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Nebraska is bound to be at the front, even when an earthquake comes around on its travels.

The lumber dealers can form all the trusts they please, but they will never succeed in getting a corner on presidential timber.

It is refreshing to know that now and then there is a man who knows enough to know when he has had enough of public office.

Economy does not consist in raising money, but in spending it wisely. Fixing the tax levy at 41 mills is only the first step in a policy of retrenchment.

It is a trifle early in the political game for earthquakes. But then there is nothing like the candidates getting accustomed to such surprises in time.

South Wales thinkers are disappointed in the results of the Wilson tariff law. And they are not the only people who are disappointed in the Wilson law.

You can't tell who will be next to announce that he prefers private life to public life, especially when public life depends upon the action of a political convention.

Increasing the police fund and abolishing the judgment fund is a novel way to retrench. But it is just as consistent as increasing the police fund at the expense of the school fund.

The seven useless detectives will continue to draw \$540 a month out of the city treasury. Police Commissioner Foster's appeal for business methods and an appropriation was not in vain.

Chairman Kennard of the council committee on finance is wasting his fragrance on the desert air when he admonishes the school board and fire and police board to attend to business and let politics severally alone.

Strange, isn't it, how many men there are now who knew all along that ex-President Harrison would not stand for a republican renomination, but who neglected to mention it to a soul until after Mr. Harrison's letter was made public.

Unquestionably the school board has a right to say the city hall shall not be put into the city hall without the consent of the board. The petition for an injunction is primarily on behalf of the teachers, and merits favorable consideration.

The call has been issued for the prohibition national convention to meet in Pittsburg on May 27. The convention might have met in St. Louis or Milwaukee had it been assured that the water supply of those cities would not give out.

Russell, Churchill & Co. are advertising for an electric lighting installation at the penitentiary. Here appears to be a chance for another thrifty firm with the proper introductions to work off on the state another "second-hand engine as good as new."

Collis P. Huntington's anxiety to pay off the Central Pacific indebtedness to the government is doubtless irrepressible, but up to the hour of going to press the amount of the outstanding Pacific railroad debt and of the defaulted interest upon it is undiminished.

The members of the Omaha Woman's club have been speculating aloud as to what they would do if they were Queen Victoria. They would doubtless do just what the queen is doing—taking every care possible to increase the number of remaining birthday anniversaries she shall celebrate.

The council finance committee expresses its belief that the police department can get along comfortably "with less money, fewer employees, 100 per cent less politics, and more service." So there has been and is politics in the police department notwithstanding protestations of the police commissioners to the contrary.

If members of the council had backbone enough to act upon their own convictions they would take the same view of the city hall matter as does the city attorney. It will be well for members of the council to consider that the public protest against putting the jail in the city hall was not incited by the press of this city, but was spontaneous and is rapidly growing.

AN UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS.

The bids received by the Treasury department for the new issue of \$100,000,000 of coin bonds, which aggregate nearly seven times that amount, are unprecedented in the record of government loans in this country.

Two highly interesting facts are shown by these bids. One is that the American people have the most unquestioning confidence in the credit of the government, and can be relied on in any and every emergency to give it whatever financial support may be required of them.

THE DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK. It must be apparent to every intelligent democrat that the outlook for the party grows steadily more gloomy and hopeless and that the course of its representatives in congress is surely operating to bring upon the party the most disastrous defeat it has ever experienced.

Foreign investors should rest assured that if they don't want to participate in the new American loan they are at perfect liberty to let it severely alone. They usually place their money where it gives promise of giving the best financial returns, and if they can make any money by purchasing United States bonds they will not neglect the opportunity.

THE PROPOSITION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The proposition of the city council to put a specific tax of \$2 upon every bicycle was defeated on reasonable grounds. What the 3,000 wheelmen of Omaha want is that every wheel shall be required to be listed as personal property, just as wagons or sewing machines are listed.

THE CAMPAIGN OF BLOOD AND FIRE. General Weyler's announcement that when he reaches Cuba he will "inaugurate a campaign of blood and fire against the rebels" has been taken up by the press.

THE COAL SQUEEZE. The agreement of the coal kings to restrict the production of anthracite 6,500,000 tons this year is promptly followed by an agreement to restrict the production of bituminous coal.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL. Municipal Misgovernment Traced to Its Source. Dr. Washington Gladden, the distinguished sociologist and reformer, has not only selected a more opportune time than the present for the delivering in Chicago his scholarly lectures upon municipal government.

PRINCE HENRY'S ROYAL FUNERAL.

Remains of the Queen's Favorite Finally Laid Away. Prince Henry's royal funeral was held at Portsmouth yesterday and was transferred to the royal yacht Alberta.

Value of Last Year's Crop. Last year the United States took out of the soil in grain alone the sum of \$1,489,487,000. Compared with the production of the \$400,000,000 annual product of gold which has constituted the basis of the Kaffir speculative excitement, and what is called the great boom of 1895, it is insignificant.

Combination of Anthracite Barons. The combination is substantially the same as the one McClell tried to effect a few years ago. It is a trust of the coal barons of the United States, nearly twice as much as the whole national coal production, and more than the stock of all the trusts in the country combined.

THE CUBAN INSURGENTS. The leader of the Cuban revolution is a man of large intelligence. Not many days ago a company of Spanish soldiers, who were on duty at the Spanish camp, captured two of their lieutenants, carried them to his headquarters in the saddle, and immediately forwarded a note to the chief of the camp.

OMAHA AND THE STATE.

Co-Operation Necessary for the Promotion of Their Mutual Interests. It is a good sign when the merchants, bankers and manufacturers of Omaha organize to keep Nebraska farmers from leaving the state.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. In accordance with the decree of the groundhog it is safe to look for six weeks of fair or foul weather.

FLEETING FUN. Chicago Record: "Papa, what is embonpoint?" "Well, Bobby, when I have it, I'm fat; your mother has it she is—only a trifle stout."

Salisbury and Monroe. "But when I stated in that dispatch, and reiterate now, that as a rule of policy, we are the strict adherents of the Monroe doctrine, we mean the Monroe doctrine as President Monroe understood it."

THE PREMIER'S INTERPRETATION.

New York Mail and Express: American Tories will doubtless regard Lord Salisbury's declaration in favor of the Monroe doctrine as a personal affront to themselves.

REACHING FOR THE PRESIDENCY. New York World: Governor Morton hopes to see Alabama called to his bosom.

REACHING FOR THE PRESIDENCY. Chicago Tribune: Major McKinley is five years younger than Speaker Reed. That fact will be some consolation to him if Mr. Reed should be an ex-president first.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. ABSOLUTE PURE.