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THOSE FIFTEEN HUNDRED ALARMISTS. Fifteen hundred representative firms of Omaha have been enrolled in the Business Men's association, organized for the purpose of defeating the election of Holcomb.

There are just 318 names of alleged firms on the published list. Many of these names are duplicates and others do not represent firms or even individual business men.

True, there are several millionaires on the list, but they either have railroad attachments or other corporate interests that are closely bound up with the railroads and compel them to co-operate with the Burlington czar.

As a matter of fact, less than twenty-five of the 318 firms and business men have joined in this movement of their own free will and accord.

In a speech to his constituents a few days ago Representative Wilson of West Virginia reiterated the declaration made in congress and again at the time of his renomination that the work of the tariff reformers had not stopped and that it was still their purpose to put what they call raw materials on the free list.

A most important part of the production and the commerce of this country is raw cotton. It is in the broadest sense free raw material. We sell a large quantity of it annually to Great Britain and we use a great deal of it in our own mills.

Chicago is again moving against the smoke nuisance evil. Chicago is apparently troubled as much and more than Omaha by the violation of city ordinances in relation to this subject, but she is ahead of Omaha in one respect, namely, that her authorities are not allowed to relax their efforts to enforce their provisions.

The Pullman Palace Car company has been able to declare its regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent for the last quarter, as well as to add a couple of millions to the neat surplus that has been accumulated in previous years.

The women are displaying unusual interest in political matters this year. If their attendance upon political meetings is to be taken as a criterion, whether this interest goes further than merely listening to the discussion of public men and measures and extends to actual exertion in behalf of better government will be more accurately indicated by the number of women who avail themselves of their limited franchise to participate in the election of school officers.

How sad it is that Mr. Euclid Martin's flickering political light has been snuffed out forever. His contemporaries did not or would not recognize his commanding ability nor concede the wisdom of his leadership. In the fullness of hope he has been cast down.

whose. The great factor is not free raw materials, but the price of labor, and until this is brought down to the standard of the labor employed by our competitors in the markets of the world we shall continue to be at a disadvantage in any effort we may make to get control of those markets.

There is an adage that all is fair in war, in love and in politics, and the history of the tariff reformers is a striking illustration of this adage.

The truth is, and Majors knows it, that the opposition of The Bee to his nomination and election for governor was brought about by his disreputable conduct while holding the position of lieutenant governor during the sessions of the legislature in 1891 and 1893.

The Bee Publishing company was organized February 1, 1878. Edward Rosewater, who has always held a controlling interest, and two of his brothers at Cleveland, O., who had advanced him money in the first six years of its publication, were the only persons, when the company was organized, that owned more than a single share of stock.

Some idea of how much it costs to keep a family of able-bodied Indians may be gained from a perusal of the depreciable claims paid and the money expended by the government. In addition to the vast sums applied for this purpose since the act of 1859, there has been expended by Congress since that time, it is somewhat surprising to learn, that has amounted to \$40,000,000.

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A BLACK EYE TO CALAMITY. Philadelphia Ledger, Oct. 16, 1904. Some Kansas mortgages are evidently pretty good, notwithstanding the reign of the populists. A large number sold in this city yesterday at a price brought over 90 per cent of their face value at maturity.

THE DEMOCRATIC SPOILS RECORD. Some of the democratic newspapers are presenting to their readers the very interesting figures of postoffice appointments under the three latest presidential administrations. Their object appears to be to boast of the prowess of the present postoffice authorities in deprecating the republican appointees of President Harrison's administration and to claim for President Cleveland and his associates the credit of beating all previous records.

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appointments per month are: Stevenson, 1,405; Clarkson, 1,540; Maxwell, 1,834. The comparison in both classes is, of course, in favor of the democratic headsman. In the corresponding time President Cleveland has during his present term appointed 661 more postmasters than he did during his first term in the white horse, and forty-one more than President Harrison appointed.

It will be remembered that when republican postmasters were being appointed to succeed the democrats in office during Mr. Cleveland's first elevation to the presidency the democrats were loud in their denunciation of the changes. They claimed that the spoils system was being practiced to a greater extent than ever before and objected to it most strenuously.

The city council will sit for two weeks as a board of equalization to correct errors in the valuations put upon property by the different assessors. The errors which it can correct, however, are only technical errors, it being beyond its legal power to raise or lower the total valuation.

A thing that will give the calamity masqueraders little comfort is the report from Bradstreet's that Omaha's business is better than at this time last year. In the bank clearings the increase is 2.1 per cent, small, but still an increase and an indication of what might be if the bank robber crusaders would let up on their pressure.

What If They Should Die? New York Tribune. One of the Massachusetts Russells—William E.—has been dropped through the wide-open door of the Massachusetts legislature into the deep, cool shades of political retirement.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

For years Afghanistan has been considered by Great Britain, and for that matter by the whole world, as the key to India. Russia has steadily advanced in Central Asia, until now she has an almost unbroken line of possessions until within a few miles of the gates of Herat.

All sorts of experiments are being tried in Austria with a view to finding some effective antidote to socialism. The latest of these is a plan for the establishment of a Catholic workmen's society, which is to include agricultural laborers. The members in each parish are to appoint officers, to sit in conference with the local clergy, and a newspaper is to be issued to advocate the views of the society.

