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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION: For the week ending December 29, 1896, was as follows: Total, 62,994.

WORSHIPPING KING CAUCUS.

Populism had its origin in the revolt against partisanship. The founders of the populist party denounced all existing parties as rotten and proclaimed their determination to discard machine methods by detroning King Caucus.

And now the spectacle is presented at Lincoln, as it is in other state capitals, of the representatives of the people's independent party surrendering their independence and voluntarily making themselves subjects of King Caucuses.

The Bee has always opposed King Caucus in its own party and has no reason to change its views in that respect. It believes in true independence and has no use for sham independence.

AN ASPIRATION FOR PEACE.

Governor Black, the new chief executive of New York, expressed the hope in his inaugural address that "when the next cycle of wars is traced upon the earth, the American nation shall stand outside the baneful ring."

The reiterated claim of the free silver press that Bryan is taking a hand in the organization of the legislature is the only indication that that statesman is politically extant.

Peter Birkhauser is a very fitting successor to Paul Vandervoort. They may not have drunk out of the same cup, but they have exhibited in the same political bucco bunk.

California may have the monopoly of midwinter fairs. A midwinter fair in this part of the country would have to consist almost exclusively of a demonstration of the heating power of coal.

The Transmississippi Exposition is receiving the cordial support of the state press and is beginning to attract the attention of the great papers of the states that are expected to participate in the enterprise.

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THE QUALITY OF SENATORSHIP.

Readers of the Omaha papers learn that Omaha wants a union depot, a fair exposition and a free Cuba. If there is anything Omaha wants it will be asked for.

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The new year has got a good start with no light as yet shed on the subject of the sufficiency of such bonds of city officials as have been furnished by guaranty companies. The city is either protected or absolutely without protection so far as officers so bonded are concerned.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR THE EXPOSITION.

Omaha News: Every newspaper in Nebraska should lend all possible aid in support of the Transmississippi and International Exposition. It will be second only to the World's fair of any similar exposition ever held.

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AUDITOR MOORE'S REPORT.

Geneva Signal: From the report of Auditor Moore we learn that it costs something over \$500 a month in salaries alone to run the city industrial school, to say nothing of food, light and fuel. Good things come high.

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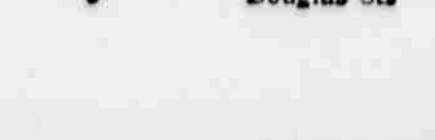
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