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THE official canvass of the Nebraska vote gives McKinley a plurality of 7,882. It will be well to remember these figures until 1904.

It is an ill-wind that blows nobody good. London is complaining that the Boer war has caused a rise in the price of bread-stuffs, and the American farmer shares in the advance.

ABOUT the usual number of seats will be contested in the coming state legislature. The honors of a legislator are so great that if there is a possibility to secure a seat through a contest, the contest is made.

THE official vote of the state, which was made public yesterday, shows that Hannible the prohibition candidate for congress in this district received 662 votes, Holliday, the mid-road populist received 457 votes for the same office. The official count gives Neville a plurality of 209.

CONGRESS convened in session at noon yesterday, and the important business which will come before the session will be pressed with vigor. Among the measures to receive action are the war revenue, army reorganization, oleomargarine and shipping subsidy.

It is now quite certain that a considerable number of Boers will immigrate to this country in the spring. They are a frugal, industrious class of people and several thousand of them added to the population of Nebraska would be good for the state and good for the Boers.

DURING his incumbency as governor Mr. Poynter has invested his surplus salary in mining property and is now in Colorado looking after his investments. The emoluments of political office has given a number of Nebraska statesmen an opportunity to get a fresh start in business life. For instance there is Omar M. Kem.

SENATOR ALLEN of Nebraska says Bryan will be nominated in 1904. Allen, as a populist, naturally clings to Bryan. The latter personage belongs to the populist end of the democracy and this is the reason why there is a revolt against him at present among the party's conservative element. Nebraska, however, is a bad place to start a boom for Bryan in 1904. Nebraska has just turned Bryan down by a good-sized majority. — Globe Democrat.

THERE are a good many people in Nebraska who will endorse the following from J. Sterling Morton's Conservative: The charitable and educational institutions of Nebraska must cease to be the playthings of practical politics. The laws should be revised and so amended that each establishment may be governed by a board of trustees, who shall be named to the senate and confirmed by that body. The trustees should be non-partisan. They should be selected because of character and adaptation to the duties of the place. They should have free power to employ and to discharge all employees. With such a system, scandals, extravagances and inefficiency would soon disappear.

THE government at Washington is receiving a large number of communications containing advice as to the best method of settling the Chinese trouble. To the surprise of the state department the most blood-thirsty let-

ters come from clergymen and missionaries, who advocate a campaign of fire and blood, some what after the fashion of Emperor William's speech when he heard of the murder of his minister. Merchants who have lived in China and have had extensive dealings with the Chinese also write freely, but in a more pacific tone. They believe that the trouble should be settled as speedily as possible on terms that China will not find impossible of fulfillment. This has been the desire of the government of the United States from the beginning. Revenge may be sweet, especially to the savage, but in this case indulgence may result in a disaster to civilization. — Lincoln Journal.

WORK FOR THE COMING LEGISLATURE.

The Nebraska legislature that will convene on New Year's day has a task and responsibility greater than any that have devolved on any body of lawmakers in this state. Quite apart from the far reaching issue involved in the election of two men to represent Nebraska in the United States senate, the coming legislature will be called upon to wrestle with problems that will tax the capacity of the ablest minds in its membership.

Under the constitution it becomes the sworn duty of the coming legislature to re-district the state for congressional and legislative representation, and incidentally it may reorganize the judicial districts. It is a matter of history that the legislature of 1891, which was to have made the apportionment under the census of 1890, failed to discharge that duty. The constitution expressly forbids the making of legislative apportionment except by that immediately following the taking of a national or state census. As no state census was taken in 1895, we still remain under the apportionment made thirteen years ago based on the state census of 1885.

Next in importance will be the revision of the revenue laws, either directly or through a commission such as has been resorted to in Iowa and other states. Our existing revenue system is a relic of the past, seriously defective in many important particulars.

The legislature will be called on also to provide for constitutional revision either by amendments or a convention. All parties agree that the constitution of 1875 is a straight jacket that hampers the development of the state and prevents an efficient and economic administration of the various branches of state government.

The management of the different state institutions and the care and keeping of their inmates will take up their share of legislative attention. As the direct consequence of the new census will come the reconstruction of the laws providing for the government of counties and cities. And last, but not least, the patching up of holes that have been knocked into various important pieces of legislation by supreme court decisions, including irrigation, insurance, corporate regulation and labor reform.

It is safe to predict that the coming Nebraska legislature will have its hands full of work affecting all classes, and its session will be watched with interest from start to finish. — Bee.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President McKinley's message was delivered to Congress yesterday, the principal points of which are as follows:

The president congratulates the country on the prosperous condition of the people engaged in all industries and the existence of conditions which warrant the belief that the prosperity will continue.

The troubles in China occupy

a large portion of the message. The president treats not only of the present troubles, but the causes which have produced them. These are stated to be the antipathy of the Chinese to innovations upon their long-established customs and the centuries-old desire for exclusiveness. The opening up of the ports and the gradual spread of trade with foreigners to the interior, the establishment of industries and innovations all over the empire has caused a steady growth of the feeling of resentment. This has been assiduously cultivated by designing politicians who surround the court. The efforts of the various powers in years past, through reason and sometimes by means of a display of force, to keep down an uprising are reviewed. The history of the present troubles is detailed and it is pointed out that the United States has kept constantly in view, so far as circumstances would warrant, the traditional desire of this country to maintain peace and good relations with China, and the same idea would dominate the final settlement of the troubles, so far as the United States could control. The punishment of the real culprits who were the instigators of the uprising must be insisted upon, however.

