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THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

The second and short session of the Fifty-sixth congress begins today. There is a good deal of work, some of it urgent, already cut out for it, but as to how much will be accomplished there is diversity of opinion.

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SPLENDID AND TELLING.

One of the United States senators to be elected during the session of the legislature should be Edward Rosewater of The Omaha Bee. Mr. Rosewater and The Bee did some splendid and telling work for the republican ticket at the late election and it is nothing more than right that he should receive his reward by giving him the senatorship.

Closing Century Phenomenon.

This that is a phenomenal year in further denotation of the closing century phenomenon is the fact that no other American girl is to marry a foreign nobleman as is not an heiress.

A Hint on the Cemetery.

The appointment of Hon. Charles A. Towne to that vacant senatorial seat would be the most unappreciating thing Governor Lind could do. It would be emphasizing the fact that the free silver leaders have to resort to political grave robbery in order to get into office.

Can't Lose "the Peers."

Senator Allen of Nebraska says Bryan will be nominated in 1904. Allen, as a populist, naturally clings to Bryan. The latter personage belongs to the populist end of the democracy and this is the reason why there is a republican caucus at present among the party's conservative element. Nebraska, however, is a bad place to start a boom for Bryan in 1904. Nebraska has just turned Bryan down by a good-sized majority.

Vivifying Touch of Your Uncle.

The touch of Uncle Sam's political hand seems to have had a vivifying effect upon the Hawaiian islanders. Not only has trade been greatly stimulated, but a larger number has been added to their population in the last four years than in the previous ten years. There are more people in these islands now than at any other time since they were known to civilization and three times as many as there were at the period of their greatest depression in 1872.

A Board of Control.

The charitable and educational institutions of Nebraska must cease to be the playthings of practical politics. The laws should be revised and so amended that each establishment may be governed by a board of trustees. The board should be appointed and confirmed by that body. The trustees should be non-partisan. They should be selected because of character and adaptation to the duties of the place. They should have free power to employ and discharge their employees. With such a system, scandals, extravagance and inefficiency would soon disappear.

American Rule in the Philippines.

In a broad way the improvement of the military situation in the Philippines is dependent to some degree on the improvement of the civil situation. Let there be once established in a few given districts a system of government which is active and progressive and the rest of the islands will follow. The final peace of the Philippines will be obtained by civil rule co-operating with military force. Neither alone or acting independent of the other can attain it.

SHEPHERD SHIPPERS KICK.

Rules Enforced by Consul Howe Cause a Ferment. London, December 2, 1900. Major Church Howe, the newly appointed United States consul for Sheffield, has signalled his arrival by a course of action which has set the manufacturers of that city on their feet. The consul requires manufacturers not only to declare the relative market value of goods invoiced for shipment to the United States is the true value, but he also requires full particulars to be given of the cost of production and of the profit which they make thereon.

SOME DETAILS OF THE VOTE.

Bryanism Spurred Everywhere by Increased Plurality. Kansas City Star. The official count of the vote of the few states that have reported shows several interesting features. One of them is that Nebraska the Bryan electors received 124 more votes than Dietrich, the republican candidate for governor, who was elected. About 8,000 persons voted for president in the light of Bryan's election. It was expected that Poynter's lack of popularity would make him run behind Bryan, so that the announcement that the presidential candidate was defeated by 7,000 votes, while the fusion candidate was elected by a margin of less than 1,000, created surprise. The official count, however, shows that Poynter ran 1,000 behind the national ticket, as had been predicted.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

A woman in a Chicago church choir had an encounter with a mouse and came out victor without a single scream. Controller Coleridge says the total debt of New York City is larger than the aggregate state debts of all the states in the union. A Chicago doctor offers \$3 a square inch for healthy human skin for grafting purposes. This will give a man a value which he never had before.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Thomas A. Edison's middle name is Alva, which is little known to most people. He is of Dutch origin and the founder of the American family, John Edison, came to this country in 1737 and became a banker in New York. So highly do the Chinese think of General Grant that they are offering a reward of \$100,000 for the capture of a man who has been charged with the murder of General Grant. The melancholy incident lends a sad note to the journey to New York and places a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Grant and does it in the name of the emperor of China.

FUSION PRESS ON FAKE CONTEST.

