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The State Press Association is in session at Lincoln and it is quite certain that they are having a good time and that the interests of the fraternity will be advanced.

It is reported that the author of the Wilson bill is a very sick man. If he had to bear all the suffering which his tariff measure has brought on the people of the United States he would make an effort to undo what he has done.

It would be very gratifying to the administration if some one would help it get out of the Hawaii matter. It is safe to believe that the next time Mugwump Gresham wants to do something for spite he will be more careful than he was in his action in this case.

Some idea of the financial situation in Colorado may be formed from the fact that the cities of that state, or rather, four of them, offered the pittance of \$240,000 to have the Corbett-Mitchell fight take place in that state. That amount of cash would go a long way toward relieving all the needy in the domain over which the celebrated governor, Waite, holds sway.

About the hardest slap that has been given to the president was in the refusal of the senate to confirm J. Scott Harrison to be surveyor at Kansas City. The appointee is a brother of ex-President Harrison and his appointment was opposed by the Missouri senators and Senator Vest filed a protest, but it was of no avail. It came up in the senate and the members from that state related the circumstances and it was disposed of without a vote being taken.

The Chicago Inter Ocean, that great republican newspaper, has not suffered by the recent era of financial depression but has gone right along adding to its foundation stones—a large and substantial circulation—with a stride that under the circumstances is truly wonderful. At one time additions to the subscription list were coming at the rate of 800 to 1,100 per day for the daily issue, and as high as 1,500 per day for the Weekly Inter Ocean. The result of this is to place it easily at the head of the great Chicago newspapers. It is certainly a good, clean family newspaper of the highest order.

The condition of the unemployed in the cities of the east seems to be going from bad to worse. In Chicago, in spite of all the efforts made, it is said to be out of the question to supply the need of the applicants, and a few days ago it was feared that an attempt would be made by the hungry crowd to take possession of the supplies by force. There appears to be no desire to do violence, but men and women cannot be expected to quietly starve and see those dependent upon them perish for want of food for which they have willingly labored and for which they are still willing to labor if given the opportunity.

The bill to repeal the sugar bounty has passed the house. An amendment was offered by McKiejohn to substitute the provision of the McKinley bill and in his remarks he cited the fact that under that law the investment of \$150,000,000 in Louisiana, \$15,000,000 in California and \$10,000,000 in Florida had been made and that the Wilson bill was in the interest of the sugar trust and against the interest of the consumers, but it was no use and the bounty must go. Dave Mercer also took a hand and "stood up for Nebraska" in good shape and showed that Bryan did not always get the facts before making an assertion as to the rights of congress. So far no report has been found of where Kem has done anything in the way of making a record, except for being the first member on each payday to call for his salary.

The interest in the culture of sugar beets in northwest Nebraska is on the increase right along. The arrangement for planting some hundreds of acres of beets in Sheridan county is said to be completed and now the work is under way in Dawes county. The product is to be sent to the factory at Norfolk and a freight rate of two dollars per ton is to be made and the beets are to be paid for at the rate of five dollars a ton, delivered at the factory. If the people of Dawes county can grow beets at that price the people of this locality can also do so at the rate of two dollars a ton freight was made a couple of years ago and there is no doubt that it would be renewed, and there is no reason why the farmers in this section cannot take a hand in the work of developing the industry and at the same time help out their own sunbonnets. It is simply a question of a little time and development when the sugar industry will be the leader in this part of the state and the sooner it is brought about the better it will be for every hard worker and business man in the northwest.

Russian Thistle in Nebraska.

According to a bulletin of the agricultural experiment station, prepared by Prof. Bessey of the University of Nebraska, the Russian thistle, which is attracting considerable attention from the authorities at Washington both in congress and out, has already made noteworthy inroads into this state. Originating somewhere in eastern Europe or western Asia, it has been known and dreaded for many years in various parts of Russia. Its introduction into the United States dates at least fifteen years back, when it was discovered to be growing in South Dakota, having been brought there, it is supposed, in flax-seed that had been imported from Europe. The Russian thistle that has made its appearance in Nebraska must have come by way of South Dakota. Of the twenty-four counties from which information of its existence has been secured, the greater part of them stretch along the northern boundary of the state, although scattered traces of the weed are to be found as far south as the Kansas line, and it has very probably reached other counties from which no returns have been made.

The natural mode of propagation of the Russian thistle is by the winds rolling it along with its innumerable seeds in all directions. The mature plant is described as more or less spherical in shape and consisting of many elongated branching twigs, which grow outward and upward from the root. At first reddish, it bleaches out as the seed ripens, and finally becomes almost white. The larger specimens are from two to three feet in diameter. Each twig and branch is covered on all sides by hard, stout prickles, sharp and irritating to the touch, the prickles being in threes. The seed rests upon the upper side of the base of each three prickles, about ten in number to the inch, and reaching into the thousands on every well-grown plant. The root breaks off in the early part of winter and leaves the branches free to roll away, scattering the seeds promiscuously on its path. It seems to have been aided in its spread by securing a footing in stock cars, for it is upon this theory that its presence in South Omaha and more southern points upon various railway lines is explained.

Of course this weed, like other similar weeds, can be exterminated by destroying the plant before the seed has ripened. Farmers will only be consulting their own interests in keeping it off of their fields, but it must also be destroyed where it appears along the highways or uncultivated lands. The Nebraska statutes as they now stand enjoin it upon the land owner to mow down the Canadian thistle growing upon his premises and adjoining highways, and impose penalties upon those who knowingly suffer it to spread unhindered. The Russian thistle demands at least the same heroic treatment. A general onslaught cannot check the troublesome pest.

How the Nutmeg Grows.

The nutmeg-tree somewhat resembles our hardy pear, and seldom reaches more than thirty-five or forty feet in height. The flowers are pale yellow, and are very similar in size and shape to lilies of the valley. The leaves are large, averaging six inches in length, dark green, polished on the upper surface, and grayish beneath. As leaves, flowers and fruit are all richly odorous, the atmosphere in the neighborhood of a nutmeg-grove is constantly laden with a delightful and characteristic perfume. So persistent and penetrating is this perfume that it is readily perceived on ships passing twenty miles off the coast.

The fruit is round, and about as large as a moderate-sized apple; or, to be more exact, nearly three inches in diameter. The outer portion is a thick, fleshy rind, very similar to that which surrounds the hickory-nut. Inside of this is the husk, a sort of rough, thready substance, of a brilliant scarlet when first opened, but soon changing to a yellowish brown as it dries on exposure to the air. This husk is the mace of commerce. When this is stripped off, there is left a hard, thin, dark brown shell, covering the seed, or nutmeg proper.

The outer rind splits into two nearly equal parts when the nut is ripe and is thrown away as valueless; but in some parts of the Moluccas the rind is peeled off in its green and juicy state, and made into a species of sweetmeat with honey or sugar. The writer has been permitted to taste this preparation, and—well, she cheerfully donates her share to the deserving poor.—From "The Nutmeg and its Adulterations, in Demoreest Family Magazine for February."

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