The situation of the Armenian people has for many centuries exposed them to the persecution of their fanatical Mahometan neighbors of Turkey and Persia, and the history of the sect, the easternmost of the Christian family of nations, is one of continual struggle and strife.

The political history of Madagascar is brief, dating from the early years of the present century, and is not particularly thrilling, though the founder of its present policy and dynasty, Radama I, appears to have been a man of high rank among the builders of states and to have worn the crown with deliberation and authority.

The missionary in China is always in bad case in time of war or civil commotion, and his position now is less favorable than that of his predecessors three and a half centuries ago. They followed the return of Jenghis Khan's western wars of invasion, and during the continuance of his dynasty were pretty well treated and their work on the whole encouraged.

The British admiralty is of obstinate conservatism and distrustful of unusual devices in arms and armor until it is forced in its own defense to adopt them, when it sets about the business with remarkable vigor.

USUAL RESULTS. Indianapolis Journal. Young Master Blunderbuss. Went to the cupboard. To get the pork tramp a pie; but he found it was a tin. And rapidly downed it. Then crawled in a boxcar to die.

MAJORS BACKED BY MONOPOLY.

Combined Corporations Irrespective of Party Seeking His Election. HAVE DESTROYED PARTY ORGANIZATIONS.

An Omaha Editor Touches Up the Association Formed to Protect the Business Interests of Omaha and Warns Voters to Beware.

The Omaha Cultivator. When Hon. William McKinley of Ohio gave a political address in Omaha recently he made the rather striking assertion: "Business is politics, and politics is business."

The publisher of the Cultivator believes that there is only one issue in Nebraska politics. That issue is to protect the people from the extortion of money lenders, the grocers and the stock yards. Those interests which libel the city of Omaha by arrogating to themselves the title, "the business interests of Omaha," have obliterated partisan prejudice and have destroyed party organizations to compass one object, viz: the perpetuation of the privilege to extort money from the people by excessive charges where they enjoy a monopoly of the avenues of commerce.

Perhaps no more baseless assertion has been made in this campaign than that the popular administration has neglected the business of the state. In common with all other states, Colorado is suffering from the depression of the silver industry, it having had an especially disastrous effect upon all of the mining states and territories.

FOR CONGRESS. The vote in this (the Second district) at the last election was as follows: MEICER (Rep.), 11,488; DOANE (Dem.), 10,388; WHEELER (Pop.), 3,152.

How We See. Some say that with Bryan he wiped up the floor, and he heaped on his body the facts by the score. While others are certain that Thurston was thrashed, and o'er the arena was mangled and mashed. It all depends on how you look at it. Everyone will judge according to his previous opinions. Good judges are those that investigate for themselves. That's all we ask of the American voter. It's a good rule to believe nothing you hear and only about half what you see.

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condition, and no state is able to show more promising commercial conditions. That trade is increasing is demonstrated not alone by the bank exchanges, but the extension of business of such great houses as Daniels & Fisher, the May and other large firms, and by the traffic on the Rio Grande and Gulf lines.

The News has already directed attention to the beneficial results of the laws passed by the special session of the Ninth general assembly in regard to attachments and tax penalties and trust deeds. There are hundreds of merchants now doing business, and who will come out of their financial difficulties all right, who have been closed up and ruined if those laws had not been passed.

Justice J. M. Harlan, who is "mentioned" for the republican presidential nomination in 1896, is a physical giant, being the tallest man in the supreme bench. He is 61 years old, but in fine health. He is bluff, hearty and very popular and greatly in demand at dinner parties.

The Pennsylvania state commissioner appointed to secure possession of the Valley Forge property for state park is making favorable progress. The site of Washington's famous winter camp comprises 200 acres, which will be purchased at \$25,523. The state appropriated \$25,000 for the purchase, and the difference must be made up by public contributions in order to secure immediate possession.

The largest plow in the world, perhaps, is owned by Richard Gird of San Bernardino county, Cal. This immense old turner stands eighteen feet high and weighs 35,000 pounds. It runs by steam, is provided with twelve twelve-inch plowshares, and is capable of plowing fifty acres of land per day. It consumes from one to one and a half tons of coal per day, and usually travels at the rate of four miles an hour.

A Western Man or Bust. St. Louis Republic. But whatever the New York democrats do or leave undone, western and southern democrats will not have a tremor every time New York gets frightened. If our New York friends are in a state of alarm, let them know it is their loss. For in 1896 we are to have a western man or bust.

A MODERN HERO. Washington Star. They ain't shy young fellow, they ain't shy no more. The boys sorter laughed when any one spoke of Jim ex an engineer. Never said nothing 'er no one. Allus refused a drink. Jim saved 'is cash kind of spiritless like. An' wanted 'er sit an' think. Never could git excited. Fur even the night we heard 'er that the forest fire was a-ragin' agin 'er. He didn't remark a word.

What's that you inquired? Where's he buried? Say, stranger, you ketch on slow. Jim's a-actin' those days at five hundred a week. An' I'm a-boomin' the show.

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