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It is not necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to wait till New Year's to turn over a new leaf.

Jim Hill seems just now to be the brightest star in the railway firmament. But, then, the constellations change with the succession of the seasons.

The approach of the holiday season suggests that Omaha people can best promote the interests of the community by patronizing home industry.

It is worthy of note that the grand jury has not yet been overwhelmed by the rush of school board reformers to tell what they know of those well-defined rumors.

The World-Herald opposes a special session of the legislature. What else was to be expected? Had The Bee opposed the plan, the World-Herald would have advocated it.

If those Iowa bank robbers and safe cracksmen read the signs of the times aright, they will launch out on their holiday vacations at once without standing on the order of their going.

The more we read about the inextricable condition of the finances of the Buffalo exposition the more striking does the financial success of Omaha's Transmississippi exposition stand out by comparison.

Omaha postoffice receipts and Omaha bank clearings continue to show steady increases over the same periods of a year ago. They clinch the observation that Omaha is enjoying steady industrial growth.

The Chicago-Omaha railroads are shortening the time schedules on their through trains. All the competition, it is noticeable, is carefully confined to saving the passenger's time rather than his money.

A disturbance over the division of the pie among the faithful promises to be the first fruit of the achievement of the democrats in capturing two more county offices. A place hunter grows on every democratic bush.

German army and naval officers have been given a strict injunction not to talk or write for newspaper publication if they want to avoid getting into trouble. Some American army and naval officers would have escaped with less trouble if they had followed a similar rule of action.

The Jacksonian club has found cause for jubilant celebration in the election of the democratic school board ticket. And some of the credulous republicans who were duped into supporting the democrats actually believe that they were enlisted in a great non-partisan movement to keep the schools out of politics.

A serious runaway was made more serious by the catching of the wheels of the vehicle in dead street railway tracks that cut up the pavements on too many of our streets. We should think it would be a matter of economy as well as precaution for the street railway company to remove its unused rails, at least from the business center of the city.

A Nebraska fusion organ has discovered that the downfall of Tammany in New York is a great democratic victory and speaks of the democrats elected to office with Seth Low as fusion democrats. The fusion democrat in New York, however, is decidedly different composition from the fusion democrat in Nebraska and it will take a pretty far-fetched imagination to find comfort for the fusion brigade in this state in the outcome of the New York municipal contest.

NOTHING COVERED UP.

LINCOLN, Nov. 18.—The Editor of The Bee: I have read the story about the Burt county bond deal in your paper today. I am very much surprised that you should have held this back until after the election. Can you explain why this information was not given to the public when it happened? Yours truly, G. H. H.

This pertinent inquiry calls for a prompt and frank response. The answer is that The Bee has not covered anything up or held anything back from the public.

The first intimation to reach The Bee that the purchase of the Burt county refunding bonds for the state school fund was a questionable transaction came last Tuesday from the committee of prominent Burt county citizens consisting of Speaker Sears, ex-County Treasurer Piper and ex-School Board member Stuefer.

It goes without saying that The Bee would have given full publicity to these disclosures had its attention been directed to them sooner. It is almost needless to add that the plank demanding publicity by custodians of public funds was inserted in the republican platform without special reference to the state treasurer or any other officer.

OUR WEAKNESS ON THE SEA. Senator McLaughlin of South Carolina is an earnest advocate of our American merchant marine. In an address a few days ago he said that our weakness on the sea is the one great danger, from a commercial point of view, that confronts the nation.

Whether or not our weakness on the sea is an actual danger, no one who has given intelligent attention to the matter can doubt that it places this country at more or less of a disadvantage in the struggle for foreign trade.

These are questions that will very naturally suggest themselves to people who have been led to believe that Omaha is afflicted with a veritable Tammany in the administration of its police and executive departments.

MILITARY RULE IN PHILIPPINES. Military and naval officers who have recently returned from the Philippines are said to be generally in favor of a restoration of military rule in the islands, some of them having urged upon the president the expediency of doing this.

