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WITH a thousand increase in a total of less than twelve thousand failures reported for the last twelve months, the country certainly has a still larger increase in unreported successes.

H. M. SOENNICHSEN, county assessor, has certainly been very fortunate in his appointments of good, competent and reliable deputies in each of the precincts of the county. Nearly everyone has had experience in this line.

JUDGE TRAVIS has moved his fine, large library into the judge's rooms back of the district court room. The lawyers, during court, will have access to his library, which will be a great advantage to them, as well as to the court.

THE president's idea that all undesirable republican candidates are already whipped is not humorous. When a republican administration of any kind undertakes to dictate the succession it is always a serious matter, and with a Roosevelt republican administration the seriousness is deadly.

WHEN an increasing number of people discover that party lines are down this year as they never were before in living memory they fail to find democrats of any kind rushing to join brass band republicanism, or republicanism in any other of the numerous varieties it develops with the lines down.

PHILADELPHIA is anxious to have the greatness of Nebraska, Minnesota and Delaware represented at a single Philadelphia dinner by Bryan, Johnson and Gray. If it succeeds there may be a decrease in the humorous paragraphs about Philadelphia sleepiness which New York papers began publishing not long after the death of Benjamin Franklin.

DURING his four years in the county judge's office, Judge Travis collected and turned over to the county, \$785.74 of fees earned by former judges in excess of the amount allowed them by law, but which they neglected to collect. He also turned over \$426.83, excess fees earned during his term—altogether \$1212.57. His settlement with the county commissioners was eminently satisfactory to the county as well as the judge. Judge Travis is a man who makes a success of everything he undertakes, and is a good business man as well as a good lawyer.

JUDGE TRAVIS has appointed as official stenographer of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska, Earl R. Travis, who has had four years experience as a shorthand writer and has become one of the fastest and most accurate stenographic reporters in the state. He is a hard worker, attends strictly to his own business, is sober, upright, industrious and honest and has no bad habits. He has studied law and has a good education. He is a favorite with the members of the bar of Cass county, with whom he is acquainted and also with the people of the county. He is not a politician and does not meddle with politics, and the people who deal with him will get a square deal all round. The Journal congratulates Earl on attaining a position which he has earned and which he deserves.

THE president has certainly deviated from his established rule in the appointment of B. F. Thomas as postmaster at Omaha, simply to gratify the wishes of Nebraska's two graft-distributing senators. Captain Palmer has held the position but four years, and according to the past acts and utterances of Roosevelt, he should have been continued for four more years. Captain Palmer is a veteran of the civil war, has made one of the most efficient postmasters Omaha ever had, and it is an outrage that he should be compelled to "step down and out" simply to make a place for one of Burkett and Brown's pet henchmen. The old veterans will probably remember the outrage perpetrated upon their old comrade in arms during civil war, at the hands of Burkett and Brown, who no doubt owe their present positions greatly to the votes of the old veterans of Nebraska.

THE fight against Mr. Bryan's nomination is gradually dying out in the east. Evidently the disgruntled element of the democratic party are realizing the "handwriting on the wall" all over the land.

THE republican state committee has decided by a vote of 20 to 9, to hold the state convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Omaha March 12. This is for the purpose only of selecting delegates at large.

DR. P. L. HALL, of Lincoln, one of the leading bankers in Nebraska, says that "only four bankers in the state favor an asset currency and a poll would develop that these four were on the Mark Hanna train when it sped through Nebraska and spread its golden fleece."

WITH Wall street growing more and more exhilarated by reports of favorable conditions the strain of assisting it from Washington may be so far relieved as to convince the most conservative republican financiers that some of the surplus may be spared for western improvements, certain to result in an increase of the favorable reports Wall street needs to exhilarate it.

PENNSYLVANIA reports 10,180 violent deaths in the state during a single twelvemonth, which gives each Pennsylvanian in the hundred-thousand not quite 150 chances of dying a violent death if he escapes disease. Nevertheless, there are parts of Pennsylvania where the staple reading matter illustrates the supposed necessity of coming west to find the best opportunities of escaping death in bed.

DURING the last twelve months the whole United States advanced in everything which belongs to real and permanent progress. It is also a fact, as far as the record appears, that, at home and abroad, the country did less with the certainty of unnecessary future trouble in it than might easily be found in the average year of history in this country or any other. If this came about without premeditation it is still one of the most important parts of the record of a year which leaves the country as a whole and every part of it no difficulties so great that they are not part of greater opportunities.

