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THE MEN WHO MAKE OUR LAWS.

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THE OMAHA DAILY BEE OF NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, WILL PRINT A COMPLETE LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMING NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

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OUR NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Ten is the mystic number with which to confound in the Omaha city council.

We have Cadet Taylor's word for it that no bond was really necessary in awarding the jail contract.

The Spanish captain general in the Philippines would seem to have just as good a typewriter as Weyler's.

Wonder what was the argument that persuaded Peter Birkhauser to change front on that inflated Barber asphalt repair bill.

There is no time to lose in getting together on the preliminary arrangements for a big beet sugar factory to be built in Omaha during the coming season.

General Weyler and his typewriter have once more sought the rear just as hostilities are about to be resumed in Pinar del Rio.

The public expression of a councilman's willingness to be excused from voting on a question which he knew would pass by the requisite majority without his vote savors decidedly of the spectacular.

Congressman Mercer is confident that he will save the old Fort Omaha grounds to the city or state in some form. It would certainly be a pity to destroy the value of this property by cutting it up into streets and building lots.

Treasurer Bartley does not say anything in his last biennial report about wiping out the floating indebtedness of the state in a few months.

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In view of a disposition which yet lingers in certain quarters to characterize the Transmississippi Exposition as a scheme to boom Omaha, it should be the aim of all concerned to emphasize the fact that a successful exposition, while it will doubtless advance the material interests of the chief city of Nebraska, will also impart a general upward movement to the state and the whole western country.

THE BANKING SITUATION.

The recent bank failures have very naturally created some distrust and efforts have been made in quarters from which it was to have been expected to give these failures a significance they do not have.

The first of the failures was the outcome of reckless mismanagement and could have been averted had the directors of the bank done their duty.

Undoubtedly there are still other weak and mismanaged banks in the country which will sooner or later be compelled to close their doors and go out of business.

The fact that the contractors have not dared to push their claim through the courts should have been a sufficient ground for its rejection by the council.

Why was this proposition for the city to confess judgment for \$35,000 held back to the closing hours of the present council?

An equally perilous measure was put through the council in the shape of a contract for the lease of a new jail.

Will the mayor stand up for Omaha and redeem the pledge he made in his inaugural address by interposing a veto?

Have we a city charter which all city officers, including mayor and council, are sworn to execute and obey?

Penioners and those having claims to pensions will welcome the changes that have just been made simplifying the procedure in certain cases.

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CHOOSING WELL TRIED MEN.

Cabinet Officers Picking Old Timers to Be Exposition Commissioners.

Secretary Morton Signifies His Intention to Name Mr. Dabney, Who Served at Atlanta, to Represent Agriculture.

DEEP INTEREST IN THE OMAHA SHOW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram)—Cabinet officers are expected to name to the president the representatives of the various departments for appointment to the Transmississippi and International Exposition commission within the next two weeks, or even less.

The courts of Massachusetts are to have the responsibility of deciding what constitutes a sacred concert.

The re-assuring words of Comptroller Eckels in connection with recent bank failures will only substantiate the conclusion reached by all thoughtful and unprejudiced students of the present financial situation.

Unfortunately many accompany the turning over of new leaves with a tear. Others, disguised by former failures, cut the whole business.

There are those who profess that Senator Hill will stand a better chance for the democratic nomination for president in 1900 than Mr. Bryan.

Money on the Move. Senator-elect Money is going to invade Cuba on his great heroic effort to find out the real conditions down there.

Speeches to Burn. The holiday recs of congress came opportunely in the shape of a series of speeches with undelivered speeches in favor of Cuban recognition.

A Break in the Silence. Senator Hill has again cracked the silence with which he has been surrounded for many months.

Jealousy of Germany. If American meats exported to Germany really are of the dangerous character alleged by the jealous Germans, the United States inspection service must have slipped badly under Secretary Morton from the high state of efficiency to which it was brought by Secretary Rusk.

Restoring the Merchant Marine. Every stevedore in the country agrees with every other stevedore that the shipping trade of the United States ought to be kept at home.

Postal Savings Banks. It is a reproach to the government of the United States that it has the machinery and hand for putting the system in operation.

Wheat quotations maintain the advance which was commenced back in October and which apparently is not yet ended.

One of Nebraska's new state senators has a great scheme for the establishment of state silver billion warehouses and the issue of warehouse certificates which could be used by the people as money.

Careful estimates place the loss in revenue through undervaluations at from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 annually.

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INDIANS FAIL TO GET THE CASH.

Crow Creek Sioux Delegation Sent Back with a Part of the Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Crow Creek Sioux delegation of South Dakota has not gained its announced object of securing a per capita cash payment of \$187,000, now \$18,000 for expenses, now to their credit in the treasury, but they have secured a payment of about \$1 or \$5 per capita, representing half of the accrued interest on the money.

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THE CLOSING YEAR.

Famous Personification of Time, Written by George D. Prentice.

'Tis midnight's holy hour—awful silence now is brooding like a gentle spirit.

The bells of deep notes are swelling. 'Tis the knell Of the departed year.

As a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirred. As by a mourner's sigh, and on you cloud.

That floats so still and placidly through the air. The spirits of the seasons seem to stand—

Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's golden form, and Winter with his aged locks—and breathe.

In mournful cadences, that come abroad Like the far wind-harp's wild and touch- ing wall.

A melancholy dirge o'er the dead Year, Gone from the earth forever. 'Tis a time For memory and for tears.

Within the deep Still chambers of the heart, a specter dim, Whose tones are like the wizard voice of Time.

Heard from the tomb of ages, points its cold And solemn finger to the beautiful And holy vision of the past.

And hark! the shadow of their loveliness On the dead waste of life. That specter

Of the coffin-lid of hope, and joy, and love, And, bending mournfully above the pale Sweet face that slumber there, scatters dead flowers.

