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That break in the Missouri legislature was evidently a base imitation of the real thing.

February is very much inclined to leave the people with a better taste in their mouth than that given by the fore end of the month.

Farmers who missed getting their mail for a day or two on account of the recent storms are now wondering how they ever managed to get along without the service for so long a time.

It seems almost as though nothing under the sun could surprise St. Petersburg officials. After it has happened they had anticipated nearly everything that has happened in the war and now they are to the forefront with the statement that the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius had been anticipated.

James R. Garfield has evidently the chance of proving that he is a great son of a great father. The people are watching all such subordinates of the Roosevelt administration with a view to picking from among them the proper successor of Mr. Roosevelt four years hence and Mr. Garfield has a good fair chance to demonstrate that he is the man wanted.

Circumstances that seem to control the famous Johann Hoch are strengthening considerably and he appears to be in the toils for fair and must answer to an outraged law for his operations in this vale of tears. With the finding of traces of arsenical poisoning in the stomach of his latest wife, the most serious phase possible has been added to the charges against him.

In conferring control of the Panama canal matter upon the president the house of representatives has acted with commendable judgment. If there is anyone capable of directing the work with the object of getting the best and quickest results it may be done by someone directly under the control of the president, and the executive may be relied upon to choose the man most fitted for the position.

There are some indications that the senate will take up the railroad rate matter at the present session and pass it along to the president. The senate and the railroad magnates are apparently beginning to realize, that the president holds the whip hand and this may influence them to get in line for the proposed legislation. The senate can certainly afford to be on the side of the people in this manner and make a good point on its last appearance.

The Lincoln Star, noting the defeat of the bill appropriating \$5,000 with which to purchase a silver service for the new battleship Nebraska, has started a personal subscription list with the object of attaining the same end, and the number of responses already received is an indication that the battleship named for the state will have the required table equipment. It is an opportunity for loyal Nebraskans to do something for the battleship that will be appreciated by the officers and men.

The way rubber boots and shoes are advancing in price should be a means of calling the attention of the government to another trust that appears to be able to work its business about as it chooses without the aid or consent of any nation, individual or corporation on the face of the earth. Rubbers and overshoes have, this winter, been almost a necessity of life, and Tom Lawson might win new honors from the people by throwing a few sidelights in the direction of the trust that makes them and dictates the prices.

While the Standard Oil people are attempting to show Kansas that it is the only duly qualified oil monopolist in the country other oil producing states may take a hunch and with the aid of the national government make things exceedingly interesting for the monopoly. It is almost hoped that Rockefeller may be stopped in his accumulation of wealth somewhere this side of the billion dollar mark, and if the present movement is not headed off by unheard of bribes or in some other manner, it is possible that the people of the country will finally

triumph over this and other trusts of like character.

The people of Russia have rid themselves of one grand duke, but they did it in a manner that can have no permanent effect. The killing of a grand duke is no more effective than the killing of a king or other potentate without first having control of the government, for where one is put out of the way another is ready to rise up in his place and the people will be as far from obtaining their rights as they were before, and perhaps will be worse off, as the succeeding ruler may be worse for the public than the one who preceded him. The situation there might be likened to the conditions confronting America with regard to the trusts, and no American has evidently thought of ridding the country of trusts by removing the principal offender. The permanent retirement of Rockefeller, or Armour, or Morgan would have no effect. It is the making of their efforts ineffective that the American people rely upon for relief and with the government on the right track it is hoped that the results desired may be attained. America is clearly aroused to the necessity of action, and it is a credit to the intelligence of the people that they have not thought of the Russian way as a means of righting a wrong.