There is reason to believe that the plan of civil government in the Philippines has not been altogether successful. It is a liberal plan, but it is doubtful whether the natives generally appreciate it.

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He a backward step and the president is not likely to take such action without the best of reasons, but it is quite possible that he may find it expedient to do so.

The report of the civil commission will very likely determine the matter. If Judge Taft and his associates believe it wise to continue the civil government plan there will be no change, but any expression of doubt on their part as to the efficacy of the plan in promoting pacification would be very likely to bring about the restoration of military rule, with severe conditions for those who should continue to resist the authority of the United States.

MAKE THEM TELL WHAT THEY KNOW. Three months ago the Board of Education officially appealed to the judges of the district court for a grand jury investigation of well-defined rumors of corruption on the part of the mayor, the chief of police, and parties said to be associated with them.

When this appeal was made public it became the duty of the city council to ascertain whether or not the charges of corrupt practices were well founded, and, if proven, to take the initiative for the impeachment of the mayor, the suspension of the chief and their ultimate removal from office.

With this end in view the council authorized its judicial committee to make a thorough investigation of these rumors. But the members of the school board who had asked for a grand jury declined to appear before the council on the ground that the disclosure of the source of their information would frustrate the purposes of a grand jury investigation by affording an opportunity to sprit away witnesses and cover up the tracks of the guilty parties.

The grand jury has now been in session two weeks, but so far as we can learn not a single member of the school board has seen fit to appear before that body to furnish proof in support of the charge on which the call for a secret inquisition was based.

Why do the members of the school board keep away from the grand jury which was called at their instance under the pretense that money that should go to the school fund was being pocketed by a group of blackmailers? If any member of the board is in possession of any information to substantiate these charges, why does he not present himself before the grand jury and place it in position to return indictments against the guilty persons? If they had nothing to tell, why should the county have been put to an expense of several thousand dollars under false pretenses? Was the hue and cry about Tom Dennison, the mayor and the chief of police raised solely for the purpose of furnishing capital for the reelection of M. F. Funkhouser and, incidentally, for the benefit of C. G. Pearce?

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THE CENTRAL LABOR UNION WILL ASK GOVERNOR SAVAGE TO ALLOW IT TO NAME ONE OF THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PROSPECTIVE POLICE COMMISSION. The Municipal League will also be entitled to representation through at least one member. The democrats will by law be entitled to one; the populists will claim another and the socialists still another.

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Pushing Rural Free Delivery.

The growth of the rural mail delivery is most gratifying, and the postmaster general wants congress to increase the appropriation for this work from \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000. The increase should certainly be granted. There is hardly any other influence that is benefiting city and country so much. It is a great boon to the farmer, and each other and creates a better understanding in all their social and economic relations. As a matter of fact, though, if the Postoffice department were a little more stringent in enforcing the regulations respecting second-class matter, as it has lately shown a disposition to be, it would more than save the additional amount asked for from congress.

FOOTISH INNOVATIONS. The feminist leaders of France would confound confusion. Because "monstrous" is applied to boys and men alike, alike to unmarried and married, they would abolish "mademoiselle" and call all women single and married, young and old, "madam." By carrying "madam" is already employed in this manner with the direct address is required. But if the unmarried daughters of John Smith are also to be one and all "Mme." Smith, what is to become of the real or conventional precedence of their mother? Her abbreviation to "mistress" "mrs." is undesirable to citizens, and the opinions of many distinguished women is proof that not to be married is no longer a reproach upon a good woman.

EXODUS OF DEMOCRATS. The Nebraska democrats must be wanderers, for Mr. Bryan says one of the reasons for their defeat in that state on the 5th was that the party did not have money enough to bring home the men who were away from home to vote. A Nebraska Democrat republican by about 12,000 there must have been a perfect exodus of democrats from the state this fall which was unnoticed by the press. Mr. Bryan is plainly unhappy, but so are his democratic opponents, for if Nebraska, his own state, went republican, New Jersey, where the democrats got together by eliminating the silver issue, did the same thing. The result in Nebraska is the more noteworthy from the fact that it has become almost a tradition for that state to go in an off year to the republican side, which carried it in the preceding campaign.

