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OFFICES:

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

The union depot is coming, and getting nearer every day.

What a haul those Chicago aldermen railway fare raid.

It's so hard to tell a real democrat be fooled when they try,

ing the holiday recess. It must not be forgotten that the sen-

with a new ventilating plant. That may account for a great deal. We have not yet heard whether the

high-back chair or the low-back chair is to be the prevailing fashion this winter in Lincoln legislative circles. The new council will fall heir to the

Education and to a number of other things less easy to dispose of. The campaign bluster of senators de-

strous of re-election on a war issue

should not be mistaken for the deliberate

voice of the American people. Save time and money by making your holiday purchases of the merchants who

exactly what they have to offer. lowever, has not yet reached the dignity that demands the trades union brand,

Under the constitution all reports of state executive officers and state institutions must be in the hands of the governor by the end of this week. There is no excuse for overdue reports.

A winter in Cuba might be a very en-Joyable diversion, but a summer camsaign under a tropic sun is hardly the kind of bounty that will catch enlistments of Cuban enthusiasts. The winter campaign is the thing.

The Nebraska League of Republican Clubs can do a great deal of work in the direction of regaining the state for republicanism if it will only set about it. And the league is made up of men who intend to do the work.

When it comes to a boodle job, like that which concerns the proposed new jail, the council is admirably circumspect over legal details. It is only when important public improvements are contemplated that these safeguards are neg-

Nebraska farmers have so much corn on hand that the old cribs will not hold It and they are forced to build new cribs to store the ears. As a corn-growing state Nebraska yields to no competitor. A few corn crops like this year's will cover the whole state with

A crusade has been started against the newly appointed archbishop of Canterbury on the ground that he is a beflever in the decirine of evolution. He would be a more legitimate object of censure if he failed to appreciate a theory fully accepted by all scientists in this enlightened age.

The Bee does not want to do anything that might tend to disrupt the remaining remnant of the Jacksonian club. It looks they contained a dangerous amount of is the result of such Tayloring will fit to that club for various good news items yet to come. It would also hate to im- that the amount of zinc detected in any pair the usefulness of a democratic club given case was too small to kill a moswhose records contain resolutions denouncing in most seathing terms the political perfidy of the World Herald.

into the conduct of his office he will de- that these discriminations justify retaliaserve and receive credit. If he seeks to tion and it is thought the majority of continue these vicious practices because some of his predecessors have indulged in them he may expect trouble from the beginning of his term to the end.

The ways and means committee are likely to be governed by this feeling.

A judicious plan of reciprocity, with he senate that it is not like a little beginning of his term to the end. beginning of his term to the end.

son to regard it as trustworthy, though European states, perhaps without ex-6 once not to feel some doubt as to the ac- with economic measures of defense. Omaha: The Dec Building.
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Il business letters and remittances should be the next few weeks, resent to The five runtishing Company, the There can be not company to the results of the results and postedies orders to subjects of the Porte, but so far as pro-650,342 tection is concerned they are not much ess deductions for unsold and returned the british policy of the Turk was insubetter off today than they were when surated. The reforms demanded by the officers and agents of the city and herein powers have not been put into effect specified shall be fixed and determined Subscribed in my presence and sworm to before me this lit day of December, 1836.

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of the ambassadors will be is somewhat lof the charter the council is attempting uncertain. The inference from the course to increase the pay of certain favored of the Turkish government is that the city officials. When a movement was must have made out of that 4-cent street | demands of the powers will be resisted disaster. Still it is probably in the and employes took refuge belief this power of the sultan to inaugurate a renowadays that even experts are upt to ligious war extending beyond the con- by the legal authorities of the city. Now tines of his dominion and it is by no the council not only ignores the opinion means impossible that he would do this, of the afformer then given, but seeks to With the assistance of the weather At any rate there is reason to think do by resolution what the charter exclerk, some of the superheated senators that he will not complacently submit pressly says can be done only by ordimay succeed in cooling off a trifle dure to the dictation of the powers and in mance. Were there any justification for that event a war of no small dimen-raising municipal salaries at the present sions may break out within the next few time, of ther in the condition of the irons

ate chamber has just been equipped victory for civil service reform. There was an interesting discussion in the house of representatives on Tues day relative to civil service reform and the result of it was a decisive victory for the reform. The issue was made on the motion to strike out the appropria tion for the civil service commission. which was defeated by a large major foot ball challenge from the Board of ity. There was some republican opposition to the civil service law, it is to be said with regret, but it was not influential and the earnest advocacy of the policy by republicans was effective, as shown by the vote against the proposition to strike out all appropriation for the eight services

