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Whalebone is now quoted at \$15.00 a ton. The demand that causes the price is not visible.

The Norfolk municipal pot should be boiling before that of the nation or the state begins to simmer.

Leap year is now considerably more than a week old, but there has not yet been a panic in the matrimonial market.

Evidence is accumulating that the democrats will endeavor to make the postoffice frauds one of the paramount issues unless something better is evolved very shortly.

A West Virginia mine management announces a reduction of twenty-five cents a ton in the price of the fuel at the mine, alleging over-production. It is likely that the reduction will be noticeable when the product reaches the bins of the consumers.

A flurry has been caused in the camphor market by the refusal of Japan to permit the exportation of the product, most of the world's supply coming from that country. If it comes to doing without camphor to see the fight there are a large number of patrons of the druggists who would prefer to have the camphor.

If Memphis can stir up so much excitement over a city election, resulting in the shooting of several men and the stealing and burning of ballots, what may be expected to happen in that town with a national contest on this fall? It would seem that certain cities and states, as well as certain people, should be denied the right to vote.

Because a woman of the Philosophical society at Omaha laughed at a statement of the hotel manager that he believed Mr. Bryan to have been elected in 1896, the society has been forbidden the use of the hotel parlor which has been heretofore used for their meetings. The manager should not make humorous remarks and then get angry because they provoke laughter.

The pope has expressed his disapproval of low-cut gowns and desires that they should not be worn at social functions that are attended by cardinals and other prelates. Great excitement has been aroused in Rome's social circles, especially among the ladies of the diplomatic corps, though why there should be excitement over the efforts of the pope to regulate the fashion to that extent, the dispatches do not state.

Cigarettes are more dangerous than the people who use them may suppose. A half-smoked one the other day destroyed a factory at Detroit, Mich., and the loss was estimated at \$50,000. Besides this one of the employees was seriously and perhaps fatally burned. It proved a most expensive smoke, but the fellow who had the few whiffs of tobacco did not sustain the damage and will probably insist on continuing the use of the little nicotine roll, regardless.

Uncle Sam continues to do business as a government at a profit and if a few more years are added to the record the country will take a strong lead over any of them in the condition of its finances. Since July the surplus of receipts over expenditures has been \$8,433,057, and it is estimated that by the first of next July the surplus for the fiscal year will not be far from the twenty-million mark. As long as the condition of the government finances continues to show this healthy tone there can be no fear of any very disastrous panic for the people. With the government on a good sound basis nothing but temporary financial difficulties will be possible with the people. The government continues to be the greatest distributor of money and it can keep at it whether the great corporations and trusts continue to do business or not, as long as the receipts can be made to exceed the expenditures.

The sun shines, the warm winds blow and the mercury works its way up to the top of the thermometer in Nebraska—but it can't seem to blizzard, and those who insist on having these features on their weather menu will needs be compelled to move back to New England, or refresh themselves by recalling the incidents of the storm that swept across the country sixteen

years ago tomorrow, and which seems to have been the last of the breed of Nebraska blizzards. Meanwhile the great majority of Nebraskans are content to let it go at recollections and enjoy the superior brand of winter climate that is on tap.

A Cincinnati wife locked her husband in a room to keep him home but the husband was desperately inclined to visit the city and started to jump out of the window. Seeing that he was determined the busy little helpmeet signified her consent by giving him a shove. Now he is so badly bruised that he cannot leave the house. Illustrating that some wives always manage to be obeyed and have their way.

Now that the senate has confirmed the appointment of a minister to Panama it has recognized the new republic irrevocably. The vote was thirty-eight to sixteen, and one democrat voted with the republicans, so that the opposition to the president's movement in recognizing the new government has some good and strong support, and if he is to be censured, in the future the senate will necessarily bear a share of the blame.

F. N. Merwin is the envy of a large number of newspaper men of Nebraska. He has left the sanctum of the Beaver City Times-Tribune for a while and has gone to Washington to rub up against the great men of the nation as Congressman Norris' private secretary, and he will doubtless come home fully inspired. One of his first acquisitions of knowledge in the capitol city was that its costs \$1 for every time he spits on the sidewalk. It is something of a deprivation to forbid a Nebraska newspaper man to spit, but Mr. Merwin announces that he has almost forgotten how.

