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Subscribed in my residence and known to be mine this 1st day of April, A. D. 1901.

The March issue has been working overtime.

The great question of "Wet or dry" has been settled in Nebraska towns for another year.

Supreme Court Clerk Herdman will think twice before he runs up against the buzzsaw another time.

The scramble for the supreme court commissions, minus the salary, would not worry the appointing power.

After you have counted the dots you will be able to make an estimate of the number of stars you saw in a square foot of the heavens.

St. Louis has only six candidates running for mayor. Fortunately the contest is decided at the polls or there would be sure to be a deadlock.

If the Board of Education is so inquisitive as to the possible miscarriage of police court fines, why should it not undertake its own investigation?

Everybody who has been accused of looting in China has now entered a denial of the charge.

Iowa has practically \$1,500,000 in the treasury and no debt.

For the first time in the history of Havana not a single case of yellow fever was reported in the city on April 1.

In view of later events that have transpired, Mr. Herdman doubtless wishes he had agreed to accept one of the various measures making the supreme court clerk sure of a salary of \$2,500.

Now that the osteopath bill has become a law, a man can have his leg either pulled or rubbed in Nebraska without apprehension of incurring any penalty beyond the effect on his own individual corpus.

It is a toss-up between republicans and democrats in municipal elections just held in different central and western states, and it will take a political southsayer to read into the returns anything of great significance.

President Burt of the Union Pacific is to testify before the Industrial commission. If he is as communicative as when reporters call to interview him the commission will not fill many pages with the information it gains from him.

A British court has unseated a member of Parliament on the ground that he circulated false reports regarding his opponent during the campaign.

The next piece of work for Governor Dietrich's veto pen is to put a quietus on the vicious plan to compromise the obligation of the Bartley bondsmen to the state and throw a burden of three-quarters of a million dollars on the taxpayers which the surties agreed to make good.

The new compulsory attendance school law is expected to bring in the neighborhood of 500 more pupils into the public schools, which means work for at least a dozen more teachers.

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Chicago ex-Governor Altgeld, Bryan's right hand man in Illinois, fought Carter Harrison in his campaign for mayor.

In St. Louis the Bryan influence, under the inspiration of Bryan himself, bolted the democratic nominee.

How sweet it is for brethren to dwell together in harmony.

THE LATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

History can be written only after the event has transpired, and a review of the work of the legislature can only now be had after the final adjournment of the session just closed.

While the long drawn contest over the senatorship, precipitating a deadlock broken at the last moment, held the attention of members more or less away from their duties as lawmakers, the grist of bills ground through the legislative hopper, attracts public interest both from what it contains and what it omits.

It will be conceded on all sides that few measures approaching real importance have found their way upon the statute books as a result of the late session.

Aside from various enactments revising the criminal code relating to kidnapping, blackmail, extortion, the abolition of legal executions except at the penitentiary, the establishment of a library commission, the enactment of a supreme court commission bill, the revision of the game laws, the act legalizing the practice of osteopathy, and the different boundary commissions, there is little that affects the people of the entire state.

The laws governing cities of various classes have been reconstructed to conform with the changes disclosed by the 1900 census; appropriations have been made for the maintenance of the state government during the next two years, including the rebuilding of the burned penitentiary, and several bills have been passed for the relief of private interests, chief among them the Bartley bond compromise, but nothing else of a revolutionary character.

The failure of the legislature, in spite of its republican majority, to carry out the pledges made for it in the platform of the party is most disappointing.

The platform adopted by Nebraska republicans at their last state convention embodied the following promises:

- 1. A reapportionment of the legislative and congressional districts based on the new census.

2. The widest latitude of municipal home rule consistent with our system of good government.

3. A revision of the constitution of the state to meet the demands of the twentieth century.

The only point where these pledges have been even partially fulfilled lies in the submission of a constitutional amendment for ratification by the people changing the method of amending the constitution, so that hereafter only those votes shall be counted as cast for or against the proposition.

As to the operations of the lobby and the interference of corporations, together with the intrusion of corruptionists, both inside and outside of the body, the late legislature will stand not far above nor below its predecessors.

ARGUMENTS FOR PANAMA ROUTE.

