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Sioux City pleads guilty to the charge of being the home of 300 lawyers.

Between water spouts and tornadoes and race wars the south is putting in a very strenuous spring.

Norfolk is advancing every day toward a city, but it encounters obstacles to be overcome in its onward march.

The Sioux City Journal fails to find any evidence of Mr. Bryan having slipped a new idea into the Nebraska democratic platform.

The forces engaged in the far east are again sparring for an opening and there will probably be nothing much of interest doing until one or the other of them finds it.

Judge Parker has spoken. He addressed the graduating class of a law school, but no word regarding the political situation in the country managed to slip in edgeways.

It was hoped that the weather man would find a means of suppressing the excessive rainfall but it was not desired that he should resort to a freeze-up to accomplish that result.

If the treating business was cut out there would be a great deal less drunkeness. It is the man who is showing that he is a "good fellow" by treating or accepting treats who goes to excess.

The canal strip is not to be classed as a "no man's land," but the people going there will find that they must respect the strong right arm of Uncle Sam when it comes to law violion.

Since Mr. Bryan has the democratic state convention off his hands he can now devote his entire time to laying his plans for ruling the roost at the St. Louis meeting, and he has Nebraska's best wishes for success.

Water is causing almost as much trouble in Kansas as the efforts being put forth to have whiskey. When it comes to sensational stunts, Carrie Nation must take a back seat in favor of that which she advocates as best for man and beast.

It was rather tough on the editors of the Elkhorn valley to have the supreme court and the mayor of O'Neill get together on the saloon proposition and close the refreshment stands up just before the newspaper boys arrived on the scene.

It looks suspiciously like Tom Dennison has some reason for desiring to stay away from Iowa when he fights the efforts being made to get him there at every turn. A man with a record above suspicion would be glad to clear himself before the eyes of the world.

An Iowa paper finds fault with the university situation, claiming that it was unnecessary to look toward Nebraska for a man who could kick up a row. It holds that the state might have been loyal to home people and found a man at home just as capable of making a fuss as the chancellor from Nebraska.

Nebraska has an excess of rainfall, but indications are that Jupiter Pluvius has not been overdoing the business to the same extent here as has been done in Kansas. Observing people will note that when there is anything disagreeable in the weather line other states always succeed in drawing the worst end of the trouble.

There is lively evidence that a large number of people are anxious for one of those section homesteads that are made available under the provisions of the new Kinkaid law, and those who are not trying for one of the branches are more than anxious to see what their luck will bring them in the Rosebud drawing that is to be pulled off next month.

It will take some effort to get up an interest in a presidential contest. Up to the present time there is scant indication from the voters that they have an interest in the coming battle of the ballots one way or another. The republicans feel secure in the election of Roosevelt and the democrats very much doubt the ability of the St. Louis nominee to win.

Bonesteel takes exceptions to the stories that are being told of the town being wide open and a free license sort of a place. It is admitted that there are gamblers, and bums and a few other undesirable classes represented there, but the people up there insist that they are going to preserve order, and best of all, will make it a point to see that there are no outrageous charges when the crowd begins to gather in for the opening.

It is claimed by high strategists that Russia cannot maintain an army of more than 250,000 men in Manchuria owing to the inadequacy of the railroad in bringing in the necessary provisions and munitions of war that such an army would demand. If that is the situation the Japanese are about certain to win out in the fight at one time or another, for with the control of the sea, that country can get to the front limitless men and supplies.

The occasional boy who is managing to graduate with the honors of his school with the numerous girls is very likely to be heard from at some future date. The boy who quits school to go fishing or who leaves off for the purpose of earning a few cents a day will be occupying a back seat when the boy with the education appears on the scene and captures some of the best and most responsible positions in the gift of a country that is looking for ability.

Naturally there would be objections from some source to the selection of Secretary Cortelyou as chairman of the national republican committee for the present campaign, and the fact that some of them are from the democrats should be almost as good as a type-written testimonial to the ability of Mr. Cortelyou to do things. A national chairman who would be selected by the democrats would not be likely to have the approval of the republicans, who are somehow desirous of having a say as to who shall direct the affairs of the coming contest.

