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SWORN STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION
STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF BOULDER

BRACE up and go to church today. It will do you good.
WE PRESUME that Springfield was painted crimson last night, since Yale won.

There are republicans enough elected to the legislature to warrant the expectation that a liberal addition will be made to the World's fair appropriation.

THE victory of Yale over Harvard yesterday was not unexpected. But the tug of war will come at New York next Thursday when Yale and Princeton meet.

THEA's comet, which said farewell to us in 1890, is with us again, and scientists are attempting to predict that it will smash us this time. We don't believe it.

THE disbandment of Gilmore's band shows how that great leader dominated the public mind and how little interest the people took in the musicians when the great leader had gone.

OUR anguish of defeat we can bear the tin horn, but the introduction of the dead and buried kazoos into the hands of the jubilant tormenting democrats will drive many ordinarily calm and steady republicans to drinking Missouri river water.

There need be no excitement over the proposed legislative contests from Clay county. The attempt to invoke the power of the supreme court to seat members of the legislature on technical grounds will undoubtedly fail. The constitution of Nebraska confers on the legislature the sole power to determine the election and qualifications of its members. Section 7 of article II of the constitution says: "Each house shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members."

It is important to remember in connection with this matter, about which there is really no serious complication, that our courts have uniformly held that the intent of voters, when ascertained, must be respected as the expressed will of the people, even where voters fail to conform to the regulations of the election laws. This sound principle is so well established that any effort to violate it will be condemned by all good citizens. No republican who believes in a free ballot and an honest count will countenance any attempt to defeat this principle.

SUPPRESSION OF OBSCENE LITERATURE
Action was taken yesterday toward the suppression of a disreputable business that has for a long time been carried on in the streets of this city without hindrance. Five boys engaged in selling a disreputable sheet published in Chicago and sent here for circulation were arrested and locked up by virtue of an ordinance prohibiting the sale, distribution, having in possession or giving away of papers branded by the authorities as immoral.

It is stated by the city prosecutor that it has been determined that the sale of such literature in this city shall be promptly and effectively stamped out. It is to be said to the credit of Omaha that the sheet in question is not a local product, though it deals in sensational and scandalous matter furnished to it from this city. The scheme is by no means a new one; it has been practiced in almost every city of importance in the country.

THE APPOINTMENT of Governor John H. Gear of Burlington, Ia., to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Judge Crouse as assistant secretary of the treasury, was a wise one, as Gear is one of the strongest men in the West and is capable of filling the position with credit. His term of office will be brief, as his term as congressman begins March 4.

SOMETHING should be done by Omaha citizens toward securing such amendments to the revenue law as shall make it possible to assess city property equitably, sensibly and in such a way as shall not force Omaha property owners to pay more toward the expenses of the state than their due proportion.

RELATIONS OF DEBTOR AND CREDITOR
A subject that often engages the attention of business men is the responsibility resting upon creditors, and particularly upon banks, in cases where debtors are in financial embarrassment and are dependent upon the leniency of those who hold their paper.

THE present state of the general public conscience does not seem to favor absolute purity and freedom from guile in the professor of the politician. In the state of New York they thought they had to ever developed bribery at elections when they passed what is known as the "corrupt practices act," which requires candidates to report their election expenses under oath.

which the public has no right to concern itself, but in a broader and more liberal sense it affects the interests of every community in which borrowed money is employed in large and important enterprises. Thus it may often happen that manufacturing industries will be closed up, their business reputation destroyed after years of honest effort to establish it, their employes thrown out of work upon which they and their families are wholly dependent for a livelihood, and a plant that might become very valuable will be rendered practically worthless.

THE FREE KINDERGARTENS
The experimental kindergartens established in the public schools of the city have demonstrated to the superintendent and the Board of Education the feasibility of adopting this branch of instruction as a grade. Public sentiment is unquestionably favorable to the movement and THE BEE hopes the new Board of Education will press the good work rapidly until this subprimary course can be enjoyed by the little ones all over the city.

THE INDIANS AT PINE RIDGE
The New York Evening Post publishes an interesting letter from Elaine Goodale Eastman, dated at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., in which the writer discusses the Indian situation at that place at considerable length and with apparent knowledge of the facts.

THE CROPS OF THE YEAR
A synopsis of the November crop report, issued from the Department of Agriculture, gives what the government statistician regards as a practically complete and reliable estimate of the yield of the principal staples for the present crop year, though a later review may result in some changes.

AN ORGANIZED RAID FOR OFFICE
The world's record for office is forming. Is the organized raid to witness the spectacle of nearly half of the American people demanding public recognition? The green of office has, with the exception of the youngest voters, caused the assassination of one president and has marred the administrations of others.

ALWAYS A FREIGHT CAR FAMINE
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HINTS FOR LEGISLATORS
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AMEND THE CHARTER
The attention which THE BEE has called to the urgent necessity for amending the Omaha charter has induced a great many of our leading citizens to take an earnest interest in the subject, and we now regard the prospect as highly favorable; concerted and intelligent public action on this highly important matter before the meeting of the next legislature. It cannot but be manifest to every citizen who will take the trouble to look into the subject that there are numerous defects in the charter which are seriously injurious to the interests of Omaha and which will operate as a drawback to the growth of the city as long as they remain.

THE PLACE OF HONOR AND USEFULNESS
No matter who may secure the leading places in a city, the administration of its affairs is sure to be of a good nature. Thanksgiving turkey is sure of a good inside position.

THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE
It is still a question whether the democrats have a clear majority in the Montana legislature. The balance of power rests with the populists. Only the official count will settle it.

OVERDOSE HUMILITY
Mr. Proutieff seems to have swallowed a camel while straining at a gnat. The honor and respect which he has received are more than he can properly appreciate. Ministers, by the way, are exhibiting more humility in attracting public attention to themselves than any other class of men.

NEBRASKA'S WONDROUS RECORD
The growth of Nebraska in population and wealth, since its organization as a state, constitutes one of the most remarkable chapters in the wonderful history of western progress. Few states show a more remarkable record of progress during the last quarter of a century.

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efficiency of the instrumentalities employed for the enforcement of law, and if increased effectiveness is the object sought by the association, and not merely the social pleasures to be derived, the movement deserves to prosper. Many favorable responses have already been received from chiefs of police in other leading cities with whom the head of the Omaha department has communicated upon the subject.

COMMISSIONER PADDOCK is out of town, but that need not deter his constituents from noting the action of Park Commissioner Kipitrick, who declined to accept the salary of his office for the time he was absent in Europe.

Grand Island Independent: Lorenzo Crouse will make as good a governor as Nebraska has ever had.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Callers—Heavens, man, what are you burning those rank weeds for? Husband (sadly)—I'm trying to break myself in for the cigars my wife will give me on Christmas.

Philadelphia Record: "Mersey on my Ike," said Mrs. Parlington. "I hope and pray that the New York Herald takes them for 'Abolish our ministers'! That would be an extraordinary change."

London Standard: "Can you suggest and inspiration, to me over the gates of the new century?" the president asked the editor. "Let me see," replied the editor, "how would this: 'We have come to stay.'"

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Silver Creek Times: When the legislature meets at Lincoln next January, the republicans will find themselves in a position to control legislation. Their opportunity is great.

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