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STATE OF ILLINOIS. State of Nebraska, Deuel County, ss.: George B. Tschuck, secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily Morning Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of December, 1901, was as follows:

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Subscription information. If this keeps up we will refer to it as "balmy January."

South Omaha would indeed be fallen upon hard times if it should find itself without some franchise scheme to exercise the talents of its councilmen.

If these little pleasantries in the council chamber are to be repeated the city treasury might reap a windfall by charging an admission fee at the door.

One thing at a time. Let the Real Estate exchange persist in its campaign for more equitable taxation of corporate franchisees.

With such oratorical fireworks on the program no fun-loving board of equalization should think for a moment of cutting its sessions down to the statutory minimum of five days.

Between the corporate taxshirkers and the wealthy individuals who forget to return their taxable property the poor wage worker who owns his little home gets the worst of it every time.

A CASE OF ENVOY. The Bee's compliments to that valiant hero and self-sacrificing patriot, J. H. Ager, for his timely elucidation before the State Historical society of the noble part played by the railroads in Nebraska politics have set in motion the gnawing teeth of grousing envy upon the tender tentacles of the redoubtable editor of the Lincoln Journal.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL. The Transcontinental Freight bureau, which includes seventeen of the trunk lines engaged in transcontinental traffic, has issued a call for a meeting of traffic managers at Portland, Ore., on February 18.

To prove that he is equally alive to their interests and equally ready to champion their cause, the Journal editor, whose one-time experience as one of the salaried do-nothing railroad commissioners particularly fits him to speak, insists that "these great railroads are here to stay and are of considerable use to the people of Nebraska, and as they pay a very considerable proportion of the taxes of the state they are probably within their rights if they have an intelligent and upright gentleman like Mr. Ager on hand to watch the interests of their property during the session of the legislature and expose the machinations of the hold-ups."

We certainly had no apprehensions that the railroads of Nebraska were about to transport themselves hence, as they would have difficulty in finding anyone to pay the freight charges on the consignment. They will have to stay where they are if they want to be of use to their owners or to anyone else.

TO POSTPONE OR NOT POSTPONE. The managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition are at the cross road. The holding of the exposition was inspired by a desire to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the purchase of the territory from France of which St. Louis is the metropolis.

International expositions cannot, like Aladdin's fabled palace, be created in a single night. They are colossal undertakings, which involve not merely the expenditure of vast sums of money, but a prodigious amount of thought and labor.

Those Bulgarian brigands will probably have a high old time as soon as they get their hands on the \$60,000 that has been raised as the ransom money for their two missionary hostages.

Russia is said to be forming a European league against the proposed new German tariff. While the tariff was designed by the agrarian element to strike the United States, indications are that all Uncle Sam will be forced to do is to keep quiet and let Germany's neighbors fight our tariff battle for us.

Estimates compiled by the census bureau place the population of the world at between 1,500,000,000 and 1,800,000,000, of which the United States with its new possessions has something over 81,000,000, and it must be remembered that the United States not only has plenty of room to grow, but is steadily growing.

sonator, ought to strengthen him as a candidate who is willing to trust the people to select their own senators. If he will line up Missouri to join with the other states in moving for a constitutional convention to engrave the popular election of senators into our fundamental law, he may be able to accomplish something practical in the way of this reform.

Whether the lowering of the through freight rate has become imperative for the continued control by the trunk lines of the oriental freight carriage between the Atlantic and Pacific is an open question. The volume of through traffic can certainly not be materially increased by a lowering of the rates, nor is there any serious complaint on the part of shippers and merchants on the Pacific coast about excessive exactions on the long haul shipments.

The bulk of the traffic of transcontinental lines originates this side of the Pacific coast. The shipments of the mineral products mined in Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, the cattle shipments from the ranges in the arid regions and the grain raised in Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas would not come under the classification of through traffic and would not be affected by a lowering of through freight rates.

A comparative table computed by Dr. James H. Caulfield, who was formerly chancellor of the University of Nebraska, places the cost of securing an education at that institution at less than the cost at any other American college or university of standing.

Nebraska Journalism at last boasts a double-edger that is the real thing. There are double-enders and double-enders, but it remained for the little town of Beaver City to produce one made up of the hyphenated merger of a republican and a fusion paper which is to continue to play republican politics for fusion readers.

Mr. Millard Fillmore Funkhouser appeared before the Board of Equalization on behalf of the Board of Education to remonstrate against the undervaluation of the property of the franchised corporations. While it is eminently proper for the school board to take an active interest in the assessment of corporate property, the question that naturally presents itself is, Why did not the board appear through its president or its secretary?