County Treasurer Schavland has made a record for May in the matter of tax collections that has not been exceeded since the county was organized. During the month collections have been made in the amount of about $30,000, which is about twice as much as had been collected in any other month. Much of it was on old back tax accounts, but more was paid in by the property owners just because they had the money and wanted to make a saving of the interest that is charged when the taxes are past due. It is a record in which the property owners share the honors with the county treasurer.

The Nebraska Teacher for May publishes a table prepared by S. C. Bassett for the world's fair commissioners from which the following summary is taken: Nebraska has an area of 76,840 square miles. On January 1, 1904, there were in the state approximately 3,005,758 cattle valued at $58,424,527; 2,860,242 swine valued at $18,391,356; 135,000 horses 493,340 sheep valued at $1,376,664; 649,839 milch cows(included also in the number and value of cattle), valued at $17,240,229. For the year 1903 there were, approximately, 1,939,776 acres of winter wheat; 139,612 acres of spring wheat; 5,771,109 acres of corn; 1,958,721 acres of oats;; 343,067 acres of rye;; 238,401 acres of alfalfa, and 1,842,216 acres of wild hay. Nebraska ranks tenth as an agricultural and dairy state, and fourth in the number and value of cattle, swine, and as a corn producing state.

The democrats appear to be terribly flurried over what was an ordinary and regular thing under the last democratic administration—a deficit in the national treasury. It was quite a circumstance, to be sure, under a republican administration, but there is something to show for it. For that deficit the country has a title to a canal property and the right to build and operate a canal, and it is a matter of credit that the administration should have been able to pay out of the treasury some fifty millions of money without creating anything more disastrous than a deficit. A little financial flurry was almost to be expected with consequent hard times and disaster, but nothing but the deficit appeared and in a month or two months the deficit will have taken care of itself, while the country will be on the right road to owning and operating an interoceanic canal that will have a bearing on the revenue of the country and be the greatest aid to modern commerce that the early twentieth century will witness. The trans-continental railroads and the democratic party are not likely to show great enthusiasm over the consummation of the great project.

In about a trio of days there will undoubtedly be some croakers hollering for rain, if the weather continues bright and warm. The people are difficult to satisfy in the matter of weather.

The more people learn regarding Nebraska the better content are they to call the state their home and when it comes to comparisons, Nebraska will hold its own with the best of them. It is a state of many resources, developed and undeveloped, and it will continue to hold first place in the estimation of those who know it best.

The British parliament is strongly in favor of doing all that is possible for the relief of Colonel Youngblood's expedition into Thibet and will probably not care particularly how severely the besieging fanatics are trounced in rendering such relief. Thibet, with other back-number countries of the world must endeavor to come up to a modern standard of civilization or be overridden in the race of advancement.

Spain does not quite like the appearance of that American fleet as close to her shores as Tangier and is in for a protest against the action of this government. It is probable that Spain has more reason to fear the near approach of an American fleet than any other country. She has experienced the most recent evidence of what that navy is capable of accomplishing and is entitled to feel uncomfortable with the floating fortresses in such near vicinity.

A Paris cable states that another American girl has made an error, or it is not stated in exactly that language, but she has married a titled foreigner, which is about equivalent to stating that she has made a mistake in not taking a home-produced husband. The evidences accumulate of mistakes of other American girls who have acted foolish in going after a title and this may not prove an exception to the general rule.

From Germany comes the report that that country is feeling lonesome in Europe. While it is one of the most powerful and best equipped countries of that continent it is finding that other governments are avoiding it, fighting shy of friendship and alliances and the people there are becoming restive under the isolation. The nations surrounding are said to be waiting with impatience anything that will work to the undoing of the empire. It is a hard situation.

Tammany is going to St. Louis 1,165 strong and if that organization has any influence and its fuss and bluster will win it will be very likely to control the convention and dictate the nominees and the platform at the democratic national gathering. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst are confident that they are going to the convention city in their interests and they will doubtless be given front seats if it is within the power of the past and would-be leaders to deliver them.

Many of the business men who do not believe in advertising have no need to speak on that fact. Their places of business furnish ample testimony on the point. The deserted counters, cobwebbed shelves and old-fashioned and shelf-worn goods furnish all the argument that is required to show that they are non-advertisers and do not believe in it. The advertiser has a different kind of a business place to present. He need not necessarily be a newspaper advertiser, but if he has ways of his own of attracting attention of buyers. If he talks business and has an attractive display of new goods constantly coming in ond being placed there are no two ways about it—he is an advertiser and believes in advertising.

