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DEBATE IN THE HOUSE: The victory of the republican city ticket in Indianapolis is the first straw that shows which way the political wind is blowing.

THE CHICAGO NEWS: The phenomenal editions of some of the Chicago newspapers on Chicago day have established several high water marks that promise to remain the envy of American publishers for some time to come.

WILLIAM F. BECHEL: He has made a very efficient councilman. He is thoroughly familiar with every branch of the municipal machine, and is conceded to be the best presiding officer the council has ever had.

THE REPUBLICANS OF DOUGLAS: They will make a great mistake if they nominate any candidate whose conduct is indefensible. Such candidates weaken the ticket and make the race very uncertain for everybody.

WITH AN ASSURANCE: The resuscitated Western Base Ball association is to be conducted without resort to speculative methods, its promoters ought to have little difficulty in bringing Omaha into their organization.

EVEN RAILROADS DO NOT: Pick all the time. The returns for the first three weeks in September show a decrease in earnings of about 13 per cent compared with the same period last year, notwithstanding the World's fair traffic.

IT IS ALL RIGHT: Enough to expend any surplus in the general fund for street repairs, out the taxpayers should get their money's worth. We cannot afford to place idle men on the pay roll unless they earn their wages on work that is needed.

IF THE FREQUENT CALLS: Of the senate for information respecting subjects of public interest are properly responded to by the government officials senators will soon be able to use their positions as a means of securing a liberal education in economics and political science.

ACCORDING TO THE PHILADELPHIA: Public Ledger the best thing that could happen to the democrats under the circumstances would be defeat in New York at the next election. Similar circumstances make the defeat of the democrats the best thing for the country in all the states where elections are to be held this year.

IT IS TO BE HOPED: That the delegates to the irrigation congress in session in Los Angeles will be able to agree upon some definite measures as best calculated to promote their cause. Discussion is very well in its place, but discussion without results is worse than useless. Irrigation is waiting only for practical plans for the redemption of our arid lands.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE: Just celebrating its 100th anniversary, is one of the few older educational institutions that has clung steadily to the old college idea and eschewed the innovations of university work. The completion of its first century shows that there is still ample opportunity for the continued development of the college as distinguished from the university.

ILLINOIS IS MOVING: To reopen the boundary question between the state and Iowa. Why not have Nebraska join Illinois to secure a satisfactory adjustment of the western Iowa border? The friction between Nebraska and Iowa authorities will never be done away with until we secure a new and more rational definition of the line that separates the jurisdictions of the two states.

GEORGE F. MUNRO: Should by all means have his name submitted as a candidate for the council by petition. That would not in the least interfere with the chances of Mr. Mallory, who was placed on the republican ticket on the recommendation of the Fifth ward.

THE CANAL PROJECT AGAIN: There is no doubt whatever that the Platte river canal project is feasible. All competent engineers agree that there is abundant water for the purposes which the canal is designed to subserve. The most conservative estimate of the energy which we can utilize from the waterfall year in and year out is 25,000,000 horse power. This is 50 per cent more than Minneapolis gets now from the falls at St. Anthony.

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LEGISLATION BY EXHAUSTION.

It is a sad commentary upon the strength of popular government in the United States to have the wheels of legislation almost blocked by the obstructionist proceedings of a handful of senators, into whose hands the rules of the senate give absolute control over the deliberations of that body. Despite the unquestioned majority in favor of the unconditional repeal of the Sherman silver purchase law among the members and the general demand for the passage of the repeal bill among the people of all sections of the country, it has come to this pass, that the only hope of securing action upon the measure lies in the physical exhaustion of the obstructionist senators. It must be as a last resort that Senator Voorhees, in charge of the sound money forces, has ventured to demand continuous sessions until a vote shall have been reached.

Legislation by exhaustion, however, is not a reliable or safe way of securing legislation. Like the ancient wager of battle, which, instead of convicting the guilty and acquitting the innocent, set free the powerful or cunning criminal and punished the guiltless victim of helplessness, this method throws aside all effort to adjust the dispute on its merits and reduces the contest to one of mere brute force. "Is it true," asked Senator Palmer on the floor of the senate the other day, "as a matter of constitutional law, or is it consistent with the nature of this great body, that the only ultimate means of securing a vote here is that we shall quietly announce that we are engaged in the great business of sitting each other out? Are there really beds and food to be brought in here and occasionally refreshments of some other name or character? If that be true, what a termination of a great intellectual struggle—to sit down and see which can stand it the longest? Think of it!"