A FEW PERTINENT REMARKS ON SMOKING AND SMOKERS. Our esteemed contemporary, the Cleveland Leader, mentions a melancholy illustration of a poor victim of tobacco. "A woman of 108 years at Wilkesbarre, Pa., attributes her long life to the fact that she has smoked a clay pipe for fifty years."

Out of sheer good nature we assume that the Wilkesbarre woman of 108 actually lives and is not a myth. Some sceptics jeer at the seeming frequency in the United States of persons "going back" to the purpose of submitting amendments to the constitution and other various matters which might be included in the call. While it is true that the conditions exist as announced by The Bee, it would not help matters to convene the legislature in special session. The republicans had a working majority in the regular session and these conditions were known at the time, yet nothing was done, which might have been done, to remedy them. We all understand that the senatorial fight was the hardest that has ever been known in the consideration of these things at the regular session, but outside those who were personally interested in the fight, more interest was taken in just such matters of legislation. No, The Bee is making a general statement that it does not mean to advance the proposition of a special session and the Gazette hopes that none will be held.

TAKAMAH HERALD: The Bee recently, in an able editorial, advocated the calling of a special session of the legislature to enact such laws and to transact such business as might be deemed imperative by the governor and included by him in the call. The Herald most heartily endorses the suggestions of The Bee. No one with any acquaintance with our constitutional provisions will contend that it does not need the repairs and road laws are very deficient. The repairing or rebuilding of the Norfolk asylum and the remodeling of the penitentiary are both imperative. The Herald believes that Governor Savage, from existing conditions, would be fully justified in convening the legislature in extraordinary session. The cost to the state would not exceed \$25,000, which would soon be more than repaid by the benefits accruing from the enactment of necessary legislation. The Herald also endorses The Bee's suggestion that the state of Nebraska should well be represented at the Louisiana Purchase exposition to be held at St. Louis and to do so would require a legislative apportionment at this time. The republican party is responsible to the people of the state for a good government. It is utterly impossible to properly administer the affairs of the state without amending the constitution. It is not adequate to present conditions. Our population and commercial importance have outgrown the present provisions. The remedy is in a special session of the legislature. Let us have it.

POLITICAL CURE-ALLS. Portland Oregonian. It is a safe proposition that when we have another public demagogue will stand forth again. Maybe in Lincoln and maybe from somewhere else—the place makes no difference—some eloquent and imposing figure will gather the groundlings about him and tell them that what ails this great country today, gentlemen, is that we need more money. The money power has corrupted it, the banks are in a conspiracy and if he is elected the government shall forthwith provide every honest man with coin out of the realm sufficient to his needs. The poor shall then be rich and the man shall be above the dollar. All of which doubtless is well. It won't do for things to be too easy in this world.

The Nebraska Lesson

Nashville American (dem.)

Mr. Bryan made an active canvass of his state in behalf of the fusion ticket and made urgent appeals to the voters, but it gave a greater republican majority than it gave a year ago. The fusion ticket was simply a combination of democrats, populists, silverites and the various odds and ends which have littered the political field during the last few years, but it went down before the straight republican ticket in spite of Bryan. The Chicago Chronicle, reviewing the general result of Tuesday's elections, says of the democratic defeat in Nebraska: "The defeat of the Bryan fusion populistic and democratic ticket in Nebraska eliminates Mr. Bryan from all competition in the future as to his platform on national auditions. His last hold on the national democracy he announced his intention to 'redeem' Nebraska from the republicans, who carried it against him in 1900. Nebraska was not 'redeemed'; it gave a greater republican majority than it gave a year ago. There are no unkind feelings toward Mr. Bryan, his future is before him, not behind him, as is the case with many defeated leaders. He may fill a career of political usefulness which never would have been possible in a national administration and policy founded upon the fusion ticket of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms. The democracy must look to the future, not to the past. Its vision must be toward the rising issues, not that of retrospection over abandoned and barren fields of conflict which ended in defeat. The triumphs of the

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