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A few days longer and the complete roll of the next senate will be available.

Bryan is now operating upon the rule of hitting every gold democratic head that he can see.

The electoral college meets today. The electoral college has shorter sessions and longer vacations than any other college in the country.

Why should the city require two superintendents of the fire alarm service? This is a question the police commissioners might propound to themselves with propriety.

It will be well for local consumers to see that their names are not on the list which the retail grocers are preparing of customers who can pay and refuse to pay and are to be made to pay.

If the legislature wants to distribute copies of Governor Holcomb's message it can secure The Bee containing the message in full at a price much cheaper than any printer can quote on a pamphlet.

Ambassador Bayard is to be the gnest at Sandringham before his return to America. Mr. Bayard's successor will have a difficult time in keeping up the social record set by the present ambassador.

The intention of the railroads to construct a fine new vinduct at Fourteenth street is entirely commendable and should be encouraged. Perhaps in due time one or two of the viaducts now existing may be put in safe and passable

One thing should not be emitted from the new charter, and that is some kind of a provision that will effectually prevent councilmen from putting through jobs between the time of election and the time the newly elected councilmen take their seats.

If the state treasurer were compelled to make and publish a monthly statement of the amount of public funds in his custody and the sums deposited in the different banks he would not dare to use the taxpayers' money to bolster up tottering concerns that have no business to exist.

Mayor Broatch's idea of a careful business administration must be something different from that of the average taxpayer. Approving an ordinance raising the salary of his own secretary and turning down increases in the salaries of clerks in other offices is business with a vengeance.

And now we understand what prompted President Barton of the Omaha smelting works to drop 10,000 nickels into the Bryan free silver slot during the late campaign. It was not so much free silver he was after as it was free lead. But every silver man does not own a lead mine in Mexico.

St. Joseph is asking the Missouri legislature to make the mayor ex-officio chairman of its Board of Police Commissioners. Experience everywhere teaches that the chief executive of a city, who is responsible for the maintenance of good order, should have a voice in the management of the police department.

The affirmation by the supreme court of the decision of the district court which imposed upon Douglas county the burden of refunding the money paid in by purchasers of poor farm lots finds the county poorly prepared to meet the obligation. Although the final settlement has been hanging in the balance for months, with the chances at least doubtful for a favorable outcome for the county, no preparation has been made for an adverse decision.

Governor McIntire of Colorado includes in his message to the legislature a recommendation that provision be made for the participation of that state in the Transmississippi Exposition. Colorado can and will make the most imposing and instructive exhibit of mineral resources ever gotten together for will elicit only commendation by acting late state treasurer with banks which law will be judiciously safeguarded upon the governor's pertinent advice.

AN IMPERATIVE DUTY. Whatever turn the state treasury sethe legislature is to take prompt steps for a thorough investigation of the condition

THE R. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH.

arer has been seriously shaken by his Cor. N and 14th Sts. visions of the depository law and his lars is conceded. Some of these defarming out of trust funds for private gain. His persistent refusal to keep the taxpayers informed as to the amount of money in the various state funds and tional amendment and defects that are tariff. Besides, extreme duties would be the banks in which it is deposited natu- inherent in the American system of likely to defeat tariff legislation, since rally gives rise to the suspicion that the popular sovereignty, treasurer's books have been doctored and has suffered heavy losses and the floating debt has been unduly expanded, while there was money in the treasury to discharge the obligations.

While the treasurer is civilly and criminally liable for these lawless acts and 300 abuses of authority, the executive department will be in no position to enforce 19.25 the law until the legislature shall have ascertained officially show, when and and misplaced.

> In making this inquiry the legislature should see to it that the accountants employed are men of the highest integrity and tried experience. It is an open secret that former legislative investigations have been turned into farces by the juggling of the figures by men foisted on the committees, either by the men whose acts were under examination or on to make good any shortage.

As to the possible injury to the credit of Nebraska from the disclosures of such an investigation, it cannot be greater than the damage already inflicted. The well-grounded suspicion that things are lative committee may make. The whole truth must eventually come out and the sooner the better.

