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Administration organs roared because Bryan didn't raise a regiment at the first note of war; they roared when he did raise a regiment; and now they roar because he has resigned.

The coming session of the Nebraska legislature has important work before it, and we feel certain of the approval by the governor of all meritorious measures adopted by the assembly.

Secretary Gage estimates that the standing army will need an appropriation of \$145,119,000 next year as against \$24,600,000 this year; and the navy \$39,115,000, against \$29,900,000 this year. Imperialism costs money.

There is a very general demand throughout the state for the abolition of the offices known as "secretaries of the state board of transportation," and we believe the legislature will this winter take steps to relieve the people of the state from the necessity of paying \$6,000 in useless salaries for these "secretaries" who have no power, and who do practically nothing but draw their salaries.

It is a fundamental principle of our government that "just government derives its powers from the consent of the governed." But it is now urged that we cannot ask the consent of the cannibal Philippines about the form of government they shall enjoy; hence by annexing them we must surrender a fundamental principle of our government, which bodes no good to its people.—Farm, Stock and Home.

A story is going the rounds of the northwestern press to the effect that Senator Mutz so influenced the school board of his district after election that they discharged a lady teacher and employed him in her stead. As nearly as we can learn, the story has practically no foundation in fact, the senator having merely accepted the situation until such time as the young lady could assume her duties in the school room. This being true, it shows the venality of editors who will twist an act of courtesy into one which all men would condemn.

How easy it is to make official reports that may be used by designing persons to deceive the public. A late monthly summary of finance and commerce of the United States, says that the currency in circulation increased during the preceding year \$137,755,854, and the figures are quoted to show what is being done to satisfy the clamor for more money. But the same report shows a like amount as the increase for the same period of the reserves in national banks alone, so that as a matter of fact there is less money in actual circulation than a year ago.

A few years ago the republican party posed as a great friend of the farmers of this state, and visions of twenty-five sugar factories were conjured up to secure votes for "protection." The farmers of Cherry county were given a free trip to Norfolk, two years ago, and republican organs openly asserted that if McKinley was elected the factories spoke of would be built. He was elected, and what is the result? No factories have been built, the sugar trust has waxed fat and saucy, Hawaii has been annexed so cheap labor can compete with Nebraska sugar beet raisers, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines are almost ours, and the tariff remains the same. There is danger of Illinois and Indiana going democratic in 1900, so all kinds of sugar factories are being projected in these states. Will the Hoosiers and Suckers swallow this sweetness?

By its adoption of the initiative and referendum system South Dakota comes nearer to having a democratic form of government than any other state in the union. If five per cent of the people petition the legislature to pass a certain law, that law must be passed and submitted to the people for a final vote. If the law is then adopted, it is a law which no court can annul. The experiment is being watched with great interest, and should it be successful it will undoubtedly be tried by other states. We are inclined to believe though that five per cent is too small a proportion of the voters to initiate legislation, and believe the law should require at least ten or twenty per cent. By this system the lobby which disgraces every meeting of the state legislature will to a great extent be deprived of its influence, and even though the initiative be never resorted to the presence of the law upon the statutes will have a tendency to suppress corrupt legislation.

The eastern democrats and populists are now beginning to see in W. J. Bryan a leader of men, and the next president of the United States. The New York World, among other eulogistic comment, pays the son of Nebraska the following tribute: Mr. Bryan is opposed to the imperialistic idea, it being directly antagonistic to the idea and ideals which have been cherished by the American people since the signing of the declaration of independence. Bryan says, "heretofore, greed has perverted the government and used its instrumental interference for private gain; but now the very foundation principles of our government are assaulted." And with his old skill for crystallizing in a phrase the dominant idea in his mind he declares that "this nation cannot endure half republic and half colony—half free and half vassal." Mr. Bryan, continues the World, has lost none of his daring and dexterity as a political opportunist with brilliant gifts of leadership. Two years ago he polled 6,502,925 votes as the champion of 16 to 1, which he maintains will continue to be the paramount issue until correctly settled.

Live Stock Notes.

Recent sales of American horses in England were made at very satisfactory prices. Carriage horses sold from \$145 to \$275 each, and cart horses from \$140 to \$175 each. It is said that the exporters made satisfactory profits on the sales.