Were we confident that the trial of strength would give results corresponding to the justice of the cause we might possibly be willing to seek our legislation in this way. But in such a case we should elect prize fighters, bruisers, wrestlers and athletes to the senate, not men who have feeble constitutions, whatever might be the superiority of their brains. As things stand now it is just as likely that the process of exhaustion may begin to tell first on the friends of unconditional repeal and that the majority may still be forced down in front of the minority. The silver men have the advantage of being free from the responsibility of maintaining a quorum. Their prospects for withstanding the strain of continuous sessions are as bright, if not brighter, than those of their opponents. The exhaustion process is a two-edged weapon. Should it fail it sounds the doom of unconditional repeal in the present congress. It must be a desperate game that requires so desperate a remedy.

ONE CENT A MILE. One of the lessons of the big day at the World's fair is that with favorable conditions cheap railroad fares may be made profitable as well for the railroads as for the public. Chicago people are wont to ascribe the comparatively small attendance at the exposition during the early part of the season to "hard times and the railroads," and the unexpected success of the last reduction in passenger fares goes far to confirm them in the last part of their assertion. One cent a mile has proven more than enough to cover the expense of conveying a passenger from his home to Chicago.

If any one had suggested three or four decades ago that the time would come when the railroads would carry passengers at a cent a mile he would probably have been laughed completely out of court. But the wonderful improvements in the last few years, by which the expenses of railroad traffic have been reduced and the railroad-patronizing public increased in number, point to the attainment of that result before the twentieth century has sped very far on its course. Looking at the last few years only we find that, according to the statistics of the Interstate Commerce commission, the average cost of carrying one passenger one mile on the railroads of the United States decreased from 2.349 cents in 1888 to 2.142 cents in 1891, while the revenue received per passenger mile fell in the same period from 2.349 cents to 2.142 cents. That is to say that the profit for each passenger mile was .307 cent in 1888 and .232 cent in 1891. But although the excess of revenue over cost had materially diminished, the great increase in the number of passengers carried made the decrease in total net revenue insignificant. Reductions in fares had not been accompanied by anything like a corresponding decrease in earnings. When the railroads are assured a large increase of passenger traffic they will be compelled to inaugurate a lower schedule of fares.

The action taken by the Western Passenger association for the continuance of the one cent a mile rate until the close of the exposition shows that the railroads are tardily appreciating the situation. To expect those rates to be made permanent would scarcely be reasonable, but we are being furnished a practical demonstration of the fact that the ordinary passenger rates are much higher than need be. One cent a mile will not be here this year nor next year, but it is bound to come. Just when is a matter for speculative curiosity.

THE ONLY POSSIBLE REMEDY: For the present financial ills, the repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman silver law, followed by an act to establish a new ratio between gold and silver metals and an effort to have that ratio adopted by international agreement.

THERE IS GOING TO BE: Very quiet but active opposition to the market house bond proposition by parties who imagine that a market house will damage their business. The fact is that market houses do not interfere with the business of grocers, especially since orders are mostly given by telephone and filled by wagon delivery. If the market house cheapens garden and dairy products and reduces the cost of living to working men it opens the way for more factories, which at present are unable to compete with eastern rivals for the want of a cheaper living for workmen. The middle and wealthy classes will always patronize their grocery, butcher shop and bakery. The market house will have another beneficial effect. It will draw farmers and truck raisers into town at least twice a week and they, in turn, will do their shopping in town when they do their marketing.

CONGRESS SHOULD WITHOUT: Delay clothe the secretary of the treasury with the power to issue and sell bonds for gold whenever in his discretion it becomes necessary to do so in order to maintain the parity of our circulation and to keep up a sufficient reserve for that purpose. Even though the majority of congress were of the opinion that such an issue is not now required, it were well to pass such a measure for the simple reason that the passage of such an act would strengthen confidence in the stability of our currency and lessen the probability and perhaps ultimately go away with the necessity for an issue of bonds for such a purpose. We have every reason to believe that if the secretary of the treasury were definitely clothed with such authority he would not exercise it until the circumstances were such as to fully justify his action.

THE STATEMENT THAT THE: Money set aside for the construction of the new Omaha postoffice has been used for other purposes and that the appropriation will not become available until after the close of the present fiscal year is not calculated to inspire the people of this city with confidence in the financial methods of the administration.

COUNCILMAN PRINCE, who has been renominated for a second term by the republican city convention, has shown himself to be eminently qualified for the place he now holds. He has attended council meetings regularly and given close attention to the business in hand in the committee meetings and in the council.

ALTHOUGH AN ENTIRE WEEK: Has elapsed since the railroad convention assembled at Lincoln to turn down Judge Maxwell the corporation newspapers are still cackling over the defeat of the people. They may consider themselves fortunate if their gloom is not transformed into discomfort before another month rolls around.

IT SEEMS TO BE WELL UNDERSTOOD: That the constitutionality of the Nebraska maximum rate law will not be conceded until it is finally established by the United States supreme court. Such being the case any delay in taking up the case in the lower courts is inexcusable.

