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1.	20,195	15.	19,757
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4.	20,190	18.	19,756
5.	20,190	19.	19,696
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7.	19,699	21.	19,779
8.	19,699	22.	19,696
9.	19,799	23.	19,693
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11.	19,816	25.	19,611
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Sunday.

GEORGE B. TISCHBECK.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 24 day of March, 1895.

N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

It is still the legislative day of Saturday at the national capitol.

Straight democrats are now to be identified by means of the p. m. tag.

One way to stop the outflow of gold—have American heiresses marry American citizens.

Moral from the tragedy of Queen Lili—when plotting to overthrow the government omit to keep a diary.

With the grand jury disbanded and congress adjourned the legislature is the only live topic that remains on the boards.

Only sprigs of nobility, fashionable people, can have the influenza. Ordinary mortals suffer from colds and spring fever.

It is only a month since Wei-Hai-Wei has fallen. We must expect that little incident to furnish the chief war news from China and Japan for at least a few weeks longer.

The Omaha charter is about to appear on the boards at the state house, but it is doubtful whether any of its friends will recognize it by the time it is taken off and placed on passage.

The whirligig of time brings us once more to the crossing of the ways. This is the 4th of March. The Fifty-third congress turns up its toes. But we have still two more years of Grover.

Forty people are said to have frozen to death in London during the month of February. That is just forty more than died from freezing in Nebraska despite the crop failure and widespread destitution resulting from it.

Before the United States government shall finally conclude to annex the Hawaiian Islands it will be important that the people of this country inform themselves of the advantages to be derived thereby as well as the drawbacks urged against annexation.

When Mr. Wilson of West Virginia, who has just been raised to the president's cabinet, undertakes to sustain and defend the senate appropriation for the payment of the accrued sugar bounty, we may be sure that the proposition is regarded with favor by President Cleveland himself and that it stands in no danger of encountering a presidential veto.

Senator Gorman seems to be about the only democratic leader who appreciates the inconsistency of the democrats, who after raising such a furor about the alleged billion dollar republican congress, now proceed to make a record by outdoing their opponents many millions without regard to the constant deficit in the public revenue and the financial difficulties that beset the taxpayers.

If the present council cannot cut down salaries of deputies and subordinates during the terms for which they were appointed, why cannot it pass an ordinance fixing the salaries after their terms expire? Ten chances to one the deputies and clerks that now fill these places will be out next year, and if any of them remain they will cheerfully accept such pay as is considered liberal in comparison with salaries paid for similar work in private concerns.

The republican members of the legislature should not lose sight of the fact that the party will be held responsible for all pernicious laws and extravagant appropriations which will be enacted during the present session. They should bear in mind that the people of Nebraska are not in a condition to bear increased burdens of taxation when property values are shrinking and thousands are obliged to live from hand to mouth in the struggle for subsistence.

What about that kindergarten school of agriculture and mechanic arts which the regents of the State university propose to establish and maintain at the expense of the entire body of taxpayers? Does the legislature intend to appropriate at this time the money asked for this new departure in lower education? Is the legislature ready to endorse the pretense of the regents that they are abolishing the preparatory department when they are really contemplating nothing more than a change of name? Let the legislature put its foot down flat on this outrageous and uncalled for proposal.

KEEP AT THE LEGISLATURE.

Now that the legislature is about to wrestle with the appropriation bills it is pertinent for every member to keep in view the condition of the state's finances. The most comprehensive document dealing with this question is the biennial report of Auditor Moore, but it is doubtful whether any member has taken the trouble to acquaint himself with its contents. Mr. Moore strikes the key note of the situation by the following declaration:

Our present revenue laws are grossly inadequate and are practically suspended so far as the assessment of property is concerned. With the present aggregate valuation and the limit being 5 million on the dollar for the general fund, it is difficult to raise sufficient revenue to meet current appropriations. With a floating debt drawing 7 per cent interest, it is especially important that the appropriations be reduced to a minimum. The lessons of the most rigid economy that are taught by the present times and are observed by our people as never before are worthy of emulation in all of the departments. * * * The appropriations of the state have exceeded the amounts derived from the tax levies for the past eight years by the sum of \$27,028.33, or an excess of \$20,946.37 in appropriations over the total tax levies without the allowance for any delinquencies. * * * It is evident that the most rigid economy must obtain in all appropriations in order that the revenues may pay the state's current expenses and be of any material aid in reducing the floating indebtedness under the present tax system of taxation, and I urge upon you the importance of some speedy action by the legislature tending to an increase of our revenues.

