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BUSINESS GOVERNMENT FOR NEBRASKA.
What the citizens of Nebraska want is the best possible government at the least possible expense.

In his veto of the bill reducing the salaries of the heads of state departments Governor Bryan makes it plain that he has no thought of accepting any plan of government except his own.

During the campaign the main point of attack was the inspection forces maintained by various state offices. Although Bryan held these to be wasteful, in his proposal for a supreme council he did not eliminate any inspection force, but only redistributed them.

Here is a starting point for agreement. It is a ticklish thing to propose the entire overturn of the form of government in Nebraska. Far better will it be to seek out the specific faults and remedy them.

The sticking point comes with the question of the budget system, the keystone of the state business management. Under the Bryan plan the budget figures would be kept in the auditor's office, while the state tax commissioner would supervise the making of estimates.

If the taxpayers of Nebraska are to be relieved, it is not by abolishing all semblance of business management, nor by wrecking the entire organization of government in order to experiment with a new fad.

PRIZE FIGHTING AND THE POLICE.
Our state boxing law is bearing more and more of the fruit that was predicted for it, that is the disputes between those who back their faith in rival champions by wagering heavily on the outcome.

This is not material, however, when we come to consideration of another phase of proceedings at the Municipal auditorium on Friday night. Under what authority the superintendent of police assumed to banish from Omaha the referee passes understanding.

Our ocean-borne commerce may be declining, but we submit that the record of \$8,230,952 long tons of freight, incoming and outgoing, is a fair record. This will look better when it is remembered that a "long" ton contains 240 pounds more than the common or garden variety of ton used to measure coal, hay and the like.

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CAPITULATIONS AND CONCESSIONS.

The peace conference at Lausanne broke down because the Turkish delegates were unwilling to sign a treaty which continues the concessions granted to foreigners by the old government. The Ankara government asks that all these be abrogated, and a new deal started.

Some of the capitulations complained of by Ismet Pasha date from the time of Mohammed II, and were by him carried over in form from the Byzantine empire, which he supplanted 500 years ago. These have been modified, added to, and numerically extended, until at present the greater part of the Turkish government is in some way affected by one or another of the rights granted to foreign powers.

On the other hand, the subjects of powers to whom capitulations have been granted have obtained extensive interests in Turkey under them, and naturally look to their governments for protection. Whatever adjustment is made should have some consideration for these. The enforced migration of Greeks from Turkey and Turks from Greece can not settle all the questions of property and other similar rights that are involved.

When all this is understood and admitted, no excuse is provided for the breakdown of the Near East peace conference. Obdurate insistence on extreme demands, by both sides; small concessions grudgingly given, and a general disposition to disagree rather than to come together, have been the outstanding features of that meeting. We still do not believe that a further war will follow, for none of the contracting parties is desirous of war.

The more reasonable view is that a new conference will meet, at which the delegates will not be bound by so rigid instructions, and the peace sought may be established. One thing may as well be accepted, and that is Turkey is on a different footing at present than when the Treaty of Sevres was framed, and, feeling her national strength and unity, will exert a greater influence.

Those who were enabled to make short side trips into the sand hills section of Nebraska during normal times, and have that privilege now, can not help but remark upon the changes.

Seven years ago, many pleasant little homes, where happy families were working in unity, to build up a home atmosphere and community life, stand deserted. These newly built, well preserved dwellings do not give that feeling of depression which steals upon the consciousness of the observer when his gaze falls on an old home falling into decay.

The rich prairie grass, whether green or cured without cutting, offers nourishing food upon which cattle will feed and grow fat until late winter if the ground remains free from snow as it has this winter. Many farmers and stockmen realize this and send their cattle and horses to feed from this grass after the limited pasturage of the corn belt has been exhausted. These are returned to the owners with the first snows of winter in good condition.

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Another indication of spring's approach is that King Ak is clearing the decks for action.

Marriage by mutual agreement usually ends in court with similar unanimity.

Sign of the season: Farmers are looking up seed corn.

No epidemic of flu? Well, who wants one?

Let me live to soothe and brighten others' lives with just and song. Let me teach the creeds of goodness that make mortals steadfast, strong— And be faithful to my teachings as along life's vale I roam— Let me leave no lamentation when my cryptic soul goes home.

"From State and Nation"

The Bryan Budget.
From the Osceola Record.
A careful analysis of the Bryan budget as presented to the legislature last Thursday will give the taxpayers of Nebraska the first sharp awakening that they are due to get as a result of the faith they pinned to Bryan's promises as a tax saver, which he made during the campaign.

Survival of the Fittest.
From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.
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What Laws Have Done.
From the New York Herald.
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Common Sense
On the Child Who Is Not So Dearly Loved.
In many families there is one child who is not as dearly loved by his parents as the other children.

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Daily Prayer
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"The People's Voice"

Debates Europe's Wars.
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the Omaha Bee, date of February 2, in "The People's Voice" columns, there appeared an article entitled "The European Crisis" over the name of one A. I. Meyer, who strongly advocates immediate assistance from the United States in behalf of Germany in her now dire predicament.

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Trimming Up a Steak



through Belgium, when great heaps and stacks of Belgian corpses lay trampled under foot of the German "bullets," and this in a land unlawfully invaded and ruthlessly slaughtered for no other reason than that she happened to lay in the path of German aggression?

What of those millions now slumbering in the soil of a devastated land who were buyers of both the United States and Germany? Who originated the turmoil now so grievously lamented?

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