Kansas is now in the oil business and the grandest people of the country can hope for it is that it will develop an industry that will make that of John D. Rockefeller, Esq., an infant in comparison. The people of Nebraska would a little rather by illuminating fluid of Kansas than of any corporation on earth and in return would like to sell Kansas some of the things that it has to peddle in competition with the trusts. Perhaps the most serious problem now confronting the Kansas industry is to convince the railroads that are largely controlled by Rockefeller and his co-workers, that they must give the Kansas oils the same rights and rates and privileges that are accorded the Standard people. In the meanwhile Kansas will be compelled to meet the price that the Standard people may name in that state unless the national government is capable of compelling the Standard company to sell there as elsewhere. It may be expected that Rockefeller will not easily give up the great snap that he has been enjoying all these years and will give the Kansas proposition the fight of his life. A state should be able to win against a corporation, but that remains to be proven, particularly when the national government has been more or less subject to the same influence.

How would it do to give the senate a year's vacation on full pay, provided that the time is spent in Russia?

The government is just now busily engaged in questioning just how much of a gold mine the Panama railroad property might be, and the developments are giving promise of interest.

The Standard Oil company is probably spitting on its hands to take a lang and swift whack at Kansas, but with the aid of the national government the Sunflower state may succeed in dodging the blow.

It is beginning to suggest gardening in Nebraska, but there is no hurry to comply with the suggestion as garden stuff started prematurely may be submitted to several frosts before warm weather actually arrives.

The numerous accounts of men being dashed to death by the dropping of cages in mine elevators indicates another source of danger that should be eliminated. It is in the same category with railroad wrecks and there should be a demand that the utmost precautions should be taken for the prevention of both.

Nebraska is quite rapidly escaping from its snow drift spasm, but the possibility is that it will no sooner be safely removed from that condition than floods will threaten property in a manner as strenuous as that of a blizzard. However, whatever befalls, Nebraska will, all in good season, emerge smilingly with crops and weather conditions that will attract the eyes of the world in the future as in the past.

Thus far during the present session of congress the time of the two houses has been quite largely taken up in telling what will not be done, the senate showing emphatically its opposition to the house measures and the house as promptly indicating its intention of doing what it can to keep senate measures from being enacted into law. The people have a right to expect that the two houses should pull up in the harness together. That, is what they are there for, particularly regarding measures that are calculated to be of material advantage to the public.

Prepare a good, strong elm club for the would-be wit who first springs the statement that this is "Birthington's Washday."

A Chicago poet has offered to furnish 5,000 poems for as many dollars. That is nothing. Nearly anyone with a good pair of shears could furnish a million for half the price.

When it comes to shoveling snow there are several eloquent references on file for a few June like days in February.

It will be a month before the Almanac will agree to the statement that spring is here, but the latter end of February is giving a very good imitation of the desired season.

This is George Washington's birthday, and every school in the country is, as it should, recounting the deeds and achievements of the first president and the man who led the colonial forces to victory.

A pertinent question would be: What would the father of his country do to the oil monopoly, the beef trust, the steel corporation and few other kindred organizations if he had hold of the helm of state during the reign of Theodore Roosevelt?

George Washington should come back just long enough to see what his child has developed into. A picture of him when he has gained a full realization would be worth more than the identical hatchet with which he chopped a hole in the cherry tree.

A Havelock man thinks that the growing of Nebraska hemp would prove a strong chaser for the agitation in favor of a binder twine factory, thus making Nebraska farmers independent of the trust and foreign countries for its supply of binder twine.

Representative Campbell of Kansas has posted President Roosevelt on the fact that the Standard Oil company is preparing to resist the attempt of the government to uncover what is reprehensible in the trust's action in attempting to squeeze out competition in the Sunflower state. For the president to be forewarned is for him to be forearmed and when the clash comes the Standard will probably find that the administration has not been sleeping.

Czar Nicholas is not to be permitted to attend the funeral of his murdered uncle, Grand Duke Sergius, which is an indication of the state of mind into which the imperial family has been thrown by the tragedy. It is an indication, likewise, that there is an influence in Russia more powerful than the czar or the imperial family. A power that can prevent the ruler of all the Russians from attending the funeral of a relative is certainly one that needs reckoning with. Either the emperor should rule, or should give way to a government that is able to do that which he cannot.