It is most remarkable that any one should now oppose the civil service system, the demonstrated merit of which is unquestionable. Especially is it remarks use the columns of The Bee to tell you able that any republican should antagonize it, since the credit of its enactment upon the truth or falsity of the gray belongs to the republican party. The The union label must go on stogles as first movement for the reform was in- upon that officer's integrity. The people well as eights hereafter. The cigarette, auguented by a republican president—of Omaha will not be satisfied unless this were last in the mails last year out of more, known where men reach the oil age deform was signed by a republican president-Aribur. It is thus distinctly a re form instituted by the republican party and it ought to have the support of all remablicans.

There is no danger, however, of any departure from this reform. It will stand against all attacks from whatever course and it will grow in popular favor These who would restore the spoils sy: tem are a small minority and their number will steadily decrease.

THE RECIPROCITY PROVISION. According to the Washington dis patches there is some conflict in the house ways and means committee at to the character of the reciprocity provi- be given the benefit of every opportunity sion of the new tarin' bill. This is not of a nature that will interfere with the adoption of a plan, though it may be in the way of prompt action. It appear. to be the only question likely to make an issue among the republican member. of the committee, but there is no proba bility that the issue will be of a natura to seriously threaten the success of the reciprocity plan.

It is said that one of the crucial points in the proposed scheme of reciprocity is the means of retaliation against European countries which raise frivolous objections to American products. There is a very general feeling in congress that the power should be found some where to retaliate against the discriminations made by European countries and particularly Germany, against the products of the United States. The policy of the German government is cer tainly of a nature to invite and justify retaliation and if congress should prodoubt that It would have the approval of the country. It is said that one of were lost and that he had drawn the the latest discoveries of the German authorities is in regard to American tinned with in Belgium and Holland. Some time ago dried apples from this country were shut out upon the prefext that deatly predicted that any garment which

zinc. The American exporters insisted nobody quite as saugly as the makers quito, but this did not induce the German government to modify its restrictive order. It is declared by those in congress who criticise the German polley The state treasury muddle must be that when no protext can be found in straightened out at once and the state's the condition of American products for finances placed on a business basis. The excluding them from Germany, means farming of public funds must cease and are found to accomplish the same result the system overturned which forces the by a new tariff classification. The exstate to pay high rates of interest on clusion of American pork products from warrants to redeem which there is Germany has been nearly complete and money on hand in the treasury. If the is regarded by the importers as without new state treasurer inaugurates these justification on sanitary grounds. There reforms by introducing business methods is a feeling among members of congress

PRESSURE ON THE TURK. | necessary because of a sentiment in says "Poys here is some hot stuff." The gurdling action on the part of the ambus- favor of enlarging the discrimination sadors to compel the Tuckish govern- against American products. The prosment to institute demanded reforms in peet of higher tariff duties in this counits empire are well founded. Coming as try has given rise to talk abroad about the information does from both Con- retaliatory measures. One of the leadsmartheople and London there is ren- ing papers of Germany recently said that save the democracy from dissolution. It is impossible in view of past experi- ception, will meet an economic attack curries of the reports. Assuming, how- This paper said that Europe can supply Ing events will happen in Europe within high duties. Threats of this sort will not, of course, deter-compress from mak-There can be no question that the lag such a tariff law as American promises of the sultan are etterly worth- industries and labor require for their less. This has been fully demonstrated personable protection, but they suggest and the wonder is that the Kurop-an that we must be prepared to must poshis promises, but flow felt bound to give to trade with us on the most favorable him every reasonable opportunity to do conditions, but may country which is so and certainly this has been done. He met disposed to accept our torms may be has had nearly two years in which to treated as facking in commercial friendmake good his assurances to the powers ship and therefore not emitted to the and he has failed to do so. It is true advantages and benefits of the American that there has been some abatement of market. The wisdom and expediency the terrible presecution of the Christian of such a policy is hardly questionable

MORE DISRECARD OF LAW.