Dixon Tribune (pop.): C. H. Dietrich has violated the law. He is not legally entitled to the office to which he was elected. A law is placed upon the statute books to be obeyed and enforced. Governor Poynter should hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified.

Albion Argus (pop.): While Mr. Dietrich may be guilty of furnishing lots of beer, some banquets and other violations of the anti-corruption law, in our opinion, we do not think he need worry much about being voted out of office. The conscience of the American people is not very tender on the point of violating the law, per se, and in this case no one has enough personal interest in the matter to prosecute it.

Springfield Monitor (dem.): Just because Mr. Dietrich took pity on the middle-of-the-road people during the campaign and gave the Omaha manager \$25 to help out a banquet, the fusionists in certain quarters are saying all manner of mean things about our next governor violating the election law, and even talking of contesting his right to the office. The matter, if it is intended seriously, should be dropped, as there is no earthly show of convicting Mr. Dietrich, and it would only kick up a big muss for nothing.

Kearney Democrat: The Omaha World-Herald and a Lincoln evening paper have raised a cry over the fact that Governor Dietrich certified in his expense report that he had given \$25 to someone for a barbecue, or for tickets to seats to a dinner, when you come to sift things down, lots could be found in political campaigns that is not intended for the closest scrutiny. Dietrich used poor judgment in bestowing his cash. It would have been much better had he contributed the \$25 to some newspaper.

Grand Island Democrat: Thanking, ah, yes, this is Thanksgiving day, but wherever shall a poor democratic editor rejoice and be exceeding glad? Why should he, of all men, make a joyful noise unto the Lord? When he sees the forces of evil triumphant, when he sees the gentle gospel of the kingdom of God supplanted by the message of the Gattling gun, why should he give thanks? It is not enough to arouse gratitude to know that he is alive. Life under some circumstances is scarcely worth the living, while if the preachers tell us that sin is a crime, that we should be grateful rather than joyful for release from an earth full of republicans and sinners. But the picture is not all dark. There are still some spots of brightness where the sunshine of gladness lights our clouds of gloom. We are not in power, therefore we have no offices to divide among the hungry. We have no patronage to distribute, therefore we are free from the fawning of the lickspittles who would willingly barter their souls for the crumbs that fall from the official table. We are not called upon to attend to the business of the public, therefore we have all the more time to attend to our own. We have not been selected to make the laws that govern our country, therefore we are not charged with the responsibility of making laws for the citizens. We have not made any contracts to furnish full dinner pails, therefore we will not be execrated for promises unfulfilled. Yes, we can still be thankful as we sit facing a fat turkey and lift our hearts in praise to the Giver of all our mercies, thankful that we are still the uncrowned sovereigns of the greatest country in the world instead of servants of an ungrateful people; thankful that our consciences are clear, having delivered our message to a grateful and obedient people; thankful that we have not been unheeding ears like the good seed that fell upon stony ground, or shall we not say rather upon dry ground, which needs but the coming of the rain to make it yield an hundred fold increase. We say we are most thankful, if not for victory perched upon our banners, then for a most thorough temporary licking, which whets our appetite for the Thanksgiving in which we shall rejoice over triumphs achieved four years from now.

THE LATE SENATOR DAVIS.

Boston Globe: By his independence of mind, as well as his ability, Senator Davis gained respect as well as popularity in no small degree and he will be missed in the ranks of the nation's statesmen. Chicago Times-Herald: Senator Davis was only 62 years old at the time of his death, which was the result of an accident, and it will add to the general regret over the loss of such an able public servant that he was stricken down in the fullness of his powers.

DETROIT MORALIZING ON RESULT.

Waterloo Gazette: The supreme court having killed the law creating the State Board of Transportation the hungry republicans will have a few offices to fight over unless the legislature comes to the rescue with a new enactment. But if there's not a marked improvement over the old law, at least in its operation, the state will be just as well off and dollars ahead in the treasury if we don't get a new board at all.

REQUISITAC IN PACEM.

Beaver City Times: The supreme court handed down a decision declaring the State Board of Transportation was an unconstitutional body. It was knocked out on the grounds that the law did not pass both branches of the legislature in due form. It is now up to a republican legislature to do something along this line. We need a constitutional convention that proper provision may be made for regulating the rail roads of this state. Let us have a new constitution.

