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THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Omaha extends a hearty and hospitable welcome to the members of the Transmississippi congress, which convenes today in its eighth session.

The proceedings of this body, representing the twenty-four states and territories west of the Mississippi, will be watched with interest, not only by the people of the region for which it speaks but by the entire country.

It is easy to understand the intense feeling of those who urge that our government shall in this matter depart from its long established policy. They are deeply in earnest and believe that no considerations should prevent a union of all Christian nations to take action against the Turks.

While the congress is in its composition necessarily sectional in the sense that it voices the sentiment and the wants of the western half of the continent, its demands upon the national government, should so far as possible, be divested of everything that will be called sectional in the narrow sense of the term.

WHAT IS WANTED IS INCOME. The Philadelphia Inquirer remarks that it is useless to lay the burden of responsibility for the diminishing reserve upon the legal tender; that when we get on a pay-as-you-go basis once more and have something left over with which to pay off the debt that has been accumulating under Cleveland and Carlisle, there will be no more talk about the legal tender.

IN A FALSE ATTITUDE. The representatives of the Burlington, Milwaukee and Rock Island railroads disclaim on the part of their respective companies any disposition to block the way of the metropolitan union depot project of the Omaha, Bridge and Terminal company.

AMERICA AND THE TURK. At a meeting held in New York last week to protest against the policy pursued by the Turkish government toward the Armenians, one of the resolutions adopted urges our government to make every possible effort to induce the governments of Christendom to rouse themselves from their apathy and put an end to the intolerable state of affairs which threatens with extermination thousands of innocent fellow Christians.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE VOTED FOR THE STATE OFFICERS AT THE LATE ELECTION TODAY. Up to this time the people have been in the dark as to the precise vote on the different officers voted for in Nebraska three weeks ago, except so far as the newspapers have compiled the approximate results.

THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS IS INVITED TO THE EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI COUNTRY presented in the address entitled "The Star of Empire," delivered three years ago, from which extracts were reported in this issue of the Bee. The facts and figures embodied in this paper should prove of value to delegates who may wish to make accurate comparisons.

CHICAGO HAS ORDERED THAT IN ALL CONTRACTS for street improvements a provision shall be inserted that before payment be made the contractor shall deliver to the commissioner of public works his sworn written statement of the amount, kind and quality of materials used in the work under contract, with a statement in writing under oath of the parties furnishing such materials to the contractor.

FOR DAMAGE TO THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF OUR CITIZENS. This is as far as our government can wisely and safely go. The historic policy of the United States will prevent it from any intervention which might seem in the remotest degree an interference with the affairs of continental nations and which might in the future be used as a precedent for violation of the Monroe doctrine on the part of European countries.

CHANGED SENTIMENT IN THE SOUTH. One of the speakers at the recent annual dinner of the Boston Home Market club was Henry Clay Evans of Tennessee, who was last year elected governor of that state and was defrauded out of the office by the democrats.

Under conditions that exist today in the affairs of the school board a reduction of 5 per cent in the salaries of teachers who receive \$70 a month and over will not be a hardship upon any one. The scale of salaries paid in Omaha is above the average salary paid in cities of our class.

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Official tests demonstrate the fact that American corn is superior in quality to that grown in any other country in the world. But why shouldn't it be superior? Hasn't America the richest soil to be found anywhere and the best equipped farmers that live anywhere?

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VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS. West Point Progress: Rosewater was completely routed in the Omaha campaign, but he is so far from being a corpse, as the derisives will shortly discover, that he will not only be a Stanton Pickett for years to come but he has advocated a union depot and for once it is not opposed by the World-Herald. The millinery in a newspaper sense has arrived in Omaha.

Central City Nonpareil: The re-election of Judge Scott at Omaha looks much like a slap at Rosewater. Have they not paid rather dear for their slayer? Judge Scott is not the proper man for district judge. He is tyrannical and was to the man that meets his displeasure.

Schuyler Quill: The democratic county officer is a rarity in Nebraska. Outside of a few counties in this part of the state there are very few. Another example in this respect would be a boon for them.

Chappell Register: This policy of electing men who are unfit for a position just to spite some one else who is opposed to them, especially grounds of their unfitness is wrong and should be discouraged by all honest people.

Schuyler Herald: A friend at our elbow suggests that Tom Majors will be the next republican nominee for governor, and that some one else will support him. Just to spite Rosewater. We should not be at all surprised. It has got to that stage where nothing from that source surprises us.

Silver Creek Times: Ex-Old Inspector Hill is again running as a candidate for state while in office ought to be sufficient to start his paper off in good shape. It should be made the organ of the savings and outrageous billings. He is a prominent A. P. leader and a bad man for any community, let alone being on the bench.

Fullerton News: The News has one fault to find with the present election law in Nebraska, which is that it allows the electors to defect in it, but we have noticed this one more frequently. As the law now stands, an election board in any state is necessarily partisan. In a republican precinct the electors will all be republican, and in populist precincts they will all be populists, thus rendering it possible for the manipulative returns or to mark ballots contrary to the wishes of an illiterate voter if the board is unscrupulous.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. The United States is not an active participant in the pressure of the powers at Constantinople. For the moment the turkey movement at home absorbs its attention.

There's not a man in ten that the average well stocked clothing store can't fit just as correctly as the high grade merchant tailor—but the trouble's not with the fit—It's the staying quality of the fit that's hard to get. You can only get that feature in the high grade wools—wools that have length and strength of fibre, and that are built into elastic, firm, resilient cloths. Suits constructed of these superior grades of materials are the sort we've built our reputation on—All prices from \$8.50 to \$25. To take the rough edges off the corners of business life we're having an amusing guessing contest this week— In the corner window we've placed a dressed pig. The purchaser who guesses nearest the pig's weight gets the pig, next nearest guess gets a large turkey—the next nearest a goose. Prizes awarded Wednesday eve at 7:30, when pig will be weighed. Browning, King & Co. Southwest Corner Fifteenth and Douglas, OMAHA.