Section 168 of the city charter reads: "The compensation or salary of all

such officer or agent shall be appointed." What the result of the proposed action | In flagrant disregard of this provision started nearly two years ago to cut down open the officers, the plain prohibition of the law ought to be an effectual bar to it. Take into consideration the lungdeficit on which the city is compelled to pay interest and the handreds of compe ient men eager to do the work at even smaller salaries than now paid, and no more brazen raid upon the taxpayers

was ever attempted. Decent and law-abiding citizens have generally deprecated the current talk about legislating the whole city government out of office, but a few examples like this of lawlessness in high places will do more to change public opinion on that point than the agitation of all the officeseekers in sight.

NO FARCE INVESTIGATION.

In compliance with a tardy reques from City Engineer Howell, the council has appointed a committee clothed with full powers to investigate and report clarges that have been made reflecting transactions in question. They want no farce investigation. They want to know whether or not a public official can with impunity use his position to hold up any ranchised corporation for himself or for any one else. While they insist on fair reatment at the hands of every such orporation, they also inslst on fair reatment for every corporation.

Without anticipating the probable disesition of the council committee, The Bee takes it upon itself to urge that the investigation be conducted with the utnost publicity, that every witness whose estimony can in any way bear upon the whilest be compelled to attend and tell what he knows, that the city engineer o establish his position in the matter No blameless officer ever has to hide behind a shield of legal technicalities. Let us have a thorough investigation and a finding in accord with the facts.

The recent big Chicago bank failure orings into prominence a peculiar situation which, though perhaps presented in other bank failures, has not elicited attention. It is the throwing into the hands of receivers money in the cus tody of receivers of other falled concerns. While not exactly a receivership: of a receivership, it makes the receiver appointed by one court dependent on the receiver appointed by another. Just what will be evolved out of these complicated relationships remains to be een. The chain of receivers certainly cannot be prolonged indefinitely.

The true inwardness of the jail job is shown by the admission by the city vide for such a course there can be no attorney that the original plans and specifications for the proposed buildings contracts largely on information fur nished by W. B. Taylor, the agent of meats, which are alleged to be tampered the contractor. One Taytor draws the contract, another Taylor engineers I through the council. It may be confi-

> Letters of Introduction. Immigrants to this country will hereafter

be required to submit to an examination what may be called letters of introduction. A Time for Smiles. The report that Germany is about to re-taliate on us by stopping the importation of American petroleum is interesting, and may become important. If anything of th

kind is done the country will grin and the Standard Oil company will bear it. A Progressive Premier.

It is refreshing to find such a frigid genleman as Mr. Olney rushing to a newspaper to air his views in opposition to the senate esolutions. A few days ago, when the newspapers published the facts regarding retaliatory provisions, is particularly bit, he goes over to newspaper row, and

Democracy's Dissolution. If McKinley is big caough to fill the place the fight in 1990 will be between the repub-licans and populists. Nothing but step-filly on the part of the next administration can

A Conventent Dodge.

The country is beginning to hear of the senators elect who propose to change the rules of the United States so are so that

Testing of the Wilson Tariff.

ngress, even if called in extra session, an or its general tenor so much as indicated, will have had at least helf a year in which to test the Wilson-German tariff under its most favorable augustes. That empt to

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POSTAL LEGISLATION.

