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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1901.

The wheels of congress are once more grinding.

Speaker Henderson will continue in the role of the man behind the gavel.

That Iowa legislature may be behind congress in starting, but it will not lose much time in catching up.

It is settled that the chief deputy oil inspector of Nebraska is to be the new postmaster at Lincoln.

In the burning of Denver's city hall were destroyed public records of great value.

A custodian of public funds in Kentucky committed suicide when he read in the newspapers that an investigation of his accounts was impending.

If it is only a question of more money to complete the new federal building in manner that comports with its architectural design.

No matter what President Roosevelt may say in his forthcoming message the opposition orators and organs may be safely depended on to find enough in it to keep them busy attempting to manufacture political ammunition out of it.

Unreasonable weather seems to be playing havoc with the bank clearings in all the large cities of the country.

The German Reichstag has declined to enact a prohibition upon transatlantic steamers from commencing their journeys on Sunday.

The effort to have the democratic congressional caucus adopt a program for legislative action fell by the wayside because it was construed to be a repudiation of the Kansas City platform.

Our Davo was in such a hurry on the home stretch of his globe-girdling junket that he did not have time to stop off in Omaha even between trains.

Chicago and St. Louis chemists who have been carrying away chunks of water served to Omaha by the Missouri river use in demonstrating the degree of pollution by the time the stream reaches its outlet into the Mississippi are welcome to all the samples they need.

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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

The first session of the Fifty-seventh congress will begin at noon today.

The session promises to be a very busy one. As was said by Speaker Henderson in his speech to the republican caucus.

Why are would-be reformers as a rule so impractical? Why is it that those who constantly declaim against existing abuses and demand measures for their correction are so often found opposing with equal vehemence every proposition looking to a practical realization of reform?

These questions are suggested anew by the uncompromising antagonism to an extra session of the legislature of the very people who have been making the most noise in advocacy of various plans for improvement in different branches of government that can be inaugurated only after first receiving legislative sanction.

The inconsistency, for example, of advocating more equal taxation and blocking the only means by which revenue law revision can be secured is plain on its face.

The support of schemes for consolidating duplicated parts of the machinery of local government, which is absolutely impossible without amendments to the constitution and charter, is simply a waste of energy unless the law-making body is called into action to co-operate in the movement.

The protest against our cumbersome and unsatisfactory judicial system, by which the decisions of the highest court of appeals are made by commissioners without legal responsibility or constitutional standing, must remain unanswered until a legislature submits a constitutional amendment enlarging the supreme court and that amendment becomes effective by ratification of the people at the polls.

We see the men who profess ardent devotion to all these reforms deprecating as politicians all who favor an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of putting desired reforms into practice.

Would not a little more practical politics on the part of the reformers produce more tangible results?

Nebraska retail merchants are said to be organizing in opposition to the proposed parcels post for fear this extension of postal facilities would build up the mail order houses to their detriment.

The prompt action of Chief of Police Donahue in suspending a patrolman pending an investigation into charges brought against him of attempted blackmail is the best evidence that could be given to the vendors of well-defended rumors that corruption and grafting are countenanced in our police department.

The governor's confessed relations to the matter disclose such an entire lack of appreciation of the high fiduciary nature of the duties of his office as to unfit him for their further discharge.

With a president setting up for himself and his subordinates this high standard of official conduct and public morals, there need be felt no apprehensions of degeneracy in the public service so far as the officers are responsible and accountable to him.

MAKE INDIANS SELF-SUPPORTING. The commissioner of Indian affairs, in his annual report, earnestly advocates a policy for making Indians self-supporting.

PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT.

It is the opinion of the secretary of the Interior that the only good Indian is the kind that has been trained to work for a living.

Journal's Apology Below Par. The Omaha Bee accuses the State Journal of rushing to the defense of Stuefer just as it excused and defended Bartley when he was going wrong.

Our Living Ex-President. We have only one living ex-president. A peculiar interest thus attaches to the health of Grover Cleveland.

Tobacco as a Revenue Producer. Internal revenue returns for the last fiscal year show that more than \$2,000,000 on account of the "weed" were turned into the treasury.

WHERE BULLETS WHISTLED. Siege of Pekin Legations "a Comparatively Trivial Thing."

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