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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 1901. M. H. HARRIS, Notary Public.

The initiation of the Easter bonnet is no assurance of the liquidation of the bill.

Building railroads on paper is one thing and raising the capital to build them is another.

It pays to be a martyr in Omaha. For further particulars apply to S. I. Gordon, late police judge.

This week ought to see the judicial deadlock over the appointment of supreme court commissioners broken.

Why not project a direct rail line to South Dakota? That country is more naturally tributary to Omaha than Kansas.

Omaha real estate has proved the fortune of nearly all Omaha's wealthier citizens. The man who invests on such solid foundation cannot go amiss.

After coming up to the scratch with such propitious Easter weather the weather man ought to have a stand-in with the women for at least one season.

Omaha doubtless needs enlarged high school facilities, but it also needs a higher standard of education in the high school and fewer frills and side dishes.

Governor Dietrich says he will take the responsibility for his action in the matter of the supreme court commission all to himself. The yellow journal fakirs can now have another guess.

Wonder if the reduction in the price of Nebraska's supreme court reports is intended as an intimation that in later years these reports have not been worth the money they formerly commanded.

Popocratic organs are now busily engaged in the task of distributing federal patronage to the Nebraska republicans. The popocrats were always generous in volunteering such services to their political opponents.

Perhaps it is not out of place to remind ourselves once more that spring purchases can be made right here in Omaha at just as good prices and with almost as large a variety for selection as in Chicago and other eastern cities.

A Lincoln paper explains the small vote at its recent city election on the ground of bad weather, which put a damper on even the eagerness of the people to make a showing commensurate with the census population. Lincoln should have the benefit of this explanation.

Andrew Carnegie is suffering the penalty of philanthropy by being pestered almost to death by people with all sorts of schemes for alleviating misery and regenerating humanity. There are some drawbacks, evidently, to this before-death philanthropy that do not attach to post-mortem benefactions made by will.

Porto Rico can thank its lucky stars that Governor Allen has consented to continue in the work of reorganization so auspiciously started under his direction. If President McKinley's selections for responsible positions in all of our new insular possessions turn out as well the people there will have no fault to find.

A railroad to connect Omaha with central Kansas would be a good thing. But if the road is not to be constructed until Douglas county votes \$250,000 in bonds as a bonus, it will take a long time before the railroad to the heart of Kansas materializes. The time for subsidizing railroads with bond issues has passed away.

The state press generally is applauding Governor Dietrich for his courageous action in vetoing the various appropriations made by the legislature that threatened to exceed the limits of the state's revenue for taxation. The items voted by the governor relate to expenditures which can readily be spared. A public officer who keeps the interests of the taxpayers constantly in view deserves the taxpayers' gratitude.

LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD.

When the republicans of Nebraska entered upon the national campaign twelve months ago even the most sanguine had grave doubts about the outcome. The common enemy was thoroughly entrenched in power and its leaders inspired by the assurance that the certain renomination of William Jennings Bryan for the presidency would insure for them moral and material support that would make their position almost impregnable.

In the face of these discouraging conditions and the unpromising prospect the battle of 1900 was fought and won solely by heroic effort and unremitting labor. The only element that braced and strengthened the campaign management was the prevailing prosperity which not even Bryan himself could gainsay.

The republicans have now recaptured the state house three months. With the exception of the supreme court and the university board they are in full control of all the departments of state government. They have just closed a session of the legislature that culminated in the election of two republicans to the United States senate and are about to enter upon an era of probation and responsibility.

It is acknowledged on all hands that the work of the legislature has been disappointing in many respects. Quite apart from the discontent created by the protracted senatorial deadlock, the failure of the republican majority to live up to the constitutional obligations to make a new apportionment of legislative representation and its lamentable disregard of the interests of the party and the state in the matter of congressional and judicial redistricting has seriously weakened popular confidence in the party.

Republicans must bear in mind that the redemption of Nebraska in 1900 does not by any means guarantee the retention of Nebraska unless republicans rise to the emergency and prove by their conduct that they merit the trust reposed in them. Party regeneration must not stop with the election of republican senators. The policy of letting the party drift without sail or rudder must be abandoned. Disreputable and incompetent public officials in every branch of the public service must be weeded out. The barnacles and leeches that have been fastened upon the federal service, casting odium upon the party, should be pruned loose from the crib and decent, reputable, active republicans given their places.

