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It is up to the senate to pass it along for executive approval. The sap that has started is certainly not that which is developed by the trees and other vegetation.

The backbone of winter may reasonably be expected to show a few cracks in its structure inside of another month. President Roosevelt has made a scattering among the ambassadors, but thus far none of the covey appear to have been hurt.

This is the last full month of winter, but it is not the least by any manner of means, so far as the record is now complete. If congress or the legislatures would only get warm enough to counteract the influence of the weather they would be serving to a good end, anyway.

Anyway none of the poets have been inspired to remark regarding the manner in which winter lingers in the lap of spring. The tap of spring is too far out of sight. Representative Comerford will probably testify to the fact that it is not always altogether safe to proceed to make accusations on suspicion or mere hearsay testimony.

Nebraska is to be permitted to try it again on the federal bench of Arizona and friends of Senator Tucker are confident that he will carry the honor with honesty and dignity. Will the senate insist on throwing Oklahoma out of the union again providing it can be proven that Oklahoma men have become drunk on Oklahoma whisky inside of that twenty-one year limit?

Down in the southern part of Texas it is alleged, people are picking ripe strawberries out of their gardens. They are not yet ripe in Nebraska. Stand up for Nebraska, even if it does hurt some. The Indiana senate has taken a fall out of the cigarette and its users by passing a measure prohibiting their sale of the giving of them away. Nebraska has a similar measure to consider.

Valentine's day may quite reasonably be considered a failure if it does not bring to Nebraska a package of warmer temperatures. That is the least that could be expected by the people from the anniversary. Hopelessly falling on the lecture platform John L. Sullivan has issued a challenge to James J. Corbett, the man who knocked him out and another has been. Corbett sneeringly refused to meet the ancient champion.

The country should be able to furnish, by this time, some seasoned recruits to join Lieutenant Perry in his fying trip to the north pole. If the pole can show anything much worse than this the people of the world are entitled to know it. Atlanta is the latest city to be isolated by a sleet storm, breaking the wires of communication. If, therefore, there is inspiration to leave Nebraska to escape the ice you will be careful that your steps do not lead Georgiaward.

There may be an eclipse of those new planets that the senate claims to have discovered in the American firmament. The house of representatives appears to be inclined to get in between them and the broad light of the union. The senate can hardly expect its statehood bill to receive kindly treatment at the hands of the house if the upper body of congress does not deal approvingly with the freight rate measure that has been handed to it by the house.

It will be something more than another month until the vernal equinox is due to appear above the southern horizon and if you think that you will not be able to stand for more of this it is up to you to follow the ground hog's example and hibernate. Perhaps the next best thing to elect-

ing senators by direct vote of the people would be to eliminate the upper house from the government entirely. At the present time especially, the people would like to see the president and the house of representatives run the machinery of state. The vote of the house is quite sufficient evidence, it would seem, to warrant the conclusion that no party has greater claims to the favoring of railroad rate legislation than the republicans—326 years to 17 nays is somewhat of a record that speaks for the non-partisanship of the movement.

Misnomers of Irish ancestry are now objecting to having the burglar-murderer, Rudolph hung up on St. Patrick's day. It appears difficult for a court to please everybody and if there were none others to object it might reasonably be expected that Rudolph himself would do some kicking. With the president telling the senate a few things about the arbitration treaty business and the house refusing to endorse its action on the statehood bill, there is a possibility that the upper house of congress may be induced to come off its high perch and do business as the people, represented by the president and the house of representatives, desire.

The Standard Oil company is about to take Kansas across its knee and administer a spanking. Kansas should reasonably expect its big uncle at Washington to interfere and administer chastisement in turn to Mr. Rockefeller and his corporation, or perhaps the little brothers and sisters of Kansas might unite in changing the humiliating spectacle. The corruptionists of other legislatures need not think that the firing of Representative Comerford from the Illinois assembly will give them license to proceed indiscriminately. There are few men who have been convicted of falsely accusing legislators of corruption, and the time may not happen around again this century.

