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SWORN STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. For the month of December, 1893.

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Mild winter weather may be a blessing for the destitute, but it doesn't help business materially.

The battle at Washington is raging fiercely over the custom house, but Alexander the Great continues to hold the fort.

There is small hope of further distribution of patronage in Nebraska until your uncle Tobias turns over a new leaf in his memorandum book.

With an inflation fee reduced to \$1 no scalp-hunting democrat, however hungry, can afford to remain outside the wigwag of the Samosets. The best is always the cheapest.

The Hon. Charles Goss was altogether too provoking when he gently insinuated to his friend that he was liable to be hauled up for violating the statutes by publishing the Louisiana lottery ads.

MARY ELLEN LEASE, nominally of Kansas, denies the report that she will edit a populist daily paper in Omaha. The people of Kansas will not let her go. Without Mary's mouth life in that state would be monotonous indeed.

For the benefit of a large class that does not patronize the Sunday paper THE BEE will print in Saturday's editions extracts from an article in the January Forum by Roy G. Monroe Royce on "The Decline of the American Politician."

IF NEBRASKA'S representatives in congress wish to serve their constituents they will enter a unanimous and emphatic protest against any attempt to strike down the beet sugar industry, which is just obtaining a foothold in the Platte valley.

The tariff debate is attracting more attention in Washington than usual. Still this fact does not prevent the public from self-congratulation over the fact that the flood of oratory will be effectually corked up at the close of the present month.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND will not summon Senator Turpie for advice on his Hawaiian policy. After a speech in opposition to the administration's plans the senator need not expect Indiana patronage to fall his way with any great rapidity.

WE ARE pained to observe that the green goods swindlers of the east continue to find suckers among the people of this state. The insatiable desire of mankind to get something for nothing is largely responsible for the success of these defrauders.

SPEND what money you have to spend with Nebraska merchants and thus assist in securing a business revival in this state as early as elsewhere. All Nebraska industries should stand together. Patronize them and your own business will feel the beneficial results.

The good features of the depository law are rapidly becoming recognized in Nebraska. Since the beginning of the new year many counties have commended the observance of the law and the taxpayers will reap the benefit. The fact proves that a little timely agitation of the question has not come amiss.

EX-CONGRESSMAN FRANK LAWLER, whose lengthy petition failed to fetch the Chicago postoffice, is said to be still living on hope. Perhaps hope is a necessary antidote to that Jacksonian dinner which he helped to demolish in Omaha this week. But we fear that hope will be a poor diet until the next Jacksonian spread.

NO ANXIETY on the part of the congressional candidates in the Iowa senatorial contest to get back to their work at Washington at the earliest possible moment was strong enough to prevent a postponement of the caucus which is to decide their hopes. Public business is not in it when senatorial aspirations are at stake.

WHILE this is not expected to be a boom year for any city in America, Omaha is in a position to make very substantial progress in 1894 and place herself in position to have a genuine revival of prosperity next year. We must not, however, attempt too many projects at the same time. It don't pay to hammer down more than one nail at a time.

YOUNG men, middle-aged men and men who sit in the front row when a bullet is on the board will miss the opportunity of their lives if they do not go to hear the sermon on the social evil Sunday evening by our own Parkhurst. We also desire to announce that the society reporter of the gentleman present, together with a synopsis of the thrilling portions of the sermon for persons of the proscribed sex.

THE SOUTH AND THE SUGAR BOUNTY.

The sugar producers of Florida have united with the sugar planters of Louisiana in opposing the proposed abolition of the sugar bounty. The people of Florida have unbounded faith in the capabilities of that state for producing sugar and they believe that with proper encouragement, such as is given by the moderate bounty under the present tariff law, this industry would become a source of immense wealth to the state.

Stating the population of the United States at 65,000,000, though it is larger than this, and estimating the annual consumption of sugar per capita at sixty pounds, it is seen that 3,900,000,000 pounds are required to supply the demand. The 4,000,000 acres in Florida at 4,000 pounds per acre would yield 16,000,000,000 pounds of sugar, or four times as much as the consumption of the whole country.

Partisan feeling has entered too largely into the consideration and discussion of this subject, and this applies to men in both the political parties. There was involved in the question a principle vital to the character of our government and it should have been considered and treated in a broad and patriotic spirit, but party expediency and the chance of making political capital operated, as they do with respect to every question of public concern, to influence the judgment and direct the action of those in authority.

