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THE CURRENCY SUPPLY.

In the course of the debate in the house of representatives a few days ago on the subject of coining the silver seigniorage Mr. Bland declared that the trouble with the country is there is not currency enough.

This is a stock argument with the men who champion the cause of silver and they employ it regardless of circumstances or conditions. Everybody knows that there has been for months a heavy accumulation of currency at all the money centers of the country and that the banks of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago are supplied with currency largely in excess of the legitimate demand.

It is not more currency that is wanted, but more confidence, and the financial plans of Mr. Bland and his adherents are not helping to create it. The tendency of the currency is rather to delay the restoration of confidence. When congress repealed the clause of the act of 1890 requiring purchases of silver by the treasury it was reasonably hoped that there would not be another serious attempt for some years to thrust more silver upon the country in any form.

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DRUGS AND DRY GOODS.

If we are to believe the numerous advertisements which hold up to the public particular patent medicines as the only and exclusive remedy that will relieve mankind of the ills that flesh is heir to, the health of the country is on the point of being ruined.

According to the last monthly treasury statement there was a net increase in the circulation during January of \$10,745,245, the total circulation on February 1 being placed at \$1,729,735,511, a per capita of \$25.66, or \$121,825,972 more than on February 1 a year ago. This was a large increase for a year of great business depression, quite enough, indeed, for a period of active prosperity, and in view of these figures it is manifestly absurd to assert that there is not money enough in the country.

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THE COURTS AND THE TOILERS.

St. Louis Republic: Congress cannot act too quickly in this matter, action being confined to a proper investigation of the law and facts, to prevent the possibility of the Jenkins ruling in the future.

Milwaukee Sentinel: It is fortunate for Judge Jenkins, in view of the uproar over his order, that he has always, under all circumstances, voted the straight democratic ticket, and that he was appointed by a democratic president. If he had happened to have been a republican, and appointed by a republican president, his chances of escaping impeachment by the present congress of cranks and demagogues would be small indeed.

Denver News: If the Associated Press correctly reported the opinion of Circuit Judge Caldwell on Judge Jenkins' order in the Northern Pacific case, that jurist is certain to maintain the ruling of Judge Hallett and the opinion of the United States Pacific receivers to reduce wages. If he does so, then the principles enunciated by the Colorado and Wyoming district courts in the Colorado and Wyoming cases, which all the Eighth judicial circuit, which comprises the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, and, we believe, the two Dakotas.

Chicago Post: It is becoming increasingly evident that nothing short of a United States supreme court decision will settle finally the law and the equity of the railway wage schedule controversy. Judge Jenkins has taken one view of the question. Judge Dundy holds an opinion which is not on all fours with that of Judge Jenkins and has embodied it in the Omaha injunction relative to striking employees. Judge Woolson of Iowa sustained Judge Dundy. Judges Hallett and Riser of the Colorado and Wyoming districts distinctly condemn the Dundy decision as inequitable, inferentially repudiate much of the reasoning that Judge Jenkins used in his opinion, and laid down the broad proposition that the employees of the Union Pacific railroad are entitled to "ample notice" of any change affecting their wages and to "full and fair hearing by the receivers of the road before any change is made."

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NEW DEAL WANTED.

Lincoln News: The bans of the republicans by Nebraska is the horse of office seekers who are no sooner out of one office than they are after another. If they get disappointed in that ambition, they wait for the next opportunity to get in under the official canvas. To serve the public is an honorable ambition to which any man is justified in aspiring, but when men make public office their principal support in life - in it is merely for the money there is - it is time for the rank and file of the party to turn them down for all time.

Denver Republican: Judges Hallett and Riser of the United States district courts of Colorado and Wyoming recently did not propose to let the "friendly receivers" of the Union Pacific construe the law to suit themselves either in their treatment of the strikers or in the employment of the Union Pacific, and the course of the judges in these matters will be heartily sustained by intelligent men. The "friendly receivers" abuse ought to be stopped as soon as possible. It is a modern innovation not based upon statutory enactments, but patched together by the courts in their decisions, and the time has come when direct legislation is needed to define its limitations, and, also, we think, to lessen the frequency of its recurrence.

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WHERE TO FIND THE NEWS.

Comparison Between Papers Printed Yesterday by The Bee and World-Rivals. The daily comparison between the amount of reading matter exclusive of commercial news and advertisements, printed in The Bee, World-Herald and Lincoln Journal, giving the following figures for yesterday: Morning Bee, long, wide columns, 42; Morning W-H, short, narrow columns 31 1/2; Lincoln Journal, short, narrow columns 11.

Defective Electric Wiring. The writer has been called on several occasions to make a special inspection of wiring that had already been pronounced safe by the regular inspectors, and in almost every case there has been found some very dangerous work which had never been looked into by such inspectors. One of the most common defects in wiring is found in the connections or "splices" as they are called. The splicing of two wires together or the insertion of a tap on the main line should always be well done. In taping the small wire should be tightly wound around the main wire and then thoroughly soldered, using as a flux a dilute solution of muriatic acid and zinc, and the remaining acid removed from the wire. This is for the reason that this solution still contains some free acid which if left in contact with the wire, will cause it to rust. A small size that it will not carry the current "which the wire has been calculated for" without becoming so heated as to fuse the wire, which on separation would establish an arc which would very quickly burst into flame and extend to any inflammable material nearby. It can be found in many cases that have not been removed in nine cases out of ten from soldered connections, and this very thing has caused many of the fires originating from improper wiring. It is in the present methods of installation and inspection of electric light wires.

Washington's Birthday. The American Institute of Civics is a national institution devoted to the promotion of good government through patriotic citizenship. In accordance with its annual custom, it seeks to secure the widest possible observance of patriotic holidays and addresses and essays promotive of its objects. We take pleasure in presenting the institution's plans for the observance of Washington's birthday, through the medium of addresses on the 162nd anniversary of the day, it suggests the following words from Washington's farewell address: "Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government."

Prosperity on the Farm. In twenty-two of the states and territories almost all of every 100 farmers own the farms they cultivate and seventy of every 100 of these farms are free from incumbrances. On the 92 per cent mortgage the average mortgage is for 35 per cent of the value of the farm and the present deferred payments on money borrowed to make improvements. These figures will never be seen in a calamity year.

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THE SUNDAY THEATER.

OMAHA, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: We hear much nowadays regarding gambling vices, the social evil and the dangers of a continental Sabbath, etc., but as yet no one has raised his voice, publicly at least, against the vicious tendencies of the Sunday theater. In my humble opinion the Sunday theater is a very edifying school of vice, and because it wears a garb of semi-respectability, it becomes a powerful factor in promoting a growing disregard and disrespect for the Christian Sabbath. Are not six days sufficient for theaters and theater goers? Why should it be necessary to give any theater on Sunday where there are so many able bodied pulpits? The Sunday theater is growing in popularity with actors and managers because it is the only place where any in the entire week. This is certainly humiliating to Christian feelings.

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