Improvement in Porto Rico. Governor Allen's statements in regard to Porto Rico contradict the reports of unfavorable conditions in the island. He says that much progress has been made in a material way, that cultivation has been extended and that the old-established industries have improved, except coffee growing and production, which is at present languishing. The deficiency in this direction will probably be made up for by the increased production of sugar, due to the tariff discrimination in its favor.

As to civil affairs, the governor states that they are working smoothly and the people generally are well satisfied with the civil government and the American administration. He said of the law of congress for governing the island that Senator Foraker, who framed it, bulldozed better than he knew. In regard to the emigration from Porto Rico, Governor Allen says it is so small as not to be worth considering. The opponents of the administration have professed to see in this emigration of a few thousand Porto Ricans another evidence that our acquisition of the Spanish islands has injured their inhabitants instead of benefiting them and that our rule has been found unendurable by people who had long endured that of Spain, but as most of these emigrants have gone to Hawaii, they are simply transferring themselves from one American possession whose ills they are familiar with to a second about which hangs the glamour of the unknown.

The people who have been induced by the agents of Hawaiian sugar planters to leave Porto Rico may be glad to return to the island and no doubt in time many of them will drift back. Porto Rico is a much more desirable place to live in than Hawaii. Prof. Brumbaugh, the commissioner of education of Porto Rico, in a communication to Secretary Root says that the people of Porto Rico want schools and have been cordial and reasonable in their attitude toward education throughout the island. He states that he has never worked among a people who have been more kindly considerate than the people of Porto Rico. He expects to put the schools on a firm and permanent basis under the new school law passed by the legislature and which has just gone into effect.

The testimony of the governor of Porto Rico and of the superintendent of education as to conditions in the island is altogether gratifying and being accepted as conclusively disproving reports to the contrary which have come from newspaper correspondents and

others. Porto Rico is progressing as well as could be expected. The island has not yet recovered wholly from the effects of the hurricane, but there is no reason to believe that the islanders have any troubles that they would not have had under Spanish rule, while the outlook for them is as promising as could reasonably be wished.

THE VENEZUELAN DIFFICULTY.

Minister Loomis was to have left Venezuela yesterday on his return to the United States, in response to a summons from this government. It is the understanding that the minister has not been recalled, but simply requested to come to Washington in order to fully explain the difficulty which has threatened to terminate diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela, if not to bring about something more serious. It is quite possible, however, that in view of the feeling of hostility toward him on the part of the Venezuelan authorities Mr. Loomis will not return to the southern republic, but will be given a diplomatic position elsewhere.

Nothing has recently transpired to indicate that the difficulty has become aggravated, or that there is any danger that a settlement may not be reached through diplomatic methods. But President Castro of Venezuela is the sort of man who must be carefully dealt with. He is practically a dictator and, according to report, is now scheming to perpetuate his power and entrench himself still more firmly at the head of the government. From all accounts he is not over-scrupulous, and it looks as if he and other officials were trying to lure their coffers by blackmail of foreign enterprises. At all events our government must give the Venezuelan government to clearly understand that whatever American rights or interests are in danger will be protected. The United States wants no quarrel with any of the southern republics. It proposes to deal with them justly and fairly, but it will not purchase their friendship by undue sacrifice or by surrendering any of its rights. It is perhaps not to be expected that Venezuela will show gratitude for the service this country rendered her in the boundary dispute with Great Britain, but she should be made to understand that our rights must be respected.

Much to Write About.

Washington Post. If Grover Cleveland should ever decide to grind out \$6 worth of stuff for the Commoner he might be able to say something interesting about presidential candidates who cannot carry their own states.

Suspicious Hosts.

Baltimore American. The quitters with which Aguinaldo swore allegiance to the United States warrants the suspicion that he may entertain a secret opinion of his capture as a blessing in disguise. It enables him to retreat from an untenable position with grace and dignity.

Fun for the Farmer.

Chicago Record-Herald. A slender man bearing the modest name of Phillips has cornered the Chicago corn market and is sending the price up, despite the fact that four millionaire Board of Trade members are trying to prevent it. And by the token, the price of corn is up and some say it will reach 50 cents a bushel. Meanwhile, the farmers are laughing in their sleeves and enjoying the fight.

Coming to Her Rights.