THE MANNER IN WHICH THE: Mineders' strike in England was settled furnishes a valuable lesson to mine owners in this country. An honest effort on both sides to arrive at an understanding is better than all the lockouts and boycotts that can be crowded into twelve months.

WITH A CANDIDATE WHOSE: Credentials are straight from the people, running upon a platform that courageously faces every state issue, the republican party in Nebraska might have made a clean, aggressive and successful campaign.

THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW: Navy may be better understood by a reference to the fact that Uncle Sam has at the present time fifteen ships on the stocks. Five of them are battleships that will compare favorably with any afloat.

THE ATTEMPTS TO IMPEACH: The integrity of the republican candidate for mayor of Omaha will have no effect upon the minds of the voters. A good record is a better campaign document than a campaign lie.

THE DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET: The Omaha democrats have held their convention and gone through the form of naming a full city ticket. The nomination for mayor has fallen to Mr. Jeff W. Bedford. In making this selection the democrats virtually concede that their available candidates decided to make the race. Mr. Kilpatrick declined because he did not want to waste through the mire of ward politics, and Governor Boyd because he did not want to take the chance of defeat. Mr. Bedford is a very respectable gentleman with Missouri-democratic antecedents. He served one term in the council and is somewhat familiar with municipal affairs. When in the council he leaned strongly toward the corporations, and he will doubtless get a good deal of corporation support. His chances of election, however, are not the very brightest.

CAMPAIGN CLATTER.

Yesterday was a cold day for Jeff Bedford. While it was good for his coal business it was too chilly for his political boom. "Maxwell could not pass the Rubicon of passes," is the way one republican editor explains the outcome of the state convention. The Plattsmouth Journal proposes to appeal to the democracy of the state and ascertain "if official dictation shall prevail over the interests of the masses."

Judge Harrison is a native of Ohio. Judge Irvine is a "man of destiny" and Judge Holcomb has never been defeated. Gamblers can now place their bets with intelligence. After his bare campaign to secure the republican nomination for supreme judge, Judge M. L. Hayward has started for Chicago and New York on a recuperating tour.

Mrs. Mary Lease of Kansas is about to invade Omaha again. She is announced to let forth a flood of eloquence on October 23. It is said that Hon. Isaac Haskell is responsible for the engagement of the female Kansas cyclone.

The Lincoln Call says it was the proper thing for the republicans of Omaha to renominate Mayor Bemis, and it gives as a reason for its faith: "He has not been afraid to use the veto freely, and when the street railway stool bill went through the legislature he had the manhood to stand up and fight it."

"For soft, imbecile editorials, there isn't a country paper in the state that can be considered on a par with the World-Herald," according to the Plattsmouth News. While the statement may be true, the people are looking for something fresh and they don't care to be told in a campaign something they have known for years.

The situation in the republican state convention has been sized up by Asa B. Wood of the Gering Courier in this manner: "The battle was not one between men, but between principles—whether the republicans of Nebraska would virtually say by their decision that they upheld ring rule, railroadism and pap-working, or whether they meant to stand for honesty and a purification of their own ranks. The republican party is as surely defeated in Nebraska this fall, we believe, as that Maxwell would have been elected by 30,000 majority."

IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT: A cold wave appeared just as the democratic city convention assembled. Obituaries commemorating the hasty taking off of train accidents are melancholy samples of ghoulish glee.

To enforce the Geary act would require, according to reliable estimates, a roll of \$7,000,000. Chinese must stay.

It is fortunate that talky did not have wind enough to win in yesterday's race. The antagonists would never get done ravin' about it.

It is pretty generally established that the scarlet blouses of autumn in Nebraska were provoked by the assertion that the railroads were out of politics.

The senate committee on public lands, in reporting the bill favorably today, says among other things: "This bill is designed to remedy existing evils that are extremely hard to bear. Many Indians, who have dissolved their tribal relations and have taken lands in severalty under the law, have assumed the rights and privileges of citizenship and other taxes, and yet, necessarily at all federal, state and municipal elections, they are a factor in the shaping of political power, protecting their own interests with evil or good to the communities in which they live."

