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The bull finds the bear quite ir-
repressable.

The ship subsidy bill seems to
have struck a rough sea.

This genteel weather is the very
best kind of a coal trust smasher.

Western democrats are not saying
much about the candidacy of the
Hon. David B. Hill for president in
1904.

No body as yet seems disposed to
dispute the proposition that the
twentieth century will begin this
time for sure.

The Frontier wishes everybody a
merry Christmas, and especially
those who are too hard up to pay a
year in advance.

After all is said and done, the
engineer of the household pocket
book is the one that is glad when
the holidays are over.

You will find it difficult to spend
a merry Christmas without a receipt
for a year's subscription to The
Frontier in your sock.

Pettigrew proposes to entertain
the senate with a parting salute
characteristic of the stormy state
from whence he comes.

There is a difference of but one
letter in the names of Dewey and
Dewet, but there is a difference of
about a regiment in the men.

Mr. Eves of Amelia has not been
observed to remark that the late
fusion disaster was brought about
by colonization since the Nebraska
census report came in.

By a large majority the house of
representatives in congress voted to
abolish the army canteen. The
ultimate fate of the measure will be
determined in the senate.

Page upon page of holiday adver-
tising indicates that the country
merchants of Nebraska are still
doing business at the old stand and
have faith in printer's ink.

An exchange observes that the
Hon. Eugene Vox Debs admits that
he was overwhelmingly defeated,
but he is unable to invent as many
excuses for the slaughter as Colonel
Bryan.

It is talked in political circles that
no Holt county pop will evermore
have the hardihood to declare that he
will be elected by the "largest ma-
jority any man ever got."

It may be that America has no
men of "conspicuous merit," as the
wise gentlemen of England express
it, but American money, factory and
mill products are of such "conspicuous
merit" that the old world is sending
here for them.

The people of Oklahoma and
Indian Territory are working unitedly
for admission to the union as
one state. The two territories have
a population of 790,000 and repre-
sent an assessed valuation of \$95,-
000,000.

A study of the career of the class
of men who entertain socialist senti-
ments is interesting if not profitable.
We have known men to spend the
best years of their lives in public
places drawing big salaries and
in the years of superannation they
find themselves with money spent
and political jobs no more attainable;
a sudden desire possesses them to
revolutionize the world, have gov-
ernments take charge of commerce
and divide the spoils of wealth
among the people.

When Mr. Mullen walks up next
month to put on the official robe of
county attorney we hope the proper
adjustment of the garment will be
in nowise affected by the thought
that the much expected "largest ma-
jority any man ever got" was short
several hundred votes.

Ex-President Harrison gives as a
more or less weighty opinion that if
the Philippine islands become a part
of United States territory the Fili-
pinos are United States citizens.
As a matter of fact there are a whole
lot worse fellows right here at home
than the islanders. And they are
dignified by the term citizen.

The announcement that Mr.
Bryan will establish a weekly paper
at Lincoln and devote his future
energies to the editorial treatment
of the paramount issues that may
attract public attention ought to
quiet the mouths that have been so
busy telling what the twice beaten
candidate was going to do since
election.

The Omaha Bee has been showing
that the fusionists of South Omaha
perpetrated some rank frauds at the
late election. The fusion vote was
augmented by fraudulent registra-
trions and many votes appear to
have been cast that were illegal.
When it comes to corruption in po-
itics and unscrupulous methods to
secure office our friends of the re-
form party are strictly onto the
ropes.

World-Herald: The Sunday
question is already worrying the di-
rectors of the Buffalo exposition half
to death. The number of people
who persist in trying to compel men
and women to observe Sunday shows
no signs of decrease. They belong
to a class that would compel people
to worship God by legislation and
constables' clubs.

The editor of the World-Herald
exhibits good sense in things re-
ligious if not political. The folly of
fools is nowhere more strikingly
exhibited than in the modern move-
ment to force people to Sunday
observance. The only worship than
can ever avail at the throne of grace
is that of faith. Sunday observance
by legislation and constables' clubs
can never be "mixed with faith."

