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MAKE ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD.

One of the most important duties which the legislature will now be called upon to perform is the appropriation of the money necessary to support the various state charitable, reformatory and educational institutions.

Under the circumstances the duty of the legislature is plain. It must enforce retrenchment and economy all along the line. There is not one of our state institutions which has not indulged in extravagant and unnecessary outlays.

The legislature must bring itself at once to a realization of the financial condition of the state and the people. The inhabitants of a large part of Nebraska are practically destitute and dependent upon charitable contributions.

A CHANGE FOR AN AUDITORIUM. The erection of the proposed new state fair buildings will offer Omaha an opportunity to secure the convenient, commodious and safe auditorium of which she has so long stood in need.

South Dakota railroads are opposing all proposed railway legislation with the old story that any state interference will not only prevent future extension of railroad facilities, but also throw all existing lines into bankruptcy.

Governor Holcomb told the people prior to his election that he would require heads of state institutions to make quarterly reports to him as provided by law as to the condition, finances and needs of such institutions.

The Omaha Street Railway company will in a few days enter upon its contract with Uncle Sam to carry the mails between this city and South Omaha.

monopoly in manufacture and a monopoly in the instrumentalities of interstate commerce and held that the suppression of a monopoly in manufacture belongs to the police power of a state.

This being the case, the power of the states will have only themselves to blame if they fail to enact such legislation as may be necessary to protect themselves against the extortion of trusts and combinations and the operations of monopolies in destroying competition and restraining trade.

By a large majority the house of representatives rejected the resolution reported from the ways and means committee, providing that the new bonds to be issued by the government should be made payable, principal and interest, in gold.

The action of the house practically throws away more than \$10,000,000 worth of the amount which the government will have to pay in interest during the thirty years which the bonds are to run in excess of what the interest charge would be if the bonds were payable in gold.

The statement sent to the senate by Secretary Carlisle as to how the treasury gold has been employed shows that the larger proportion of it has been devoted to current expenses.

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the meanwhile the legislature will have adjourned without re-enacting the law with the amendments suggested by the judges who have passed on it.

The county appointing board has selected Hon. A. L. Sutton to fill the vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners created by the death of the late Major J. W. Taddock.

Several states seem to have been broken by the election of Captain C. E. Adams of Superior to be department commander of the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic.

Local dog fanciers, and in fact owners of dogs throughout the whole state of Nebraska, are very much interested in the bill pending before the legislature making the dog personal property.

Western states are both financiers and politicians talk free silver and hoard gold. They talk as a matter of course and hoard as a matter of fact.

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SOME NOTED PEOPLE.

Cora is exactly as large as Kansas, 28,000 square miles, but it possesses no Mrs. Leese. Hoke Smith is said to be the busiest man in the south.

Representative Stone of Kentucky wears an enormous cream colored whisker that is the envy of the house and makes him the cynosure of all eyes.

The farmers and horticulturists of Johnson county will hold a meeting at Tecumseh February 26, 27 and 28, and an interesting program has been arranged for the occasion.

Charles Jones, a Norfolk cook, was accidentally cut by a butcher knife in the hands of a companion and his thumb was nearly severed from his hand.

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HOUSING OF WORKING PEOPLE.

Interesting Experiments in that Line Conducted in London and Edinburgh. SPECIAL R.P. RT BY CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The United States commissioner of labor, Carroll D. Wright, has transmitted to congress his eighth special report.

Chapter 7 treats of public intervention in the housing of working people, giving the most notable laws which have been passed and furnishing data showing the encouragement accorded by municipalities and various public institutions.

Chapter 8 furnishes information regarding rent collecting and other agencies for improving the living environment of working people. Special stress is laid upon the plan adopted by Miss Octavia Hill in London as dealing successfully with the poor.

Chapter 9, 10 and 11, which comprise more than one-half of the volume, deal with model housing under three phases—block buildings, small homes and lodging houses.

Chapter 12 deals with the economic and ethical aspects of improved housing. Facts of great significance, gleaned from official inquiries in several European cities, showing the relation of bad housing to intemperance, immorality and crime, improvements resulting from amelioration in living environments, are covered at length.

Chapter 13 reviews some of the most important conclusions, and closes with the significant observation that the general teaching

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A screw rod for preventing sagging of screen floors. A tumbler with a cute little thread cutter snugly attached.

A wire torpedo holder for railway use, in which the jaws that clamp the rail operate the damping head of the torpedo carrier. A stand-off for boilers, made by splitting one end of an iron bar into four diverging feet, while the other end is bent and flattened to the desired angle.

A wrench, in which one of the shanks, instead of being joined directly to the other shank, as is usually the case, is suspended on an arm which is pivoted to the opposing shank.

A staple for fastening wooden boxes having eyelets in its parallel sides which are adapted to be driven into the lid and side of the box, and a barbed lance, to be driven through these eyelets.

A safety can, without lid or cover, which can only be filled and emptied by the spout, the latter being provided with a movable spirally-wound nozzle that acts as a hydraulic closure when put on.

Galveston News: Man prefers to laugh at somebody else's expense. Philadelphia Inquirer: Wand'g—What is the most taking thing in town? New Orleans Picayune: When money is tight a young man who has little of it should keep sober.

Texan Siftings: It is not true that Russell Sage, after having kindled his fire, sticks a cork in the end of the bellows to save the little wind that is left in them.

Buffalo Courier: "I say, doctor, tell me what the difference between the grip and a cold is?" "Dr. Fillion (in a confidential tone): The doctor's fees. People don't call a physician for a cold."

Inkannapolis Journal: "It is astonishing what a poor memory I have," complained the sad-faced man with the yellow goatee. "Why, I can't remember a smoking room funny story."

New York Sun: Smith—the real estate market must always be active, I should think. Brown—Why so? Smith—There are so many fellows nowadays who want the earth.

Truth: He—Now, I'm a lover of yours. A lover of twenty years' standing. She—Well, take a seat. You must be tired.

Chicago Inter Ocean: "Is that new cough remedy for Jilson's on the market yet?" "Bink—No, but it's ready now." "I thought it was ready six months ago." "Bink—it was, but he had taken the money to write out the list of his it will cure."

New York World: "Yes," said one woman to another, "she's a very lovely creature. How do you like her?" "How do you know?" "She was in a private box at the opera and she didn't make any noise whatever while the performance was going on."

IN YOUR MIND. Kansas City Journal. We hear the bluebirds twitter in the leafy, branching trees; We hear the gentle siskin chirp; Of the balmy southern breeze; We hear the brooklet's gurgle; As adown the dell it wiles; We hear the bees a-humming—yes, We hear 'em in our minds.

BALLAD OF LOST GIRLS. Chicago Record. There are Gladys and Mae and Lenore And Katharyn (Kathryn, of late), But what under heaven's blue floor Has become of the names out of date? They may be a Mattie or Matee, But these one regards with disdain— What has become of brave Kate? And where in the wide world is Jane?

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Princess! In this let-a-let— You'll likely refuse to explain— But where in the wide world is Kate? And where in the wide world is Jane?

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