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It is a trifle early yet to talk about that short crop of lew.

There is no longer any doubt that the State Normal school needs a new dormitory.

Weyler seems to be on the point of recall about as often as Maceo is resurrected from the dead.

The question is, Is the World-Herald going to support Mayor Btocher or a "metalist" in the next mayoralty contest?

May the new legislature prove itself in every respect worthy of the high encomiums bestowed upon it by Senator Allen.

It is hard to resist the importunities of the place hunters, but that is one of the duties assumed by every man who takes the oath of office.

Another prize fighter has died as the result of injuries sustained in the prize ring. And yet there are objections to foot ball on the ground of brutality.

The formal inauguration of a new state administration opens the way for the considerable enlargement of the list of Nebraska colonists by the appointment of a brand new governor's staff.

The voice of the state press continues to be raised lustily and without important exception for the exposition in '98. The absence of sectional jealousy is becoming more marked every day.

A coat of whitewash is not generally considered a sufficient protection in zero weather, but the garment just adjusted to Engineer Howell's necessities seems to be thick enough for all practical purposes.

Omaha, which has heretofore been able to hold up its head among self-respecting cities, has sustained a severe blow in the news that a company of its misguided young citizens is organizing to levy war against Spain.

The new governor of Montana wants the mileage allowances of public officials reduced to the actual traveling expenses incurred. Wonder if the governor realizes what unpopularity with the officials he is courting.

Now everybody can guess why Peter Birkhanser underwent such a sudden change of heart about that Barber as select Birkhanser as the successor to Vandervoort need not be guessed.

The new Board of Education starts on its career with a wrangle over organization and makes plentiful professions of economical intentions without showing any disposition to dispense with that salaried sinecure, its special attorney.

Reports coming in by every mail in answer to communications sent out by the Department of Publicity indicate a more widespread interest in the Transmississippi Exposition than had been expected even by its most sanguine supporters.

Colorado is threatened with another miners' strike, although the difficulty at Leadville is not yet completely settled. Strikes are expensive luxuries, as the people of Colorado will learn as soon as the appropriations are made to pay the bills incurred by the militia called out to maintain order.

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Utah has completed its first year of statehood and except for the fact that it cast its vote for the free silver presidential candidate has a very creditable record to look back upon.

As a rule a great deal of valuable time is needlessly wasted at the beginning of a legislative session simply through tardiness in getting down to business.

Every day of the legislature's existence costs the taxpayers so much money and they ought to have something to show in return for their outlay.

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The capital that will be thus invested will make itself felt in Nebraska as well as in Colorado and its benefits will be widespread. All the people of the west will take a lively interest in such an outlook.

It is true that since the advent of Howell the expenses of the city engineer's office have been reduced. But, they have been reduced simply because there was little or no work to be done in that office and they could and should have been reduced much more.

The assertion that the charges against Howell were designed to destroy the movement for the purchase of the water works by ruining the mayor's chief support is absolutely baseless.

The charges were the result of spontaneous indignation at Howell's audacious mendacity and rank hypocrisy. They were inspired with but one object in view, and that was to expose the attempt on the part of the men who wrecked the water works company to use the city as a lever to extort money from the new owners in satisfaction of pretended claims.

The giving by the stockholders in the Omaha Savings bank of a satisfactory bond for the discharge of all its obligations before an early date will go far to restore public confidence in the stockholders themselves and in the financial situation generally.

The death of General Francis A. Walker removes the foremost American political economist. General Walker's works are unquestionably more widely and more favorably known in scientific circles abroad than those of any other American writer upon economic subjects.

He was among the founders of the American Economic Association. As its first president, repeatedly re-elected, he gave that organization a standing which at once placed it in the front rank among similar scientific societies.

As an officer in the union army in the war of the rebellion, as superintendent of the ninth and tenth censuses, as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology his services to the public and his country have been of incalculable value.

His name will be recorded high in the list of really notable deaths of the new year.

State Treasurer Meserve's official bond will look very much like those of his predecessors, so far as the number of bankers' names that appear on it is concerned.

After railing against money changers and the national banking trust, the populists still come down to the bankers to help them qualify for the offices to which they have been elected.

And they do not even insist on dealing exclusively with populist bankers. Prowling an official bond is a pure business transaction which has nothing to do with campaign bluster.

The Huntington railroad lobby is again in Washington in full force for a final supreme effort in behalf of the Pacific railroad funding bill.

With the bill disposed of one way or another, the members of this lobby will find themselves in the predicament of the man out of a job unless some other colossal stock jobbing scheme shall hob up and require their services.

The lobbying for the funding bill has been almost incessant for the past ten years and congress would feel lost without something to take its place.

No influence can be made more potent in aid of the Transmississippi Exposition than that of the women. The movement to enlist their active co-operation is a wise one and will receive hearty approval and support on all sides.

Every one knows that the woman's building at the World's fair was one of the most attractive features of the White city and a similar undertaking in connection with our own fair will contribute largely to its success.

The majority report, which simply censured Howell, was adopted—Report of City Council Proceeding in World-Herald.

