strengthen their military position and would also exert a decided influence upon their sympathizers in Cape Colony.

It is thought that it will be several weeks before the British can recover from the last reverse so as to renew active operations and it is very doubtful if Ladysmith can hold out so long. General White is a brave soldier and if he should give up hope of relief may endeavor to fight his way out.

WHERE THE CREDIT BELONGS. The time is within the memory of nearly every person in the state when state warrants bearing 7 per cent interest were selling at a discount ranging from 3 to 5 per cent.

This is a creditable exhibit, but in what way is it due to a farmer government? Surely the governor of Nebraska does not claim credit for the general prosperity that prevails all over the United States.

FEAR FOREIGN COMPLICATIONS.

British fear of possible European complications would seem to be growing. The recent warning of Mr. Morley that such a danger confronts England is echoed by some of the newspapers.

The talk of a continental coalition or alliance against Great Britain is probably nowhere receiving serious consideration by the statesmen who direct European affairs.

It is not the true explanation of the improved credit of Nebraska rather the restoration of confidence and financial stability resulting from the policy pursued by the national administration?

It is an open secret that several hundred republicans in this city deserted the party colors last fall and assisted in defeating the principal candidates on the republican county ticket and to roll up a majority against Judge Reese.

Omaha's tax rate is certainly as high as it ought to be, taking into comparison the taxes in other cities of its size and wealth. Omaha, however, has a great many sources of revenue which are unexploited outside of the tax hat which in other cities contribute liberally to the support of the local government.

A Chicago judge has decided that people physically deformed have just as much right to exhibit themselves in museums and sidewalks as those who are beautiful. Human beauties are so

policy run not against, but rather with, England as long as possible. German public opinion would prefer a policy openly directed against England by means of a continental alliance.

There are substantial grounds, undoubtedly, for British apprehension of possible European complications, but for the present Great Britain is in no serious danger of a continental alliance against her, because an alliance with Germany would be futile and that power does not favor it.

Secretary Gage has made a second reply to the inquiry of the senate for information regarding the relations between the treasury and the National City Bank of New York.

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One would suppose that these explicit and straightforward answers to the senate inquiries would satisfy the bitterest opponents of the administration, but a democratic member of the house wants a committee of investigation appointed and his resolution for this purpose has been referred to the ways and means committee.

It is against the policy of the democratic party expressed in its resolutions to accept railroad passes.

You cannot serve God and Mammon. You cannot rise free on railroads and give aid to the redaction of rates.

Let the pops who are holding office "pass 'em up."

It is against the principles of the silver republicans as expressed in state convention and in the platform of the party.

It may as well be understood therefore now as later that The Bee will give no countenance or support to bushwhacking politicians who deserted to the enemy out of mere factional spite.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon is going to attempt to show Kansas people how Christ would run a newspaper if He were in the business.

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Our amiable popocratic contemporary devotes two columns to trying to show what the State Board of Transportation has done in three years.

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Some Cracks in the Cornice. These reverse the shaft of the Anglo-Saxon race further than to knock some of the mainstays of it.

What the Seat May Cost Him. It is said that Senator Clark's seat cost him \$500,000 per day.

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THE VIEW FROM SPIONKOP. Georgia is thinking of a constitutional amendment to provide a whipping post for youthful offenders.

THE VIEW FROM SPIONKOP. A Pennsylvania man is deluging members of congress with letters to convince them that the earth is not elliptical, but that it is round.

PUT ON YOUR WAR PAINT.

Disastrous Results of Fusion Policy and Leadership on Populism. J. B. Osborne in Prairie Home. "Put on your war paint," is the heading of an editorial in the Nebraska Independent, in which the editor pictures the perilous condition of the populist party in Nebraska.

Now I challenge the editor of the Independent to show one state where fusion has added one single recruit to the populist organization. And I make this statement: That there was never a party made more popular than the people's party until the endorsement of the national democracy was forced on the party at the St. Louis convention by the pie-ating and offshooting populists of Nebraska and the west.

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Fusion has lost Kansas for the populists; it has lost Colorado for the populists and it is a matter of time until it will lose Nebraska.

Fusion is wrong in principle. If the democratic party is good enough for populists and free silver republicans to fuse with then it is good enough for them to go into bed with any other party.

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WHERE FLIES THE ENGLISH FLAG.

Ah, ha, the lion rages. And croaketh on the plain; He roars because a rival Stalks bold in his domain.

Where flies the flag of England, 'Tis shriek rings in the air, Because the King of lions. Howls out in mad desire, A rival holds the jungle.

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ALLEGED DECLINE IN RELIGION.

New Hampshire Governor Makes Charge Against the People of Springfield (Mass.) Republicans. Governor Rollins supplemented his famous fast day proclamation by an address before the Boston Ministers' union the other day.

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