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Average Circulation for February, 24,309. If the overhead wires are not put under ground during the present year it will be evident that popular sentiment has no power in this city.

The bill to exempt 400 acres from taxation for cemetery purposes strikes us as a scheme for evading taxes on tracts of land that are to be laid out in town lots in the sweet by and by.

That senate sifting committee resolution had just seventeen votes, and seventeen is the magic number that can hoodoo all legislation that does not meet the approval of the combine.

It is evident that the railroads do not propose to encourage people to go to the World's fair. They could make money by putting their rates down to a low figure, but they show no disposition to do so.

It is a good thing that congress has finally adjourned. The people and the wires will now have a respite from the stories of invaluable services which our representatives have rendered at a great sacrifice of health and exhaustive intellectual exertion.

The number of retail liquor shops in Chicago has decreased by 138 since last year in spite of the brilliant prospects for a lucrative trade during the fair. But that does not signify that the town is going dry.

The United States supreme court has decided an important case involving 48,000 acres of land in Texas in which a claimant demanded possession under an alleged Spanish grant. After twenty years of litigation the claim is denied in the highest court of the land and the title of 2,000 settlers is thus determined.

The Bee stands corrected as regards Mr. Cochran. He was not lost in the shuffle, but succeeded in getting himself commissioned as consul to San Salvador by the superhuman efforts of ex-Senator Padlock. This does not signify that he will remain in San Salvador any longer than he has remained in Arkansas since he shook the dust off his feet in Nebraska.

The state senate has voted authority to Lieutenant Governor Majors to appoint a sifting committee composed of nine members. Such power never was intended to be vested in the lieutenant governor, who is not a member of the senate and therefore not responsible for its action.

The late secretary of agriculture urges the planters of the south to raise other crops in place of cotton and rice. What the planters want most of all is just what the wheat growers want—the old prices, the prices which were obtained when the European demand for cotton and wheat was heavy and the American supply limited.

HIDING BEHIND THE PARTY SCREEN.

It is to be regretted that republicans in either house of the legislature should divide on party lines in voting for or against bills that are not political. Every measure should stand or fall upon its own merit.

Members of all parties are individually and collectively pledged to vote for a reduction of local freight rates. They are expected to vote intelligently according to their individual judgment and they cannot escape this responsibility by charging it to the party caucus.

It sometimes happens that monopolies overstep themselves. This was the case with the Pacific Mail Steamship company when it applied to congress to interfere for its protection against the competition of a rival steamship line.

It was shown that the Pacific Mail monopoly has not only persistently ignored the public interests but has also violated contracts. The vice president of the company admitted that while the company received \$180,000 per annum from the government as a subsidy to encourage marine commerce, it entered into a contract with the Transcontinental association under which it received \$900,000 to refrain from entering into bona fide competition with the overland railroads.

THE INDIAN BUREAU. President Cleveland will probably name the new commissioner of Indian affairs tomorrow. To the people west of the Mississippi few offices within the gift of the chief executive are of more consequence than that of Indian commissioner.

OF COURSE AFTER SUCH DEVELOPMENTS the committee of congress could not do otherwise than make a report condemning the Pacific Mail and sustaining the position of the Panama Railroad company. With a view to preventing such combinations in the future the committee also recommended that in mail subsidy contracts made hereafter with steamship companies there shall be inserted a provision abrogating the contract whenever a subsidized steamship line shall enter into any combination with competing lines to regulate rates on traffic.

IT IS HARDLY PROBABLE that his successor can undo the work accomplished if he shall be so disposed, but it is to be hoped that there will be no change in the policy wrought out by General Morgan's energy and ability. The solution of the Indian question is found in education, and the Harrison administration has established schools and brought to the Indians facilities for educating their children which make it possible within another four years to bring every Indian child in the union under the influence of the industrial school teacher.

THE ERA OF GOOD FEELING. The new member of the supreme court of the United States, Justice Jackson, said at a dinner given him by the Nashville bar just before his departure for Washington, that his appointment marked "the close of that bitter partisan and sectional feeling which has so long and so unfortunately estranged fellow citizens of a common country, while disturbing the peace and hindering the prosperity of a country struggling to recover from the ruinous effects of a gigantic and destructive civil war."

THE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION of cholera which the Canadian government proposes to take will undoubtedly be effective in keeping the disease out of that country, and at the same time it will simplify the work to be done by the general and state governments of the United States in quarantining along the northern border. There was a me apprehension that the Dominion government might be rather

indifferent to this important matter, but it appears to have commanded quite as much interest there as in this country, the Canadians having naturally no more desire to expose themselves to the plague than the people of this country have. As soon as the United States had taken decisive action for an effective system of quarantine the agitation for some similar measure of defense began in Canada and there the question met with difficulty because the whole matter was in the hands of the federal government.

MR. BECKWITH, appointed United States senator by the governor of Wyoming, and Mr. Mantell, appointed by the governor of Montana, may not get their seats, and probably will not do so without something of a struggle. The question has been raised whether the governor of any state, where the legislature fails to elect a senator, can fill the existing vacancy by appointment. The constitution provides that the senate shall consist of two senators from each state chosen by the legislature thereof, and it is held that this is not vitiated by the clause providing for a temporary appointment by the governor, because it says: "If vacancies happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any state."

