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There are indications that congress has its scalping knife out.

The Iowa delegation in Washington seems to have struck the mother lode, judging from the appointments turned up nearly every day.

Everybody in Omaha and Nebraska is ready to applaud the announcement of the reunion of the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line.

The Commercial club is organized for business. Every other association of local business men should follow its good example without delay.

New creamery and dairy companies are being organized in Nebraska and every one of them means a reduction in the capital stock of the combination of calamity croakers.

In all the boasting of alleged county circulation the Fakery has not in one single instance ventured to produce its subscription lists, which are all one proof of legitimate circulation.

Secretary Furnas advises the State Board of Agriculture to go out of the fair business. If that advice were acted upon what incentive would remain for continuing the scramble to get places upon the board?

Over in Michigan a thousand miners in the iron mines have ceased to ask sarcastic questions about the arrival of prosperity since it was announced they would get a raise of wages the first of next month.

The son of an Indiana preacher frightened his congregation out of their wits by a realistic representation of satan walking up the church aisle. The Hoosier clergymen make the mistake of taking new style religion too seriously.

The local franchised corporations have become so accustomed to evading their just share of the tax burdens that it is no wonder they resist the first attempt to treat them on some other than an equality with other taxpaying property owners.

Nearly \$8,000,000 a month average increase in value of exports during the year 1892 is a record of which American farmers, manufacturers and merchants may well feel proud. The government makes no profit on exports, but the people are richer therefore.

Mark this on the wall: In the seventeen years that the present law respecting publication of liquor license notices has been in force no applicant who published his notice in The Bee has ever been refused a license for failure to advertise in the paper of largest county circulation, as required by the statute.

Brazil has three or four war ships for sale, including two not yet finished. The Brazilian republic has avoided complications with foreign nations and internal dissensions have become less frequent in recent years. What Brazil needs now is a bigger line of merchant vessels making regular trips to ports in the United States.

Those who are ridiculing Secretary Wilson because he says great things may be expected from the development of agriculture and stock raising in Alaska should remember what their forefathers used to say about the so-called "Great American Desert" lying between the Rocky mountains and the Missouri river.

The offer made to G. M. Hitchcock of \$5 for every name of a bona fide carrier delivery subscriber in Omaha and South Omaha in excess of 100 omitted from the list of World-Herald subscribers published by The Bee in December is not a bluff and is not withdrawn. Let Mr. Hitchcock trot out his uncredited subscribers and claim his money. He says there are thousands of them. If so he ought to be able to print 400 or 500 within twelve hours.

Of course the officers of the State Board of Agriculture try to lay the blame in the recorded admissions to the state fair to defective transportation facilities. The fact remains, however, that the transportation facilities to the fair grounds have been improved materially each year since the fair was located at Omaha and no one was prevented from attending through any inability to get to and from the grounds cheaply, quickly and with fair comfort.

THE DEMOCRATS AND CUBA.

The outbreak of democratic jingoism in the house of representatives on Tuesday was expected. It was well understood that when the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up for consideration the democrats would move an amendment incorporating the senate resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and recording belligerent rights to the parties to the war.

The exhibition of democratic jingoism will not have the political effect hoped for by those who made it. It will not persuade intelligent people that sympathy with the Cuban patriots is peculiarly a democratic sentiment. Republicans as heartily and sincerely sympathize with the cause for which the insurgents are fighting as do men of any other party.

The farce which has been enacted by Herdman, Peabody and Gregory, sitting on an excise board, will soon be over. A more disgraceful and shameless travesty on justice was never seen since police commissions were created for Omaha.

The conspiracy in which these men have been acting as runners for a gang of confidence sharps has been successful insofar as it has robbed the applicants for license by compelling them to pay tribute to the combine organ in defiance of law. The guaranty of a license and protection to all who submitted to being robbed has, however, failed to materialize.

President McKinley in his annual message, speaking of the practical aspects of a recognition of belligerency, clearly pointed out that such recognition would benefit Spain rather than the insurgents. He said: "While according the equal belligerent rights defined by public law to each party in our ports, disfavor would be imposed on both, while nominally equal, would weigh heavily in behalf of Spain herself."

There is a most deplorable state of affairs in Cuba no one will question and the action of this government for the alleviation of the suffering there is approved by all our people. But this unfortunate condition does not furnish justification for action on the part of this government which only a little more than a month ago the president declared would be unwise and therefore inadmissible.

The postal authorities are endeavoring to avoid an anticipated deficiency in the free delivery service during the remainder of the present fiscal year by reducing the force of letter carriers in a number of the larger cities of the country. The anticipated deficiency is only about \$150,000, so that the total reduction of carrier forces will not be very great, but wherever such reduction has been directed by the department it is vigorously opposed on the ground that it will impair the service.

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Governor Pingree says that although the leaders may sometimes go astray, the masses of the republican party are sound upon all the vital questions of party principle and political honesty. And the governor hits the nail flat on the head.

Great stress is laid on the fact that President Dole is traveling in the United States, just like any ordinary citizen. It must be admitted that this is one point in Mr. Dole's favor.

When a rebekah will redeem the unpaid portion of a ticket, it has sold the legitimate excuse or justification for ticket-scalping is taken away. It is well that such redemption shall be made compulsory in any anti-scalping law. If congress will pass the law now pending it will do the public a service. The ticket-scalping business is a profitable one and it gives the public the advantage of special rates to the portion of

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