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GO SLOW IN SIGNING BILLS.

The fate of all bills passed by the legislature this week depends entirely on the favor of Governor Holcomb. With adjournment fixed for Friday no measure can have reached him five days before the close of the session.

In view of the fact that a number of questionable measures are being rushed through the two houses in the closing days, the governor will be fully justified in taking advantage of every prerogative which the constitution confers upon him.

THE VENEZUELA COMPLICATION. The administration is said to be very much perplexed over the question as to the course this government should pursue in relation to the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela.

The little town of Bennett is reported to have gone dry at the spring election. Walt Seeley is supposed to hail from Bennett, but he won't reside there much of the time during the coming year.

The corporations, contractors and heavy tax shirkers appear to carry more influence with the men in charge of the Omaha charter bill at Lincoln than the great body of taxpayers and citizens.

Granted that a return of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 can be derived through the medium of the Detroit garden spot plan, the burden of Douglas county taxpayers must be reduced by that sum should the matter be pushed to a successful issue.

The past three months fire insurance companies lost less than \$50,000 upon risks assumed in this city. The total amount of premium receipts drawn from Omaha during that period will appear later.

IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR REGULATION.

There is every reason to believe that this commendable enterprise will be crowned with success in this city.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS. There is encouragement for republicans in the general course of the spring municipal elections. While it is true that as a rule these elections are not accepted as conclusive evidence of the strength of parties, because the results are for the most part determined by local considerations and interests, while the personal popularity of candidates frequently plays no unimportant part, yet there can be no question that in the more important of the municipal elections just held the results are significant of the standing of parties, and they very generally show that the republicans are holding their own.

The election in Chicago was a square fight between republicans and democrats and the victory of the former by a plurality very nearly if not quite as large as that at the last state election is certainly significant. Of course the campaign was fought on local issues and the democratic administration has been very bad. This gave the republicans opportunity to make an aggressive fight with their opponents on the defensive. It enabled the republicans to strongly appeal to the people in the interest of better municipal government, and they did this with effect.

There must be some tall linn in the vicinity of the state house at Lincoln. Superintendent of Public Lands Russell asserts in a public interview that he has never even been approached with the subject as to whom he might favor as member of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commission should the Churchill-Russell bill become a law.

Do the people of Omaha have to go to a Lincoln sheet to let their representatives in the legislature know their wishes? The presumption of the Lincoln Boodlers' Own to speak for the citizens of Omaha on the question of the government of local police is the sublimity of nerve.

When the time comes that England is not demanding a slice of some other country's territory, or a portion of its cash assets, no other sign will be needed that the millennium has arrived.

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BLESSING IN SHOWERS.

Davenport Democrat: An inch and a quarter of rain Saturday night! There is cause for unalloyed rejoicing in this.

Kansas City Journal: For months past there has been a waiting drought throughout Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. Within the last forty-eight hours this protracted dry season has been broken by copious rainfall and snow.

Some politicians are known by the cigars they smoke. The prohibition draught was broken in several places.

Judge Henry C. Caldwell has been nominated for president by the republicans of Topeka, Kan. Who seconds the nomination? Henri Rochford pronounces the French duelling practice "ignoble slaughter."

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MERIT BASIS MUST PREVAIL.

Control the Non-Political Positions Under the Government. Commissioner Roosevelt Talks on the Absurdities of the Present System and Makes Comparisons with Some of the European Countries.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Civil Commissioner Roosevelt is thoroughly committed to the doctrine of including many more offices under the civil service rules. Speaking on this subject to an Associated press reporter, he said: "A house divided against itself has got to fall, and in the end this government, so far as the non-political offices are concerned, must be administered on the merit basis."

Every civilized country in Europe refuses to treat postoffices as political spoils, and it may be of interest to those foolish members of our own body politic who still resist the reform, because in England there is also a civil service reform, to know that in England the reform only came in with the growth of the democratic spirit and the reform has reached its most perfect manifestation in the federal republic of Switzerland.

POSTMASTERS ARE PROMOTED. In England postmasters are appointed by commission from within the ranks, except in the case of rural offices, where they are appointed directly from the outside.

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THEY WILL BE IN OMAHA APRIL 29.

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Be Here at the End of the Month. WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered the following assignment of cases for hearing, but at St. Louis, Mo., April 18, Jerome Hill, Cotton carrier, against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; April 19, Missouri railway commission against the Eureka Springs Railway company.

Denver, Colo., April 22, the cases of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company of Pueblo against the Atchison and other roads; and George J. Kendel of Denver against roads reaching Colorado points from the east and from the Pacific coast.

Keosauqua, Neb., April 28, the cases brought by A. J. Gustaf of Keosauqua, Neb., against the Burlington and Chicago and St. Louis and Northwestern railroads engaged in transportation between Kearney and points easterly, westerly and southerly to the place of origin.

Omaha, Neb., April 29, the cases of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce against the railroads carrying between Texas points and Omaha and between Chicago and other points and Omaha.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3, the case of Armstrong and Barker of Burlington, Kan., against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; May 6, the cases of George L. Chicago, against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; and the case of George L. Chicago against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad.

Washington Star: "Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "hab foun dat de pinnacle ob fame an' intelliency too p'inted ter sit down on wif comfort."

Rockland Tribune: We often sneer at the Egyptians for being a slow people, but on the contrary they must have been a nation of geniuses.

Philadelphia Record: A Kensington youth was recently arrested for "malicious mischief." He had made a practice of waking up night watchmen and policemen.

Atchison Globe: A man is always proud of his distinguished name, but he is a slow people, except when he is trying to pass them on half-face tickets on the cars.

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