There are said to be numerous inquiries from people of the east regarding the desirability of Nebraska as a place that is longed for by prospective immigrants, and doubtless there will be a string of them headed in this direction as soon as the season fairly opens. The best proof of the pudding is the eating thereof, and those who are looking Nebraskaward with the thought of building homes and gathering in a share of wealth will find it profitable to get in line at the earliest opportunity. Nebraska has large undeveloped resources that will bring wealth and honor to people who will apply themselves assiduously to the problem and it is desirous that as many as possible should come and assist in the profitable work.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius of Russia appears to have been the last thing needful to inaugurate a reign of terror among the nobility of that country and but for the army and the police there would be reason for the members of the royal family and all their adherents to keep from view in the largest degree possible. During the past year half a dozen notable personages of Russia have been slain as was Grand Duke Sergius and all the precautions and arrangements for safety have proven unavailing. Before and following the demonstrations of the working men these murders have taken place and there appears to have been more boldness since the slaughter of mob members and there is a possibility that this was a mere leader to a strong climax that is now soon to be enacted. The fear of the people by the high officials and men of prominence is not the kind of front that should be put up to win with the populace and it would not occasion great surprise if at any time now news of tragedies should come from Russia that would cause those that have preceded them to be considered in the light of mere incidents.

This is a young, a very young country, when you come to think of it. But 173 years have passed since the first president was born, and he was forty-four years of age before the country, under his able generalship, was declared free and independent. In that time, however, centuries of comparative growth have been made, and the country has advanced ahead of those that have had hundreds of years the start. In a generation ages of advancement have been made and the person does not need to be very old that can remember the country as meaning little more than that lying east of the Mississippi.

The breaking of their parole by three officers of the Russian boat Lena that was disarmed in the harbor of San Francisco is another matter that has been referred to the Russian government. The United States, after learning of the escape of the officers traced them to St. Petersburg and asked that government what about it. Meantime precautions have been taken that other officers and members of the crew do not break faith with a neutral government and they are being watched closely to prevent their escape. It is incidents of this character that will not serve to strengthen the position of Russia with the other governments of the world.

The reports of atrocities committed on Russian Jews in the czar's kingdom are revolting in the extreme and indicate a degree of barbarism that would scarcely be exceeded in the wilds of Turkey or other Asiatic countries of a low degree of civilization, and the statement that they had been committed by the soldiers of the emperor increase the censure due the government that will permit such actions. Nothing good can be expected to come out of a country where such things take place, and Russia, whether under imperialism or not is a long ways from approaching the degree of intelligence that is approved by modern civilization throughout the world.

Wisconsin and Oklahoma are the latest to buckle on their swords and step forward beside Kansas in the fight against the Standard Oil monopoly that never did and never will permit a rival in the field if it is possible by fair means or foul to dispose of the competing industry. Other states will doubtless take the cue given by these pioneers and there will be more agony in store for the monopoly than has ever before been experienced. It is none too early for the people to demand some rights that the Standard is bound to respect, although there are other trusts that deal more strongly against the public.

Nebraska farmers are the most prosperous people on earth, as a class. They had a very fair supply of dollar wheat from their acres and now the price of corn has secured a hold on the elevator and is going up toward the fifth story, with the magnificent crop of last season to dispose of at prices ranging from 30 to 35 cents a bushel. The crop in the state is said to have been 50,000,000 bushels in excess of last year, which at 30 cents a bushel, means that the Nebraska farmer has added \$15,000,000 to the wealth of the state in his increased corn crop alone. With the instruction that has been given this year in the selection of seed corn a further increase in revenue is in anticipation and the farmers of Nebraska with their comparatively cheap lands are in prospect of heading along toward fortunes at a rate of speed to astonish the eastern agriculturalists who have been acquiring their wealth through the savings of many generations.