CANADIAN CONCESSIONS. Representatives of the Canadian government are expected in Washington within a few days to consult with the republican leaders regarding reciprocity. They will go unofficially and simply for the purpose of ascertaining whether the republican party is prepared to treat with Canada and on what terms. The probability is that an of the prince of Wales in his palace inquiry of this kind at the present time will not have a very satisfactory resuit. Until the republican administration comes into power there can be no authoritative statement as to what the ada and it is safe to say that none of a given time. In every case alternate the republican leaders at Washington will assume to speak for the party on this subject. When a short time ago an effort was made to obtain from Major McKinley some expression regarding reciprocity with Canada he had nothing to say, for the obvious reason that it was not a matter which he could properly talk about before he Canadian agents will doubtless find the republican leaders equally indisposed to express themselves pending the in- farce. stallation of the republican administra-

Washington is evidence of the earnest enforcement. desire of the Canadian government to secure a reciprocity agreement with the United States. The liberal party made this a feature of the platform on which it was elected last year and it seems menced two weeks ago will be concluded determined to spare no effort to carry today, after which, it is presumed, the out its promise to the people. In order to do this it is said to be prepared to practical work of framing a tariff bill. make large concessions. It is ready to This will probably consume all the time put the fishery question on a more sat- of the committee at the present session, isfactory footing, to come to a better un- but it is expected that a measure will be derstanding in regard to shipping on fully prepared for presentation at the the Great Lakes, to enter into an ar- exten session of the Fifty-fifth congress rangement for making the lake traffic to be called immediately after the infree to American and Canadian vessels stallation of the new administration. garding other matters, including the obtained a great deal of useful informabonding privilege to the Canadian Pa- tion and suggestion through these hear cific railroad, as to which more satis-ings. It has learned the condition of the factory arrangements are desirable. In manufacturing industries, the effect upon short, it is said that the head of the them of the existing law and what they liberal administration, Mr. Laurier, is desire from the next congress. Those ready to do anything he can do with who have followed these hearings will dignity and without disloyalty to Great agree that the committee acted judi-Britain to improve the relations of the

two countries all round. Commendable as this desire is, there are great obstacles in the way of its attainment. The basis of a reciprocity agreement must be the free exchange of natural products and this would be vigorously opposed by the agricultural producers on our northern border, who have experienced a considerable loss from the Canadian competition invited by the present tariff. Then as to manufactures. Canada can give no ad-Cantage to American manufacturers over British, so that it is not apparent how any arrangement could be made that would materially benefit our manu facturing industries. In opening our great market to the natural products of Canada we should naturally ask special consideration for our manufac ures and this the Canadian govern-

ment cannot give. Undoubtedly the next administration will consider whatever propositions the Canadian government may submit, but the chances of a reciprocity agreement cannot be regarded as altogether favorable.

thing it ought to don an investigating the change and it is even possible that public inspection. The people of that mood and inquire fully into the manstate are anxious to be represented per in which such large deposits of But the industries which have been more in the exposition and the legislature state money came to be made by the or less seriously damaged by the present no prudent business man would trust against further injury and given an op-

tlement may take, the imperative duty of or not a state treasurer can openly dis- labor. Public confidence in the late state treas | pay them.

PRACTICAL ELECTION REFORMS. That the Nebraska election laws are defective in several Important particufects can and should be cured by the which can be reached only by constitu-

George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the netual number of till and complete copies of The Daily Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printed. The Daily Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printed. timidation may be repressed in part, if the demands of some interests, not in whole. It is another matter, however, to make voting compulsory by any scheme of taxation or fine.

> by their bendsmen, who might be called vote for president. How can any law be devised that would reach these delinquents?

As between taxing a voter and fining a voter for failing to vote at an election there is no material difference. In either case the fine or the tax could be paid as part of the consideration for the stay-at-home votes. If the penalty were made imprisonment there would always be physicians conveniently within reach to certify to the physical or mental disability of the offender. In case of a jury trial it would be well nigh impossible to get a conviction. The average jury would have either sympathetic political bias or it would be an example of "us fellers must all hang together."