The relations of the United States with other powers are most cordial.

The president calls attention to the new laws in Germany which affect the meat trade with this country, but states it is too early to say just what their effect will be.

Concerning the Alaskan boundary, the president states there is a necessity for delimitating the line and that steps have been taken to secure a permanent settlement of the differences. By a special arrangement this question had been separated from other matters and would be settled independently and as rapidly as the difficulties surrounding it could be overcome.

The Nicaragua canal question is reviewed, but no specific recommendations are made.

The fact is pointed out that the surplus revenues for the year were \$79,527,060 and that this had enabled the setting aside of \$56,544,555 for the sinking fund. The treasury situation is strong and warrants some reduction in the revenues. Legislation to render certain the parity of the two current metals is recommended.

The necessity of legislation to restore the merchant marine is called to the attention of congress.

Legislation for the effective control of trusts is recommended and the value of uniform legislation on this subject by the various states is pointed out.

Concerning the Philippines the president renews his statement that any definite scheme of government cannot be brought forth consistently so long as the authority of the United States is disputed by armed men. The settlement of the difficulties, however, has made material progress and there is promise that order will soon be restored. The appointment of the commission is reviewed, together with the instructions given it.

It is recommended that the government of Porto Rico be turned over to the Interior department.

The situation in Cuba is gone over and congress is informed that so soon as the constitutional convention shall have completed its labors a copy of that document will be transmitted for

such action as congress may deem advisable.

Legislation for the army is reviewed and a recommendation made for an army of 60,000, with authority to recruit and maintain it at 100,000, so long as conditions in the Philippines shall render it necessary.

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DAVID MASTERS, Plaintiff, Wilcox & Halligan, its Attorneys.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

LEGAL NOTICE. William I. Potter, Emma B. Potter, J. L. Casp Threshing Machine Company, a Corporation, will take notice that on the 23 day of November, 1900 Ephraim H. Hershey, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by William I. Potter, and Emma B. Potter, to the plaintiff, upon the northwest quarter of section 35, in township 15, north of range 33 west, Lincoln county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note with coupons attached, dated December the 10th, 1891, for the sum of \$500 one and payable in five years from the date thereof. The interest coupons between in number, each for fifteen dollars, one falling due every six months after the date of the note; and that plaintiff has paid the taxes on the above described premises to protect his title for the years from 1892 to 1898 inclusive. That there is due upon said note and mortgage and for taxes paid the sum of \$607.50, for which sum with interest and costs the day of January, 1901, plaintiff prays for a decree; that defendant Potter is required to pay the same; or that said promissory note be sold to satisfy the amount due, and that the extended judgment lien held by defendant J. L. Casp Threshing Machine Company may be decreed to be junior and inferior to plaintiff's mortgage lien. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 17th day of December 1900. Dated November 23, 1900. EPHRAIM H. HERSEY, Plaintiff.

CHATEL MORTGAGE SALE. Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 1900, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on lots 2 and 4 in block 124, in the city of North Platte, Nebraska, at the base known as the White Elephant Barn, there will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, one Lightning Hay Press, said sale is made by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated September 22nd, 1898, signed by G. S. Huffman, and given to the Kansas City Hay Press and Machinery Company, to secure two notes of \$12.50 each of even date herewith, one of which notes was due March 1st, 1900, and one due January 1st, 1901, and there is now due on said notes and mortgage the sum of \$12.50, and the same is on file in the office of the county clerk of Keith county, Nebraska. KANSAS CITY HAY PRESS & MACHINERY COMPANY, 227 By Wilcox & Halligan, its Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICE. James M. Pierce and Mrs. Emmett Pierce, defendants, will take notice that on the 2nd day of November, 1900, the plaintiff herein, David Masters, filed his petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants James M. Pierce, Emmett Pierce, John E. Pierce and Mrs. Emmett Pierce, to Muscatine Mortgage and Trust Company and by said company assigned to the plaintiff herein, upon the southwest quarter of section 26, township 18, north of range 25, in Lincoln county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of six promissory notes, dated March 1st, 1894, for the sum of \$150 each and due and payable, one on March 1, 1898, one March 1, 1900, one March 1, 1902 and one March 1, 1904, and there is now due upon said notes and mortgage the sum of \$1,422.14, for which sum with interest from March 1, 1901 at ten per cent, plaintiff prays for a decree that defendant be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due. You are required to answer said petition on or before January 7th, 1901. DAVID MASTERS, Plaintiff, Wilcox & Halligan, its Attorneys.

LAND OFFICE NOTICES.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., November 22, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at North Platte, Neb., on December 28th, 1900, viz: ALICE L. BARBER, who made homestead entry No. 16894 for the west half of section 10, township 10 north, range 30 west. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George Schrocongost, J. Herman Van Brocklin, George Cooper, of Echo, Neb.; Joseph Welliver, of North Platte, Neb. GEO. E. FRENCH, Register.

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