The breaking up of the transcontinental passenger meeting at Chicago without accomplishing a single step toward harmony, after a session lasting a whole week, is taken by many railway officials as a certain indication of an impending transcontinental rate war.

It is evident from the proceedings of the recent meeting that the Canadian Pacific had determined not to yield its position before it was forced to do so. The American roads seemed anxious to prevent the precipitation of a rate war by some sort of a compromise and offered several counter propositions to the Canadian line, which, however, were unacceptable to the latter.

It is quite possible and highly probable that some further attempt to reach an agreement on transcontinental rates will be made, but unless the tempers of the parties thereto are considerably softened the prospects for successful negotiation will not be very bright.

FILING articles of incorporation does not build a railroad, as the projectors of the great North and South Interstate & Gulf road will learn before long. A capital stock of \$18,000,000 for a line with no other real backing than its name, out with the certainty that they will be raised as soon as one road or the other is freed to make terms.

tion offers them desirable opportunities for earning wages. In the meantime, however, unemployment is the great cause of complaint. The remedy must be a remedy of the present and not of the future.

THE government at Washington seems to be keeping a vigilant watch upon the course of affairs in Brazil. Secret instructions were sent to Rio yesterday which are believed to be of a highly important character, though conjecture is at sea as to their purport.

What the senate should do is to pass the resolution introduced by Senator Turpie of Indiana and there drop the subject. This resolution declares it to be unwise, inexpedient, and not in accordance with the character and dignity of the United States to consider further, at this time, either the treaty recently submitted and withdrawn from the senate or the project of annexation, and that the existing government of Hawaii having received recognition from this and other governments the highest international interest require that it shall pursue its own line of policy.

THE annual report of the state superintendent of banks to the governor of New York comes out strongly in favor of a law forbidding any officer or official employed in any bank doing business under a state law from obtaining any loan from the bank without first having his application passed upon in a meeting of the full board of directors.

IN ONE respect it must be confessed that Omaha has been behind Kansas City. The men who have made the latter city have been wise enough to see the necessity for a system of railroads owned and practically controlled by themselves. They built the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Chicago system, tapping the rich coal fields of southern Kansas and Missouri and traversing the immense forests of northern Arkansas.

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PHILADELPHIA merchants are raising heartrending cries in opposition to Postmaster General Bissell's proposal to place the New York and Chicago post-offices in a separate class and to leave that of Philadelphia where it now is.

THE plan for setting idle laborers to work at best farming may be very good, but it can not furnish present employment. What the unemployed want now is work. They will take to best farming when the time comes provided that vo-

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Belgium at the present moment is in the throes of a political crisis of a unique character. Some months ago the two chambers of the National Legislature, sitting in joint congress for the purpose of determining the revision of the constitution, accepted what is known as the Nyssens scheme of proportional franchise, whereby every man who has attained the age of 25 is entitled to one vote, and to a second vote ten years later, or earlier if he chooses through marriage to make himself the representative of others.

THE French-Russian understanding makes a collision between France and Great Britain more serious than it would otherwise be. It is true that France has her own grievances against England, though they are in fact grievances against the French government of ten years ago, which misadventure the opportunity then of exercising a joint control of Egypt with Great Britain.

THE government at Rome admits that the Sicilians have genuine grievances and promises that they shall be redressed. On the whole, the relation with Italy has been a great blessing to Sicily.

THE town council of Sioux Falls, S. D., has done for the unemployed there precisely what THE BEE has urged the county commissioners to do for the idle men here. That city contemplates the building of a city hall and out of the fund provided for that purpose laborers will be paid for taking the necessary stone out of the quarries.

ALTHOUGH Switzerland has hitherto been regarded as the cradle of liberty, and the most enlightened and progressive of European countries, yet it has just issued a decree of a singularly reactionary and arbitrary character.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Two hundred and eighty-five persons were killed by trains on the street crossings of Chicago last year. Hereafter all crossing accidents are to be reported to the council, the mayor expecting by this means to change the council into a demanding elevated tracks.

There promises to be a very interesting contest for the position of state librarian in Kentucky. Six young women have already entered the race, and as most of them are unmarried and about equally endowed with physical charms, the voters are addressed to the choice of candidates is likely to tax the legislative mind severely.

Mr. David H. Sweetser owns and occupies an estate in Lynn, Mass., that has been owned by members of his family for 250 years. His ancestor, Hugh Alley, came to this country in 1683 and settled upon the farm. Most of the old homestead remained in the possession of the family until 1850, when Lynn became a city.

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