The Atlanta Constitution is fearful that the democratic senators and congress will lead the party into a mighty deep pit from which it can never hope to emerge, if they continue in opposition to the Panama canal treaty. The Constitution speaks for a lot of southern democrats who would rather forsake the principles of Bryan, Jefferson and democracy than to have the building of that canal interrupted or interfered with. The question is not stronger in the north than in the south, but there are a large number of republicans who feel the same way about it, still they do not fear that the democrats will ever have an opportunity to take the place of the administration in its support.

If Nebraska is to continue in first class financial condition, especially in the rural districts the farmers and townspeople will have to cease their contributions to the fakirs and confidence men who will willingly take a generous share of the state's prosperity and cash and give not a thing in return. Incidentally in a legitimate business way Nebraska should keep all the money possible at home, which can be done by patronizing home merchants, home manufactures and home enterprises. Dollars that are sent to the Chicago and New York department stores may never again be counted in Nebraska's cash balance and to the credit of the banks. As long as the money is in the state it can be counted as a portion of the finance of the state and the chances that it will again return to the hands of the farmers are about ten times as good as they would be if sent out of the state at first hand. To be maintained as a state with money and credit it will be necessary for the people to exercise wise judgment in the disposition of the money at their disposal, and it is not wise judgment to send it out of the state for things that can be bought at home.

Senator Hanna has again denied that he is a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, but that does not seem to prevent his being urged for the place by the democrats and other politicians who have no admiration for Roosevelt, and it will be a wonderful temptation to make his boom bigger than ever on the occasion of his re-election to the senate today. Four years hence it may be possible that the republican party will heed the democratic advice and nominate and elect Senator Hanna to the highest office in the gift of the people, but this year they cannot consent to the turning down of Roosevelt, who has given eminent satisfaction in most respects, and especially they cannot see their way clear to assist the trusts in administering a rebuke because the president will not do what they think right and proper as between large capital interests and the interests of labor and the people. He has made a record along this line that the people very much admire, and the probabilities are that the democratic leaders are afraid that he approaches too close to the ideal of the common democratic voter to admit of any possibility of a democrat's election.

Iowa has a legislature with it to keep up the interest in the newspapers, and in politics.
 Anyway it is not unlikely that Senator Dietrich will be more careful of his business transactions in the future while his name is on the senatorial pay roll.

The society women of modern Rome are breathing easier. It is now announced that the pope was merely joking when he suggested that they might use more goods in completing the upper portion of their gowns.

Those who are looking for fresh inspiration from Mr. Bryan, by reason of his trip to Europe, are not likely to be disappointed. He never yet has been known to disappoint the people who have expected much and spontaneous oratory to flow.

A Des Moines young man has become crazed by reading "Hamlet," and there are some people who will imagine that he might be better able than a sane person to get the full meaning of the melancholy prince's character as outlined by the bard.

Now that Norfolk is in line with a Roosevelt club, the president's nomination and election may not be secure, but the people who are in the club feel better for it and it will undoubtedly be a small factor toward his success at the convention and at the polls.

A Lincoln lawyer believes that the decision of the court in the Dietrich case has the effect of creating "an open season for the sale of post-offices." It is so very indefinite as to length and bounds, that after this no one is likely to take chances of hitting just the right dates.

Russia has at least been convinced that an open door in Manchuria is a necessity and if the trouble between Russia and Japan amounts to nothing more to the advantage of the far east and the countries concerned than the opening of Manchuria to business it will have served to a good end.

The coal man occasionally has a kick coming on the weather, but the ice man never. When it is too cold to sell ice his crop is making, and when it is too warm to help out his supply he is selling. The coal man occasionally finds the weather entirely against him, but even he can bank on business in the future.

Someone prophesies a cold snap some time between January 20 and February 1. It will not be surprising if such a condition should happen to prevail about that time. Up to date January hasn't been doing anything but act like March or early April, but no act has been deceived into setting out tomato plants or planting corn.

Nebraska weather is coming in just the proper variety and in alopathic doses. It is beginning to be taken as a sort of myth that a storm of the severity of that which happened sixteen years ago, should find its way over the Dakota line. History, however, confirms the story whether it is supported by recent weather features or not.

There are states that envy New Jersey's laws that are advantageous for the formation of trusts and corporations, and would favor like arrangements. It is a matter for congratulation, however, that such states are few and far between. The others would prefer to see the New Jersey law changed, or the state moved off the map.