The attempt to represent the Bee as the enemy of the kindergarten is merely an attempt to throw dust into the eyes of the ignorant. Had the Bee been opposed to the establishment of the kindergarten there would have been no institutions of that kind in Omaha, as it could have created a public sentiment which would have been sufficient to defeat the proposal.

Another Nebraska town is considering the proposition of accepting a public library building as a gift from Mr. Carnegie, conditioned on the agreement to devote an annual appropriation to its support. No community in or out of Nebraska will ever regret having made use of Mr. Carnegie's generosity to help itself to a permanent educational institution.

Our public-spirited paper air-line railroad promoter, Tom Blackburn, is again in evidence with his ever ready pen in

The School Trust

J. Sterling Morton in the Conservative. The school trust is in a state of selfish aggressive commercial expansion. In the cities there is universal groaning under the increasing burdens of taxation imposed by extravagant and commonly corrupted school boards; but the clamor of the school clerk is ever for more.

And so the mission of the public school and the public school teacher has been idealized, while they have gradually become organized into an aggressive, oppressive commercial trust. Broader fields and more public money to enable us to exploit theories is their motto. The ostensible feature of the present public school system is extravagance—in expense and in the amount and scope of work forced upon the

an effort to get even for some imaginary grievance. After procuring the insertion of a silly fake about the governorship of Guam in the Omaha Forks this great franchise seeker displays himself in discussing the governorship of Guam, in the subsidized Mercer organ, in that balmy and breezy style for which he has become noted.

As soon as the Indian reservations are abolished Uncle Sam will lose all interest in the bootleggers and under a high license law in Thurston county the business of capturing bootleggers will not be so profitable for the deputy United States marshals. In the not distant future they may find themselves in the same unfortunate predicament as Othello—their occupation gone.

Montana is trying to work up an offset to the gold fever by proclaiming a discovery of valuable diamond fields, for which the rosate prospectus is held out that they may rival the Kimberley mines of South Africa. How soon stock in the new diamond digging corporations is to be floated is not stated in the official dispatches.

Not for Steady Company. Philadelphia Ledger. "Corn King" Phillips' fate is a fresh reminder that this country has no use for kings. Resolves Hide the Toe. Washington Star. The antics of Dick Croker have worn out the patience of the big democratic majorities which used to appear in New York.

Back to First Method. Philadelphia Record. And now the tomato canners of the east are to resolve themselves into a Twenty-Million Star Trust and monopolize this branch of business. Tax-Dodging Walked. Indianapolis News. The supreme court of the United States yesterday affirmed the decision of the Indiana supreme court in the Gallup tax case, and held that the estate of the late William P. Gallup would have to pay to Marion county \$2,746 in taxes on property not listed by owner during his lifetime.

Workmen at the Homestead (Pa.) steel mills raised \$16,000 for the National McKinley Memorial fund by giving half a day's pay. The city of Mexico recently honored the memory of the feminine patriot Donna Josepha Ortiz De Dominguez by erecting a statue in her honor in the Plaza Santa Dominga.

In Hardin county, Iowa, there is a wealthy stockman, Thomas A. Walker, whose possessions include the identical 24 cents he had in his pocket when he landed in New York in 1858. William Gwin, the colored messenger who has served thirteen secretaries of state during the last thirty years, wears a gold watch inscribed "From William M. Everts to William Gwin, February, 1852."



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BRIEF BITS OF STATE POLITICS. Blue Springs Sentinel (rep.): Governor Steele takes as naturally to his new duties as acting governor as though he were the real thing.

Madison Chronicle (rep.): Hon. W. G. Sears of Tekamah is the author of an article giving the history of the Burt county bond deal. It is of great bulk and scores the state treasurer for his action.

Norfolk News: Some of the fusionists are fearful that the pardon of Bartley will take a momentum to republican party. It undoubtedly will—such a breach as made by the removal of a feathered joint from a man's body.

Hastings Tribune (rep.): It will only be a short time before politics will again begin to hum in the Fifth congressional district. Already the little busy bee has been buzzing in several political honnets, and among them may be counted one from Hastings.

Wayne Republican: "Fusion" may be said to be passing, and after the coming campaign as "passed," if, indeed, it is accomplished between the democratic and populist parties even at that time.

Brooklyn Eagle: Mrs. Youngthing (pretending) you know we promised that if Bridget would come to cook for us we would treat her to a fine dinner.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. We sing about the greatest bore of all the bore who eats the greatest bore of all the bore who takes the cake.

Brooklyn Eagle: "That reminds me..." "The story that he always springs is whiskered out with age. A moulded chestnut, blunt of point, built on a narrow gauge. Yet to his automatic tongue it tastes as fresh and sweet."