AS AN official alarmist, the governor of Kentucky tells the legislature that ruin fronts the state and its liberties are gone. It is not as bad as that. Even though it has elected a republican governor, it will improve as fast as he enforces the law. Ex-Governor Taylor might give the present governor some pointers on good government, if allowed to return to the state he so shamefully disgraced.

AS THE reports of the world's production of the precious metals just filed in Washington show the flood of gold still rising from the mines higher and higher above the records of any preceding decade, it would seem that Senator Aldrich and his associates in official finance might make up their mind to let it overflow the United States. It would seem that it is their official responsibility to do so. Why not? The country will know what to do with it.

A THOROUGH organization of the democratic party in Nebraska last fall would have placed Hon. Geo. L. Loomis upon the supreme bench. With a thorough organization this year and Nebraska can be redeemed next November. For the past four years the party has not been organized as it should have been. No doubt Tom Allen, as chairman of the committee, has done everything in his power to effect a thorough organization each year, but the fault has mostly laid at the doors of the members of committee scattered over the state—men who lacked the activity and interest. With the selection of committeemen from among those who are known for their energy and interest in the success of the party, and are sure to work to that end, is the only open road to success. The new committee should be selected just as early as possible, and work of organization began as soon as the committee can be assembled for the work. Let those representative democrats who attend the banquet next Wednesday night at Lincoln, start the ball to rolling in the direction of the selection of the of thorough-going, working committee. Now is the time to begin the good work.

By this time it should have dawned upon Uncle Joe Cannon that he cannot run and stand pat at the same time.

THE democrats should wake up all over Nebraska and begin the work of organization in every county, precinct and school district. Now is the time to begin the good work.

MAYOR DAHLMAN wants the democratic state convention held at Omaha. You have our consent, Mr. Dahlman, and we believe that Omaha is the proper place for it.

THE State Journal and Omaha Bee cannot hide the fact that LaFollette has a large following in Nebraska among the republican papers outside the two principal cities. They are very enthusiastic in their support, too.

WHAT has become of the Storer's? Where is Dear Maria and where is Dear Bellamy? What is My Dear Mr. Harriman doing now? And Doctor William J. Long? And all the other "undesirables" who were famous before the time of Brownson? But where are the snobs of yesteryear?

THAT Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, will be selected as one of the delegates at large from Nebraska to the Denver convention, is a foregone conclusion. Everyone who knows Mayor Brown is his friend, and being one of the best men in the state, he has hosts of friends in every nook and corner who will delight to honor him.

THERE is nothing very sensational in the final decision of the United States courts in the Carter case that a big federal appropriation for public improvements went in rakes-offs to contractors and grafters. The sensational novelty in such cases begins when it appears that public plundering means punishment for the plunderers.

THERE is a very good reason existing why no more of the banks had to close during the late financial disturbance. The majority of the people exercised good common sense and kept on making deposits whenever they had surplus and at a time when the nervous ones were talking loudly about withdrawing their deposits.

A Chicago "Record-Herald" writer says that Bryan's chief strength with the people lies in the fact that he has adopted the Roosevelt policies and has advocated them. This writer seems to have forgotten that Mr. Bryan has been the consistent advocate of "Roosevelt" policies for over twenty years, and that is sixteen years longer than Mr. Roosevelt has advocated them. Any ten year old school boy knows this fact. The Great Commoner always leads on issues, but never follows.

REPUBLICAN congressional finance operates with a hopeful outlook to the happy time when everyone who has collateral enough ready to incorporate in connection with a rapid-fire government press can have new emergency currency fired at him every time the symptoms of emergency begin to appear in his collateral. But in view of the necessity for not disturbing anyone who has views of any kind, it is of course necessary at present to refer this golden hope of the future to the committee and from the committee to the experts on its way to the Speaker, whose keynote is caution and postponement.

CHAIRMAN FOWLER, of the congressional committee on banking and currency, can hardly expect to be taken seriously when he asks the country at this time to take up the question of substituting for the existing national banking system a credit or asset currency based on gold redemption. The country is not ready for that large question. Schemes without number will be advanced before the country is ready to listen to it. Owing to the existence of a great national debt we have during more than forty years had the only bank circulation we have ever had which was known to be good in every nook and corner of the United States and in all the banks of the civilized world. The people will not be satisfied with the change of any bank paper which has not the same assurance that it is as good as its face. But we are approaching the time when decision must be made between adopting a different banking system and maintaining a larger national debt for the purpose of giving a basis for the existing national banking system.

