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Publishing school desks is a more lucrative business in Omaha than in any other city. The National Reform association is holding a meeting in New York.

The man who stole the overcoat from the police judge's son will doubtless plead a case of mistaken identity. He would not have taken it had he known it.

If anybody can name another city of twice the population of Omaha that pays \$6,500 a year for polishing school desks we will guarantee him or her a very handsome Christmas gift.

The Britons penned up in Ladysmith would enjoy reading the Omaha Fakery, which informs the public that the siege has been raised. It would be their first intimation of the fact.

Governor Poynter is not the only state official who wishes he was in Texas. The popocratic judges of the supreme court would also appreciate a retreat in the center of a chaparral thicket.

So long as railroad retainers and secret-rebate-takers dominate the councils of the Commercial club there is no hope of that organization accomplishing any good for Omaha in the matter of freight rates.

Wisconsin burglars have commended work on the preachers under the impression that they have valuables. The first thing people know they will be raiding the editors. This is an age of wonders.

The president of the water company announces his willingness to sell the plant to the city of Omaha and the city of Omaha is doubtless willing to buy. The only question is, When and at what price?

The house of representatives is starting in as if it were the intention to make the present one a business session. Plenty of work is in sight to keep the members busy, even with the utmost diligence.

The man with an atlas has a field to operate in at Omaha's dual passenger station. A direct line from one side of the track to the other over the iron fence would be the most popular transportation route in the state.

The Boers are certainly the most un-lucky people in the world, if the British dispatches from South Africa are to be believed. Every shell fired toward them kills a score or more, while the Boer shells rain into the English camp and never even touch a male.

The military authorities received no word from General Young for over a week, but when he was finally heard from it became evident that the Filipinos were at no time in doubt as to his whereabouts. His location has been painfully apparent to them all the time.

Employees of the government printing office find hope for steady employment in the number of bills introduced into congress in the opening days. The senate has a record of a little over 800 for the opening week and the house comes forward with a fair number, considering the fact that it is newer at the business.

The Cubans can find nothing in the president's message with which to find fault, according to the telegraph reports. It is too early to form an accurate opinion of the subject. A day or two for reflection will probably enable them to discover something not to their liking. The habit of finding fault has become too firmly grounded with the Cubans for them to break off so suddenly.

WHY HITCHECK SHOULD BE MADE SENATOR.

Seven good reasons can be offered why Gilbert Monell Hitchcock should be given a cushioned chair in the United States senate:

1. He is one of America's noblest, born with a golden spoon in his mouth; raised on republican senatorial pip; pats his hair as well as his name in the middle; inherited a half million dollars, chiefly contributed by Jay Gould and Sidney Dillon, and squandered this princely patrimony in the glorious slian battle against monopoly.

2. This senator by inheritance would carry the rank, title and toga of the senator with dignity, decorum and pomposity. No ordinary mortal, and least of all no mudsill, could ever approach him within the sacred precincts of the domed marble palace without a full-dress suit, kid gloves, patent leather pumps and gold-rimmed monocles.

3. A natural-born aristocrat, who points with pride to the senatorial seat purchased for \$22,000 spot cash by his progenitor, would shed lustre upon the horse-handled toilers of Nebraska, who would look up to him from the thatched dugout on the prairie and the shingled cottage of the wage-worker in the city as did the Roman plebeians to their senatorial lords and masters.

4. The self-sacrificing, courageous, disinterested and unflinching in his efforts to dispel and undo the odious and unjust influence of G. M. Hitchcock in battling for despised and undervalued humanity stands out so prominently in brass-banded chair with a string to it and pleads most eloquently for his elevation to the House of Lords.

5. As a dexterous performer on the political trapeze he would be marvellous in the great national arena, where his acrobatic talents would be the admiration of all the trimmers and double-breasted turn-coats. In turning sharp corners, trimming his sails to the breeze and playing fast and loose upon the slightest \$8888 provocation his career illustrates what a man thoroughly trained in using his right or left hand may accomplish to satisfy the lust for pelf or power.

6. In the closing year of the century Nebraska should be represented by a man in the United States senate whose profound knowledge of the problems of the hour has been acquired in the gilded boxes of opera houses and concert halls and in the giddy whirl of the ball room, where the swells and sweet-heads of both sexes are wont to exhibit their wit and their good clothes. In looking for a man of that stamp and caliber Governor Poynter cannot find another statesman possessed of these rare qualifications.

7. As an iridescent statesman Gilbert Monell Hitchcock would outgawk, outrank and outshine all the popocrats that now occupy seats in congress by reason of his dress-parade experience on public occasions and his high appreciation of his own talents and marvellous achievements.

With these seven irrefutable reasons Governor Poynter must necessarily couple the imperative demand of the bung tung of the metropolis, which insists that Senator Thurston must be re-elected by a man who knows how to eat royal American dinners without using his knife when the pie is served.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

States will command consideration. This is a matter of as great importance to the people of Cuba as it is of self-government. There is involved in it the industrial and commercial development of the island.

When the proposition to create a tax commissioner for Omaha was under discussion we were assured that the new system would not increase the taxes, but simply equalize the burdens. Experience has exploded this theory. The average taxpayer pays from 20 to 30 per cent more than he did five years ago, when we had a larger police and fire force, double the number of constables and more extensive public works.

Foreign nations have evidently learned that prices are advancing in this country and are trying to keep up with the procession. The Portuguese government has made a demand for \$50,000 damages for the death of a subject of that government, which it alleges was due to the carelessness of American port officials.

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High Class Congressmen. Altogether no congress in our history has ever had so many high-class questions to deal with. Surely the time has come for high-class congressmen. The eyes of the world are upon us.

Soils of Swindlers. Philadelphia Times. It would be interesting to know how much of the immunity and protection enjoyed by Miller and his syndicate was due to his allowing members of the New York police force to get in on the ground floor and win big profits. Hush money for the year ending with the close of the year 1900, \$1,000,000. It is an old story in the metropolis, and perhaps in most cities, but the purchase of protection by stockbrokers is a thing that even Dr. Parkhurst did not think about.

A Billion Dollar Government. Kansas City Star. This is evidently a "billion dollar government." The secretary of the treasury asks appropriation for the year ending with June, 1901, of \$631,081,994. If the appropriations of the next session are of the same amount we shall be considerably over the billion-dollar mark for one congress. The average expense of the government has hitherto been, in normal times, about \$5 per capita; if that rate held we should be able to get along with less than \$400,000,000 a year. But it is to be remembered that the times are not normal.

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ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Picturesque stories of fashionable frocks and suits.

Correspondents circulating among Uncle Sam's waterland in the Orient are gradually giving the home guard glimpses of the picturesque natives who are about to be mobilized into American divisions by the usual process.

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But I've hit upon a system which never fails to fit-

W. D. Howells tells a story of Henry James, who was praising the work of a fellow author.

The department is engaged in experimental shipments of butter to various parts of the world and is arousing foreign interest in the American product.

country searching for new varieties of grain and other cereals and plants, to be tested in this country.

The field of the department's operations has been greatly extended by the acquisition of the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico, and the secretary expresses the belief that three islands in a short time, can be made to produce \$2,000,000 worth of the tropical products that the country now imports.

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