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Sworn to before me and subscribed to in my presence this 24th day of March, A. D. 1896. Seal. N. P. FELL, Notary Public.

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The legislature adjourns at noon today.

EOAN and Slaughter are alone in their glory.

The Australian ballot bill has joined the great majority.

DORSETT appears to have entered the wrong kitchen with his subway system.

The legislature generously offers a consolation purse to the loser of the cabinet prize. Thurston county has been created.

OUR virtuous councilmen have by this time learned that it is as dangerous to fool with electric stock as it is with an electric battery.

AT LAST accounts Captain Lee had not realized a dividend from the committee on claims. As a jobber the captain is a monumental failure.

THE score of more of normal school bills have gone glimmering. It was too much to ask the legislature to sanction a wholesale order for normal schools.

THERE is a significant discrepancy between Dorsett's public assertion that Omaha subway stock would be sold for cash only, and his tender of blocks of it to councilmen.

WHEN Shillingham and Dorsett rub up against each other in the proposed investigation enough electricity will be generated to supply Dr. Mercer's motor line for a month.

THE senate combination wisely decided not to resurrect Stout's claim. The corpse was in an advanced state of decomposition and could only be handled with a fork.

DEATH moves among the jobbers with relentless hoofs of iron. The state printer failed to make an impression on the legislature, and went to its doom with a wild shriek.

IF THE motor is given the right of way on Sherman avenue, rival companies are entitled to the same privilege. There should be no discrimination. Make the ruin complete.

THE discovery of irregularities in the affairs of Director Chase of the Indian school at Genoa by the government agent simply whets the appetites of a score or more applicants for the position.

THE eminent statesman from Nebraska, who retired from politics some years ago, is playing a farewell engagement for the season. It is consoling to his heirs and assigns that the surrounding clouds have a set of silver lining.

WHILE the street railway companies are warring in the courts and on the highways for possession of Sherman avenue, the residents of South Sixteenth people offer a smooth and undisturbed surface to the grasping factions. Here is a rich field open to all.

THE proposal of the Omaha Horse railway company to retire from Sherman avenue and preserve it as a driveway for the people, if other companies will do likewise, is too generous to receive the approval of the motor people. The boomers of that concern care so little for the public good that they are willing to sacrifice the city for the dollars in sight and drive pleasure seekers to the highways of Council Bluffs. The power behind the motor raid lies in the bridge tolls.

THE letter of D. H. Dorsett, explaining his system of conduits to the ground floor of the city council, bears a striking resemblance to the Cushing literary manual. It is saturated with a lofty contempt for sordid souls, and laments the aversion which interferes with his efforts in behalf of the public. It was designed and digested for publication, and bears the stamp of outraged honesty which is so becoming to men driven to a corner. It is certain that Mr. Dorsett did not come to Omaha for his health. His anxiety to improve the condition of his purse and gross the system of certain councilmen so warped his judgment that he neglected to burn that letter.

CALLING FOR DIVIDENDS.

Some of the eastern stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad company are making an urgent demand for dividends, and the Boston Advertiser is vigorously championing their claims. That journal insists that there is no good reason why the company, which has paid nothing to the stockholders for nearly five years, should any longer withhold a dividend, since the road has been for several years and is still earning sufficient to enable the company to pay a dividend. Referring especially to the stockholders who have not made money by speculating in their shares of the road, but have held their stock undisturbed ever since the suspension of dividends, the Advertiser says: "They have been loyal to the company, and have shown their confidence in the conservative management of Mr. Adams in many ways, but in none more strongly than by continuing to retain their stock. They have had confidence that the road, through its careful and judicious management, could be made a paying property in time, and although the process has been a slower one than had been anticipated, yet after years of waiting it has become so." In view of this it is submitted that these stockholders have more claim to the payment of a dividend than posterity can have, and it is suggested that a much longer delay will constrain or force many to throw over their improvident holdings of the stock, and thus lose the natural fruits of years of waiting, for the benefit of others who came in at the eleventh hour." The Advertiser does not believe it to be the design or desire of the management of the road to freeze out old stockholders, but it says this must be the effect if dividends are much longer delayed.

THE SEAL MONOPOLY.

The proclamation of the president forbidding the catching of seals in Behring sea except by persons authorized by the United States government, has renewed attention to the monopoly of the seal fisheries in Alaskan waters enjoyed by the Alaska Commercial company. The action of the president in giving the protection of the government to this monopoly cannot fairly subject him to any criticism, since he has simply done what was required by an act of congress passed and approved near the close of the last administration. Whatever views the president may entertain in the matter the law gave him no discretion, but imperatively required him to warn all persons to keep aloof from the Behring sea seal fisheries who have not the authority of the United States to go there. And the government is under contract giving to the Alaska Commercial company the exclusive privilege of catching for seals in the waters surrounding Alaska, this agreement, entered into several years ago, having another year to run.