But for the organization of Roosevelt clubs throughout portions of the country, one might almost think that the president was lacking in friends, because the stupendous efforts are almost all being directed to tearing the president down. His friends, however, will make themselves manifest in good time, and they will be found to be thicker than sand burrs in a melon patch when it comes to counting the votes.

What has become of those Nebraska coal mines and oil wells, discovered last year, that were to prove of such material benefit to the people of the state? They have probably gone the road of all similar reputed discoveries, and there will be nothing for the people to do but to await a new gist of rumors in order to experience that exhilarating feeling of having their hopes raised to be gradually quieted later on by a letting up of the reports from the well's mouth, until the story is finally forgotten.

Postmaster General Payne reports that the excess of expenditures over receipts in his department during the past year were only \$4,530,044.73, which is more than a million less than the estimated deficit at the commencement of the year. As long as the head of the department can come that far inside of his allowance for carrying

the letters and postal cards and papers of his people, there will probably be no kick coming, but really the people would be better pleased if it could be so managed that the receipts would cover the expenditures. They like the accommodations of the department, but would like the business to make some profit.

With the opening of the Rosebud reservation by the present session of congress, there would be an inspiration toward the development of this country next spring, the like of which has not been known since Nebraska was first settled. Not all of the development can be confined within the reservation boundaries, but part of it is certain to spread out and northern Nebraska will realize in greater degree than any other adjoining territory.

There were less than fifty U. S. marines at Panama when the revolution took place that severed the isthmus from Colombia, but to hear the talk of the Colombian representatives, and their admirers in this country, the supposition would be that half of the American army and navy were down there to assist the revolutionists in breaking loose. It is possible that the Colombians were afraid that this government might be back of the revolutionists, but that would not justify the statement that this country took an active part in the revolution, and the fear of consequences that might be inspired should not be deemed cause for censure or a fight.

Norfolk is attracting new and more favorable attention every day from the people who visit here and those who read of its achievements. It is preparing to manifest itself as the gateway to the new northwest and will be a factor in the upbuilding of the country. It occupies an enviable advantage in a rich and growing section and people cannot come to Norfolk without becoming cognizant of the fertile territory surrounding and they cannot come into the territory without realizing the value of Norfolk's location. It is expected that during the coming few years the city will develop amazingly and the city refuses to be disappointed on this line.

This is the day set for Senator Hanna to re-enter the senate with a record vote, and it will be surprising if those who have been booming him for the republican presidential nomination do not receive fresh inspiration, by the achievement that has been forecasted ever since the votes were counted in his home state. The republicans have a majority of twenty-five in the senate, and a majority of sixty-six in the house, making a total majority of ninety-one on joint ballot, and it is expected that the senator will receive every republican vote in the legislature, while the democrats might just as well make it unanimous, as they can only muster fifty-two of the one hundred and forty-three votes on joint ballot. The two houses are scheduled to ballot separately this afternoon and jointly tomorrow.

Wayne county offers to the state the service of John R. Manning, who is a candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings subject to the action of the republican state convention. This has been talked of for some time, but upon inquiry of Mr. Manning he hesitated to announce his candidacy until after consulting further with friends. He has been urged to be a candidate and gives it to the press now that he is in the hands of his friends who assure him of a strong support. Our attention has been called to it that in all of its history this corner of the state has never had an official in the state house, at least from the republican party, and it would seem that this should be taken into consideration at this time when the "south platte" and the state house "deputies" are trying to gobble the cheese uncut. Mr. Manning has never asked for an office yet served the county as commissioner by appointment one term about fifteen years ago, and was a member of the state senate in 1889, one term, just before the populist enthusiasm swept the political map of the state. As state senator he was for the people and saved the state large sums by his good business qualities. He came to Wayne county in 1882 and engaged in farming and stock feeding and breeding, having six hundred acres of land and often two thousand head of stock upon it. However, the financial crash of 1892-6 deprived him of much of his hard earned fruitage of his early labors and a further misfortune attended him in the loss of his good right arm, but knowing no such thing as "failure" he has turned the energy of his youth to the garnering of political honors that seem to be well earned. Wayne county always feels honored by the fact of a resident aspiring to a representative place in our state's political firmament and a loyal and hard working delegation will assist in directing his campaign. The people of the county personally regard Mr. Manning very highly and his friends here and throughout the state are doing everything in

his behalf that seems advisable to properly launch our county's candidate.—Wayne Republican.