Chicago Record-Herald. Mrs. Benjamin Steinhardt of New York has just been victorious in a lawsuit over the color of her hair and the sparkle of her diamonds. The woman was not satisfied because some fancy photographs that she had taken recently had her hair look pink instead of Titan red and gave no hint of the excellence of her diamonds, which she modestly wears locally and nationally. This case, in connection with that in which a Cleveland woman secured judgment a few weeks ago because it had been alleged that her corset was tight, will serve to further emphasize the fact that woman at last is coming into her rights. The age of chivalry may be dead, but justice has her hammer out!

No Excuse for Bartley Compromise.

Columbus Telegram (dem.) One of the peculiar bills passed by the late lamented legislature was a measure to authorize the attorney general to compromise with the Bartley bondmen, practically upon payment of the costs in the various suits which the state has instituted against the men who pledged themselves to shield the state against harm by the reason of any act of dishonesty on Bartley's part. The measure was a disgraceful and doubly shameful because a large number of democrats and populists voted for it. Perhaps these men can give good excuse for supporting such a bill, but the Telegram is unable to imagine how any satisfactory excuse can be forthcoming. This bill practically says to the Bartley bondmen: "The state was only joking when it took your bond. You are foolish if you pay a cent." And then to further insult the intelligence of all Nebraska the legislature magnanimously provided that the settlement should be made without expense to the state. For this much let everybody be thankful. Had this righteous clause not been inserted perhaps the bondmen would have been glad to pay the state for asking them to pay the Bartley shortage, but now we are safe in predicting that all the state will lose will be the half million which Bartley stole. It is cause for congratulation that the legislature will not pay the pension to each of the Bartley bondmen.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Aguinaldo can never live in the White House, but he may take a river and harbor bill to death some day.

Governor Leonard Wood of Cuba is at work upon a series of articles dealing with his former experiences in western Indian campaigns.

The emperor of China is now said to be suffering from the effects of too much tobacco. According to reports, he smokes cigarettes continuously and as many American cigars as he can get.

Lord Salisbury's recent address to a gathering of commercial men, advised all youths who intended to engage in the pursuits of commerce to know French, German and Spanish before either Latin or Greek.

Illinois, in which state Prof. Woodley, prohibition candidate for president, lives and in which he prosecuted his most active canvass, gave him proportionately fewer votes than Wisconsin, the chief brewery state of the west.

The khedive of Egypt is an energetic firm and has each of his palaces supplied with the latest appliances. Periodical drills of his domestics are thoroughly carried out. He occasionally turns them out on false alarms and finds that they answer to his satisfaction.

Senator Platt of New York and Senator Platt of Connecticut are cousins about sixteen times removed. The first Platts in America were two brothers, who settled on the eastern end of Long Island. From them are descended practically all of the names in the United States.

TAKE KINDLY TO NEW SENATORS.

Imperial Republican. Ed Rosewater, editor of The Bee, crowned himself with glory when he withdrew from the senatorial fight and said: "I will continue at the old stand, battling for the best interests of the republican party and will be heard from again, fighting with the pen for republican principles."

Lynch Journal (rep.): Finally the legislature has done it! It should have done long ago. All avowed candidates were thrown aside and Governor Dietrich and J. H. Millard were elected senators. We are glad to see that, now that the spots made by the fight will have to be healed or nursed out in private and the party as a whole will be able to work together. But as a whole the legislature has come far short of what should have been done in regard to legislating the state and has proven again that the people and not the legislature should elect senators.

Grand Island Independent (rep.): During the senatorial campaign it was often charged when the "loyalty" of men was questioned, that Rosewater was not a loyal republican. It must be said, however, that he never yet fought in the dark. His battles were always in the open. No one ever had cause to doubt where he stood. While many republicans have not agreed with him in many instances, they must give him the credit of always having fought fearlessly along the lines of his own convictions. And they will generally be pleased with the loyal words expressed to the joint session.

Osceola Record (rep.): The election of Governor Dietrich and J. H. Millard as United States senators was the happy solution of the very difficult problem. Both are thorough business men, broad-minded, competent and honest and will give to Nebraska a representation of which it will be proud. Neither of them make any pretensions at being an orator and will not waste the time of the senate by long-drawn-out and worthless talk. This, in itself, will be quite a relief to the people of the state, for it is the careful painstaking man of affairs that the people who accomplish results in this day and age.