During the Present Session, Philadelphia Ledger, Three important postal bills were passed the federal house of representatives re-One of the bills authorizes the fixed; another provides for the insurance, to the amount of \$10, of all registered packages lost to the mall, and the third bill pro ides for rural free mail delivery upon the cittien of twenty persons at one postoffice mended by the postaffice committee of the bouse and by the postmaster general, and follows in essential features the private estal eard egatem of England. The English rivate "post cards" bear an adhesive half die of the post cards sold by the government. The cards just authorized by the house must not exceed the present official eards in length. The plan has worked well a England, and our postmaster general of dollars of each in one fund and thousands of dollars of interest bearing warrants outave to the government the difference be

tween the cost of the official cards and the price of the stamps, and the government would not, under the proposed arrangement, be obliged to transport and store as neny official cards. The passage of the bill rary charge of the same, not with no opposition in the house, and if reaches the final stage of legislation it

estage to effect an insurance of about \$10 a lost packets; but an insurance to the ex-Mr. Quigg opposed the bill passed resently of age who here to the ground that an insurance fee is scribed for a paper. It is not recorded on the ground that an insurance fee is scribed for a paper. It is not recorded of St. Luke's church, Rochester, delivered that continue the address of welcome and Bishop Walker comes the address of welcome and Bishop Walker comes would be warranted. Instances have been expended. Bishop Walker comes from North Dakota, where he was discusseful bishop just thirteen years ago. the government under the bill would always in other states, of course. on he large, and the innovation will be sighly advantageous to the public. It is he impression with many that the govern-ment compensates the sender of lost regisered packages, but the accurity of this lass of mail matter lies to the complete tratem by which packages gone astray can be traced. The fact that a very small number of registered letters are lost, while so many millions reach their destination, shows ow efficient the department is in this re-

Fro rural mail delivery presents grave difficulty, inasmuch as it would entail great spense upon the government to furnish arriers in sparsely settled districts. It would be a decided convenience, but the teers of the system in the densely populated rural districts of England furnishes no wide for the introduction of free rural devery here, save in certain selected regions. he reserve of the measure was resisted by . Bingbam, an expert in pastal subjects o argued that the scheme would increase who Hability to mail depredations. The bill passed by the significant vote of for 10 12 passed by the significant vote of for 10 12 passed by the significant vote of for 10 12 passed by the significant vote of for 10 12 passed by the significant vote of for 10 12 passed by the proposition could be made caused by the possible in many periods of the country 11 passed to the reforms recommended by the possible in the resolution of the governor. That is all there is to 1 for forms which would very materially reduce the annual postal describe. A revision of the annual postal describe across to be a matter seems to be a listerial accordation, calling for a meeting that revenue regard to purpose a numerous postal conveniences only of formulating plants for a state-wide agitation of formulating plants for a state-wide agitation.

TIPS FOR OUR LEGISLATORS.

sity and the state legislature should see it that way. Burwell Progress: A Jaw should be passed in the next legislature to protect the settlers on the frontier from the rayages of wander-

taxed where they graze, Plymouth News: The coming legislature

can greatly improve the present Australian hallot by an amountment that permits the voter to cast his ballot for the straight licket making but one X at the head of the Hastings Democrat: The Incoming legisla-

ture could do some canodidating of connties which would prove very probable. Sevtaining expensive county organizations should be consulidated for the bounds of the York Times: The possibat legislature soon

to convern at Lincoln can immeriating itself by reducing the number of employes to

latives halfs for smoking rooms. Some needed railroad legislation could be enacted. Skewise something definite in regard to the Let us hope that they will go there and give their undivided attention to the interes of the state. We can all give them our earn

Battle Creek Republican: Now, let our populist friends when they get full control of the affairs in the state, so after those theiring republicans. They have been dectaring on the stump and in the columns of their papers that republicans have been stealing. Now let them show up when they get into the offices. are any thickes get after them, and let the search be thorough and complete. We want to know whether republicans are thieves

or whether populist pollutions are liars. Schuyler Sun: The law regulating county funds can properly be amended so as to make one pocketbook for paying the dif-ferent current expenses of the county and standing against another fund. T as possible in the treasury, but what there is should be deposited for the benefit of the owners of it and not for the men in tempo

10WA PRESS COMMENT.

