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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION: For the month of December, 1896, was as follows:

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And congress reconvened, too! The new governor of New York pledges himself to prove that he is not so black as he has been painted.

So Apostate Peter has succeeded Apostate Paul on the Omaha police board. This is an apostate instead of an apostle succession.

In making war upon the barbarous natives of the Philippine Islands Spain seems bent upon outdoing them in savage ferocity.

Let the average legislator have the appointment of a few of the state's supernumerary taxsmen, and he cares not who makes his laws.

Fog or cloud, or storm or blizzard, or any old thing in the way of weather is welcome which will conceal Omaha's cow-sled depot from the eyes of the traveling public.

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If Illinois is so hard up for creditable senatorial timber it might draw upon the treeless prairie state of Nebraska with full confidence that the draft would be honored.

Peter Birkhauser is a very fitting successor to Paul Vandervoort. They may not have drunk out of the same caudle, but they have eked out in the same political bunco bank.

The cold wave is sweeping eastward, but it is not likely to reach Washington in time to cool the warlike ardor of senators who desire the passage of the Cameron resolution.

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 ex-queen of the Sandwich Islands has taken up her residence in a suburb of Boston in ample time to be annexed if promiscuous annexation should be favored by the incoming administration.

In describing his adventures on board the wrecked filibuster Commodore, Stephen Crane will find material more worthy of his abilities than the refuse matter which has lately occupied his attention.

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.

It is computed that several trillions of combinations can be made of the available timber for the McKinley cabinet. No mechanic, even by working overtime, can begin to exhaust the possibilities of this problem in the sixty days yet remaining.

Those who are seeking the cause of the disquietude which pervades financial circles at present need not look further for one chief factor than the jingo sentiment which if not restrained is likely to lead this country into a causeless war with Spain.

In locating the exposition all selfish interests should be subordinated to the paramount interest that aims to place it where it will draw the largest attendance and at the same time contribute most to the upbuilding of the city as a whole.

The United States treasury counted a surplus for the month of December, but it will need surpluses of that size every month for several years to come before it can hope to play even with the deficits since the repeal of the McKinley revenue law.

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. In the interest of public safety all doubt on the question ought to be dispelled.

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 Caucus.

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."

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McKINLEY'S POLICY.

Major McKinley so plainly indicated in his addresses during the campaign what he thought should be the policy regarding the tariff and the currency that nobody ought to have any difficulty in forecasting the position of his administration toward these questions.

PAID TO PROTECT.

The constitution of Nebraska requires all the biennial reports of state officers to be in the hands of the governor at least ten days before the convening of the legislature.

OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW.

Official figures show that the gold production of the United States for 1896 was an increase over 1895 of about \$5,000,000. As this is nearly twice the decrease in silver production for the corresponding year, some people may be curious to know what the mining states are raising such a rumpus over.

NEBRASKA HAS BEEN A STATE FOR THIRTY YEARS.

Up to date Omaha has furnished three presidents of the state senate, E. B. Taylor, Isaac S. Hascall and William Gwyer.

TO APPLY TO THIS PURPOSE AND SOME OTHER FORM OF CURRENCY, BANK OR METALLIC, CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THEM.

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.

THE WAY TO DO IT.

So far as the Pacific railroad question is concerned, the safe course for congress is to purchase the line which Huntington and his fellow-grabbers want, and then do something else.

A TARIFF FOR FOREIGNERS.

A German newspaper says that 200 factories have started up in Germany since the tariff was raised, and that the proprietors expect better times here than that the present tariff will continue.

OMAHA AND THE EXPOSITION.

Omaha is vigorously preparing its Transmississippi and International Exposition for the coming year. It is also in line with the policy advocated, but never practiced, by the populists.

BLACK, PRINTERS' INK AND PROSPERITY.

The men who have goods to sell must begin at the beginning and encourage buying. They must push their goods into the market and get them sold.

THE COMING CENTURY.

Edward Everett Hale said in a recent address on the coming century that the world is going to be a democracy.

PRODIGAL PHANTASIES.

The charitable bequests and gifts of the year 1896 are reported to have been taking a stride forward in moral development. Through the year the aggregate total of \$2,570,000 was given.

AN ARGUMENT FOR POSTAL BANKS.

One of the most striking arguments in favor of the establishment of postal banks is made by Postmaster Hering of Chicago. He states that the Chicago office came under his supervision during the latter part of 1896 and the first nine months of 1897.

LEARN TO SMILE.

A rapid succession of commercial failures created an exaggerated impression of the public mind. As a rule, the average citizen looks upon them as a sign of painful hard times.

NO WARRANT FOR GLOOMY CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

It is seldom any middle ground of popular opinion about business conditions. If things are quiet in business circles, those directly concerned are prepared to entertain sanguine hopes for the future.

