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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 31st day of N. P. F. Notary Public.

In the meanwhile Adlai is lying low and is not saying a word.

Chicago feels better now. She won't be disturbed by another election until next November.

Bills that pass out of sight—is they refer to measures that suddenly disappear down at the legislature.

Had the governor failed to veto the Churchill-Russell police commission bill no one would have been more disappointed than Churchill and Russell themselves.

Governor McKinley's visit to Washington was merely a passing visit. He would be pleased to return to the capital city about two years hence for a longer and more permanent sojourn.

Judge Scott's grandstand talk Monday morning contained a good many allusions to wheels slipping. The judge was not yet out of the spell that had just enveloped Citizen Scott.

There are two ugly cases of alleged arson now awaiting trial in the courts of this city and county. The penalty for such crimes is severe. It is sincerely to be hoped that the officers will permit no guilty man to escape.

If the law were strictly observed no city official would be permitted, as agent for fire insurance companies, to write policies covering city property. Under existing conditions it is the duty of insurance inspectors to investigate every policy placed upon the property of this city.

Every part of Nebraska had some benefit from the recent rains. This puts a more cheerful view on the outlook for business of all kinds. With the farmers at work preparing for a new crop the incentive to prosecute other lines of industry is largely increased. This is the time for everybody to start in to work.

That is an ingenious argument that seeks to have the indictment against ex-County Judge Eller quashed on the ground that there is no such person known to the law as county Judge. Pray, what office did Eller occupy? And what does the state constitution mean when it refers to "the judge of the county court?"

Nothing has contributed more to the demoralization of the Omaha police force than the fact that legislative interference with its management has been threatened for several months past. How can we have a well disciplined and efficient force when there is momentary danger that half the officers will be legislated out of office?

The situation in the Iowa coal fields is still one of latent hostility between the mine operators and the mine workers. It would not take much to precipitate a strike. It is to be hoped, however, that some means will be speedily devised to bring the opposing parties together. The men cannot afford to be idle at this time nor can the mine owners afford to leave their mines unworked. It is to their mutual interest that an agreement be reached. If a strike can possibly be avoided it ought to be in this instance.

The idea of extending clemency only when a rich offender and a poor offender can be linked together is an emanation worthy of Judge Scott, presiding over the criminal bench of the district court. If a prisoner can make out a deserving case for pardon, what reason is there to make him carry through some fellow prisoner, whether better or worse situated? Every application for pardon should rest on its own merits. The idea that pardons of convicts should be granted in pairs only would be an unheard of innovation both in law and practice.

Protracting the legislative session into April throws the time when the laws enacted by the present legislature go into effect one month further forward. The constitution provides that three full calendar months must elapse between the close of the session and the enforcement of the laws passed by it, excepting those passed with the emergency clause. Ordinarily July 1 is the date when the new laws are first enforced. Two years ago it was August 1 and it will be August 1 again this year. Every one therefore will have nearly four months to prepare for the legal results of the present legislature.

NOT A PARTY MEASURE.

The attempt to drag republican members of the legislature into the support of the Omaha police commission bill under pretense that it is a republican measure and will promote republican supremacy is pernicious and fraught with political disaster. The republican party has rallied under its banner men of all creeds and nationalities. The issues upon which it has won its triumphs in the past, and upon which it must stake its fortunes in the future, are clearly defined. No republican platform, whether national or state, has ever committed the party to espouse sectarian controversies that would divide its following in hostile camps over issues that are foreign to its own political creed. Why then should republicans of the legislature commit themselves and seek to commit the party to a measure that is notoriously inspired by a faction of the party that seeks to force the anti-Catholic issue into the coming campaign.

It has been asserted on the floor of the senate that the Douglas delegation to the legislature was elected on this issue and stood pledged to turn the police and fire departments of Omaha over to members of the anti-Catholic order. This assertion is absolutely baseless. The republican delegation from Douglas county was elected on the sole issue then pending, namely the election of a republican to the United States senate. On that issue alone the contest was waged and won in Douglas county. On this issue they received not only the united support of their own party, regardless of creed or faction, but also not less than 2,000 votes of democrats who were opposed to the candidacy of William J. Bryan. We make bold to assert that it would have been impossible to elect any member of this delegation who would have avowed himself in favor of the bill voted by Governor Holcomb.

The fact is, the issue which is sought to be made now in the name of the republican party was never thought of until after the election. It is self-evident that no such bill would have been introduced had Thomas J. Majors been elected governor.