Perhaps, now that Mr. Comerford owes no allegiance whatever to the Illinois assembly he will proceed to deliberately dig up hitherto unexposed evidence to prove that he was not far wrong in making the charges he did. If they have called a bluff on the theory that all evidence was well hidden they may yet suffer greater indignity than that thrust upon their fellow-member. The latest positive proof that "honesty is the best policy" from a notable source comes from Mr. Biddle, formerly freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe railroad. It will be remembered that Mr. Biddle testified before New York exercises very clever judgement in some things and her idea of having a theater holocaust when there was no one in the theater is subject to approval. Had the Casino been filled with people as was the Troquois at Chicago, there is no telling what might have happened. As it was, only the stage carpenter and one chorus girl suffered injury. If theaters must burn the New York idea is worthy of imitation.

the interstate commerce commission regarding the payment of rebates by his road to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. The president of the road is alleged to have called him up on the carpet and to have severely reprimanded him for telling that to the commissioners. Mr. Biddle is credited with replying in substance that he would not lie for the sake of any railroad. The result of the conversation was that Mr. Biddle's resignation was filed. The Rock Island heard of the incident and the man who would not lie was immediately offered the position of third vice president of that system to have charge of both the freight and passenger traffic at a salary of \$25,000, or \$10,000 more than he had been receiving from the road that expected its employees to be prepared to lie if need be in the interests of the system and its business. It is gratifying to those who believe in the value of truth to be able to occasionally cite notable instances where it has paid handsomely to refuse to prevaricate. Ten thousand a year is pretty good pay for a man who will thus maintain his honesty and integrity.

Miss Allie Williams. Allie Albertine Williams was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on January 27; 1877. She moved here with her parents eighteen years ago where she has since made her home. She passed away at 4 o'clock this morning at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams, in South Tenth street, after a sickness of but ten days from pneumonia. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

There are only two weeks of February left. The Japanese-Russian war has been going for more than a year and that magnificent victory promised in favor of the Russian arms has not yet been realized. The senate should have sent President Roosevelt a valentine that would have pleased him—such as the passing along of that railroad rate law with its endorsement. It takes a person with an astonishing amount of foresight to be able at this time to invest his money in fans and parasols with the expectation of making the investment good. In New York it costs at the rate of \$35,000 an inch to remove the snowfall. In Nebraska Nature does the work without remuneration, but it sometimes waits a tiresome length of time before it gets busy. The Hague may yet be called upon to arbitrate the differences between the executive, the house and the senate, meanwhile the people who pay the salaries would like to see something more done than to draw pay vouchers.

Advertising in the newspapers is no new thing. The first advertisement of that character is said to have appeared in 1652. There is a chance, at this late date, however, of learning some advertisers the kind that may be expected to bring forth the best results. Gladstone is credited with having well served his country and the world, but he made a mistake when he added to the English vocabulary the word, "disestablishmentarianism," which is said to be the longest word ever coined. Some people will never forgive him for it. Speaker Cannon thinks the republican majority in the house as well qualified to dictate the course of the government as the democratic minority in the senate, and proposes to stand as pat as possible on legislation favored by a republican executive.

It is about certain that the senate will need the house and president if they wish to place in effect any pet measures, and to keep peace in the governmental family it may yet be necessary for the senate to give honest and thoughtful consideration to the railroad rate measure. The house majority in favor of railroad legislation might include the bellicose senators and then make good, if they were only permitted to count it that way. It was strong enough to pass over the head of the senate and so high up in the air that the senators would not be able to see it with the naked eye. When it is considered that a man's heart beats 92,160 times a day the surprise is not that there is so much heart disease, but that it is so seldom encountered. It is a hard worked piece of human machinery and often-times it is not treated as well as a piece of metal machinery that does less work and does not last as long.

Either the United States may boast of a state of civilization that fosters Sunday schools or the Sunday schools may take credit as an important factor in advancing the country to the forefront of other countries of the world. There are in the country 139,817 of these schools or more than half the number maintained throughout the world. The infrequency of accident on the German railways may be accounted for in part by the fact that the engineers in that country receive a gold medal and a gift of \$500 for every ten years of service without an accident. Such recognition is worth striving ten years to attain, and with it in reach of all it may be calculated that accidents will be reduced to the minimum. There are traits of the Japanese that the civilized world might well follow. One of them is the enforcement of a law prohibiting boys from using tobacco until they have reached the age of twenty years. After a boy has reached that age he should be discreet enough to leave the weed severely alone, but if not it will not work the same harm as though he commenced its use at half that age. The chill of February is crashing low temperature records in many parts of the west, but the people are not unusually gleeful over the result. They would much rather see the bathing or motoring or trotting record broken. Anything for a change would be agreeable. If it wants to break the record on how quick it can warm up and how long it can remain

