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With the advent of weather which makes for overcast uncomfortable Nebraska corn will proceed to show people what it can do in the way of growing.

The precinct assessor has done his work. Now it is up to the county commissioners sitting as a board of equalization to rectify the mistakes, accidental or willful.

According to the report of the finance committee there are still a few bricks left which can be had at the regular price by anyone anxious to contribute to the auditorium fund.

Omaha postoffice receipts during the month of May show a gain of \$3,344, or 10.8 per cent over the receipts for the same month of a year ago.

A young man arrested in Chicago on the charge of passing forged checks asserts that he is glad he is under arrest, where he cannot swindle anybody else.

Iowa has a habit of doing things not only peculiar but practical. The latest consists in starting a new town, in which the first building to go up will be a church, with a school house as close second.

Spain is the latest European country to decide on a loan to bridge over financial difficulties. Something must be wrong in European systems which require governments to borrow continually in times of peace.

With the third term scare played out, democracy must but up another scarecrow. The democratic scarecrow storehouse is becoming so crowded the democracy must soon go out of the business or provide larger quarters.

By certification of the United States patent office it is learned that 3,412 patents have been issued to Nebraska inventors up to the beginning of the present year.

The bondsmen of ex-Secretary Porter do not appear to be in any more of a hurry to confess liability than the principal. The reformer is just as ready to take advantage of a legal technicality as anybody else, particularly the Nebraska brand.

Popocrats in search of an issue on which to fight the next presidential battle are as thoroughly bewildered as was "Japhet in Search of His Father."

A vicious bull that had been carefully dehorned inflicted fatal wounds upon its owner, a Madison county farmer.

The projectors of the plow combine, which is in process of incubation, hasten to announce that no increase in price will be made.

The projectors of the proposed suburban railway offer to bind themselves to file within six months after the franchise has been granted, plats of the exact line they propose to build.

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NO THIRD TERM.

President McKinley has disposed of the third term talk by announcing that not only is he not a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination if it were tendered him.

There were not a very great many persons, it may safely be assumed, who really thought that President McKinley desired a third term.

It is easy to believe that Mr. McKinley's ambition will be fully satisfied with the completion of his second term.

When the inside history of the president's administration shall be written there is no doubt it will show that Mr. McKinley has been one of the hardest worked and most conscientiously industrious of American presidents.

The president is to be most heartily commended for the timely putting an end to the third term talk.

Moreover, it is not to be doubted that Mr. McKinley firmly believes in the unwritten law against a third presidential term.

While the very great majority of southern democratic leaders are in favor of negro disfranchisement, a few of them have declared opposition to it.

Another southern democrat who is opposed to disfranchisement is Governor Tyler of Virginia.

The views of these southern democratic leaders should exert some influence, but doubtless the work of disfranchisement will go on.

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ANCE WITH THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING BUSINESS OF THE PACIFIC.

It is easier to win the trade at the start than to wrest it from others when once established.

BANKRUPTCY LAW OPERATIONS.

The semi-annual report of the operations of the bankruptcy law for the six months ending with last March shows that the number of voluntary petitions filed was less than for the corresponding period of the previous year.

In view of the great amount of criticism to which the national bankruptcy law has been subjected, it is interesting to learn from this report that with one or two exceptions the law is meeting almost universal approbation.

The Bee having earnestly advocated a national bankruptcy law, it is gratifying to record this testimony of an official of the Department of Justice as to its generally satisfactory operation.

Before granting a right of way for suburban railroads the Board of County Commissioners should bear in mind three things: First, that a franchise granted without limitation becomes perpetual.

Second, that a franchise becomes more valuable from year to year, hence the public interest demands that the county shall reserve to itself the right to resume control and ownership of the right of way at the end of a fixed term of years.

Third, a guaranty should be exacted that the proposed suburban railway will be completed and in operation within a reasonable time.

These conditions cannot be regarded as unreasonable if the promoters of the enterprise mean business.

What the people of Douglas county want is a system of suburban electric railroads that will connect Omaha with towns within a radius of forty miles at the earliest practicable day.

The State fair site deadlock has been broken, thanks to the firmness of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

The eyes of the nation are on the reports from the bedside of the sick woman in the White House.

THIRD TERM TALK.

Brooklyn Times (rep.): No political party which desires success will ever undertake the hazard of trying to ascertain just how strong the anti-third-term sentiment is among the people.

Chicago Journal (rep.): The people settle the question finally in 1899 and it would be the height of folly in any party to now disturb the tradition.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.): The third-term talk pleases a few cynics, but the mass of the republican party is opposed to it.

Kansas City Star (ind. rep.): It is mere folly for Mr. Grosvenor to call attention to the fact that the Washington precedent was established, not because the first chief executive objected to a third term on principle.

How to End a War. Cleveland Plain Dealer. John Bull's secretary of war is disposed to criticize the fighting Boers quite severely.

Uplifts of Medical Science. Baltimore American. A new and important antiseptic has been discovered.

Peace and the Postoffice. Intellectual Activity in Expanding Mail Business. New York World.

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LIFE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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THE BATTLE FOR LIFE BEING FOUGHT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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