IN SOME OF THESE MUNICIPALITIES: They outnumber their white neighbors. In others, while in the minority, they hold and own more land than the whites. As a general thing the Indians require the expenditure for court, police and other purposes of far more than the whites. Notwithstanding these facts they do not pay a penny of the taxes necessarily raised for the maintenance of the local government. Thurston county, Nebraska, is a fair instance of the condition in many sections of the country. It has 200,000 acres of land, of which 30,000 acres are owned by the whites and 240,000 acres by the Indians of the Omaha and Winnebago tribes, which are far advanced in civilization. The 20,000 acres pay all the taxes, while the 240,000 acres pay nothing. Courts are maintained, judges, county officers, constables and others are paid, school houses are built and teachers employed, roads are constructed and bridges built, and the handful of white people pay everything and the Indians nothing. Over three-fourths of the money required by taxation is annually expended for the care, protection and bettering of the Indian. Yet he does not pay a dollar of tax because of the unfair provisions of federal law. The entire burden of civilizing the wards of the nation is thrown upon the few unfortunate whites who have made their homes in their vicinity."

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ALL WANT LAND OFFICES.

Nebraska Citizens Who Object to the Recent Consolidations. PROTESTS OF A VIGOROUS CHARACTER.

Grand Island Desires Time in Which to Close Up the Affairs of that District, and Neigh Proves to Retain Her Office.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE HER., 315 FOURTH STREET, WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.

D. B. Jencks of Chadron, who has been in the east for some days, arrived here today in the interest of the move to have the land office retained at Chadron. He was at the Interior department again this afternoon, but he does not yet know what will become of the problem.

Senator Manderson has received a letter from the land officers at Grand Island requesting that they be given until January 1, next, in which they ask that a large number of notices have been published in relation to business before the office and that the hearings are advertised to be had at that office. Senator Manderson has presented the request to Commissioner Lamoreaux with the statement that the hearings advertised should be held at Grand Island and that the time asked for to close the business of the office ought to be given.

He believes the Grand Island office will be open till January 1, 1894. Senator Manderson has also received a request that the Neigh land office be retained and that the O'Neill office be removed to it, instead of the proposed abolition of the Neigh office and the attachment of the territory to the O'Neill district. That request has also been filed at the Interior department.

Protests continue to pour in against the proposition to abolish the office at Broken Bow. The citizens there are all up in arms against the abolition of the office. All protests should be sent to Representative V. B. Baker, Seventh district, abolition of the Broken Bow office and who will be responsible for it if the office is closed. He alone can stop the proposed change.

Will Equalize the Burden. A favorable report has been made upon the Manderson bill providing that the government shall pay taxes on the lands taken in severalty by Indians in improved communities, but which have not been doctored to Indians. This is the bill which received favorable consideration in the senate at the last session of congress, and relates especially to such conditions as occur in Thurston county, where in close proximity to Pender are located the Omahas and Winnebagoes and have large quantities of lands which pay no local or other taxes, and yet, necessarily at all federal, state and municipal elections, they are a factor in the shaping of political power, protecting their own interests with evil or good to the communities in which they live.

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NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS.

S. M. Pligge has issued the first number of the Oskdale Gazette. It is populist.

The "syrup works at Fairhead, which have employed 125 men, will close next week.

Dr. T. M. Prontice has resigned as postmaster at Fairhead. He is a republican.

The Oskdale expects to more than double the output of last year of their Grand Island sugar factory.

Rev. Mr. Warner of St. James has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Oskdale.

Evangelists from the Santos agency, eight girls and three boys, have just been taken to the Genoa Indian school as pupils.

Judge Hayward of Nebraska City has presented a bill to the Southern Methodist church in order to give the pastor a chance to "ride his circuit."

While driving into Junata with a swarm of bees, Presley Kester knocked the top of the hive off. The pestiferous little insects settled on Presley and his team, and while the man will recover, one of the horses was fatally stung.

Hon. Jens Jensen, a member of the state legislature and a prominent citizen of Geneva, has left for the Cherokee Strip from battery L to light battery B; Lieutenant Corthell, on the expiration of the leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability, is ordered to report to duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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HER LAST WORD.

"I hope you'll listen, please," he sighed. "There's something on my mind."

"Pray excuse me," the maiden cried. "Your necktie's up behind."

"Oh, thanks," said he. "Well, now, as I was just about to say—"

"That pin of yours," she made reply. "Will surely get away."

"Why, so it will," he stammered. "Let's see, here—"

"Look!" the maiden cried in glee. "There's something on your vest."

"Then let it stay," he fiercely cried. "I'll have it fixed."

"But I must speak," this time she sighed. "I love you, that is all."

"If you should dare to tell me no, my life would be a wreck—"

"Excuse me, dear," she whispered low. "There's something round your neck."

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THE IMPOTENT PARTY: (Chicago Herald item.) What can democratic compromising senators gain by making their party responsible? How will it fare with their party if release comes and hundreds of thousands of men are thrown out of work by their action? Release is sure to come sooner or later, and we be to the men and the party that seek to prevent it. These men are bringing execution upon themselves and preparing defeat for both themselves and their party. Their party is on trial and they are doing what they can to show that it does not deserve to be intrusted with power to shape the public policy.

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