The true election reform should begin with the constitutional amendment, requiring all voters to have full citizenship in the United States and authorizing the use of the voting machine. Next to these changes should be a law putting a stop to the disabled voter trick, which is the parent of the most flagrant frauds To make the elections fair and the count honest election officers should be duly appointed from the various political parties. Their qualifications should be tested before a non-partisan board and penalties prescribed for failure to comto our commercial relations with Cancompetency and reliability could be

reasonably assured. In the designation of election officer: according to their respective political creeds, all shams should be forestalled. Where two or more parties fuse they should be entitled to only one set of election officers. A division on party lines was in a position to do anything. The that would credit a free silver republican to the republicans or a gold democrat to the free silver democrats would be a

In the main the election laws of Ne braska are satisfactory. The chief trou-But the sending of representatives to ble is not with the laws, but with their

END OF TARIFF HEARINGS. The tariff hearings by the ways and means committee which were comcommittee will at once enter upon the

clously in Inviting them, because it can now go on with its work with a clearer knowledge of what is necessary to be done in order to at once get more revenue from customs duties and give reasonable protection to industries which have suffered under the operation of the existing law. It is needless to say that the earings disclosed a desire on the part without some islation which it is neither the purpose of the republican party nor the dictate of sound policy to adopt, but in the main the suggestions of changes that should be made in the tariff were not radical or immoderate. There was, indeed, a quite general demand for more protection and cactical unanimity in favor of substitutng specific for ad valorem duties, but some interests recognized the fact that the consideration of revenue could not be lost sight of in the framing of a new tariff measure. To increase the income of the government, so as to put an end to deficits, will be the primary purpose of tariff revision, and so far as increased protection would not interfere with this it will be given. It is quite probable, therefore, that some of the schedules of Refore the legislature does another the present tariff will undergo very lit some existing duties will be lowered.

loss of the funds belonging to the tax-payers by placing them in banks which he knows will never be able to re-pay them. Presidentsglect McKinley is not in favor | for of legislation of that kind and undoubtedly his views will have great influence fa shaping the character of the new bill. the That it will be a thorough protection naturally receives the interested attention measure is of course assured, but it will present legislature. Others are beyond also be framed with reference to increasall remedy. There are organic defects ing the revenue of the government and this excludes the idea of a very high there are probable democratic votes in The stream can never rise permanently the senate for a moderate tariff which above its source. Men cannot be legis. could not be had for a cadical measure. lated into political honesty either by The task that the ways and means comrewards or nunishments. The opport mittee has before it is not free from difballot. Attempts to abridge the free- ceptable to the best judgment of the dom of the voter by coercion or in- country, though it may not fully meet

William E. Curtiss, who made a tour Ours is a republic that depends en- Record, pronounces the various tales tirely upon the voluntary and un- about threatened Japanese competition trammeled co-operation of its citizens in with American manufactured goods to tainty, which began in 1892, brought about government. You can bring a horse to be made out of the whole cloth. "No water, but you cannot make him drink. steel vessel," says he, "was ever built diate; but so soon as Even if it were possible or practical to in Japan, except from material that was tion where the state's funds have been placed punish the sovereign voter for neglect- cast in Europe. No carpet was ever been brought to a close. Business and entering or refusing to exercise his franchise, woven in that country. Travelers buy prize had then a solid ground on which to no law on earth and no conceivable shirts and collars of English linen in punishment will compel him to vote. Yokohama, where they are very cheaply Men who can be hired to stay away made, and perhaps a Japanese trunk from the polls can be hired to cast may have been exported, but if so some blank ballots or they can be hired to traveler brought one home as a curivote for one office only and abstain osity. Japanese shoes could not be McKinley administration will have to deal from voting for others. In the late given away in the American market. election 16,000 more ballots were cast There is one bieyele factory in Japan than there were votes polled for any which turns out about four machines single office. Sixteen thousand citizens a week, which could not be used upon therefore went to the polls, but did not our roads and would not carry the weight of an average American, but answer very well in a country where the highways are as smooth as an asphaltum pavement, and where the people are small of stature." If these are the facts the prospect of Japan wresting from the United States its commercial supremacy in any market is yet a number of years removed.

> The people of this vicinity ought soot to have conclusive proof whether a surety company bond is better than a personal bond. The absconding treasurer of a local corporation was bonded in one of these companies and the public will have more than usual interest in learning whether the loss is to be promptly made good or whether liability is to be staved off by appeal to the

#### Another Reason for Gratification.

It appears that Iowa is about \$170,000 bet. ter off than she had expected to be at the close of the last year. This adds to he perpetrated under the present system, splendid republican majority another reason for gratification on her part

> Music and Mechanics. An Iowa man wants his piano allowed to come into the country free of duty under th clause in the statute which provides that the tools of a mechanic shall be exempt of duty. Doubtless the man made a proper

### Legislative Music Widespread

estimate of his musical abilities.