warm there will be great glee among all people. The inhumanity of the trusts has been alleged and sometimes proven but when it comes to downright cruelty there is nothing this side of Hoch that will give even a faint conception of the devilry that has inspired the American hen to withhold from an egg-hungry public the chief requisites for omelets, custards and other things that are considered necessary for the maintenance of the well-ordered family. The Japs have grown tired waiting for Rojostvensky and to relieve the monotony of the wait it is now proposed to invest Vladivostok and invade Russian territory. The accomplishments of the Japanese navy since the taking of Port Arthur has been of such insignificance that the veterans of many fights are sweating for action, and it is up to the commanders to give them something more strenuous to do than working a patrol. With the mercury at thirty below in Kansas and twenty below in Missouri there is not much inducement for Nebraskans to journey south in order to avoid the rigors of the winter season. It is apparent that in hitting Nebraska old King Winter intends to punish others with equal severity. There is no present joy in the conditions but Nebraska may be expected to get out from under as soon as the next one. Hoch has now confessed to having had thirteen wives and is on the verge of a break down. After the breakdown he is expected to confess to the other twenty or thirty that have been duly credited to him by the police and other authorities. Lincoln has rushed to the front in behalf of Nebraska with the assertion that Hoch had visited this state and included a Nebraska woman in his list of matrimonial adventures. It has now been discovered that Johann Hoch taught school in Otoe county where he proposed to several women but not having his hypnotism down to a fine point was rejected in every instance. Otoe probably is not exclusive in the entertainment of the Chicago Bluebeard. If he was there he was probably likewise in other portions of the state. Though it makes him a hundred and forty-five years of age Nebraska will be compelled to insist that he spent a portion of his life here. Bradstreet's, Dun's and other financial reviews never fail to record the failures in the business world, but unfortunately they are unable to record the successes and there is therefore no manner of comparison possible. A year or a day may develop a failure, but it requires years or a life time to develop a success. It is possible that if the successes could be summarized there would be encouragement for the ambitious to press onward, hoping to win the goal that many have reached before them. America would not like to see trouble of a serious nature grow out of the differences between the president, the house and the senate, but the latter has taken the initiative in asserting that it will not consider a measure on its merits in advance and the executive and the house are entitled to assert themselves in a manner as decidedly imperialistic as the senate, without a doubt. The people give the president and the house credit with being desirous of forwarding the best interests of the country while they withhold such credit from the senate and are inclined to believe that personal interests or corporate influence are allowed to blind the eyes of the senators. It is to be hoped that the matter will be cleared away and the three branches of the government working in harmony before the present session of congress comes to an end. There is a large amount of work that should be transacted in the next three weeks, and an early agreement on legislation that will be adopted is desirable. The freight rate matter is now up to the senate and its early action will clear the way for other important measures and place the several departments in harmony. The state would probably not object if the legislators would average up the value of the railway passes to them and raise the salaries of all officials accordingly. It would seem much better that the officials should be entirely in the pay of the state and not partially in the pay of the railroads. The newspaper man who receives transportation is expected to give value received, also the railroad employe, and the state officer is probably not an exemption. The officials may think that the vote at the last election is in support of their maintaining their passes, but there were other and more weighty questions at stake last November, and if it comes

to a showdown whether or not the people approve of their officials accepting these favors from the railroads with whom they are expected to deal exactly as they would with any other corporation or with individuals, it would probably be found that the majority of the republicans as well as fusionists would prefer that the pasteboards should not be accepted and used. The present legislature might do far worse than adopting a law prohibiting the acceptance of passes. It begins to look as though Uncle Sam was about to take cognizance of the fact that John Rockefeller is attempting to do things to Kansas that should not be done by any corporation having a soul, and the movement of the house of representatives to inquire into the difference between the cost of crude and refined oils in that state and the difference in prices there and in other states, is evidence that there is an intention to find out whether or not there is any forcing business being carried on by the Standard Oil king. There is more than a suspicion that the oil interests are operating in restraint of trade and competition very decidedly in the Sunflower state and there is a chance that it may be caught red-handed in the act and evidence adduced that will go a long way toward proving the Standard company a dangerous trust in the eyes of the laws of the country. The people know that the Standard Oil people and other corporations employ methods of squeezing out competition and then running the price of their products up out of reason and they only hope that the government may be able to prove it and make it possible for competition to live in a country reputed to be free. The Kansas situation offers a splendid field in which to prove that the government means business in its attitude opposing monopolies. The resolution of the house calling the attention of the department of commerce and labor to the Kansas situation should develop some results.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation.

