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ANNULING AN AMENDMENT.

Discussing the late decision of the Federal Supreme Court against the Minnesota rate law, the Indianapolis News takes a more hopeful view of the case than some other papers do.

BLOW AT MILLING INDUSTRY.

If the "Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau," which is responsible for a discriminatory rate against Pacific Coast flour bound to the Orient, can offer any excuse for such discrimination, it would no doubt be interesting.

to corporations. The corporation is a spiritual, intangible entity embodied, to be sure, in its officers, but by no means identical with them.

Now the eleventh amendment to the United States Constitution declares that no state may be sued in the Federal Courts.

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ANNA'S SECOND NUPTIAS.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. This seems to be the motto that Anna Gould has adopted to fortify her energies in the pursuit of matrimonial felicity.

HEAVENLY BROTHERS.

While Mr. Bryan seems to be particularly exempt from effective attack himself, he brings plenty of indictments against the Republicans in general and Mr. Taft in particular.

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Neither earthquakes, nor colossal graft, nor subsidized press, nor bubonic plague, nor all combined, can weaken the indomitable spirit of San Francisco.

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comes the report from Eastern Oregon that sheepshearing will begin this week. All along the lower river nets and trap gear are being placed in readiness for the Spring run of salmon.

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DO THE PEOPLE MAKE A CHOICE? Some Provisions of Primary Law and Statement No. 1. ALBANY, Or., April 1.—(To the Editor.)—There is a great deal of talk just now about Statement No. 1, being the best way for the people to get their choice of United States Senator.

It may be feared that our colored brethren, who were going to quit the Republican party because of the treatment of the negro soldiers in the Brownsville affair, will now be fickle enough to go back on the Democratic party because of the action of the Democratic members of the Senate committee at Washington, who voted in a body on Tuesday against giving the dismissed soldiers a chance of reinstatement.

The Salem Board of Trade has under consideration the project of an electric line from Salem to Stayton. The proposed line would traverse fifteen miles of wonderfully rich country, and would afford transportation facilities with Stayton, one of the most prosperous small cities in the state.

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BY NANCY LEE. Excessive Rudeness. Mrs. Poor Fay (politely)—Walk right in. Will you take a chair? Bill Collector (impolitely)—No, madam; I have come to take back the dining-room furniture.

To Delta. Though poets sing Their odds to Spring Or St. Cecilia— I'll tune my lyre An octave higher And sing of Delta.

And if so be, She'd have but me For we or wear! A devotee. For if I'd be At shrine of Delta.

What though our hoard Of wine was stored Mumm'd, dry or teal, A chop or two Would nicely do, For me and Delta.

My muse has flown, My little mean, I finished, sigh. I'll go to bed, And rest my head, And dream of Delta.

"Which do you prefer, poetry or music?" asked the temperamental young creature who sat at the piano. "Poetry," snapped her rival. "You can keep poetry shut up in a book. You don't have to listen to it unless you wish."

There is a local steam laundry in this town which advertises to darn socks, sew on buttons and do all necessary repairs on all kinds of clothing. Here is an institution that is doing a great work in curbing the matrimony evil.

When the late Noble Prentiss was editor of the Kansas City Star he told of his unfortunate experience in seeking an apartment. Desirous of moving to either a flat or an apartment, he, in company with Mrs. Prentiss, spent three entire days in search of new quarters, but were invariably confronted with the remark: "Of course, we do not allow children or dogs."

On the fourth day they discovered an ideal apartment upon which Mrs. Prentiss had paid a deposit. Scarcely had they started down the steps, when the old familiar words greeted them, "Of course, we do not allow children, have you any?" "Yes," said Mr. Prentiss, with a sigh of resignation. "We have three, but we can kill them."

Lincoln Desired to Lose Davis.

McCure's MERRILL. "The capture of Jefferson Davis," says Carl Schurz in "The South After the War," "was a very serious thing, and it was regarded by not a few cool-headed and long-sighted men as a very unfortunate one. It had become well known that President Lincoln wished that the downfall of the Confederacy would not deliver the chief of the Confederacy into his hands. A Lincoln anecdote current at the time seemed to have good authority behind it. After Lee's surrender, a friend asked Mr. Lincoln whether he did not think it would be best to let Jefferson Davis get out of the country. Lincoln answered by telling a story of a Methodist preacher out West, a strict temperance man, who had a most embarrassing dilemma. The public voice would insist upon the chief of the rebellion being tried and punished for treason. A trial by a military commission might result in a verdict of guilty; but resort to a military tribunal for the trial of a political offense after the close of the war might have looked like a stretch of arbitrary power holding an old World despotism rather than this New World republic."

"Mr. Domestic Minister Hild." Washington (D. C.) Herald. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the venerable chaplain of the Senate, called at the State Department recently to see Secretary Root. He had forgotten that it was diplomatic day at the department. When in approaching the Secretary's door the colored messenger standing outside said: "Are you a foreign minister?" "No," said the doctor, "I am domestic minister." He passed on in without further question. Whenever he appears now at the State Department the messenger salutes him as "Mr. Domestic Minister" and rings the door wide open.

Has Reading-room in Family Tomb. Kittery (Me.) Dispatch to New York Tribune. Harrison J. Putwick has fitted up a reading-room in the tomb of his ancestors on the lawn of his colonial estate here. A tableful of magazines, a comfortable armchair, vases of flowers and other articles are included in the furnishings, as well as a couch and rug, with a reading lamp.

MAKING THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

SPECIAL NEW FEATURE IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. Beginning with the next issue, April 5, The Sunday Oregonian will publish a series of articles by Margaret Greenleaf, suitably illustrated, on MAKING THE HOME BEAUTIFUL.

Miss Greenleaf is an expert on home decoration. Her articles in the Ladies' Home Journal, her editorial work on Home and Garden, and three years' experience as consulting decorator, have equipped her most thoroughly. Plan is to present to the reader interesting, helpful and practical suggestions for remodeling or improving and beautifying the home at the least expense—supplemented with illustrations. Following are among the subjects to be treated:

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