THE Twenty-second of February is not far away. How about that banquet of the Cass county democracy on that date? Let us get a move on us.

WITH fifteen murder cases ready for trial in Kansas City, the docket need not yet be written in red. The red-letter day in the history of such a docket comes when it is cleared by the conviction of all who are guilty and the acquittal of all who are not.

ONE of the pleasing incidents of the increases reported in the exports of American protected manufactures is the sale of tin-plate in Wales after paying the freight from the United States at \$11.80 a ton less than it sells for in the United States. The unprotected Welsh are in the best position to realize the pleasing part of it.

THE republican state committee decided by a vote of 14 to 15 in favor of the much discussed primary. Frank A. Harrison, manager of LaFollette's campaign in Nebraska, feels very sore over the action of the committee, and is liable to make it very warm for some of the Taft bulldozers before the matter is settled. Harrison is a pretty slick.

THE commissioner of the general land office who was allowed to carry out his plans for reforming it is allowed to resign without being disciplined for disloyalty. As he retired without having the Big Stick thrown at him, he is succeeded by a loyal republican who is expected to know that reform is disloyal when it threatens unanimity.

THE second Thaw trial fails to create as much interest as the first, although Evelyn tries to look her sweetest with a change of apparel at each session of the court. At the first trial Mrs. Thaw was the great attraction, but attendants at the trial and the public generally do not seem to take much interest in either Evelyn or the proceedings of the present trial.

THE Philadelphia girl whose first ball cost \$150,000 is probably convinced that the ball was worth it. So no doubt are her parents and the guests who caught goldfish as part of the evening's entertainment. The country is not surprised to find families in Philadelphia able to afford all that such silly displays cost. But it still has hope that those who feel able to pay the cost of silliness will finally feel able to afford better sense.

WHEN New York banks report that they are taking in deposits at the rate of eight a minute with the line of depositors growing longer, the New York Evening Post is willing to admit that New York had several hundred millions of western money while it was convincing us that we "can't get along without New York." We are convinced now. Although we may occasionally object to the premium on our money, we never did want to get along without New York. Hereafter we hope to use increasing experience to find better and less costly ways of getting along with it.

IT is hard to keep a Cass county boy down, no matter where he may roam. The Journal notes with pleasure that its friend, C. S. Wortman, former county superintendent of schools of this county, has been selected journal clerk of the Oklahoma State senate. In speaking of Mr. Wortman in the performance of his duties, the Guthrie Leader says: "Clerk Wortman, of Claremore, has one distinguished feature. He has a voice that reaches the uttermost and outermost parts of the chamber, and is also pleasant. Few men of strong voice have the tone that Wortman has, and for that reason his reading of measures is never tiresome to the body." Mr. Wortman has hosts of friends in his old home county who have the utmost confidence in his abilities to perform any duty for which he may be selected. The Journal hopes that he may be "called up higher," to that of a position which his recognized abilities entitle him.

WE are informed that Lincoln Evening News, in its six o'clock edition of yesterday made the statement that 300 men had been let out at the Plattsmouth shops while only eight had been let out at Havelock. We do not receive this edition of the News, and did not read the article referred to, but one our citizens states that he read the same. It would seem to us that a great state paper like News would make an effort to get at the truth of such statements before giving it publicity. We know that

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there has not been to exceed 150 let out here, while we know of more than eight former Plattsmouth boys alone that have been laid off at the Havelock shops. A true statement of the affairs as they exist is bad enough, without any stretching, and are to be deplored.

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Attend the Historical Society.

Col. H. C. McMaken returned this morning from Lincoln, where he has been in attendance at the State Historical Society, where they had what was called a round table, which was presided over by R. B. Winham, of this city. Mr. McMaken reports a very delightful time and a good attendance, with much interest shown.

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Checker Player's Tournament.

In speaking of the state checker tournament, the Lincoln Journal says: "The annual state checker tournament of Nebraska will open Wednesday morning, February 5, in the hall over the fire department at the northwest corner of Tenth and Q streets. The following members have notified the secretary that they will be in attendance at the meeting: Lee, Berry, Funk, Shoemaker, Small, Abbott, Gordon, Campbell, Brooking, Bestor, Kelly, Loucks, Hurlburt, J. P. Pepon, G. W. Pepon. Several other members are expected to be present." The Bestor, named in the list, is our old friend, Herman Bestor, one of the champion players of the state, and who always attends these annual tournaments.

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