Culbertson Era (rep.): It had been frequently asserted in various quarters that the republican candidate for governor was not a politician and therefore could not succeed either as a candidate or executive. Well, perhaps the governor-elect is not a politician from his critic's point of view, but for good, hard, sound business sense and an intelligent and sensible reason for doing or not doing things he commends himself with all parties and who are proud of him as our governor. We regret to see him leave the gubernatorial chair that he has already shown himself so well qualified to fill with honor to himself and credit to the state.

Bloomfield Monitor (rep.): Nebraska's senators are a good sturdy pair of republicans to draw. Place that in your hat for further reference. They will guard and protect Nebraska's interests in national legislation and uphold the hands of the national administration. Nebraska is gratified that republicanism triumphed at the last hour over personal ambition. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rosewater and Mr. Meiklejohn must not be forgotten for their many actions in finally thrusting aside their personal ambition for the advancement of republican locally and nationally. All honor to their actions in this manner.

Weeping Water Republican: The happy termination of the deadlock in the election of two unobjectionable republicans was greeted with rapturous satisfaction by all. The election was a victory for the best possible solution of the question. Governor Charles H. Dietrich and J. H. Millard of Omaha were the compromise candidates on which all united in the caucus Thursday morning, after the leading candidates had all withdrawn. These gentlemen are both representative citizens, true republicans and are not professional politicians. Nebraska will be ably represented at Washington and the campaign thunder of the fusionists expected to produce the failure of the republicans to elect has gone glimmering.

Hayes County Republican: Nebraska has two United States senators. Their names are C. H. Dietrich and J. H. Millard—the former governor of the state and the latter president of the Omaha National Bank. Both are representative citizens and will be worthy and creditable representatives at Washington. The happy solution of the senatorial deadlock was reached by the fusionists expected to produce the failure of the republicans to elect has gone glimmering.

Wayne Herald (rep.): It was a happy conclusion the legislature arrived at last Thursday, when after weeks of one of the warmest contentions ever known in the state the fusionists, Thoman, Rosewater and Meiklejohn laid aside their personal desires for the best interests of the party in the state and made it possible to elect two United States senators. It was a noble move and the party should commend it well for they had proven themselves to be republicans who love their party and its principles. As a result the state of Nebraska will be represented in the national legislature in the persons of J. H. Millard, one of Omaha's and Nebraska's foremost citizens, who will look after the long term, and Governor C. H. Dietrich for the short term. Both are stalwart republicans and, while many had their choice, it is a happy solution of the contest.

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Tekamah Herald (rep.): The few disgruntled republicans who fused with the populists to bring about a premature adjournment, and thereby defeated meritorious legislation, have sacrificed the confidence and betrayed the trust of their constituents.

Central City News (rep.): The legislature couldn't find time to pass any of the reappointment bills, so everything remains as it was. The constitution demanded the reappointment of the state, but the constitution has no terrors for a Nebraska legislator.

Kearyne Hub (rep.): The legislature did an unwise and indiscreet thing in rejecting Governor Dietrich's recommendation for a cut on the princely fees of Robert Lee Herdman, clerk of the supreme court. The governor was right in his demand. The legislature was wrong in refusing it.

Burlingame Tribune (rep.): The history of the late lamented legislature is not voluminous, but it is a very interesting reading. It sides making a very meritorious game law and electing United States senators it did very little. Considering the tangle, however, it may be agreed that the election of senators was a whole lot.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): The past session of the legislature might have done worse and it might have done better. It is commended for killing a good many bad measures introduced and passing a few good ones. Of course, as is always the case, many people will say that the defunct legislature was the worst we ever had, but there are always vivacious kickers to be found.

Harrington Herald (rep.): The legislature was an act of carrying the heavy burden of obligations to the extent of \$75,000. To keep up the line of march, gentlemen, you should have passed a bill calling on the governor to pardon the great defaulter. But maybe that part of the program has been arranged for in silence.

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Crete Vidette (rep.): The fusionists took the grounds that the republicans were in a majority and were responsible for all legislation. Consequently they voted for all appropriation, encouraged extravagance on every hand and voted against all measures looking toward retrenchment and economy. They proved themselves to be republicans who love their party and its principles. As a result the state of Nebraska will be represented in the national legislature in the persons of J. H. Millard, one of Omaha's and Nebraska's foremost citizens, who will look after the long term, and Governor C. H. Dietrich for the short term. Both are stalwart republicans and, while many had their choice, it is a happy solution of the contest.

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