PROFITS OF BEET CULTURE.

Example of Successful Sugar Beet Growing in Nebraska.

Table showing the following statement of the product of twenty-four acres of Wayne county soil: Beet roots, 120.75; Sugar, 46.00; etc.

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.

AUDITOR MOORE'S REPORT.

Geneva Signal: From the report of Auditor Moore we learn that it costs something over \$50 a month in salaries alone to run the city's industrial school, to say nothing of food, light and fuel.

BEATRICE DEMOCRAT.

The suggestions of Auditor Moore that the state institutions be run upon business principles, and that salaries be paid in large portions of his report to the governor in a defense of the Omaha beet sugar combination and the old life insurance companies.

FAIRFIELD HERALD.

The Transmississippi Exposition is already full-fledged, subscriptions to the amount of \$400,000 having been secured and a government appropriation of \$200,000 already made.

WISAS AND STRIFES OF '96.

Considerable Blood Spilt Mainly in the Balkans.

No sword has been drawn by one great civilized state against another through the end of 1896. The only sword that has been drawn by no means been shut, by far the most blood-stained portion of the world's surface so far as 1896 is concerned.

NEBRASKA CITY PRESS.

The Transmississippi Exposition is no longer a probability, it is a fact. The citizens of Omaha have fulfilled every pledge made by the board of managers in the prospectus of Omaha's great and worthy citizens.

WATERLOO GAZETTE.

The Board of Managers of the Transmississippi Exposition has got down to business and progress is being made every day. A grand success is being made every day.

LINEAR STATE JOURNAL.

The prospects for the Transmississippi Exposition are brightening and though some local prejudice creeps out here and there the interest in the enterprise is growing and there is little doubt if the people of this state give the proper aid and encouragement the exposition will be a great success.

SOLVAYER FUN.

Every true Nebraska citizen should take an active interest in the Transmississippi Exposition of 1898, and in every way possible to the state which will lead to its success.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

Advertisement for Royal Baking Powder, featuring an image of a barrel and text: 'The absolutely pure BAKING POWDER ROYAL—the most celebrated of all the baking powders in the world—celebrated for its great leavening strength and purity.'

CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

"I am sorry to hear that Alwell, the clothing merchant, has fallen into bankruptcy, and that he is overextended. He brought on a car-load of car mufflers."

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER.

"She—How silly those jokes are about a man's wife absconding with his money. It happens all the time. I couldn't do such a thing. She—No, dear; I haven't the hat."

PHILADELPHIA HULLETTER.

Young Wife (whispering to friend)—Now, dear, what dress would you advise me to wear for the concert this evening? Friend Husband—Well, I think an accession of blue, with a brass band around the waist, and piped sleeves, might do the trick.

PITTSBURGH CHRONICLE.

"I wish there was some new way of killing time, said young Mr. Bump, to Miss Homeworn last night. 'I can suggest one way of killing time, which was not possible for a long while,' replied the maiden. 'What?'"

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.

"Is Mrs. Belingham a daughter of the revolution?" "Oh, yes, her father used to run a steam lathe."

AT LAST.

"My lady's descending the stair, Wrapped in an opera cloak, And looking surpassingly fair, With a halo of wonderful hair. Like a saint whom mortals invoke, Though My Lady, descending the stair, In a glory of tulle and of white, Has often denied me a prayer, Refused me a kiss, and will swear She is 'coming down handsome' tonight!"

THOSE BELLS AGAIN.

Hear the sledges with their bells, Silver bells! What a world of worriment their melody How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle on the avenue While the stars that overpinkle all the heavens seem to twinkle With a halo of wonderful hair. And as soon as I appear, If I heard them all alone, I would utter not a groan; For my mother, she will hear, And as soon as I appear, While the snow is glistening, pining She will straightaway fall a-singing, And a ride, a ride, a ride, a ride, And a ride, a ride, a ride, a ride, As she talks about a cutter and a ride!

A Barrel of Money.

Advertisement for B&K Baking Powder, featuring an image of a barrel and text: 'WON'T BUY ANY FINER GARMENTS ANYWHERE THAN WE OFFER YOU AT THE MOST REASONABLE PRICES. WE HAVE NEVER SOUGHT TO CHEAPEN THE GARMENTS OF OUR MANUFACTURE FOR THE SAKE OF COMPETING WITH THE SHODDY STUFF THAT IS OFFERED IN SOME PLACES FOR PERHAPS HALF OF WHAT A REALLY GOOD SUIT OF CLOTHES IS WORTH.'

THE ABSOLUTELY PURE BAKING POWDER.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Advertisement for B&K Baking Powder, featuring an image of a barrel and text: 'B&K BAKING POWDER BROWNING, KING & CO. S. W. Cor. 15th and Douglas Sts.'