The importance of this action is the international considerations involved. It renews the claim of the United States to exclusive dominion over the waters of Behring sea, which has been held to be in direct conflict with the pretensions of the government in the controversy regarding the fisheries of Canada, and which has not been conceded by other governments. The opinion largely prevails in this country, also, that the claim cannot be maintained. Moreover, it is a matter of record that the United States more than seventy years ago resented a like claim on the part of Russia, insisting upon the right of American seamen to navigate those seas. In view of these considerations it is very questionable whether the proclamation of the president will be respected by the people of other countries who may desire to hunt for seals in the forbidden waters, and there have already been intimations from the Canadian press that the fishermen of the Dominion will not be deterred by the proclamation from entering Behring sea. In the event of their going into these waters the United States will be compelled to seize the offending vessels, as was done in several instances two years ago, and the effect of this might be to produce a serious international controversy. The proclamation operates equally against American seamen, and such as have made preparations to cruise in Behring sea in search of fur seals will suffer a very considerable pecuniary loss.

Regulations that will give such protection to the seal fisheries as will prevent their destruction are doubtless to be desired, but in order to do this it was not necessary for the government to surrender these fisheries into the hands of a monopoly, which, like all monopolies, has abused its privileges. There is a very good reason to believe that the contract will not be renewed, but meantime the reopening of the Alaska seal fisheries this summer is likely to be productive of some interesting incidents in that quarter.

THE LESS SAID THE BETTER.

Mr. Hitchcock insists that Mr. Rosewater stands alone in opposition to the Linton postoffice report and charges that this position is taken to occasion delay in the building. Upon this assumption he bases an appeal to the business community of Omaha to taboo or boycott THE BEE in a business sense and to withdraw their support from a paper which advocates, as he says, delay in the construction of the postoffice. Mr. Hitchcock knows that should the secretary of the treasury decide upon Eighteenth and Farnam streets the entire block would be deeded to the government instantly. He further knows that if the Linton report should be adopted finally, condemnation proceedings would then ensue, which would entail far more delay in getting at the construction of the building than can possibly be brought about by a fair and reasonable consideration of the claims of the Eighteenth and Farnam site. In making this very tame subterfuge prominent Mr. Hitchcock doubtless forgets that he bent his energies during the city hall controversy and lent aid and comfort to the council combine and Jefferson square conspirators to delay and defeat entirely if possible the building of the city hall on Farnam street. But he cannot possibly have forgotten the stunning rebuke which the voters of this city administered to him and to the gang with which he trained, and the emphatic repudiation which the business community of this city expressed towards that gang of obstructionists. He knows that seventy-five per cent of the business men of Omaha, representing forty or fifty million dollars, put their shoulders to the wheel and worked actively

TO DOWN THE JEFFERSON SQUARE OUTFIT

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PORT OF SIXTEENTH AND HARNEY STREETS.

Now his name is being used by the Dodge street people endorsing the Planters' house site for the postoffice.

THE BEE PRINTS ELSEWHERE A COMMUNICATION

from Mr. H. M. White on the Alliance memorial, farm mortgages and dividends on telephone stock. For the benefit of certain parties it may be necessary to say that this paper cannot endorse the statement that the farmers of Nebraska are thriftless and careless. On the contrary, we believe they are the mainstay of the commerce of this state.

THE ROBBER TOLL GATE OVER THE PLATTE RIVER, NORTH OF SIDNEY, SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

It has outlived its usefulness, and is a barrier to the settlement of the northwest. It operates on the standard-deliver principle, and immigrants are compelled to go miles out of their way to escape being held up.

THE SPRING RISE OF THE MISSOURI IS MOVING DOWN FROM THE DAKOTAS.

There is not the slightest danger that any damage will be done to river towns this season. The mountains and valleys of the north are almost entirely clear of snow, and without this source of supply the spring swell will be a puny affair.

THE KNUCKLES OF THE BOODLERS AND LOBBYISTS AT THE LEGISLATURE

who got the tips of their fingers into the taxpayers' pocket have been most severely rapped. They will have no "special business for the winter" except to nurse their old sores and to curse their hard luck.

EMISSARIES OF THE PROPOSED NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY

are scouring the state for financial aid. Of course the road is to be built—providing the people of the various counties pay for its construction and the other fellows own it.

THE UNION PACIFIC HAS BEEN ATTACKED

with a violent fit of retrenchment. One need not look far for the cause of this policy, when it is remembered that the senatorial investigating committee is momentarily expected.

WILL THEY NEVER LEARN?

The south will still be as solidly democratic, we believe, in 1922, as it was in 1888.

REAPER CLARKSON.

There is a reaper whose name is Clarkson, and with his sickle he will amputate the bourgeois' heads most expeditiously.

MINISTER GRANT'S DUTY.

When Colonel Fred Grant gets to Vienna he may possibly be able to tell us exactly how and why the Archduke Rudolf died.