INCREASE OF REPUBLICAN STRENGTH IN TRANSMISSISSIPPI REGION.

In both republican and democratic states west of the Mississippi the republicans have made remarkably large gains over 1896. Official returns from fifteen states, including six in the transmississippi region, show the McKimley gain in 1900 against 1896, 4,844,542 in 1896, and Bryan 2,921,719, against 2,937,306 in 1896. The republican gain in the fifteen states is 41,589 and the democratic loss is 15,587, a net republican gain of 57,176. But the gains came entirely from the states west of the Mississippi, as the following table shows:

Table with 4 columns: State, 1900, 1896, 1900, 1896. Rows include Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Utah.

THE IMPORTANT FACTOR.

There is no use disguising the fact that The Omaha Bee was the important factor in bringing about the result of the election in Nebraska. While The Bee is not always what everyone likes, it is always what everyone needs. It is gratifying to every republican in Nebraska to know that the state is where it belongs and they should place a portion of the credit where it belongs.

PLAATING FUN.

Detroit Journal: Strictly speaking, of course, a man who is not a native-born different girls without leading a double life.

WASHINGTON STAR.

"Tain't always easy," said Uncle Eben, "to tell whether a man's opinion is due to patriotism or force of habit."

SOMERVILLE JOURNAL.

Mrs. Waggle's Well, we didn't either of us beat. The fact is, the whole evening talking about our children.

INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

"I don't see how you can say foot ball is hygienic; look at the men who get hurt."

DETROIT FREE PRESS.

"I wonder," said the lead reporter, "if you are having over men with curly hair?"

CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

"Haven't you got through yet?" asked the impatient customer, polishing away with all his might. "I'm sure my fish."

WASHINGTON STAR.

"What keeps some of us so poor," said Uncle Eben, "is our time 'splain' what we do if we only had more money."

CHICAGO POST.

"Why are you going to move?" asked the friend from a distance. "Oh, this is such a disgusting, poor neighborhood that we have to go."

DETROIT JOURNAL.

"And there is no new woman among you are excluded, quite aghast." "None," answered the savages, with infinite politeness. "We eat without dishes, and since there are no dishes to be washed, they have to come the impulse to the higher life."

CHICAGO POST.

"On this occasion, at least," remarked the casual reader, "Croker is practicing what he preaches."

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.

"Why, you wicked boy! You were playing games with those children. You were playing Sabbath school. I must punish you severely."

PASSING OF PATTENREW.

Atchison Globe. Tell me, Mark, oh, tell me true. Hast thou knocked out Pattenrew? Yes, Billy, it is true. I have a good Pattenrew. Whooop! I share with you. Whooop do do do!

Net daily average, 30,447

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1900. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Good morning, Mr. Congress, how do you do today?

Speaker Henderson continues to do business at the same old stand.

The official canvass of the vote for president in Nebraska makes McKinley's majority 7,822. Paste this in your hat.

According to President Kruger's train schedule of his journey to Holland, the longest way around is the shortest way home.

The auditorium fund is hovering at the \$100,000 mark. When it gets to the \$200,000 mark it will furnish a good excuse for a grand jubilation.

Judge Gordon will have the privilege of carrying his woes up to the supreme court. The court of public opinion, however, has already given a final adjudication of his case.

The naval cadets have outdone the West Pointers on the foot ball grid-iron. The navy insists on sharing first honors with the army since its "brilliant feats in the war with Spain."

A 17 per cent increase in the weekly clearings exhibit evidence that Omaha's business establishments are prospering which go right along expanding without reference to passing conditions.

Kansas City marksmen carried away the palm from our home competitors, but they had a good run for their money. Omaha will be ready at any time for a return engagement to even up the score.

Bulletins from the sickbed of the czar inform the public that he is living on a diet of beef extract and milk. If he wants the best and most nourishing beef he should place his order with the American meat packers.

The coming legislature will have its usual number of seat contests. Had the fusionists carried the legislature there would have been an equal, if not greater, number of contests, calculated to increase the fusion majority.

Lincoln is preparing to welcome the restoration of republican control of the state government by a grand inaugural ball, to be held in its auditorium. It has been some time since Nebraska has boasted the luxury of a real inaugural ball.