The bill providing for the insurance of lost registered letters and packages fixes the maximum invarance at \$10, and no fee position to be held in Omaha in 1808, but is required in addition to the existing rates or registered matter. The Euglish statute | terprise, and will be ready at the right time toes much further. The British regulation to help make a good show and do a lot o wasts a fee of 2d in addition to the regular, sightscoing.

county curlicities has been found by a Winterset paper. He is a man 70 years of age who until this mouth has never subscribed for a paper. It is not recorded that he is blind, feelbe-minded, or other of St. Luke's church, Rochester, delivered 15,000,000 registered, and the bill passed pending all the while upon their neighbors causecrated bishop just thirteen yet feeble opposition. In any event, the for their reading matter. Such cases are He succeeds Bishop Coxe, deceased,

Ottimwa Courier: The experiment of exporting corn direct from lows is being tried Mexico. Mr. Antinerunan recently made a trip to that country, and while there closed a contract with the Mexican government to deliver within the next cight uponths 150,000 few days ago and thirty of them attacked bushels or more of corn. The grain is now being shelled and shipped on this contract at the rate of twenty cars a week. The experiment is being watched with interest and periment is being watched with interest and of them and wounding seven others. Twenty it seems probable that that country may be come a regular market for lows corn.

Sioux City Journal: It is unjust to Gov-PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Figure intimates toernor Drake to represent him as opposed to
a law legalizing the manufacture of the alcobalic liquers which may be legally sold
in Iswa. It is fair to him to say that, according to apparently reliable reports, he
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noncessary preliminary to the introduction of numerous postal conveniences enjoyed abroad. The president calls attention to the fact that second-class matter constitutes more than two-thirds of the total that was carried hast year and the revenue derived from it was less than one-thirtieth of the total expense. The president points out that if certain second-class matter paid only the cost of its handling the postal deficit would be obliterated; that there would be a supplied with high the used to give the people still better mall facilities or cheaper thomas in the late election all things seen io still better mail facilities or cheaper tionists in the late election all things seen

BLILET POOL HOLDS TOGETHER

Hastings Tribune: The revision of the Pending a Settlement of Differences the Market Will Remain Open. PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The L saemer Steel association, better known as the steel billet pool, is still intact, reports to the contrary. notwithstanding. One of the leading memhers of the organization, who has returned from the meeting in New York, in an inter-

View, said: "The sessions were secret, and some mis-The sessions were secret, and some misleading information has been put before the
public. I can state positively that the pool,
as the newspapers call it, is still in existence
and that it has not been dissolved as stated.
The only firms out of the combination are the Rellaire Steel company, which with-drew the Shomberger Steel company, which hever went in, and a small concern in in-diluna. A committee of three was ap-pointed to look into the situation and it will make a report within two weeks, when another meeting will be called. In the

to pieces.

Columbus Times: A large projection of that hillers were being soid as low as \$15.50 in the attention to legislation that will beneto their attention to legislation that will beneand in the tillers of the pull. Attention

Schuyler Sun: There are a good many things our coming legislature can do besides drawing their salaries and using the legislature to the latives halls for smoking rooms. that the complaints made at Pittsburg had some foundation in fact. Nobody knows when we shall meet again but when we do I think that more will be accomplished than was done yesterday. We want a definite smaller concerns dependent upon a general surcement for projection and yet rigid enough to prevent such practices as led

Some of the news agencies sent out the ubstance of a Pittsburg dispatch to a Philadelphia newspaper during the morning anool without the Illinois Steel company, the Bellaire company, the Schoenberger com-pany and a Troy concern. A person in constant communication with one of the lenders in this conference denied positively today that any such plan was contemplated. He declared that an agreement without the co-operation of these corporations would have little effect, as their combined prodnets might flood the market and supply, under pressure, nearly the normal de-

BISHOP WALKER DULY INSTALLED. New Bead of the Western New York Diocese Conscernfed.

