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REMEMBER THIS IS NEBRASKA.

Every citizen of Nebraska who deplores the turbulence that has disgraced the opening days of the session of the present legislature. That remarkable body is not only making history for itself, but history for the state.

This government does not reject arbitration but invites it. What it rejects are the terms proposed by the British government. Lord Salisbury wants arbitration on the single point whether this country can keep anybody and everybody out of Behring sea on the ground that it is an enclosed sea.

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It is to be hoped that the second sober sense of at least a majority of the independents will bring them to a realization of the damage done to the good name of Nebraska. A repetition of revolutionary methods will be ruinous, not only to their cause, but to the state at large.

THROTTLE THE CONSPIRATORS.

There is a set of conspirators behind the screen at the state capital who should be dealt with at once in accordance with law. No man has a right to counsel or advise members of the legislature to violate their oaths to obey the constitution and every man who advocates lawlessness by the law-makers and resistance to the mandates of our highest courts is a conspirator and should be made responsible for the consequences of his acts.

The men who compose the majority of our legislature are nearly all farmers. Few of them know anything about law, and nearly all of them are credulous enough to follow the advice of men whom they have been led to believe trustworthy. As a matter of fact they have fallen into the hands of a gang of conspirators who have advised and encouraged them to pursue a course that has already done more damage to the state of Nebraska than four legislatures can repair.

BLAINE'S STRONG POSITION.

No fair-minded American citizen can read the last dispatch of Secretary Blaine to the British minister at Washington—transmitted December 17, and just made public, in discussion of American rights in Behring sea, without admitting that the position of the secretary of state is very strong. The dispatch was in answer to the contention of Lord Salisbury that England never tacitly or expressly acknowledged Russia's right to exercise a maritime jurisdiction in the waters of Behring sea, and it must be conceded that it is a most effective answer.

It has been repeatedly asserted that the government of the United States demands that the Behring sea be pronounced a closed sea. Mr. Blaine says there is no foundation for such assertions. On the contrary, the government has never claimed it and never desired it; it expressly disavows it. At the same time, says the secretary of state, the United States does not lack abundant authority, according to the ablest exponents of international law, for holding a small portion of the Behring sea for the protection of the fur seals, and he submits that controlling a comparatively restricted area of water for that one specific purpose is by no means equivalent to declaring the sea or any part thereof, mare clausum. The real issue involves these questions: Whether Russia did or did not claim and exercise a special jurisdiction over Behring sea for the purpose of protecting its seal fisheries; whether this jurisdiction for this purpose was or was not denied by Great Britain and the United States in treaties in which Russia waived any special jurisdiction over the Pacific; and whether the character, extent and exercise of this Russian jurisdiction to which the United States succeeded give this country a just right to exercise, regardless of the consent of other nations, such police of Behring sea as is necessary to preserve the seal fishery owned by the United States from extermination.

Here is a valuable fishery, says the secretary of state in concluding his dispatch, and a large and, if properly managed, permanent industry, the property of the nations on whose shores it is carried on. It is proposed by the colony of a foreign nation to destroy this business by the indiscriminate slaughter of seals, and it is asserted that we have no defense against such depredations because the sea at a certain distance from the coast is free. Secretary Blaine justly says that the same line of argument would take under its protection piracy and the slave trade when prosecuted in the open sea, or would justify one nation in destroying the commerce of another by placing dangerous obstructions in the open sea near its coasts.

and cable transit, its public improvements which in nine years have made it the best paved city of its size in the union—all these and more, tersely placed before eastern investors, cannot fail to bear golden fruit.

An earnest systematic effort should be made by individuals and organizations to spread the light of Omaha's growth, its advantages and resources, and thoroughly advertise its unparalleled record at home and abroad.

A FAITHFUL PUBLIC OFFICER.

The thanks of every law-abiding citizen are due to Hon. George D. Melkielehn, to whose lot, as lieutenant governor, there fell a very important duty during the opening day of the legislature.

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UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.

The action of the Washington authorities in ordering that a military officer be placed in full control at the Pine Ridge agency is doubtless under existing conditions judicious. It appears that the question of adopting this policy, which was suggested by General Miles, received very careful consideration by the president, Secretaries Proctor and Noble, and General Schofield, so that the action must be accepted as the deliberate conviction of these officials that it is necessary.

EMMA ABBOTT'S EXAMPLE.

Not one who wrapped a talent in a napkin and hid it, was Emma Abbott. Nature's beautiful gifts to her were duly and faithfully used. She leaves behind her a notable example of cheerful industry which should cheer every breast faltering in this hard race of life.

THE QUESTION OF TEXT BOOKS.

Plainview Gazette: One of the measures which will undoubtedly come before the session of the legislature is that of text books. This is something that should interest every taxpayer well as parent in Nebraska. In our judgment it would not only lessen the expenses of our schools, but would also advance the cause of education in our state.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

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SPREAD THE LIGHT.

It has been well said that "judicious advertising is the keystone of success." It is one of the great truths of modern business life, and the merchant who ignores its force soon finds himself overshadowed and hopelessly in the rear of the march of progress.

THE RATIO OF FAILURES.

The ratio of failures to number in business in the five groups was: In the eastern states, one in every 50; in the middle states, one in every 113; in the southern states, one in every 73; in the western states, one in every 124, and in the Pacific states, one in every 53. It will be seen that in per cent of failures the western states have decidedly the best of the record, while the Pacific states and territories stand at the foot of the list.

compose it would be right royally re-elected here, and then a movement could be made towards securing the sessions of the congress to be held in this city. Omaha and Nebraska are exceptionally favored in being given the chairmanship of the principal committee, no other state west of the Mississippi having the chairmanship of either committee, and but one of these states, Kansas, has a member on either committee.

LINCOLN county sends out a touching appeal for aid for 2,500 people, who are sufferers by the drought. This is but a small proportion of the total population of that large county, but it is enough to touch the heart and the pocket of the people of the state.

The senatorial elections in various states will soon be coming on. There are twenty-eight places to be filled and several eminent men will retire. Among them are Ingalls, Everts and Spooner. Blair may possibly pull through again in New Hampshire, but it is very doubtful. The Kansas fight is still very much in the dark. It is apparent that Voorhes and Vest will be re-elected. The most important result, from a political standpoint, is New York, where the successor of Everts may have something to do with the next democratic presidential nomination.

The deliberative defiance by the legislature of the order of the supreme court which directed the speaker to declare the persons having received the largest number of votes for the various state offices duly elected is a very reckless proceeding and proves that the legislature is following the lead of very dangerous advisors and downright conspirators. The lawmakers should remember that such revolutionary action will not be sustained by public opinion.

IN TIMES of peace the military should always be subordinate to the civil authorities. It is repugnant to the spirit of American institutions to invoke the power of the military in any state capital while a legislature is in session. If 20 policemen and deputy sheriffs cannot keep order 40 can; and if 40 cannot do so, 100 or 200 will be able to do so. The calling of the militia into the state capital while the legislature was in session was a great blunder, to use a mild expression.

THE halls of legislation should always be accessible to the people. If the people do not behave themselves the officers of the legislature are always in position to enforce order. Ours is a representative government. Our lawmakers are representatives of the people and their proceedings should be given the greatest possible publicity without let or hindrance.

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