The superintendent of schools of Nemaha county proposes to organize boys' experiment clubs in all the schools of the county, or as many of them as indicate an interest in the movement. The members of the clubs will plant grains, vegetables and grasses, study seed selection and in other ways acquire through practical effort the knowledge that will benefit them in after life as farmers or gardeners. Not only is it hoped to interest the boys in the farm and garden through absorbing nature studies, but to teach them how to secure results after their interest has been aroused. This is a practical age and the idea of teaching the boys and girls something that is certain to prove useful to them in after life is one of its best results. The building up of the schools into a system of practical education is, it is believed, only in its infancy, and it is considered by advanced educators of high rank that the schools of the future will be in wonderful contrast to schools of the present day. In every-day life the average pupil is inclined to forget what he had learned at school, though it is of undoubted value to those who require it in their business. The object should be, however, to so instruct the pupils that every one of them would

find, every day, use for that which he or she has acquired. There is undoubted advantage in the education of today, but the future may be depended upon to disclose that only a minimum of advantage had been secured by the boy or girl who has given years of their lives to study.

People who get to see several papers are just now interested enough to wonder just what the late Grand Duke Sergius looked like. In one alleged picture he is shown as a man with a narrow, slanting forehead, bald at the temples, small, squinty eyes, Vandyke beard, thick lips but narrow, a rather receding chin. Another shows him with a broad high forehead, long but narrow nose, large and rather wide eyes, small mouth and thin lips. In another he is shown with a well formed head, bald as a billiard ball on top, a short and broad nose, overhanging eye-brows, full beard, heavy moustache, large ears and everything that could be shown in contrast. No one who had not seen the duke would be qualified to judge which was really a good likeness, but an infant could tell that he did not and could not look like all of them. The grand duke should have been prominent enough to have his likenesses on file in America, but there is a suspicion that some publishers have taken any picture that was handy to give their readers an alleged indication of what the murdered noble was like in appearance.

Illinois is the very latest to join Kansas in an attempt to force the Standard Oil monopoly to either meet competition in a legitimate manner or go out of business. Each individual state of the union, as well as the general government, appears to think that the time has arrived for taking the underpinning away from the Standard people and forcing them to stand on their merits. The prospects now are that every state with the possible exception of New Jersey, will soon be in the fight against the trusts and when the action does become unanimous it is believed that the trusts will have the most strenuous battle ever on their calendar. While the forces are lining up to attack the octopus it is to be expected that it will get itself in the best possible fighting trim and as the battle means life or death to it there will probably be no expense spared at securing the best available legal talent and such other support as will be valuable in helping to win. While opponents of the trusts may be worsted in this conflict they may with sufficient determination, win the next time.

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Dodge was said by the sheriff to have written a check for \$155 in Deadwood, which had no possible chance of being good at the bank. Then he left town. Although his destination was Norfolk according to Dodge's own story, the fact that when he left the coach at noon without bringing out his grip served to tell Chief of Police Larkin, who made the arrest, that the man was in reality bound for a point farther east.

Picking Him Out.
The work of picking him out of the hundreds of passengers who rushed off the train and into the lunch rooms, was no easy task and the chief displayed a keen eye in spotting the man at the first attempt. Several men who partially answered the description passed along the platform but they didn't look just right. Finally a short, heavy man with a light colored, broad brimmed western hat got off.

"Is your name Dodge?" asked the police officer, stepping up to the Deadwood arrival.

"No," he replied, and pushed on.

"Well, you are under arrest for all that, Mr. Dodge," said the officer. "Come with me."

"I have a grip in the train," said the prisoner, and it was secured.

"As a matter of fact," said the chief, enroute to the jail, "I used to know you, Dodge. I have shaved my moustache since then, but I knew you very well."

At this remark the man from the west admitted that his name was Dodge and that there was no mistake in arresting him.

When the sheriff arrived, the matter was settled by the payment of the cash, which the prisoner produced.

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