BUFFALO, Dec. 23 .- The ceremony of enthroning Right Rev. William David Walker as Protestant Episcopal bishop of western New York was celebrated at St. Paul's church today. The rites opened with a procession, headed by the cross bearer, followed by the choristers of St. Paul's and Assension; the chancellor of the diocese and position to be held in Omaha in 1898, but they are watching the promoters of the enterprise, and will be ready at the right time to help make a good show and do a lot of hightaceing.

Davenport Democrat: One of the Madison county curlcuitles has been found by a Winterset paper. He is a man 70 years.

Assension; the chancellor of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese and the lay officets; the clergy of the diocese.

> Battles with His Employes. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.-A special from Guadalajara, Mex., says: Particulars have been received here of a desperate affray at the ranch of Juan Vidrio, this state. Vidrio had trouble with some of his employes a Make a strong heart stronger.

One Post at St. James Vacant.

THE AMERICAN WAR LORDS.

Indianapolia News: Why not let Senator Morgan set out for Cuba with a speech and a muchete and end the war?

New York Press: Peace or war, give us more revenue. Let us have done with a policy in the United States senate that is a

burning disgrace to free government! Kansas City Star: Proof that the admin-istration is right in relation to the Cuban

In its course of usurping the executive functions of the president the war corre-spondents will all be transferred from Cuba meantime the market will be open and prices will be anything that manufacturers can get senator Chamiler crossing President Clevefor their preduct."

The member of the pool did not want to predict what the prices would be, but was emphatic that the organization would not go

The Money Leader: The effect of Secretary Oney's appropriate that the admintary Olney's announcement that the admin-letration would regard the passage of in-

Hale having objected to immediate consideration on the understanding that the debate would not begin until that time. The debate should not be a long one. Action, not talking, is demanded.

SEASONABLE JINGLES.

Philadelphia North American:

Diustrated Monthly: "Mamie has got a diamond ring for her Christmas," "How did she got it?" "Hung up her stocking." "Jack, of course? But how did Jack got it?"

"Hung up his watch." Cleveland Leader. First Newsboy-Goin' to hang up your stockin' Christmas eve? Second Newsboy-Naw. Pirst Newsboy-Better do it. You might strengthed the cond Newsboy-They're filled now, First Newsboy-What with?

Second Newsboy Holes. Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What are you going to give George for Christmas?"
"Well, I thought Vd work him something, but I'm so and at what he said that I don't feel like giving him a thing."
"What did he say?"
"He said he hoped I wouldn't spoll my oyes and rack my brain trying to make him a present."

a present."
"Well, that was all right, wasn't it?"
"Then he added that I could buy something so much better and cheaper, I'm
angry enough to go and get that tollet
table set for him that I have wanted so
long!"

DEFIANT STAND Phile sephia North American.
The ancient maken lady—
The gushing sort, you know—
Now takes her stand defiantly
Beneath the mistletoe.

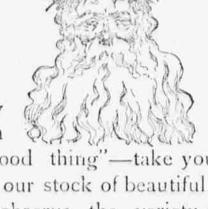
ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Avritten for The Best Mistletoe weeps as she hangs in the hall, Mistletoe is weary; She longs for the fairest one of all, Longs for you, my dearle

While she is broading o'er the spot Set apart for lovers Dire for hodings marreth not Hills that she discovers.

One Moment Please

Don't push-Although we know there's a disposition



to do so with a "good thing"—take your time and look over our stock of beautifully tailored suits, and observe the variety of patterns and see that you are properly fitted. We beg to urge upon all customers to return what is not just right, for we do not want anything to leave our store that is not as perfect as eternal vigilence and the greatest pains in manufacturing can make it.

The display in our furnishing goods and chi'dren's departments ought to interest you just now, for these abound in all the many novelties and fixings for every day and dress wear. Many specialties are shown for the holidays, and if you want something nice for a man or boy look through our store and see all the pretty things we have for Christmas.



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ROYAL-the most celebrated of all the baking powders in the world - cel-

leavening strength and purity. It makes your cakes, biscuit, bread, etc., healthful, it assures you against alum and all forms of adulteration that go with the cheap brands.