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IT IS SAID THAT THERE ARE forty or more new hotel enterprises in progress in the vicinity of the World's fair grounds in Chicago, and that a large proportion of them are frauds, having no more substantial foundation than can be found in circular letters soliciting cash subscriptions for alleged stock. These enterprises purport to be co-operative hotel schemes designed to supply the demand for accommodations, and the innocent victim who is asked to take stock is assured that he will have cheap quarters during the exposition.

A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED in the New Jersey legislature making it a penal offense for any person to bequeath more than \$1,000,000 to his or her heirs. The question is how is a dead man to be punished for willing \$1,000,000?

HURRAH FOR EVERLASTING black, democrat, republican, populist, and even a merry beaker to our usually long-faced friend, the prohibitionist!

THE JACKSONIAN MODEL. Sixty-four years ago today Andrew Jackson, the father of modern democracy, took the oath of office, and broadly enunciating the doctrine, "To the victor belong the spoils," began to put it in practice. In eighteen days he made 2,000 changes in the civil service—over 100 a day. In memory of whom a great many ardent lovers of their country stayed out late nights last fall singing, "Adlai, get your ass!"

THE SHERIFF OF YORK COUNTY sold the old mill at auction the other day and it brought \$25. The Long Pine Chautauque assembly will open June 30 and continue in session two weeks.

THE TORRENT OF SLOTTER now flowing through the columns of the newspapers is rank enough to gargle graven images. Never in the history of the country has there been anything so grotesque, even distasteful, as the times gone by we have had enthusiasm. That sense of favor yet to come moved men to the extent of gush occasionally. The incumbent president has been elected here at ways been big men about the 4th of March—properly enough. But this year the records of the past have been obliterated by a flow of horse wash so thick, so turbid, so nauseous that sensible men must feel like taking up the newspaper with a pair of tongs and holding their noses while they open it.

ONE OF THE MOST CREDIBLE acts of President Harrison's administration, for which he, and especially Secretary Noble, should have heavy and unstinted commendation, has been the reservation of enormous forest tracts in various parts of the west. The withdrawal of these tracts will make them available in some cases for existing national parks, in others will found new pleasure grounds, and in all instances will preserve for public uses regions of great value, whether for their scenery, their remarkable trees, or their influence in preserving the sources of water supply. This good work was made possible through a wise provision of the annual act, and now he is sure he has solved it. Already he has

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THE PRESIDENT THE POWER to withdraw forest areas from acquisition for private uses. This power has been used with great energy, and against the influence brought to bear by settlers, sheep herders, miners and other persons interested, from personal and pecuniary motives, in preventing its exercise.

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POINTS FOR PLACE HUNTERS.

Something Concerning the Distribution of Federal Patronage in Nebraska.

REPUBLICANS AT WASHINGTON NOT ANXIOUS TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATION AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARASS THEM BY REFUSING FAVORS.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE. It would seem that the democrats of Nebraska are moving in a political fog so far as the distribution of offices is concerned. They are just now fishing around to ascertain who is to hand out the loaves and fishes.

THE MEANS EMPLOYED TO SECURE THIS INFORMATION are both annoying and useless. Democrats are writing Senator Manderson and other republican members of the Nebraska delegation asking their services or their influence or both in securing office. It would appear that in many instances this was encouraged by some Nebraska republicans.

ALL LETTERS RELATING TO FEDERAL PATRONAGE which are sent now to republicans from their state or ask the chairman of the state central committee to advise and cooperate with them. Republicans are not supposed to know anything of the affairs of democrats.

REPRESENTATIVES PERKINS AND GEAR left for their homes in Iowa this morning. E. W. Hurtford, editor of the Aurora Sun, called at the bureau of The Bee Tuesday.

EX-SENATOR PADDOCK leaves for New York tomorrow. He will remain in the east some weeks before returning to his home at Beatrice.

MR. LEWIS OF McCook is in the city. He says he seeks no office and he is here simply on business in the executive department. In the management of democrats Lewis is a frank, clear-headed man of affairs. He and his associates have applied to the controller of the currency for authority to organize the First National bank of Audubon with a capital of \$20,000.

GENERAL AND MRS. L. W. COLBY of Beatrice entertained a number of friends last night at their residence in honor of Helen Gardner, author of "The Young Man, My Lord," etc. A number of Nebraskians were present.

IT IS STATED THAT THE SENATE IN its reorganization will drop Secretary Valentine among the very first of officers disposed of, as he has under him the bulk of patronage.

MR. EDWARD ATKINSON, who has been furnished by the pension office with all the data in its command, has a most interesting view of the situation after examining them. The conclusions reached by him are that the total expenditure for pensions during the calendar year will not exceed \$28,000,000, and for 1894 \$100,000,000, about one-quarter of that amount being for back pensions—the first payments—and the rest the regular pension roll.