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THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.

The house banking and currency committee is giving consideration to the currency problem and a measure may be reported during the present session, but there is little reason to expect that a satisfactory solution of the perplexing question will be found.

From these suggestions as to the character of this measure it will be seen that it is at once unique and comprehensive. After years of effort to put silver dollars in circulation less than \$1,000,000 are being used as currency.

Senator Thurston's maiden efforts seem to exhibit something like a leap year about them. With three such watchdogs as Cadet Taylor, the Hascall and Dan Wheeler in the kennel, honesty, economy and retrenchment are an assured thing.

When all the bills are in and the warrants drawn on the state treasury it will be difficult for the taxpayers of Nebraska to see where the economy came in in purchasing that "second-hand engine as good as new" for the Grand Island Soldiers' Home.

The State department in the case of the late Mr. Runyon will have a glorious opportunity of proving that an official ambassadorial funeral can be made just as expensive as the most costly senatorial funeral that the people have ever been called upon to pay for.

The unexpected does not always happen. The second bid of the Omaha banks for deposits of city money are precisely the same as their first bids.

When the city jail shall have been located in the city hall it may be necessary to create a department of entomology. It is rumored that Mayor Brounch foresees this and will not disturb the present officers of the Board of Health until he can pick out a first class man for the new department.

The lively men have cut the funeral rate in two, and yet it is none too low. The necessary expense heretofore incident to a death has been altogether too heavy. A man of ordinary means could not afford to die.

A number of Nebraska counties report the repayment of the loans contracted by farmers two years ago for the purpose of securing seed to replace the crops that had been destroyed by the drouth.

reopen ship builders to the great detriment if not destruction of our own ship-building industry. We shall never have a merchant marine if it depends upon the free admission of foreign-built ships.

Omaha never made a more profitable investment than it did when it helped to open up the Black Hills country to civilization twenty years ago.

To this end the Commercial club and Manufacturers association should direct their efforts. An excursion or series of excursions into South Dakota and Wyoming should be organized for the extension of Omaha trade and mutual co-operation in the development of the Black Hills region.

The object of caucus is to secure concerted action by members of one political party to counteract any effort of an opposing party to dominate a legislative body. With two seats unoccupied the council was up to its last meeting composed of sixteen members.

Why was this caucus held? Manifestly for no other purpose than to whip in members who were not already the mortgaged chattels of the franchised corporations. That fact is as transparent as the plate glass in a store window.

The advocates of the passage of a bill providing for the admission to American register of foreign built ships will get no encouragement from the present congress. A measure for the free admission of ships of foreign construction, which had the approval of the Treasury department and was submitted to the senate committee on commerce, has been buried by that committee.

The resolutions reported to the senate, relating to the insurrection in Cuba, are temperate in tone and do not contravene any obligation which this government is bound to observe toward Spain as a friendly nation.

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The great soldier-statesman, who restored the Bourbons to the throne of Spain and has for many years been the chief bulwark of the dynasty, has fallen. He has had 115,000 men at his disposal, and spent more than \$60,000,000, and yet, he has failed, and has been recalled.

This is the situation of the great American English nation in the present. If struck, it cannot strike back. If an indemnity is demanded of any city, New York, for instance, it must pay it or be shelled, and in either case the damage would be greater than the amount necessary to put that city in a condition to repel assault.

the Spanish government to moderate what is understood to be its future policy toward the insurgents. It is to be expected, of course, that Spain will object to the proposed action by congress, probably advancing the claim that there is no actual war in Cuba, but the intelligent judgment of the civilized world would not support her in this.

According to that eminent financier, Congressman Cadet Taylor, the trouble with Omaha is not that it has too great a debt, but that it has been paying its debt off altogether too fast.

The federal supreme court has found the court of the eastern district of Wisconsin to have jurisdiction over the Northern Pacific railroad, in the hands of receivers. This is new law and it may logically follow that the court of the Nebraska district be given control of all Union Pacific lines and regarded as the court of primary administration.

The first installment of real business methods in the city hall is the report of Comptroller Westberg showing the condition of every dollar in the custody of the treasurer. If this system of inspection and publicity is rigidly adhered to by the new comptroller from now on and the books of every officer who handles public money for the city or school board are accurately audited from month to month, there will be very little danger of keeping another default secret for any length of time.

Senators Gall and Peffer were the only members of the senate committee on woman suffrage who were gallant enough to be present at the hearing granted the delegation of women from the National Equal Suffrage association.

If the law only permitted the present incumbent to hold over Senator Blackburn's play would he do prevent the Kentucky legislature from making any amendments to the constitution which would give a senator as his successor unless it re-elect him. But as things stand Senator Blackburn will have to make his exit at the expiration of his term.

Ernest Stult is entitled to the sympathy of his fellow men. Having withstood the fire of ballots in the First ward primaries and discomfited his enemies, the council should have accorded him a candidly more considerate treatment. He has in years past fought the good fight with the machine and machines should not be ungrateful.

Senators cannot say anything regarding the revenue question, the currency question, the McKinley doctrine or any other national or international question that has not already been better said by the press. Instead of trying to educate the people the senate needs to be educated to a sense of the worthlessness of gab.

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commerce has favorably reported bills for constructing six revenue cutters, wooden vessels, one for the New York station, one for the Gulf of Mexico, two for the Pacific coast, and two for the great lakes. These are useful vessels for their special purpose, but for defense they would be about as useful as washbasins.

During the last five years there have been 4907 homicides in the United States—an average of 7,317 per year. In the same time there have been 725 legal executions and 1,115 lynchings. These figures are interesting and people are now twice as bloodthirsty as they were five years ago.

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The advocates of silver must feel gratified over the friendly spirit manifested toward the white metal by Major McKinley at the recent observance of the silver wedding. It is said he smiled on everything that came his way, but he did not say a word.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL BEE.

Richmond Item: A good second wife is better than a second form as president. Chicago Times-Herald: The Allison boom is not doing any searching. In fact, the baseball movement seems to be one of the specialties of the Iowa candidate.

Chicago Chronicle: The supporters of McKinley are making a campaign at the west of greater vigor than that of any other candidate. McKinley emissaries are in larger numbers than ever before.

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THE RAILROAD LOBBY.

Washington Correspondence Chicago Post. The Central Pacific lobby is developing into a disastrous scandal. Every notoriously recognized money influence has been enlisted in the effort to produce a favorable impression on congress and secure an extension of the Central Pacific debt to the government.

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