Mr. Aldace F. Walker, in an article reviewing the preliminary report of the Isthmian canal commission, finds that the general result of all the arguments thus far stated seems somewhat decidedly to favor the selection of the Panama route.

One of the considerations referred to by Mr. Walker is the unfavorable character of the concession to which the Panama route is subject, as well as its short duration, it will expire in 1903, after which time all constructed works are to become the property of the Colombian government.

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THE SHIVERING TENANT.

Advice of an Omaha Judge Recommended to House Renters. Chicago Tribune.

An Omaha judge has been telling tenants whose landlords do not observe contracts they should do in defense of their rights. A citizen of Omaha rented a building to be used as a hotel.

The amended articles of the big steel combine have been filed in New Jersey for a capital stock of \$1,000,000,000.

The selection of Colonel William Hayward to be adjutant general for the Nebraska National Guard is more than a personal compliment, because it must be regarded as a recognition of the young volunteers who responded to the nation's call during the war with Spain.

Another Chance for Fame. Washington Post. There is now an opportunity for Mr. Bryan to emulate the example of the late Horace Greeley and go ball for Aguineldo.

Well Paid "Slaves." Baltimore American. Considering the fact that some men get \$2.50 a week for being base ball slaves...

We Are So Slow. Chicago Tribune. Before starting on his return trip to England Editor Harmsworth gave this country his parting blessing and said he considered Americans too slow.

Property Working Overtime. The bureau of printing and engraving is running overtime in order to supply the nation with postage stamps.

AGUINALDO SWEARS ALLEGIANCE. There need be no further discussion of the question as to what shall be done with Aguineldo.

Signs of Spring Fever. Saturday Evening Post. Spring fever has arrived. It always comes ahead of the calendar.

Veto Power in Action. Indianapolis Journal. Governor Odell of New York is making free use of the veto power, having killed five bills in one day.

Threatened Strike Averted. Chicago Chronicle. Profound relief will be felt over abatement of the threatened strike of the anthracite coal miners.

Jones Letters a Hoax. New York Sun. The Hon. James K. Jones talked to the other day. He nearly split himself in two.

PAY DIRT THAT BURNS. Converting the Earth Into Coal to Beat the Barons. Chicago Chronicle.

A genius out in Omaha claims to have invented a process by which he can cause the earth—the common soil of agriculture—to burn like anthracite coal.

The government of Cape Colony announces that it will soon require a large amount of steel rails and other equipment for the railroads of that country.

Count Tolstol has been banished from Russia on account of his utterances and published works.

The bronze tablet to be set up by the Navy department at Santiago in memory of the late Frederik Hollaender is the British consul general, who rendered so much aid to Hobson and his fellow prisoners of the Merrimac exploit.

The state flower of Louisiana is the magnolia, of Missouri the goldenrod and of Iowa the wild rose.

Wienersnack Worried and Pzernienia Paizkiego were the parties to a law suit before the Hartford superior court.

Ex-Senator Charles A. Towne, after practicing over New York as a field for the practice of law, has returned to Duluth.

Governor Allen of Porto Rico is, contrary to reports, in the west under the Porto Rican climate again with him and his trip to Washington is an official one.

Captain Fred J. Barrow, the officer arrested at Manila for defrauding the government, was a former resident of Minneapolis.

THE MAN IN THE STEEL CASE.

J. Pierpont Morgan Classed as the "Man in the Steel Case." United States Investor.

It is worth noting that you often find some one individual largely responsible for a particular speculative craze.

French nation did over the marvelous feat of building the new steel combine in the purpose of stimulating speculation, and the promoters, we take it, will be vastly disappointed if it does not foster a more unending speculative movement than has ever yet been witnessed in the country.

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FEDERAL AID TO IRRIGATION.

Why the Proposition Will Encounter Opposition in the East. San Francisco Call.

It is proposed to ask federal appropriations to build irrigation works in the arid region, in order that soil now barren for lack of moisture may be made fertile.

Leaving out of the question the erratic nature of such appropriations, their wasteful expenditure, and foregoing such experiences as the venerable proposition to make a harbor in Oakland, a western man may well put himself in the place of the eastern farmer and taxpayer.

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