From an article in the Market Basket we learn that it required an average of 4 1/2 pounds of shelled corn to produce a pound of pork during an average period of four weeks, and 4 1/2 pounds of corn meal to produce the same result. In other words, dry shelled corn produces more pork per bushel than will the corn when ground into meal. Corn is worth three times as much as oats, for fattening.

J. M. Connors of Bennett, Wyoming, has purchased two car loads of thoroughbred Shorthorns, which he immediately put on his ranch near Saratoga. These are the best Shorthorn cattle that have ever gone into the state. The herd is headed by the Scotch bred bull Lancaster Comet, and includes some of the best Shorthorn cows obtained at the sale of S. G. Crawford of Lohrville, Iowa. Mr. Connors intends to raise thoroughbred bulls for sale in the west.

A new disease among sheep has been identified at Rawlins. It is termed "loco" by the sheepmen. Its distinct characteristics are an apparent salvation analogous to calomel salivation among mankind. The lower jaw of the sheep is seen to suppurate, the teeth in jaw get loose enough to pull out by the fingers. They lose flesh and get generally "on the lift." It is said to arise from the sheep grazing in the fall of the year on the short grass covering the alkali flats.

The western papers are filled nowadays with accounts of depredations by gray wolves. One paper tells how 46 head of horses were stamped over a cliff in Wyoming and killed. The Fort Pierre Journal tells of many ranchmen employing hunters, and one or two ranchmen near Pougias, Wyo., have offered to pay a special tax of \$1.00 per head on cattle in order to increase the wolf bounty. We have heard of seven gray wolves in Cherry county, and our stockmen should watch for the animals, when they come from the mountains this winter.

Nearly 40,000 sheep wintering at the South St. Paul, New Brighton, Minn., and other stock yards in the vicinity, says the Journal of Agriculture, are to be sent to Iowa and Missouri. This strange situation has been brought about in midwinter by the formation of a trust by the Minneapolis millers and the sudden rising of the price of wheat screenings from \$5 to \$8 50 a ton. This price is practically prohibitory, rendering it necessary for the owners to ship their sheep where they can be fed on corn meal. It is said the cattlemen are contemplating a similar move.

The St. Joseph, Mo., Stock Yards Daily Journal, evidently does not credit the stories that have been sent out of late regarding the heavy cattle shortage. In a recent issue that Journal says: "Predictions are already being made of a shortage of stock cattle for 1899, and that marketings of fat cattle will decrease a million. There is more danger of an oversupply of both than a decrease. For the past few years every farmer or ranchman who had a female critter bred her; few calves have been vealed, and spayed heifers are a rarity on the market. There will be plenty of cattle for 1899, so there is little need of feeders to become agitated at this time as to where the supply will come from."

Narcisse Jackson, a quarter breed Sioux Indian belonging to the Rosebud reservation, has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Somers and taken to Chamberlain for a preliminary examination before Commissioner Tidrick. It is alleged that the prisoner commenced operations by invading the ceded Sioux land region north of White river and stealing cattle from John Q. Anderson, a prominent white stockman. The cattle were then taken to the interior of the ceded lands, 100 miles or more from their home range, and as soon as he could negotiate a sale he disposed of the stolen animals to another white stockman. Suspicion was aroused, which, when investigated, resulted in the discovery of the theft and the arrest of Jackson, as stated.—Northwestern Stockman.

Colonel Eli Titus, of the Santa Fe railroad, is of the opinion that the shipments of Texas and Indian Territory cattle into Kansas this month will fall fully 50 per cent short of the same time last year. Young cattle are bringing high prices in Texas, and the Texas cattlemen show more disposition to put cattle on full feed than in former years, owing to the liberal cotton and corn crops in that big state. Texas farmers are fast acquiring the habit of feeding cattle instead of selling stock to farmers or ranchmen in other portions of the country to fatten for the market. The cattle sent from Texas to northern states during the past season fell nearly 100,000 head behind last year, and it is more than probable that the numbers will continue to decrease from year to year. Texas has an abundance of feed within her borders, and cattle can be fattened just as well in that state as they can be in Illinois or Iowa.

Isaac T. Pryor has just purchased one thousand head of two and three-year old cattle of a firm in Ardmore, Indian Territory, at \$25 per head. They are said to be exceptionally good cattle. They are in the Otoe reservation, and will be exported to Cuba. Mr. Pryor has forwarded about seven thousand cattle to Cuba since the close of the war.—National Stockman.

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