Nearly every great state in the union is ow experiencing a violent attack of legis-The disorder is periodical in its The utmost that the victim can do under the circumstances is to ke eye on the cash box and hope for better things.

### Democratic Support for New Tariff.

The votes of two or three democratic enators for the tariff bill appear to be exsected by the republican leaders. They in end to make the bill appeal to intelligen nen of moderate views in the apposition arties. That is, while the duties will be idequate they will not be high enough t holster up the trusts, and they will at the same time furnish abundant revenue, which at present is a very serious need.

### The Burning Question in the Want

Senator Thurston of Nebraska says "This is a burning question that emands action" and be adds: "I don't know so much about the situation in the cast. I know that the people out west are emanding that something be done. may be so; but so far as can be judged from careful reading of many western changes the question that burns the hottest in that section of the country is the lov price of corn, which has resulted in its employment as fuel.

#### The Rothschilds and Silver. Kansas City Star.

The announcement that the Rothschild have, in the past four months, bought 127 silver mining claims in one district in New alike, and to make reciprocal terms re- The ways and means committee has Mexico will dampen the ardor of a good many free sliver advocates. The idea o will greatly add to the riches of this much nated firm of rich financiers will go against he grain with many a populist. or this action of the Rothschilds. Are they extending their conspiracy against silver be endeavoring to control the output of the metal so as to immensely increase the aupply and force the price down to a lower leve than ever, or do they forcese the ultimate success of the fight for silver and are proparing to reap great profits from it? The probabilities are that they are investing money in silver mining just as they might invest money in brewery companies, or any other enterprise with the expectation reaping the legifimate profits of a rightly managed enterprise. Just as any business man would do. But it will be difficult for many Americans to believe that the Roths childs would go into any sort of enterprise some interests for extreme tariff leg- selves at the expense of the rest of the

# THE FUNDING BILL.

A Carefully Planned Measure to Plack The Pacific railroads' lobby, with Mr. Huntington himself in command, will within a few days demonstrate the full capacity of its persuasive powers. The proposition of this measure (the pending bill) is in effect that the indebtedness of the Pacific railroads to the United States amounting to between ne hundred and two hundred million lars shall be viewed as paid and cancelled. if the roads will merely pay in interest and sinking fund installments combined less than 3 per cent annually on that principal for cighty-five years. In other words, Uncle Sam is to may to the roads, If you will postpone paying what you owe me for a century and will pay me meanwhile less annual interest on the debt than I am comelled myself to pay for what I borrow, then I will cancel the principal of your debt and

with one-tenth the sums. The public portunity to develop and expand, thereby would like very much to know whether creating allower demand for American confidently applicated results of a speedy from government officials concerning the confidently anticipated results of a speedy oreclosure of the government's mortgage, regard the spirit of the law and court | Those who are expecting or apprehend- it will require some very active figuring to

When the government is so hard pressed for money that the bold proposition of a reduction of congressional salaries creates debtedness of over a hundred million of all who are concerned in the wise management of the nation's financial affairs.

### THE RETURN OF PROSPERITY.

Increasing Confidence and Cheerfulness in the East.

New York Sun new year has opened with a far more opeful prespect than this country has had at any time since 1892. The improvement in business which succeeded the election in November and the defeat of the malign combined for an arrault on the na mal credit and prosperity, has been clided and pervasive. Yet we have had only the beginning of the great revival of enterprise and activity which manifestly is spring mark the closing years of the century. The holiday trade of last month offered s hear from all sides, was of unusual volume, the extraordinary demand extending from

The leng continuance of the period miness and financial depression and uncerosses and reductions of capital too great for the full recovery from them to be dismal build. The period of mere political and economical theorizing and experimenting had been concluded, and the people saw before

est luxury and elegance.

