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THE APPOINTING POWER. Since the very beginning of constitutional government the appointing power has always been regarded as an executive function. In every state government, for example, it is usual to vest in the governor the authority to appoint the most important public officers not elected directly by the people.

Upon this point the message of Governor Crouse, sent to the legislature just previous to his retirement from office, offers some very excellent advice. Referring to the fact that in the case of some of the institutions of the state the governor appoints the superintendent and other officers, while in others this authority is given to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, he does not hesitate to express his condemnation of the present practice.

If these are good reasons for concentrating the appointing power in the hands of the governor more powerful are the reasons against vesting him of such appointing power as he now has! Yet, there are numerous bills pending before the legislature now in session intended to take away from the governor the power of appointment to various offices, and to vest it in boards in which he can have only a minority voice, if any voice at all.

Omaha householders are complaining just now of a new phase of the tramp nuisance that threatens, if not checked, to become quite serious. There are to be sure tramps and tramps, some of them deserving in their misfortune. But there seems to be a regular organization of professionals in the city of late who make it their practice to ask for assistance only at night or in the early evening, and then to boldly apply at the front door, with a request, not for food, but for money to procure a night's lodging.

We are inclined to believe that many of the petty thefts that are being reported are committed by these night wandering tramps, who are encouraged by the failure of congress to act on the various matters of importance on which congressional legislation was expected.

THE DISCRIMINATING SUGAR DUTY. The senate finance committee last week made a favorable report on a bill to repeal the duty of one-tenth of a cent on sugar imported from bounty paying countries, the republican members of the committee making no objections to reporting the bill.

In law fraud violates all obligations. If the legislature were able to give binding force to the penitentiary contract extensions, those contracts would be voidable in any court in which the manner in which they were secured should be shown up.

Secretary Carlisle is said to look as if he had lost his last friend. He may not be down to his very last friend, but he has probably succeeded in losing as many in a short time as any man in public life, with the possible exception of his illustrious chief.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is having no difficulty in securing all the good firemen that can be accommodated with positions at the present rates of pay. Why, then, should the legislature attempt to compel the city to increase the salaries in the fire department?

What is there in the railroad passenger business that causes so many rate wars and so much fuss and feathers over traffic agreements, divisions of rates, arbitrary tolls and long hauls? Passenger traffic of a trunk line is only about 30 per cent of the carrying business, as a rule. The greater part of a road's revenues is derived from freight traffic. But the general freight agents seem to be able to abide by compacts made, say nothing and saw wood. Yet everybody knows that freight agents are prone to giving secret rebates where competition is active and sometimes they have been known to give free transportation to shippers to get the business.

Such a result would be a disappointment to the cattle interest of the country and particularly of the west, which has been working earnestly for the repeal of the objectionable duty. The action of the European governments has already resulted in some loss to this interest and it is feared that if the duty is maintained other American interests may be made to experience injury by being discriminated against in European markets.

THE BOND TRANSACTION. The time in which congress was allowed to decide whether the new bonds to be issued should be payable in coin or specifically in gold expired yesterday, and the treasury will now proceed to carry out its part of the contract, under which the government will pay, during the thirty years the bonds are to run, more than \$16,000,000 in interest in excess of what it would have had to pay if congress had authorized the substitution of the word "gold" for that of "coin."

We suggest that the good women of the Woman's club interrupt their interesting discussions of public questions long enough to inquire which of their number is the author of those brilliant examples of English, expressing a belief that "fines and license is a crime," demanding a constitutional amendment "deflecting the funds from their present source into other channels," and intimating that better results would be obtained "if the money were applied to a hospital fund, where the physical or mentally diseased might be cared for."

DELICIOUS CONGRATULATIONS. Sioux City Times. Euclid Martin, the postmaster at Omaha, has not yet received the congratulations of the Nebraska delegation in congress. It is said that the Nebraska delegation is particularly silent on the subject.

THE BELL WORKING COMPANY. Philadelphia Ledger. The Bell Telephone company, not satisfied with the money it has enjoyed for several years under government protection and the great advantage over competitors it has derived from its government patent, is now endeavoring to extend its control of the business.

SILVER MEN ON GUANO. Washington Post. In the language of the wild and woolly west, which they represent, the silver senators are now camped upon the trail.

A law having the effect of taking the state fair away from Omaha after it has been formally located here for the next five years by the body in which the decision is at present legally vested would be very much in the nature of retroactive legislation. If the legislature wants to provide for a permanent location of the state fair after the expiration of five years that is another question, involving only the right of the state Board of Agriculture to select the place upon competitive proposals.

NEW YORK LETTER. (dem.) This is not a nation that should be forced to pay an exorbitant rate of interest. It would not do so if a loan were offered to the people, as is done in France.

CHICAGO LETTER. (rep.) The very day the president made his secret bargain with the London gold bug bankers, "gold" bonds sold on the market at a premium of 10 per cent. The last \$50,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds, running for ten years, sold three months ago at a premium over 17 per cent.

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TICKLISH MATTERS. Galveston News: Woman does all she can to render herself irresistible and then orders man to keep his distance.

Chicago Tribune: "I wonder," said the burglar, slipping the contents of the safe into a sack, "if I couldn't honestly pay an income tax on this."

Harper's Bazar: "You are the only woman I ever loved, darling," he whispered after she had accepted him.

Detroit Tribune: "What am I despairing?" cried the poet.

New York Ledger: "He, he, he!" sneers Mrs. Brown, your cats is awful fectonate.

Mrs. Brown-Well, dey say dogs like dar nester; I s'pose cats take after dar nester. Sence my par Jim died, dey act kinder lonesome. I wish she'd get a spark of bootic fire."

Adams Freeman: The hen is a cheerful bird. She will sit untroubled on a china egg for three successive weeks and then come out into the barnyard and solemnly inform the farmer he needs a hair cut.

Boston Budget: "First Actor-It ought to be a southern performance tomorrow night."

First Actor-It will be the fifth performance since we got our salaries.

New York Recorder: "Jones, why don't you go to work and earn a living?"

"My dear Smith, what's the use?" I tried it once for a little while and no sooner did I earn a dollar than I had to spend it. So I gave it up."

WEIGHED BUT NOT WANTING. Richmond Dispatch. "And have you weighed, dear sir, what you wish to be proposed?"

She said, "I wish to be proposed." "Within his lap she posed."

"I never had before," said he, "but now I have good grounds for reckoning the same to be." About two hundred pounds."

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