The fact is that Howell has made a good city engineer—Editorial in World-Herald.

Are we to infer that the council has construed a good city official? Would it not be well for the editor of the World-Herald and the news-gatherers of the World-Herald to get together?

His Identity Established. The advertising agent is the real "advance agent of prosperity."

But One Downward Tendency. The world is full of things that are going wrong.

Giving the Senate Away. The alleged threat of the Sugar trust that it can prevent the passage of the tariff bill should it interfere with the advantage it has under the present law by deadlocking it in the senate causes a suspicion that the senate would be secured in 1897 were secured for all time.

Spanish Future in Cuba. Spanish troops continue to march to and fro in Cuba; but in no port, province or city of Cuba does General Weyler restore any ordinary operation of the law or provide for the safety of trade and farming.

"Charges" on Street Cars. After eight years of litigation the New York court of appeals has decided that a street car conductor cannot be required to change a \$5 bill; and that a \$5 bill is the limit.

An Example for Officeholders. One way and another a good deal of sport has been made of the name of Smith, of Michigan, and many persons consider him something of a crank.

Sign of Moral Progress. A wholesome sign of improving human nature appears in the record of embezzlements for the past year.

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SENATORIAL CONTESTS.

There are sharp contests in several states for United States senatorships, the result of which will be of general interest. In New York a vigorous fight has been waged for weeks between the Platt and anti-Platt factions, but the former have maintained the ascendancy and it may now be regarded as a foregone conclusion that Thomas C. Platt will be the successor of David B. Hill if he desires to be. Sixteen years ago Mr. Platt was a member of the senate, from which body he resigned with Roscoe Conkling. If again sent to there he will probably have a great deal to do with the distribution of federal patronage in the Empire state and thus the republican factional conflict in New York will be continued and perhaps intensified.

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Next in interest is the contest in Illinois over a successor to Senator Palmer. The most prominent candidate is Martin B. Madden, conspicuous in Chicago politics and not of the highest repute as a politician. Madden has had no experience in public affairs to give him a claim to a seat in the national senate, nor does it appear that he possesses exceptional qualifications for high legislative duties, but he has a strong and aggressive support. There is, however, a very vigorous opposition to him which gives reason to hope that a selection will be made more creditable to the republicans of Illinois.

In Indiana there are several aspirants for the seat of Senator Voorhees, the most prominent being General Lew Wallace and Hon. C. K. Fairbanks, one of whom is likely to be chosen. All the candidates are men of good standing and ability, so that whoever the choice shall fall to Indiana will have a republican senator who will worthily represent the state.

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A PROMISED MINING BOOM.

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In a business year last year was a good year for England. While our national treasury had a large deficit, the British exchequer had a surplus, there having been an increase from all sources of revenue. It appears that the trade of the nation is expanding steadily if not rapidly. In nearly all lines of industry there has been progress and in some lines it has been marked. Of course there are complaints, but on the whole the English people seem to have done very well in 1896 and to have entered upon the new year in better condition than they were a twelve-month ago. Even the British farmers, who have been so long in a condition of chronic depression, were better off at the end than at the beginning of last year.

It would be interesting to know how much the United States had contributed to this increased British prosperity—what proportion of it is due to the favor extended to British manufacturers by our present tariff law. There can be no question that England has derived great benefit from this, although probably not

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. In Mississippi they farm out the convict on an 8,000-acre farm and the process has proved a profitable one, the state netting \$40,000 last year in the operation.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. A woman in Philadelphia has had a kleptomaniac has been permanently cured by a surgical operation. The surgeons have not yet reported the nature of the operation, but if it simply involves the amputation of her fingers the cure is not a discovery worth mentioning.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Prof. J. E. Keeler, of the Allegheny, Pa., observatory, has been asked to assist in testing the huge Yerkes telescope at Lake Geneva. Prof. Keeler has already made important discoveries in spectro-photography with the 13-inch refractor at the Allegheny observatory, and what he is with the 40-inch glass, the largest in the world, is a question of great scientific interest.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. MURKIN REMARKS. Somerville Journal: No one realizes the power of the printing press so intensely as the natives. "Put them up and get his thumb caught in the machine."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Chicago Tribune: "There's one thing I notice about Goppinger," observed Goppinger, "he doesn't shine in society any more. He won't a wig."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. "I never saw a more perfect fit than that dress, Miss Rosebud." "It did—when papa got the bill for it."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Detroit Free Press: "Goodness!" exclaimed Mrs. Grumpy; "I bought a number of little things down town and lost them on my way home." "Never mind, dear," said Grumpy, with a mild-blooded sneer, "I'll find them in the bill."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Washington Star: "Some folks means well," said Uncle Eben, "but dey ain't consistent. I know er landlord that wish yer happy, but he ain't feeding no one else's yer folk der money wif der nex'."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Cincinnati Enquirer: "I see that there is to be a 'motor' congress held shortly," said the short fat man. "It won't amount to anything," said the long thin man, "but it will be a time when some woman gets through bringing about her particular young one it will be time to submit."

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