The only pretext that can be urged in favor of a change of membership of the police commission is founded on the charges of corruption in the police department. These charges all date back two years and more. If the parties who profess a desire to purify the police had no other object in view, why didn't they make complaint against the commission to Governor Crouse, who certainly was not partial to blackmailers and crooks. Every commissioner on the present board is a republican appointee. Governor Boyd's appointments were turned down by the supreme court. Why then should republicans befool their own nest and take up cudgels to fight the battles of a faction that has already embroiled the party in internal contention, and are sure to wreck it if the republicans of the legislature are so imprudent as to fan the embers of sectarian contention into a flame which will consume those who happen to be in its destructive path.

BRIGHTENING PROSPECTS.

That there is a more confident feeling in business circles everywhere is attested by several facts. In the first place it is to be noted that industrial enterprises of nearly all kinds are becoming more active. The factories and mills of the east, if not generally operating at their full capacity, are more fully employed than at any previous time for more than a year, and the indications seem favorable to increased and continued activity, the only thing likely to interfere with this being heavy importations of foreign made goods. Stocks throughout the country are not large, however, so that it is believed the market will take all that is offered at the prevailing low prices. An agreement just effected between the iron and steel manufacturers and the workers regarding the scale of wages is to be followed by the resumption of all the western mills at once, which means employment for tens of thousands of idle workmen, and the resumption of the iron and steel industry will bring activity to others. For a month or more past the tin industry has been growing more active, and indeed all along the line of manufactured products there is improvement, with indications favoring a continuance of active operations. We have heretofore referred to the fact of a better feeling abroad toward American securities, and this is being maintained, due to the belief that better business conditions in this country are at hand. The orders for our securities have recently been on a comparatively liberal scale, and if this is continued it will bring here an amount of European capital which will help materially to the restoration of prosperity. It is to be expected, also, that foreign capital will seek other investments here as the result of returning confidence, so that it is quite possible there will be a return within the ensuing year of a greater part if not all that has been taken out of the United States since the depression began. There is no longer any serious apprehension abroad that this country will be brought to a silver basis, and with this potent cause of the withdrawal of capital removed it ought to freely flow back, for it will hardly be questioned that this is still an inviting field for investment, much as it has been damaged by the democratic policy, and that the opportunities are as numerous and as promising as in any other part of the world.

LET THEM WAIT A WHILE.

Without going into the merits of the proposition for the appointment of transient officers for the purpose of getting all children between the ages of 5 and 14 in Omaha into the schools, it seems plain that this is not the proper time to begin the innovation. In the first place, there are only two months more of school this year, and the time remaining would be reduced to one month before the proposed machinery could be put in working order. By the time the children would be rounded up the school year will have closed and the same work will only have to be repeated when the schools reopen in the autumn. The three or four weeks schooling that such transient children would secure this year would hardly be enough to inure them to the habit of attending the class room.

AGAIN, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANNOT KNOW.

At this time, what will be the ordinary demand for school accommodations at the opening of the next school year. Heretofore it has had all it could do to attend to the school population entered on its rolls. This is the situation in every American city. Nowhere is the compulsory education law strictly enforced, for the simple reason that if it were not one city in the country would be prepared to take care of the increased attendance. When the schools reopen the board will be in a position to ascertain how far in this direction its resources will warrant it in going.

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With these every proposition contemplating an increase of the number of persons in the public employment is warmly welcomed. The transient officers, however, if needed at all, will easily wait a little while.

THE NATIONAL BANKS OF NEBRASKA, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE IN OMAHA AND LINCOLN, CONTAIN ABOUT \$10,000,000 OF INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS.

To say nothing of capital stock and surplus funds, this gives a fair idea of the means at the command of the people of this state. To this must be added the deposits in state savings banks and in building and loan associations. This idle money to be sure is doing the people at large little good. It is in hiding and will not have courage to show its face until this year's crop shall have been assured. Then it will begin to circulate and this is why our whole state is dependent upon the tillers of the soil. The wealth of Nebraska is dug from the earth. When Mother Earth is prolific, business is good, credit can be given, the volume of circulating medium expands, money becomes easy and general prosperity reigns. Money is simply the evidence of wealth yielded up by the earth under the hand of toil.

CITIZEN SCOTT'S EPITOME TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION WAS DESIGNATED SOLELY FOR POSSIBLE EFFECT UPON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO ARE NOW CONSIDERING THE CHURCHILL-RUSSELL BILL.

In any other aspect it would be wholly unworthy of mention. If allegations made therein with reference to the board's complicity with gamblers and houses of prostitution have any foundation in fact it is the sworn duty of the judge of the criminal court to instruct the county attorney to apply the remedy at law. On the other hand, if it is admitted that Scott's charges are true, that fact would afford no logical reason for the proposed law. Governor Holcomb in his veto message strongly intimates that if it can be shown that the present police commission has outlived its usefulness it can readily be constituted anew under the wise provisions of the existing law.