ANYTHING ELSE?

"No; I can't give you the office," said Postmaster General Wanamaker to a Philadelphia few days ago. "Anything else to-day?"

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PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

It is reported that Buffalo Bill will "leave the country." Thanks.

The St. Paul Globe asserts that "Omaha clubs irrigate as usual on Sunday."

Edgar Fawcett is out with "A Snob's Autobiography." It is quite personal, you know.

April 4 will be a fast-day in Massachusetts. Here in Nebraska we have 213 fast days, Sundays excluded.

The prospect of a huge bean crop convinces the average Hoosier that he has the world by the whiskers.

Senator Vance has only one eye now, but his friends say that he sees the funny side of things as well as ever.

Punsters will please refrain from intimating that Patsy Egan feels chilly. The work of drawing his salary will keep him warm.

That Illinois congressman who flashed on the diplomatic horizon for a day, appears to have been hit below the belt by the son of Abe.

The Tennessee legislature has passed a bill making woman eligible for the position of county superintendent of education. "The do world move."

The two young tads of Des Moines who pulled a playmate out of a forty foot well, possess the stuff of which heroes are made. Their nerve and self control in an emergency would credit to adults.

The disputed leadership of the centennial had in New York threatens to disrupt the gilded harmony of McCallister's "four hundred." The amount of powder lying around loose freshwaters a bust or two.

Pioneer Press: "Should Editor Nye, of the newly galvanized Omaha Republican, continue in the Paganese course which he has, apparently, mapped out for himself, he bids fair to rise to lofty dizzy heights in poetry as has Brother Elliott F. Shepard in twain."

Mr. Washburn, the newly appointed minister to Switzerland, will give the people of that country a good impression as to American physique. He is six feet two inches in height, has a well proportioned body and a fine head and shoulders. He is slightly bald, with gray side-whiskers and features of a refined Roman cast.

While Andrew Carnegie was addressing an audience in Philadelphia on Monday night, 3,000 workmen in his great steel mills at Braddock were inspecting a splendid public library presented to them by their employer and thrown open for the first time. The building, complete, cost \$135,000 and its shelves and cases contain 2,300 books.

When Mr. Bayard became secretary of state he found just above his desk the portraits of Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster and U. S. Grant. The combination did not please him and he banished Webster to an anteroom and hung a picture of Mr. Cleveland in the vacant place. When Mr. Blaine came to the desk two weeks ago he looked at the picture of Mr. Cleveland with displeasure. Calling one of his assistants he whispered to him earnestly for a few moments. The following day the face of Cleveland had disappeared and Webster's strong countenance again held the place of honor.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings.

An I. O. O. F. Lodge is to be organized at Alliance shortly.

Norfolk expects to have a strong baseball team this season with a salaried battery.

The Sheridan county agricultural society is raising funds to send a county exhibit to the state fair.

Grand Island capitalists have incorporated the Security State bank, which will succeed the First National at Franklin.

It only took four days to save sixty sinners at Benkleim through the efforts of a revival. The good work still goes on.

J. J. Hathaway, of Crote, was the winner of the "Forbes prize" in the contest at Doane college. There were ten contestants.

Banker Wells, of Oakland, has saved enough money to take an extended trip south and west with his family, and has started on his journey.

There are 192 telephones in operation at Kearney and a new switchboard is to be placed in the exchange to accommodate 500 instruments.

M. B. Taylor, a prominent citizen of Lexington and one of the largest land owners in Dawson county, died on the 26th of heart failure. He was a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason.

The fifteen-year-old son of A. J. Day, living near York, was kicked in the head by a horse, the skull being badly crushed and the brain was laid bare an inch wide and three inches long. The physician in attendance hopes to save the boy's life.

S. W. Johnson, the Hart county man who was sentenced to three and a half years in the penitentiary at the fall term of the court, for attempted rape on his sixteen-year-old daughter, has been admitted to bail by the supreme court pending a new hearing, and his bond fixed at \$3,000.

Jefferson county has a neat supply of \$40,000 in the treasury.

The Creston railway telegraphers will give a ball April 3.

Fernando C. Richardson, of Allen's Grove, brothers of the proprietors of the Davon-

port Democrat-Gazette, died of pneumonia after a week's illness.

A young man's republican club has been organized at Dubuque with 30 members.

The first foreigner naturalized in Iowa, Alexander Levi, resides at Dubuque, and is now eighty years old.

A. C. Seals, convicted of burglary in Adams county, has been sentenced to eighteen months at Fort Madison.

Judge Kinzie has a card in the Toledo Chronicle announcing his return to the practice of law in Tama county.

The new high school building at Creston was opened April 8, and 360 people from outside the city have been invited to attend.

Peter Dorris and Will Ponder, of Emmetsburg, will languish forty-five days in the county jail for violating the prohibition law.

Iowa has produced a new variety of plum, known as the Hawkeye, said to be of superior quality for