ommon sense. The economic questions with which the are very simple for men who take hold of them in the spirit which will undoubtedly distinguish it. They relate almost wholly o the mere raising of revenue sufficient for the purposes of the government; and th result of the election has removed all uncer tainty as to the method by which the reve nue will be obtained. It will be raised as It is raised now, by a protective tariff and by internal revenue taxation; and the pure of the McKinley administration will be lely to produce the requisite result disturbance to the business and industry of the union, but rather in a way to encourage and stimulate them.

question is altogether practical, and Mr. McKinley is surrounded by advisers who better represent the tone of conservative and sensible men of business than those who have been about a president for a long time past. He is himself a man of practical sense and not a man wedded to a theory which he will follow stubbornly, because of mere pride of opinion. More revenue is needed it will be obtained, as it should be obtained from the tariff chiefly. When it is secured, the troubles of the country, so far as they are produced by the policy of the government, will vanish wholly. They have been due to the unprecedented condition of a steady deficiency in the government revenue the bonded debt, after a long period during which its diminution had been vast and un-interrupted. Of course, the consequence was disastrous to our business and industrial in

The talk about the need of reforming our urrency system has no basis of fact or rea on on which to rest. The currency system s sound enough as it is; and it will not be changed. The element of uncertainty which would be introduced by the prospect of experimental changes will not disturb the conitions of business. We shall have a senside administration at Washington.

It is evident, therefore, that the revival of usiness, the signs of which appeared as soon is the election was over, will go on gather-ng force, with the prospect that the people of this republic will reach the end of this century in a higher condition of prosperity than they or any other people have ever ex-A few snarling critics are trying resist this increasing tide of prosperity; are impotent in their maligning Mr. McKinley will enter upon his adminis-tration with the good will of men of all par-ties to a degree never enjoyed by any presilent in the memory of this generation earty support which every conservative inerest gives to him, and to the republican arty as the only political organiza tanding between us and political chaos trengthens the pasurance with which the may look forward to that abounding

The period of gloom is over. Hereafter w hall see steady progress and increasing conidence and cheerfulness.

## DO WE COVET CANADA?

Silly Assertion of a Politician Out of a Job. Philadelphia Times.

If all the world were as unceally jealous as some politicians are, there would never eace. It is doubtless a reason why were so constant in the old days, before e peace. the United States showed the possibility of setting along without them, that the pol-icians then had all the say and the people were not consulted. Some politicians hav not learned that those days are past and they continue to talk as though war were the object of national life. But the peoplnly laugh at them and they do not fight There are some American absurdities who re always proposing to go out and seize omething—Cuba or Hawaii or whatever it

may be—under the pretext that some other nation is covering it and will take it if we o not. Only this foolish talk will excus the counter absurdity of Britons like Si Charles Tupper, who has been making a foo peech in London upon the necessity of ng measures for the protection of Canada, which the United States, he declared, was anxious to absorb Where has Sir Charles found the evidence

of this anxiety? The people of this country are no doubt willing to have Canada "fall into the lap of the United States." as he elsewhere expressed it, whenever even's shall ripen to that end, but our wildest fingoes have never proposed a forcible absorption. except as an incident of a war otherwise provoked. It is not unlikely that if Canada were actually independent, so that it could be held directly to international obligations the friction over the fisheries and kindred complications might lead to a war that would end in absorption and to this extent the union with Great Britain is a protection o Canada and an annoyance to us; but from he American point of view the absorption of Canada in the United States is only hought of as a possible result of mutual

### The Fewer Changes the Better.

The greatest need of the country at large is stability in monetary affairs and indus-trial conditions. Without assurance of such stability development is hampered, tracts limited, investments uncertain and credits unsettled. Stability of industrial conditions may be secured by leaving the ceneral list of entisfactory tariff schedules edisturbed, while amending the few that need amendment, and making the recom nendations of official experts the basis future changes. The republican party ought o follow this course, since its popular stand ing is inseparable from its dealings with the real interests of the country, and wire policy a always "good politics" for the responsible political agent.

### Shrewd Deal of the Japs.

It is not reported that the contracts for war vessels given by the Japanese government to American shipbuilders contain any mention of premiums for extra speed is it necessary that they should. The Jap anese have been shrewd enough to order The Japsome of their vessels in this country and some in England, letting it be understood you need not pay it.