London is complaining that the price of foodstuffs has gone up as a result of the South African war. America is able to replenish the British food supply on demand, the only condition precedent being the payment of the prevailing market price.

Governor Poynter is making an expedition to Colorado to fix up private business affairs, ostensibly in the form of mining property investments. The governor might wait until his engagement with the people of Nebraska has been terminated.

The Omaha Bryanite organ recalls Barnum's remark about the plenitude of fools and fifty-cent pieces in connection with the announcement that Sara Bernhardt is to receive \$1,000 for each performance in America. What about Mr. Bryan's famous lecture engagement at \$500 per lecture?

The demand for poor relief upon the county and other public and private charities is less than usual for several years past at this season. People who have opportunity to support themselves do not require outside assistance. It is to be hoped the same conditions will continue throughout the winter.

Omaha's public library is exhibiting evidences of the same quickening which is visible in all activities in the community, particularly along the lines of culture and education. When the people attend lecture courses, study clubs and concerts they will also read instructive books. This is the way the increased patronage of the library is to be explained.

THE PROFUND IGNORANCE PLEA.

It would be amusing were it not pitiful to find the principal organ of the state house fusionists charging the loss of Nebraska by the so-called allied reform forces to the "profound ignorance" of the voters. This is almost as insulting to the intelligence of the people as Mr. Bryan's explanation of his defeat on the ground of the corruption of voters who would otherwise have cast their ballots for him. An attempt is made also to bolster up the plea of "profound ignorance" by the

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WORK FOR THE COMING LEGISLATURE.

The Nebraska legislature that will convene on New Year's day has a task and responsibility greater than any that have devolved on any body of lawmakers in this state. Quite apart from the far-reaching issue involved in the election of two men to represent Nebraska in the United States senate, the coming legislature will be called upon to wrestle with problems that will tax the capacity of the ablest minds in its membership. Under the constitution it becomes the sworn duty of the coming legislature to re-district the state for congressional and legislative representation, and incidentally it may also reorganize the judicial districts. It is a matter of history that the legislature of 1891, which was to have made the apportionment under the census of 1890, failed to discharge that duty. The constitution expressly forbids the making of legislative apportionment except by that immediately following the taking of a national or state census. As no state census was taken in 1890, we still remain under the apportionment made thirteen years ago based on the state census of 1875. Next in importance will be the revision of the revenue laws either directly or through a commission such as has been resorted to in Iowa and other states. Our existing revenue system is a relic of the past, seriously defective in many important particulars. The legislature will be called on also to provide for constitutional revision either by amendments or a convention. All parties agree that the constitution of 1875 is a strait jacket that hampers the development of the state and prevents an efficient and economic administration of the various branches of state government. The management of the different state institutions and the care and keeping of their inmates will take up their share of legislative attention. As the direct consequence of the new census will come the reconstruction of the laws providing for the government of counties and cities. And last, but not least, the patching up of holes that have been knocked into various important pieces of legislation by supreme court decisions, including irrigation, insurance, corporate regulation and labor reform. It is safe to predict that the coming Nebraska legislature will have its hands full of work affecting all classes, and its session will be watched with interest from start to finish. Report has it that the telephone will be substituted for the telegraph in all the operating business along the Northern Pacific railroad. The telephone would supplant the telegraph in a great many lines of business to a far greater extent than it has done were not the telephone and telegraph monopolies working under an agreement to keep out of each other's territory. If the telephone companies employed stenographers to receive messages and reduce them to writing for delivery to non-subscribers at all principal traffic points the telegraph companies would have to part with a large percentage of their business. The stories of contemplated Boer immigration to the United States are being renewed with more seriousness than originally. In all probability the opening of spring will find several large parties of Boers settling in this country and forming the basis of Boer communities. The United States is always ready to welcome industrious and frugal immigrants who desire to assimilate with our population. Nebraska has plenty of room for additional immigration and will be glad to be among the states favored by Boer settlers. The arrival of General Lee to take command of the Department of the Missouri will complete the staff of departmental officers for the first time since the outbreak of the war with Spain. This department is one of the most important among our military divisions, excepting only those in the new possessions at present under military rule, and it will resume its old position as soon as the country is entirely restored to a peace basis.