Mr. Moore dwells more especially upon the necessity for material reductions in the pay roll of state institutions. On this score he makes the following recommendations:

While unprecedented frugality has prevailed in all of the state's institutions in the past two years, the large and expensive pay roll would seem to justify the belief that material reductions might be brought about in the salaries without impairing the public service. The wages paid the state's servants are better than any other class of employees receive during these times, and especially is that of those employed in the institutions which board the employees at the expense of the state. A conservative reduction of the pay when it can be done without injury to the services will result in an aggregate saving of thousands annually.

The question is will the legislature heed these suggestions or will it plunge headlong into extravagance just because members are impudent by tax-eaters and state beneficiaries to be blamed with the people's money?

NEEDLESS CHANGES.

There is no good reason why the register's office should be merged in the county clerk's office. The office was created because the clerk had all he could attend to with efficiency and dispatch. In fact, the clerk has been unable to attend to the duties devolving on him, and the office of county auditor was created to relieve him from the responsibility of checking up the various departments. We also fail to comprehend why the clerk's office should be changed from a two-year to a four-year term because the register of deeds and the clerk of the court each have four-year terms. The change, if any is to be made, should be the other way. All the county offices, excepting that of commissioner, should run two years. There will be no difficulty for a competent clerk to get re-elected, and a man who is incompetent or uncivil should be fired at the end of two years.

Rotation in office is one of the safety valves of our form of government, and civil service rules are the check against partisanship and personalism. With periodic elections, affording the opportunity for the taxpayers to pass upon the efficiency of elective officers, every public servant is constantly on trial, and the frequency of changes simply denotes popular discontent, or the general disposition to pass the offices around instead of having them monopolized.

THE PROWESS OF THE JAPANESE.

Yesterday's dispatches furnished additional evidence of the military prowess of the Japanese. They gave an account of the easy capture of what was regarded as one of the most formidable of the Chinese defenses, demonstrating at once the fighting abilities of the Japanese and the utter lack of military qualities on the part of their opponents. Whoever has carefully read the capture of one of the most important of the Chinese strongholds cannot but be convinced of the vast superiority of the Japanese military and naval establishments, or doubt for a minute that the smaller country can in time completely subdue the larger one, notwithstanding the fact that the latter has ten times the population.

From the beginning of the struggle between civilized Japan and barbarous China the superiority of the former has been steadily demonstrated, but the world at large has not fully understood the real prowess of Japan. It is one of the wonderful developments of modern times, of which the first nations of the world ought to take account. One of the ablest of the correspondents who has witnessed the progress of the war between Japan and China is authority for the statement that if any European power should land troops in Japan there would follow as pretty fighting as has ever been seen. This authority says that it would be found that the Japanese army would be found a mighty hard one to defeat, and that it would hold its own under ordinary circumstances, against the best troops of Europe. Of course there will be said against this view that the Japanese have been opposed to a cowardly and feeble foe, and therefore will not be thoroughly tested, but despite of this they have shown military qualities which entitle them to the respect of the world. Probably in a conflict with the well disciplined soldiers of Europe the armies of Japan would not appear to be as good advantage as they now do, but there is no reason to doubt that they would exhibit bravery and patriotism and that upon equal terms they would show themselves quite as good fighters as the trained soldiers of Europe. It is to be presumed that in a conflict with any of the leading mil-

tary powers of Europe they would be defeated, but it would not be a humiliating defeat for the island empire.

Japan is manifesting a disposition to increase her naval power and this fact is attracting the attention of the nations. Her evident purpose is to play a prominent part in the affairs of the northern Pacific, and there can be no doubt of her ability to do this. Her policy is not necessarily aggressive, but she evidently means to make herself felt and respected in that portion of the world in which her interests lie. She is building up a navy that will enable her to compel consideration from other nations, so far as concerns the region in which her influence can properly be exerted, and which will, moreover, place her in a position to exact from other countries a recognition of her power. Having demonstrated her military and naval prowess, Japan is in a position to make terms with any of the nations with all of them which will permit her to have a great deal to say regarding the future policy and conditions of the countries most directly identified with her interests and future welfare.

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Chicago Tribune: This official recognition of his services to his country is out a feeble expression, but it is the best that can now be given of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the nation and the official head of the party which he almost saved from utter destruction.

St. Paul Globe: His disinterested devotion to the party's principles has given him the affection of all democrats. No honor is too great for him, and his administration is a credit to the party.

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