From the tone of some articles in newspapers of this and other states it is shown that there are sections that have people who are jealous of the Rosebud country and western Nebraska where the section homestead law is soon to be effective. They are endeavoring to discourage the people who would like a chance for a free homestead from making the attempt to secure one, and some of their articles and arguments are hopelessly prejudiced. There does not at present seem to be a doubt, however, but that the anticipations of the railroads and others interested in advancing the new northwest will be fully realized when the time for the advance movement arrives. Many are already arriving on the scene to take advantage of the government's offer to get a farm or a ranch for little or nothing that will be valuable estates as soon as a patent from the government can be secured.

Nebraska is in bloom while the Rosebud has not yet opened.

It wouldn't require much of an argument for readers to acknowledge a preference for news from the seat of war in Colorado rather than that which comes from the far east.

The people of the state will rejoice with Omaha over the construction of the magnificent new auditorium. It was a struggle to get the funds required by the enthusiastic promoters, but it was a building needed by both Omaha and the state for the big meetings and conventions that are to be held in that city.

Kansas druggists have undertaken to help the reformers boost the bootleggers out of business and out of the state. It is probably from no unselfish motive that they will consent to engage in an alliance with the reformers, and it is particularly certain that they do not wish the same end as their allies—to discourage ers and prevent the formation of the booze habit.

Some one has discovered that Missouri had a cheaper railroad rate on sugar than had Nebraska and therefore there was a protes. from the people who were paying more. The matter has been adjusted—not by Nebraska getting a cheaper rate, but by Missouri paying more. The cause of complaint is removed, but Nebraska will not grow fat on an increased sugar allowance.

A Russian newspaper learns or assumes to know that the United States would rather sell the Philippine islands to Japan rather than to defend them in the event of war. If this country was assured that it could make no better showing at defense than has Russia it is probable that it would deem discretion the better part of valor and abandon the Philippines in the most graceful manner possible.

It is evident to strategists that the Liao Tung peninsula will continue to be the center of operations during the war in the far east. Port Arthur started in right early in the game to show that it was in the lead as an interesting point in the drama being enacted and with the assembling of the Japanese on the peninsula and the forces of the enemy north and south of them it is believed that there will be the decisive engagement of the struggle. That it will be a terrible conflict is beyond question.

It is said that the British expedition into Thibet is costing that government at the rate of $1,500,000 a month, but it is possible that there are returns in sight that will eventually justify the expense. Britain's greatness and immense income is the result of just such expeditions into various parts of the uncivilized and undeveloped world, and there is no question but that such expeditions have proven beneficial to the benighted people visited—particularly those who survived.

The government at Washington shows a determination to help swell the crowd that will be headed for the Rosebud country during July first by designating thirty-two clerks who will be sent from the interior department to help out in the rush that is certain to happen in the permanent temporary land offices in the near vicinity of the reservation. Even with that force there is likely to be a congestion of business at the land offices as there are 2,600 homesteads to be given out and there will probably be enough applicants for chances to make the chances about one in fifteen or twenty of being the lucky person holding a chance on the land.

The Knights Templar and their families and members of the Masonic fraternity in general are promised "the most cordial reception and the most lavish entertainment ever offered by any community to a gathering of the kind when they meet in twenty-ninth triennial conclave at San Francisco next September. This promise is made by Isaiah Choynski, press agent for the local committee, so that it comes from a reliable source and those who belong to the order and expect to attend the session have fairly good reasons to anticipate a treat, because those westerners never do things in a half hearted manner, and the fact that this is promised to be extra fine should be all the invitation necessary to call for the attendance of all who can possibly go.

The choosing of Attorney General Knox to fill the senatorial chair made vacant by the death of Senator Quay opens up another appointment and the president will be called upon to choose his successor in the cabinet. The people of the country rather admire the record of General Knox in his efforts to curb the trusts and big corporations and it will be with regret that many will learn of his resignation of the office to accept the senatorship. However his action in that capacity was believed to be largely due to the desire and direction of the president, and it is believed that he is fully competent to name a successor of Mr. Knox who will be as capable and efficient in proceeding against the corporate interests who would rule or ruin, as was the retiring attorney general.