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Subscribed in full for the year ending before me this 4th day of March, A. D. 1901. M. H. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

South Omaha taxpayers are not entirely satisfied with the charter fixed up by South Omaha politicians, but the politicians seem to have the winning combination.

The report of the legislative holdup investigators recalls the man who shook his clenched fist under the nose of his antagonist and then hit him with the soft end of a feather duster.

It is evident a number of heads which were ready to duck took a sudden brace when the last of the hold-up committee report was read.

George Gould is on his way to Omaha. Omaha has been receiving notable attention of late from the other great railroad systems and the Gould lines would do well to cultivate this territory.

The falling of the penitentiary walls indicates that little is to be gained by rebuilding the burned structure on its present site.

Carrie Nation has no sooner subsided than the Kentucky feudists break out again. The people of this country are never without something exciting to keep the blood in circulation.

The saddest thing about the close of a congress is the steamsman out of a job. Offeholding with some men becomes so chronic that when the time comes to part with official salary they are completely at a loss to know what to do for a living and their pleas for appointment are often readily pitiful.

A great many street improvements are on the board for Omaha for the coming season, but the preliminaries must await the action of the legislature on the bills pending before it relating to methods of making special assessments.

A Nebraska City bank advertises its deposits for a number of years back, which shows that the money entrusted to it by depositors, which had fallen down to \$56,000 in December, 1896, has now reached over \$200,000.

Nebraska courts and juries are measuring up considerably in the public estimation by the number of convictions and stiff sentences meted out to murderers who have been indulging the homicidal mania in different parts of the state.

Officially compiled figures show the floating debt of Nebraska to have been increased regularly by excessive legislative appropriations above the revenue brought in by taxation.

The decision of the senate not to undertake the rearrangement of the committees at the present extra session indicates that an early adjournment is contemplated.

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The people of Nebraska are proud of the State university and are willing to pay liberally for its maintenance, but that is no reason why the management should be extravagant.

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AS TO SENATORIAL VACANCIES.

So much misinformation is being circulated with reference to the conditions arising out of the expiration of the terms of Nebraska's senators that a review of the law and practice governing vacancies in the senate is not out of place.

Under the federal constitution each state is entitled to representation in the upper branch of congress through two senators elected by the legislature to serve terms of six years each.

The members of the senate have been so classified that one-third of the membership is renewed every two years, and no two of the senators from one state go out at the same time.

The situation with reference to Nebraska is that the term of John M. Thurston expired by limitation on the 4th of March of this year and the seat formerly occupied by him is therefore vacant.

The term for which the late M. L. Hayward was elected would have expired until March 4, 1905. Upon the death of Senator Hayward a vacancy was created which the governor was authorized to fill by appointment.

and Senator Allen holds his position by reason of the gubernatorial commission. The practice of the senate has been to recognize such a commission, as entitling the holder to retain his seat until the next legislature following the appointment should have chosen a successor.

Under the constitution and practice of the senate, furthermore, the power of a governor to appoint to senatorial vacancies is restricted to those which occur by death, resignation or disability during the recess of the legislature, and no appointment is recognized to a vacancy made during a legislative session, or which remains by reason of the failure of a legislature to effect a choice.

Several governors have of late years attempted to commission appointees to all vacancies resulting from inability of the legislatures to agree upon a candidate, but the senate has steadfastly refused to admit members upon these credentials.

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The election of Senator Hayward two years ago was not accomplished until March 8, so that four days elapsed after March 4, with Nebraska represented by only one senator, which presented the same condition in which the state is today.

CONSERVATIVES IN CONTROL.

The conservative element, according to the latest Havana advices, is in control of the constitutional convention and disposed to give due consideration to the conditions submitted by the United States.

It is needless to say that the Cubans could make no greater mistake than to follow the advice of the radical element, yet there are many American newspapers and public men who are practically counseling them to do this by their unequalled condemnation of the action of congress.

It is interesting to note that the Cuban government is acting perditionally and that there is an ulterior design against Cuban independence and sovereignty.

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Montana followed the example of Oregon and elected a senator in the last hour of the session, in fact went the Oregon record a little better and turned back the clock in order to prolong the session until the result could be accomplished.

Mr. McKeljohn may have his tenure of office as assistant secretary of war prolonged by a deadlock between the president and the senators from New York over the identity of his successor.

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OUTLOOK NOW SEEMS VERY FAVORABLE.

It will be generally hoped that the conservatives will be able to retain control of the situation.

MORE PEACE RUMORS.

The latest reports regarding peace negotiations between Generals Kitchener and Botha may prove to be more trustworthy than those which preceded them, but they are not to be received with entire confidence.

