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Anti-Monopoly Committee Call.

The Anti-Monopoly Committee of Nebraska meets today at 4 p. m. at the Capitol.

SILCOFF and TASCOTT have been heard from again.

REPORTS from the logging country announce a big boom in logs.

THE season is ripe for congress to repudiate the arrogant opposition of Major Suter.

FOR the first time in years the traveling public has enjoyed a genuine low haul.

SECRETARY GARNER of the Nebraska state board of transportation has grown weary.

THE energetic residents of Wyoming and Idaho will not permit steeplechase to be buried in the senate.

CALIFORNIA'S Credit Mobilisatoinaire, Senator Stanford, has hurried to Europe.

THE wagon bridge managers are "pony wise and pound foolish."

THE causes of the late seismic disturbance in the Mohawk valley are wrapped in an impenetrable mystery.

SENATOR STEWART and Major Powell are exchanging irrigation sentiments in anything but complimentary language.

It is worthy of note that the establishment of original package depots in Topeka, Kan., has destroyed the business.

BEFORE legislating for an international bank or banks as a medium of exchange between the republics of the new world, it would be highly proper for congress to first encourage trade by proper legislation.

NO STATE in the west can approach Colorado in its wealth of real estate frauds.

THE Missouri horse thief who is playing the role of Denver bank robber is giving Colorado officials more exercise than they bargained for.

WHAT MAY WE EXPECT?

The legislature will convene next Thursday unless Governor Thayer concludes to revoke his proclamation by reason of the almost universal sentiment against the extra session.

Under the call the legislature is limited to dealing with only three measures, the maximum freight tariff, Australian system of voting and the abolition of the board of transportation.

It is said that a number of senators who voted for this measure do not believe it will stand the constitutional test, and there certainly is room for a question whether it does not authorize an unconstitutional interference with private rights.

It would allow the authorities of Iowa, for example, to enforce the seizure law in the case of any liquors arriving in that state, whether imported by citizens for their personal use or consumption or by persons presumably for sale or storage.

Even two weeks might not suffice for making an exhaustive inquiry. It would then be a question whether the maximum rate bill recommended by such a committee would pass the present legislature. The chances are that the best maximum rate bill that could possibly be devised would be amended as well as talked to death.

It is safe to predict that nearly every other member of the legislature will either carry a hand-me-down maximum rate bill in his pocket, or offer a dozen amendments to every provision that anybody might offer.

What is true of the maximum rate bill applies to a measure also to Australian ballot reform. There are half a dozen different Australian ballot laws now in force in as many states.

But suppose we adopt the imported Australian ballot system pure and simple. Under that system the names of all candidates and also any proposition submitted to the voters are printed on official tickets furnished by the state.

It does seem to us that the extra session may turn out to be not only very expensive, but abortive, excepting so far as it may express a wish for an increase in the volume of the currency, and for the free coinage of silver.

After extended discussion of the question raised by the decision of the supreme court regarding the importation into a state of liquors from another state, and the consideration of various propositions intended to enable states to enforce their laws relating to the sale of liquors.

There is the most conservative of the several measures that were proposed, and it is to be regarded as the carefully digested judgment of the senate in this matter.

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THE picturesque Dick Vaux is now a temporary ornament in the house of representatives. His reappearance in public life was worthy of a courtly flourish.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

LORD ROSEBERY has announced his square and emphatic adherence to the project of imperial federation. There can be no doubt that his sentiment in this direction is growing in England, and that its wisest statesmen recognize the necessity for the adoption of such a system if the British empire is to be held together.

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ready in seven and the Austrian in fourteen days; so that Russia would be compelled to make a strong defense of her outworks pending the concentration of her field armies.

There can be no doubt that the Argentine Republic is suffering severely from the financial crisis now fully upon her. Immigration during the first three months of the year has decidedly fallen off, and a new feature in the returns is the springing up of a movement of emigration, no less than 13,000 persons having abandoned the country in the period mentioned.

Germany the first power in Continental Europe it has been playing with success what used to be the British part in the drama of planetary politics. Time was when the clang of our day, it was England who "wanted the earth." During the past few years it has been Germany, and its greed has not been effectively resisted by England, even in the quarters in which England has a vital interest in resisting it.

The car has within the last few days made a series of appointments in connection with his army in Asia which cannot fail to create considerable uneasiness in London. For they clearly indicate that a move is contemplated which can only be in the direction of the Indian frontier.

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IN THE ROUND.

Hon. Lewis A. Groff, commissioner of the general land office, let me imagine all that to be the wearisome little dream that it really is to the sincerely respected citizen of Omaha, and let's say simply that plain Judge Groff returned from Washington yesterday to his old home for a little breathing space.

"Judge, you are not looking as robust as when you were appointed to the land office at Washington," observed the writer, who had studied him day after day for two years as he sat upon the district bench in this city.

"My looks do not, then, belie my feelings a particle," was the reply. "The fact is," continued the judge, "I have been working like a dog ever since I went to Washington, and have been cooped up in my office all the time; have been putting in long hours—longer than any man should put in, seems to me. I have 1,600 men to keep track of, and I don't believe the man lives who could keep them all straight without looking a little worn."

"You are not overly well pleased, then, with Washington life?" was suggested. "Oh, Washington is a fine city—everybody knows that—but I'm only moderately well pleased with being there, and for the reason, no doubt, that I have had so little opportunity to enjoy it. I tell you I think lots of old Omaha. I've only been back an hour, but that one hour, seems to me, has done more good to me than anything I've experienced in Washington. Yes, I love old Omaha and I'm mighty glad to see the familiar streets and buildings again—depend upon it, sir, depend upon it!" and the expression upon the speaker's face showed that the words came from about as near the bottom of his heart as it is possible for words to come.

"Is it business or pleasure that brings you home, judge?" "Oh, I've just come home to pay my taxes and spend three or four days looking into old faces. I've only got a fifteen days' leave of absence and in four of them are up tonight. My daughter is in St. Louis and I must go and spend all the time I can with her. I hope now that you'll be kind to me this time and not insist on making me talk, for really I couldn't tell you anything newer than THE BEE'S Washington letter gave this morning or will give tomorrow morning. This time let me ask you some questions," and the judge forthwith proceeded to enquire all about times in Omaha, what the board of trade, the real estate exchange, the council and the brewers were doing, and all about any new moves, etc., that were on foot. When this part of the conversation had ended the writer was probably the most thoroughly interviewed man regarding the city of Omaha that there was in the city. Every question was put with eagerness and the replies of the newspaper man listened to with a keenness that was not a little interesting.

The judge is stopping at the Millard. Ex-Governor Dawes slipped in and out of the Millard hotel last evening, taking a 6 o'clock dinner on the jump, and then disappearing. Mr. Dawes paid for his dinner, of course, but somehow or other he forgot about leaving his opinion of the special session question placarded in a place convenient for the members of the press of Omaha.

The commissioners of Cheyenne county, Messrs. A. Frame, C. L. Origer and Morris Davis are in the city negotiating with H. T. Clarke for the purchase of the bridge at Camp Clarke, thirty-seven miles north of Sidney in that county. This bridge, which is now offered to the county by Clarke, is across the North Platte, and although its owner now desires but \$8,000 for it, the structure was once a bonanza.

In the early days Mr. Clarke used to "stand gates" there and modestly demand \$8 from each passenger and \$5 for every team that crossed. There was much indignation felt in the country over this extortion, and there were several threatened uprisings, but through all Mr. Clarke defended the bridge and reaped a harvest of shillings.

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