Just as everybody thought that
the war in South Africa was over
with victory on the side of Britain,
news of a disaster to the English
army comes from Magaliesberg,
where the Boers have just achieved
a victory that is likely to auger well
to the South African cause. The
news of the event cast a cloud of
gloom over the bright sky of Eng-
land and the feeling at London is
thus expressed by Mr. Lloyd-
George: "This is one of the most
severe reverses suffered by the Brit-
ish, and it is quite evident the war
will lag on for many months to
come. Dewet is making England
the laughing stock of the world.
We have 210,000 men in the field
yet we are unable to protect our-
selves from disaster at the hands of
small commandoes drawn from a
pastoral population." It has been
the established habit of English
lords to lay the blame of their abor-
tive crimes in battle to the incapacity
of a general. The fall of the Philis-
tine hosts by the hand of the shep-
ard lad was not because the Philis-
tines lacked in carnal strength. The
trouble with English armies is that
they are forever battling for wrong
principle.

A favorite announcement of the
present day alarmists is that the
number of men with millions has
increased to an "alarming extent the
last twenty-five years." The point
that is not exactly clear to us is
how an increase in the number of
people of wealth is cause for alarm.
Surely better a community of men
with millions than a community of
paupers. The happiness of life
depends more upon material wealth
than we are sometimes willing to
acknowledge and notwithstanding
the infinite platitudes of those who
talk the dream of the great majority
of men is wealth: not necessarily
in the form of millions, but if only
deliverance from the strain and per-
plexity of the struggle for bread.
Owing to liberality of government

this struggle is greatly simplified in
America, where any person of the
most ordinary ability can win a livli-
hood with comparative ease while
men of capabilities and energy
naturally accumulate wealth. That
the Americans of millions were
mostly penniless boys is the most
convincing evidence that everybody
has the same chance, although every
body hasn't the same ability. In
Europe the examples of transition
from poverty to riches and obscurity
to prominence are scarce. Men are
born to wealth and nobility as they
are to poverty and peasantry, and
European government molds the
social system. All that human gov-
ernment can do is to protect the
natural right of man; one of man's
natural rights is the pursuit of
wealth, and wealth will accumulate
according to men's ability and in-
clinations to exercise that right.
That men of genius and keen calcu-
lation do pile up millions is but the
logical result of rights exercised
that are guaranteed by a free gov-
ernment.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Springfield Monitor: While the state
board for the examination of Nebraska
barbers has been in existence less than
two years, yet the members have the
business thoroughly learned already.
The receipts of the board were nearly
\$5,500 and not a cent was left in the
treasury, all but a few dollars going for
salaries. Printers got \$9.10 out of the
amount collected. The board thinks it
has done a great deal of good for the
people.

Kearney Hub: The State Agricultural
society will ask the incoming legislature
to appropriate \$50,000 for use of the
state fair during the next two years,
claiming that the appropriation is
made necessary by the action of the last
legislature in permanently locating the
fair at Lincoln, that action contemplating
the purchase of a site and the erection
of substantial buildings. This is an
indication of the exorbitant demands
that are to be made on the incoming
legislature. These demands are all im-
portant, in the eyes of those who make
them, but members of the legislature
will undoubtedly have to practice on
the trick of saying "no" very generally
and pretty extensively.

Hebron Republican: The policy of
Governor Poynter in making his state
appointments was the adoption of the
populists idea that they should be, and
were, political rewards. The fitness,
or unfitness, of his appointees was de-
termined in very many cases only after
their trial in office and in some cases
absolute unfitness was shown, to the
great scandal of the governor's
administration. With all their profes-
sions for clean officialdom the populists
in their greed for political pie made it
next to impossible for their governors
to have a clean administration. The in-
coming republican governor, seemingly
mindful of some aforesaid republican
remissness and admonished by his own
good sense of public responsibility, is
evidently seeing to it that known fitness
counts in his appointment-making along
with claims for party reward.

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