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For once and for the first time, Port Arthur has really fallen.

The announcement that Dowle is to found a Zion in Mexico elicits no chorus of protest from Chicago.

The Foo correspondents may now prepare to make some other place noted as a war news factory.

Japan has once more made it possible for St. Petersburg writers to tell how the Russians are brave in defeat.

The election in Colombia can now be declared ended, since the unsuccessful candidates are safely placed in jail.

The Nebraska legislature is about to convene and John N. Baldwin still at Council Bluffs. Can such things be?

The failure of a Fall River cotton mill should create renewed interest in the subject of arbitration of labor disputes in that community.

The political legislature about to convene will be the most unique and anomalous body that has ever convened to make laws for the people of Nebraska.

General Stoessel has made a New Year's gift to the nikado which will probably never be forgotten, but Nogi's invitation to make the present was compelling in its fervor.

The emperor of Japan commends the bravery of General Stoessel. Those Japanese are not going to dim the luster of their arms by permitting the world to think they are fighting a despicable enemy.

Are there any ordained preachers in the new Nebraska legislature? If so, won't they volunteer to relieve the members of the necessity of hiring some one at the expense of the state to do the praying for them?

There is a widespread demand for a law that will provide the machinery for direct party nominations, but public sentiment has not yet crystallized upon any particular scheme of primary elections. It is a good subject to invite discussion.

From the strenuousness of struggle which precedes the election of minor officials of the legislature one might be led to believe that there was large enough salary attached to each position to more than pay expenses—but if so, it is not mentioned in the statute.

It will take from now until Thursday to ring out the old and ring in the new county board, but in the meantime several hundred political place hunters will remain on the anxious seat praying, hoping and waiting for one of the capital prizes in the political gift lottery that is advertised to come off.

From the interest the popocratic organ is taking in its reports that prospective Senator Burkett will not follow the Roosevelt program one might imagine that the editor really wanted to see the program carried out, while, in fact, his sole object is to obstruct the president's administration.

If the statement is true that Attorney Jerome suppressed evidence which would have gone to prove the truth of the testimony of Nan Patterson, the district attorney will appear in a bad light, for prosecuting attorneys, even in New York, are supposed to demand justice, not the conviction of persons on trial, regardless of the facts.

Omaha has lost another of its public spirited and progressive citizens whom it will be very difficult to replace. Mr. Evans was one of the few men who accumulated a fortune in this city that could always be depended upon to stand up for Omaha, rain or shine, and his loss will be severely felt by the community.

SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

The capitulation of Port Arthur closes one of the most exciting and memorable chapters of the Japanese-Russian war. The record of courage and heroism on the part of the besiegers and besieged is unsurpassed in all the annals of ancient or modern warfare.

The capitulation of Port Arthur not only liberates the Japanese fleet, but a goodly number of seasoned Japanese troops as well, which can be sent to reinforce Marshal Oyama.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of General Interest Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. Another case has come to the attention of the War department wherein a former soldier seeks by civil process to secure release from confinement in a military prison as a result of sentence of a general court-martial after having been tried and acquitted by a civil court on charges growing out of the same alleged crime for which he was tried by military court.

Waiting for the Armada. The reason of the Russian fleet's failure to make a final sortie from Port Arthur is set forth in the statement that the best guns were taken from the ships for use in the forts.

How little we really know about anything is illustrated by cotton. A few months ago there was a great cotton panic, in which untold millions were made and lost by speculators because of what was said to be an incalculable shortage in the crop.

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PHILIPPINE TARIFF REVISION.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

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