No More Stomach Troubles. All stomach trouble is removed by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gives the stomach perfect rest by digesting what you eat without the stomach's aid. The food builds up the body, the rest restores the stomach to health. You don't have to diet yourself when taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. J. D. Erskine, of Allentown, Mich., says, "I suffered heartburn and stomach trouble for some time. My sister-in-law has had the same trouble and was not able to eat for six weeks. She lived entirely on warm water. After taking two bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she was entirely cured. She now eats heartily and is in good health. I am glad to say Kodol gave me instant relief." Sold by Asa K. Leonard.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing, but take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It will positively drive out all impurities. 25 cents. Tea or tablets. The Kiesau Drug Co. Deserved Popularity. To cure constipation and liver troubles by gently moving the bowels and acting as a tonic to the liver, take Little Early Risers. These famous little pills are mild, pleasant and harmless, but effective and sure. Their universal use for many years is a strong guarantee of their popularity and usefulness. Sold by Asa K. Leonard.

Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 14, 1905: Jim Anderson, Mr. Orville P. McClain, F. O. Uehaol, T. V. Robbison, 2. Sam Rodrick, Mr. C. W. Snidley, Miss Alpha Schorer. If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office. Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised." John R. Hays, P. M.

This is the season of the year when people have ample opportunity to read. It is the time when those interested in the latest current events should place their names on The News' list. We sell flour, oil meal, mtl feed, stock and poultry supplies. Flour and Feed store, Pacific block.

STOLE BRIDGE TIMBERS

THREE MEN CAUGHT AND PLEADED GUILTY IN COURT.

WERE ALL JAILED OVER NIGHT.

On Complaint of Superintendent Reynolds, Three Men Were Traced by the Police and the Trio Today Confessed to the Theft. Three thieves who had appropriated bridge timbers from the Northwestern railway and who today confessed to the stealing, were traced out by the Norfolk police last night, jailed and brought before Judge Hayes this morning. Emil Spiering who had been in court many times before; William Wagner and Gustave Koerber were the men arrested.

Complaint was made to Chief Larkin yesterday afternoon by Superintendent Reynolds of the Northwestern, that three wagonloads of bridge timbers, each timber worth about \$1, had been stolen from the railroad yards. Tracing the thieves, Officers Larkin and Pilger found the guilty parties soon. They had carried the timbers 150 yards before loading them on wagons.

Spiering has been a frequent visitor to police court. All three of the men are pronounced bad Indians by the police. Gustave Koerber, despite the fact that he spells the name the same as a number of well known Norfolk people, has no relatives in the city.

Estimate of Expenses. Following is the estimate of expenses made by the county commissioners of Madison county, Nebraska, for the year 1905:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include County institute (\$100), County road (8000), County printing (1200), County attorney's salary (900), Care of paupers (2000), Fuel, postage and expenses (1500), Books, stationery and supplies (2000), Election expenses (2000), Salary for county assessor and deputies (3500), Soldier's relief fund (1500), Poor farm expenses (1500), County superintendent's salary (1400), County bridge fund (18000), County clerk's salary as clerk of board (500), County commissioners salary (2000), Bounty on wild animals (1000), Jailor's fees (1500), Janitor's salary and county officers' assistants (1500), District court jurors (7000), Insane fund (1200), Riprapping on streams (1500), Aid to agricultural society (600), Furniture and repairs on court house, insurance on jail and court house bonds (1000), Road indebtedness (2000), Interest on court house bonds between Madison and Union precincts (500), Sinking fund for same (400), Battle Creek village jail bonds (150), Dated Madison, Neb., January 11, 1905. Emil Winter, County Clerk.

Give Your Stomach a Rest. Your food must be properly digested and assimilated to be of any value to you. If your stomach is weak or diseased take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and gives the stomach a rest, enabling it to recuperate, take on new life and grow strong again. Kodol cures sour stomach, gas bloating, heart palpitation and all digestive disorders. L. A. Seper, of Little Rock, Ky., writes us: "We feel that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure deserves all the commendation that can be given it, as it saved the life of our little girl when she was three years old. She is now six and we have kept it for her constantly, but of course she only takes it now when anything disagrees with her." Sold by Asa K. Leonard.

Babies' skin will be soft, fair and smooth if you give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. It regulates the stomach and bowels. It makes the little ones sleep and grow. 35 cents. The Kiesau Drug Co.

The Sunshine of Spring. The salve that cures without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cuts, burns, boils, bruises and piles disappear before the use of this salve as snow before the sunshine of spring. Miss H. M. Middleton, Thebes, Ill., says: "I was seriously afflicted with a fever sore that was very painful. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in less than a week." Get the genuine. Sold by Asa K. Leonard.

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