The indebtedness to the government is yards turning out the most satisfactory that subsequent orders with that subsequent orders with the most satisfactory. The indebtedness to the government is yards turning out the most satisfactory. The work. This is inducement enough to put The indebtedness to the government. The work. This is inducement enough to sense may secured by a second mortgage. The work. This is inducement enough to sense mortgage, according to the funding all the builders on their mettle, and to sense mortgage, according to the funding all the builders on their mettle, and to sense mortgage. The American of shipbuilding. The American government's lien that it cannot be safely in the art of shipbuilding. The American foreclosed. It is proposed under the funding bill arrangement to strengthen the government's security by nearly doubling the recent years has compared very favorably first mortgage lien which is prior to it. In with similar work turned out in England.

Holderge Citizen: The populists have nov full swing at the state house and the people can now wait to see the numerous promised reforms materialise. Fairfield News-Herald: Of course,

slate went through as predicted in the or-ganization of the legislature. The bosses had all things their own way. Hastings Democrat: Lincoln demo-pops certainly have no reason to complain in distribution of the legislative

The members of both houses gave Lincoln everything except their overcoats and galoches, even offering them the use of their meal tickets. Red Cloud Argus: Nebraska democrats fared rather slim in the organization of the Nebraska legislature, the populata takin nearly the entire platter. In Idaho the re-

ows and left them out in the cold. Beatrice Democrat: The populist legis-lature has started out upon its career, and from present indications it will be on the most extravagant aggregations ever held in the state. In the senate, composed of thirty-three members, there are thirty clerks and assistants so far, and pages and enrolling clerks have not yet been selected.

However, it can't be much worse than other legislatures held in this state. Stanton Picket: In the organizing of the good test of the tone prevailing in the community and the buoyant spirit aroused by the triumph of Mr. McKinley. That trade, as we a grapevine lock on their democratic associates, who had the strength to claim and cure a great deal more than they received of Japan a year ago for the Chicago articles of small cost to articles of the great- had they been possessed of a leader of ability who was not kept in check by the promise of pie from the state pie counter. As it is many soft shelled democrats are tremely wroth, and not without some very good reasons.

> Hartington Herald: One thing that has been demonstrated by the new powers at Lincoln is that bossism and dictation are not chargeable alone to the old parties. Human nature is pretty much alike all over this mundane sphere, and the longest pole knocks the persimmon in the fusion camp as well as in that of the enemy. By a vote of 19 to 11 the new state senate crushed which would be governed by practical and the first "reform" motion that came before it. Out of a list of twenty-seven employes, which included an assistant doorkeeper and an assistant postmaster, it was proposed to drop these two useless appendages, with the aforesaid result.

York Times: An effort was made by at unsophisticated populist to cut down the number of senate employes by lopping off two very soon learned, however, that the reform, retrenchment and economy talk of the populists is only to catch votes and that they do not mean it. Senator Ritchie, who made the motion, had the concurrence of all the republican members, but only two of his pulist friends voted with him, nineteen o them voting to employ the two super tumeraries, one of whom is a new creation of the populist party. Instead of cutting down they add to the list of employes.

#### STATE MONEY AND THE BANKS.

Hastings Democrat: The state board in 4% per cent bonds the other day. That the proper way to dispose of school fund accumulations. The board might also in rest this money temporarily in state rants, which are perfectly safe and yield a greater revenue. Interest should be stopped on a million or more of outstanding registered warrants, and the treasurer which does it will be blessed with the people's benediction, even if it isn't strictly legal to use the educational funds for this Grand Island Independent: State Treas

irer Bartley seems to get very little sympathy from the republican state press ge for the manner in which he has handled the state funds in the depository banks. Because a weak populist depository law made it possible to have transferred to several weakling banks funds upon which It was possible to secure interest, while there were outstanding warrants that should have been paid, is no valid reason why he should have permitted himself to placed the state and his party in such an mbarrassing position. Auburn Granger: The officers of the dif-

ferent state depository banks in Nebraska things" by letting them alone, but proceed on the theory that the deposits of whole sheepshed full of suspicion that all is not as it should be. If the treasurer has been complying strictly with the law in depositing state funds he need not kee his acts from the people, and if depository banks have complied with the law the s no reason that they should seek to hide their doing from the public and to so at empt to keep from the public their trans actions not only creates suspicion but considered prima facie evidence o crookedness.