O'er what has passed to nothingness. And the hall of reveries, which Year Has gone, and with it many a glorious thought

Of glory dreams. Its mark is on each brow. Its shadow in each heart. In its swift

It waded its scepter o'er the beautiful, And they are not. It laid its pallid hand Upon the strong man, and the happy form

Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim. The bright and joyous, and the tearful wall Of broken ones is heard, where erst the song

And reckless shout resounded. It passed O'er the battle-plain, where sword, and spear, and shield

Flashed in the light of midday—and the strength Of scathed hosts is shivered, and the grass, Green from the soil of carnage, waves above

The crushed and mouldering skeleton. It came And fabled like a wreath of mist at eve: Yet, ere it melted in the visionless air, It trailed its purple tresses to their home

In the dim land of dreams. Hemorrhage! The Piercing spirit of the slain and scythed— What power Can stay him in his silent course, or melt His iron heart to pity? Oh, still on I

He presses, and forever. The proud bid, The Conqueror of the Andes, still can tread Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave

The fury of the northern hurricane. And bid his plumage in the thunder's home, Purge his broad wings at nightfall, and

Rest upon his mountain crag—but Time Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness. And night's deep darkness has no chain

To bind His rushing pinion. Revolutions sweep O'er our earth like frolic visions o'er the breast

Of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink, Like bubbles on the way; the very stars, Spring, blazing from the ocean, and go back

To their mysterious caverns, mountains rear To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs, and low

Their tall heads to the plain; new empires Gather the strength of hoary centuries, And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,

Like the melting snow, in the very stars, You bright and burning blazons of God, Gitter awhile in their eternal depths. And like the Pleiad, loveliest of their

train, Shoot from their glorious spheres, and sweep On wayward. To dangle in the trackless void; yet Time, Time the tomb-builder, holds his fierce

Dark, stern, all-pitiless, and pauses not Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his way. To sit and muse, like other conquerors, Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

OLD YEAR SMILES.

Chicago Record: The stockholders in our bank held an extra meeting.

"Yes, what did they do?" "The fact is, another board of directors to manage the two typewriter girls."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "My dear," Mrs. Chat's husband finally dared to remark, "there seems to be but one end to your conversation, and that is the beginning."

Judge: Teacher—Now, Thomas, the square of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides. Do I make myself plain that way?

Chicago Chronicle: It was a case of "dog out dog" where the New York woman gave her poodle a Christmas tree laden with sausages.

Indianapolis Journal: My young friend," said the large-faced gentleman, "you should not expect to be a millionaire in a minute. You must begin at the bottom."

"I tried that dealer's hand at poker," said the discouraged "man," "and that's why I'm on me uppers."

Detroit Journal: "Darling," he cried, passionately, "I know our troubles are great, but must you therefore leave me? You said you would share my lot."

"Yes, but nothing was said about a 'lot,'" she answered, with a sad, sweet smile.

Savannah Journal: You seldom see a lawyer, no matter how concealed he may be in other respects, who boasts of the beauty of his penmanship.

Chicago Tribune: "We shall show your honor," said the attorney for the plaintiff, "that my client is entitled to a divorce on the ground of non-support. Notwithstanding the fact that your honor will give me dollars richer if there were no rum?"

"They're no more than rum rich men now," was all the bested and dejected lawyer said.

New York Press: Off-Hand—Spank the children? Oh, yes; I have to use the whip occasionally, but when it comes to spanking a wall come from the woodshed. "My wife takes the palm!"

A BLENDING. Cleveland Leader. The sun is small and far away. But the sky above is clear. And there is keen refreshment in the blinding atmosphere.

My love has color in her cheeks— 'Ere I lose the color of my face. But I regret to have to say The same about her nose.

RHYMES OF THE SEASON. Departing Leap Year. "Ere I lose the color of my face," Sighing softly, softly sighing, Almost sobbing, nearly crying, Almost sobbing, nearly crying, With her heart as true as mine, So her heart is parched and arid, And she sighs, and she sighs, And she sighs, "It might have been."

Her Diary. Chicago Record. She bought a brand new diary, most gorgeous to see. Its cover was of turquoise blue, it closed with a silver clasp. The edges were of burnished gold, the paper, best cream laid, and within its possession was the happy little maid.

"I'll keep," said she, "a record of the doings of the year. And faithfully set down each joy, each sorrow, hope and fear. She wrote up very nearly thirteen pages the first night. Then her reflections grew quite brief and resolutions slight. The happenings of January it were most concisely stated. And January 25 the last of all was dated.

Between Two. Goodbye, goodbye, Old Year! We have been friends together, Through sick and sunny weather, Let's part without a tear. Let's kiss without a sigh. Goodbye!

Here in thy low December, Joy only we'll remember. Good cheer! Good cheer! Old Year, Goodbye!

Hail! Hail! All hail, New Year! We turn to give thee greeting, Our hearts are high and hearts beating, Unweary by doubt or fear; Thy friendship shall not fail.

Set all thy joy bells ringing, We go to meet thee singing, Good cheer! Good cheer! New Year, All hail!

GREETING.

TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Whatever is reasonable in greetings or apparel we offer you.

It is the season of good wishes and we heartily hope that everyone may be well clothed.

Seasonable clothing includes such a variety of things that we can't mention them all.

But we invite everyone who is in search of the right thing for his own adornment or for gifts to visit our store.

Our lines of clothing, furnishings, hats, caps, etc., are as tempting for the new year as they were for the old.

Thanking you kindly one and all for your past patronage and an earnest desire for future remembrance,

With best wishes for a glad and prosperous new year,

Respectfully,

B. & K. BROWNING, KING & CO.

S. W. Cor. 15th and Douglas Sts.

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