What causes mistrust of the statements is the fact that only a short time ago Steyn and Dewet issued a proclamation in which they declared that the war was far from being ended and indicated that the Boers were not only as determined as ever to go on with the conflict, but were well supplied for the purpose.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The approaching departure of the duke of Cornwall and York, the heir apparent to the British throne, has revived the old inquiries as to what would happen if his father, King Edward, should happen to die during his absence.

When the Irish members of Parliament started to go up against Speaker Gully they probably forgot that his grandfather was a champion prize fighter.

These unhappy Americans who have been charging that Uncle Sam pays an excessive price for armor plate may be surprised to learn, on the authority of the Finance Committee of the Reichstag, that the German government pays \$50 a ton more than the United States.

The Republicans in the last congress gave a sufficient demonstration of the fact that they are better politicians than the democrats by covering the minority with indignity by gaining control of the speaker and then got out of passing it.

One very excellent result of the reduction of the war taxes will probably be to remove from congress the temptation to commit such extravagances as characterized the last session.

A little while ago some people found amusement in figuring out the cost per word of Senator Fowner's great speech, but the price is that effort was more legitimate in comparison with the \$50,000,000 raised by Senator Carter's thirteen hours' recitation of the rivers and harbors bill.

One does not need to be a dark and gloomy pessimist to realize that failures in Wall street like those of Tuesday are natural consequences of prices ballooned beyond all reason.

Have you a kick coming? A doctor the other day denounced the marriage habit of a clergyman.

There is food for thought in the compilation made by the tally clerk of the house showing the business brought before the congress that has just expired.

Whenever the British war office wants supplies in post haste and finds that imperial purveyors and manufacturers cannot supply its needs in a hurry it turns to the Yankee for relief.

Some idea of the temperament of the Porto Ricans, and in fact all Spanish-American peoples, and the difficulties of governing them, can be gained from an incident which happened in San Juan.

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BREEZY CHAFF.

Detroit Journal: The box coat is the coat which makes a person look like a barrel.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Yes, sir, my great grandfather blazed his way to wealth."

Indianapolis Press: Tommy Paw, what is an optimist?

Pittsburg Chronicle: "I guess the anti-imperialists regarded it as a coronation."

Chicago Tribune: "She-I tell you the moral superiority of woman is recognized in the language itself."

Washington Star: "Do you ever look back on your life and reflect on the opportunities you have missed?"

Philadelphia Press: Borrowings-I got a money order from Markley in this morning mail.

Light and heavy editorial commentators agree that it was the grandest inauguration of the century.

St. Louis and Chicago are wading ankle deep in municipal campaign gore, mixed with spring mud.

The Hoosier legislature surprises the natives and jars similar bodies in other states by appropriating \$400,000 less than two years ago.

The editor of the esteemed Washington Post leaped into the inaugural bandwagon loaded with beautiful chromes of the vice president.

The warmest kind of a campaign is on in St. Louis, the prize being the World's fair mayor.

St. Charles and Judge Haney are rival candidates for mayor of Chicago. Party papers in the town declare the other fellow is a political rascal, and utterly unfit for the exalted office.

The man in Mississippi who does not pay a poll tax cannot vote or serve on juries and official returns show that 29,371 white citizens have neglected to pay up this year.

Missouri's legislature is now wrestling with a primary election law.

Ernest McGaffey, poet and fisherman, and Honore Palmier, society man, comprise a strange combination of candidates for aldermen on the democratic ticket in Chicago.

With two exceptions, Vice President Roosevelt is younger than any member of the body over which he presides.

Chief Justice Webster Street of Arizona was the orator at the dedication of the territory's new capital in Phoenix on February 25, the thirty-eighth anniversary of the establishment of a territorial government.

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GOLDEN ROD OIL COMPANY.

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The secretary wired from the field regarding Well No. 2, now nearly completed.

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You can buy boys' clothing here at half price. If your boy is 4 or 5 years old we have junior suits to fit him for \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75 and \$4.25—JUST HALF PRICE.

If your boy is 13, 14, 15 or 16 years old we have 2-piece short pant suits to fit him at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75 and \$4.25, and black cutaway clay dress suits at \$5.00. This dress suit sold at \$12.50 and \$15.00.

And for boys of 13, 14, 15 and 16 years of age we have long pant suits at \$5.00, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$8.25 and \$10.00—JUST HALF PRICE.

And for boys 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 years of age we have Reefers, Overcoats and Ulsters at \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$5.00, \$6.25, \$7.50, etc.

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