FOXY MOVE OF THOMAS B. GILSON.

Mr. Reed is going to spend the coming summer in Europe, with prudent regard for the fact that the best way to avoid political danger is to lay beyond reach of a call to speak on doubtful issues.

BATTLE OF GIANT MONSTERS.

In the rivalry between the electric and the steam railroads in Connecticut, the electric is not lagging behind, but is making its way to the front. The electric lines are injuring the business of the steam lines, and the steam lines are making their way to the front. The electric lines are making their way to the front. The steam lines are making their way to the front.

COBS CURSED BY SPANISH BLOOD.

By nature it is one of the choicest spots of the earth. It has a soil of unsurpassed fertility, and rich mines that have never been developed. It is cursed by the British and ignorant population and by the oppressive misrule of the home government. It is cursed by the British and ignorant population and by the oppressive misrule of the home government.

GRASSING THE STUBS FOR JOHN.

The discovery of a connection with the issue of residence certificates to Chinese shows that in all matters connected with the Chinese, the government should be always on the alert. In this case certain Americans were charged with the crime of rendering it less criminal. It is probable that already many of these fraudulent certificates have been issued, and it is to be hoped that the holders will be able to maintain their residence in the country in spite of the law.

STATESMANSHIP IN LEGISLATURES.

In the Nebraska legislature a populist senator, in a recent address, held forth while someone else caught another populist. Mr. Dickson, lawyer, son of the famous pug, was counsel recently in a case before a London court in which the firm of "Dumby & Son" was interested. In mentioning the name of the firm, Mr. Dickson called the firm "Dumby & Son—in the city."

THE WALLER OF MADAGASCAR.

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SUSPENDING HOSTILITIES.

New York World: The command is heretofore to him and his people. It will do more than many successful campaigns could to impress the civilized world with the actuality of Japanese progress.

PHILADELPHIA LEDGER.

The attempted assassination of Li Hung Chang rendered the situation, at least, now declared, inevitable. It is an act of reparation which Japan feels it must make for the murderous assault made on the chosen representative of a nation, submitted to, though the government cannot be held fully responsible, but even in taking the step he had, the mikado has looked out for the interests of his country. If the reports of the last few days be any indication, the positions of every branch of the army have been so strengthened that, in case of failure to negotiate, it is the time of the Chinese, not in any way to be gained by the cessation of hostilities.

KANSAS CITY STAR.

Rain has fallen the past two days in every part of the great wheat section of the country. The new era of prosperity seems to be setting in in real earnest in every portion of America.

MINNEAPOLIS TIMES.

The times are glowing better. Their advance is now dependent entirely upon the grace with which the signs are received by the American people. With a country so blessed as this with the means of production, the lands lying waste that would make the eyes of an European farmer dance with envy, with a great and industrial people making their own laws and their own precedent, the signs are not large, but it is sufficient to wet the surface and facilitate seeding operations. April is the month of showers and it is the rains of June and July which mature the crops. There is no use denying that the conditions up to Saturday were quite serious, but now there is every reason to look for a favorable season. The rain will be worth millions to business.

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

The most outspoken opponents of women on the school board of Baltimore are women teachers. It is conceded on all sides that the Kentucky method has a tendency to discourage longevity in the train robbing business. Ex-President Harrison has designs on the bicycle. If the distinguished Hoosier mounts the bicycle, there is no use denying that the conditions up to Saturday were quite serious, but now there is every reason to look for a favorable season. The rain will be worth millions to business.

METROPOLE NEVER LIVED IN THE TOWN.

MEXICO, Mo., April 2.—A telegram from San Francisco reports that the parents of the men who held up the train which resulted in the death of Sheriff Hogue and one of the robbers lived in this city, and that the outlaws were known there as the McGuires. Investigation shows that no such persons or their families ever lived in this place.

RECORDED OF VOTES GIVES HALL.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.—Charles S. Oswley, ex-recorder of voters, and his former chief deputy, Harry G. Bristol, were bonded in the sum of \$1500 each before Judge Wolford of the criminal court today to answer charges of permitting the registration of fictitious names. They were indicted by the grand jury last week.

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Washington Star: Man scarce declares a rock so quaint, whose sylvan beauty thrills, before it beats in wild red paint a sign for "Patent Pills."

DETROIT FREE PRESS.

Tom—Why don't you take something for it? Dick—I'd like to, but I can't get any offers. I'll let you have it away below cost if you want it. The rain here down on the Orient Express.

THE DRIVER.

The driver, who declined to slay the man upon the rail, put on the brakes, reversed the wheels, and turned his face away. The stoker stood beside him, for it seemed his head would fall. What the shepherd boy stood up, and laughed, and ran away.

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