Congressman Driggs should have had the legal advice of such men as Cowin and Batty.

It is supposed that if there had been but one democrat in the Ohio legislature he would have voted for some other man than Senator Hanna, just for the supposed policy of the thing.

Nebraska is not in it this year with inaugurals and legislatures but she will be occupying her field worthily by next winter, when Ohio, Iowa, and the others will have nothing better to do than look on.

The Nebraska City Tribune knows it is said and generally believed that a "soft answer turneth away wrath" but is of the opinion that the czar made his so altogether soft and mushy that the Jap is fully justified in keeping his mad up.

The Russians and Japanese have up to date had more use for a well loaded dictionary than for fully equipped arsenals, but as they run short of this sort of ammunition, the more likely it appears that they will draw on that contained in the arsenals.

The Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune finds that several thousand of the residents of that city are suffering from the grip, and not only that, but that a wall of water thirty miles long and more than nine feet high threatens to come down and engulf the city. In view of this showing who would not prefer to live in Nebraska?

Senator Tillman has lost confidence in Ohio as a debatable ground for the two great parties. In view of the returns from the late election the senator is no doubt fully justified, but his party will probably forget this statement before the next election and will go right ahead and claim the state for democracy with apparent confidence.

The Falls City Tribune made its bow to the public last Friday. It is republican in politics and twelve pages of four columns each is its size. Orra R. Ross and Walter C. Ray are the publishers. They start with a good advertising patronage, and the paper itself is a model of neatness while the reading matter is interesting.

Nebraska opposition to President Roosevelt appears to be so small and insignificant that it is extremely difficult to locate it, even in the ranks of the fusionists. A lot of them who have never voted the republican ticket, will have to be shown a good and strong man and a good and strong reason, if they are to be convinced that they should not vote for the present chief executive at the coming election. There are hundreds who are not so bound by party ties that they will not vote to endorse a man who has had the stamina and ability to stand by the people in several instances where their rights have been threatened by the classes.

The Nebraska newspaper men, republicans, as well as democrats, do not appear inclined to take off their hats and give the Nebraska yell over the victory secured by Senator Dietrich in the federal court. It is conceded that it was a splendid maneuver on the part of the senator's lawyers, but it was a long way from clearing him in the minds of his constituents. It is good court tactics always, for the attorneys to beat a case at the earliest opportunity and thus rule it off the docket, but when the case is won as early in the proceedings as was this clearance of Senator Dietrich, there remains the suspicion that a full review of the accusations might not have shown an entire innocence of the charges on the part of the defendant, and those who are rejoicing with the senator over his escape are very few.

Dunn's review of trade for the year 1903 gives the people of Nebraska another reason to rejoice in that the failures in this state are away down in the list in numbers and amount of liabilities as compared with eastern states, also that Nebraska failures were less numerous and less expensive than during the year preceding, in fact the showing is more creditable to the west than to the older states of the east. As the Review has it, "Minnesota reported three times as heavy liabilities as in 1902, but Nebraska and Colorado offset much of this by making most encouraging exhibits." Nebraska's failures for the year are given at ninety-seven, with liabilities of less than half a million, or in exact figures, \$334,206, while for 1902 the failures in Nebraska were 100 and the liabilities \$1,004,426, and that was considered a year of much prosperity. The Nebraska failures are designated as follows: Manufacturers eleven, liabilities \$20,873; trad-

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ing eighty-three, liabilities \$312,395; other commercial three, liabilities \$958; banking two. With the situation that confronts Nebraska at the beginning of the new year there is every reason to believe that there will be as good a comparative showing at the end of this year as there was during the past year. The bank deposits are large and healthy, business is good, farmers have large reserves of grain, live stock and money, and the prospects for crops during the coming year are as good as could be asked this early in the season. Merchants, judging by local conditions, are having success in disposing of their accumulation of winter goods and the prospects are that they will have a ready demand for the spring and summer goods that will soon be exposed on their shelves. There is a general feeling of confidence in the future and in comparison with results further east, this feeling appears to be fully justified. For such comparison it is not necessary to go further east than Iowa, where the failures for 1903 are given at 318, with liabilities amounting to \$1,839,754, while for 1902 in the same state the failures were 274, with liabilities of \$1,519,302. Further east the showing was less favorable than in Iowa.

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