### RIGHTS OF THE GROWLER INVADED

Nebraska City Press: Omaha is the only own in the United States where a laboring nan has been known to go out on a strike ecause his employer refused to permit him o rush the growler. Grand Island Independent: Omaha ha

been the scene of a big strike. Six team-sters of a delivery company "walked out" because the foreman refused to let them "rush the growler." This multiplies the evience that the coming republican administra ion has not been a success. Hamburg (Ia.) Reporter: Express driver

n Omaha have gone out on a strike simpl because they were not allowed to "rush the cap." Their families may be suffering for the necessaries of life, but it must be renembered that the "downtrodden" labori man has a few rights that must not I rampled upon.

### REORGANIZE THE BOARD.

Albion Argus: January 19 the annual ection of state fair officers occurs and i those having the power to choose those offi cers will consider the welfare of the people boy will break the ring that has manipu lated the State Agricultural association for years and inject some new blood into the concern. It has been a case of I ticki you and you tickle me for years, and favor itism in issuing passes and parceling ou fat places to friends, if the Argus is cor rectly acquainted with the case, has greatly decreased the lawful revenues of the asso lation. We have it from one who is a quainted with the facts that thousands o free passes are issued to persons who give o return, either direct or indirect, places with short hours and big pay are provided for henchmen that would disgrace he most luxurious state legislature air ran behind last year, yet the patronage was good, and many of the premiums remain unpaid. The people are entitled to a new deal and should have it. Economy and the proper use of the employment patrona, and issuance of free passes are demanded.

### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Adolph Deucher, the newly-elected president of Switzerland, is a physician, 65 years old, and was once before president, in 1896 The fact is recalled, merely as a coincithat David Bennett Hill started on a lecture tour, struck a frost at the first lecture, and quit. Philadelphia maintained its reputation as

"city of homes" by erecting 4,958 twostory dwellings last year. A big-hearted lawyer at Pratt, Kan hose name is withheld by the local paper, bought a fine Christmas dinner for every

One of the late Joseph B. McCullagh's few amusements was the coinage of new words. He popularized if he did not in-vent the words "boom" and "bar'l," which are only two of several that he managed to introduce into the vernacular.

Among Mrs. Cleveland's aids in the blue com at the New Year's reception was Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, who was the lady of the white house during the presidency of her uncle, James Buchanan. Lane's gracious dignity is one of the traditions of the mansion in the days be fore the war.

Gibson Bowles, M. P., who has just returned to London from Constantinople where he had a private audience with the suitan, declares that never has the influence of Great Britain been less at the France and Russia has never been so

#### PIE NOT DISTRIBUTED TO SUIT. POINTERS FOR THE LEGISLATORS.

Kearney Hub: The populist party used to denounce the caucus, along with the other methods of the old parties, but it was noticed that the caucus was all powerful the opening of the Nebraska legislature.

Pairfield News-Herald: We hope to see legislature get down to business at once make a record above any previous

nesembly. The way to do this is to do reand then come home Wahoo Wasp: A hundred more good of-fices "properly distributed" would go a long way toward healing the bitterness and sooth-is the heartaches of those who asked for plo at the popocratic counter, but were given instead a morael of ordinary taffy.

Grand Island Independent: There is noth ing more inspiring to the farmers than the verse was the rule; the democrats in that excellent annual state fairs, and those who state, with the aid of the republicans, com- would cripple the same by taking away pletely ignored their late political bedfel- what little support is given them by state are no friends to the agri-

> Nebraska City Press: If the populist legsome of the barnacles which by permission of the governor have become attached there to and make a judicious appropriation for the Transmississippi Exposition, many of its shortcomings will be overlooked.

culturists of Nebraska.

Central City Democrat: The thing to do gentlemen of the legislature, is to make a record for common sense, industry, frugaldone your work and don't forget to go home when you're done. There's nothing more obnoxious than a legislature trying to find something to do.

Sterling Eagle: Senator J. H. Dundas withdraw from his party's caucus at Lincoln and refused to be bound by its action. By this action the senator deprived himself of whatever share of patronage was due his district, and while he will be censured the principle he is practicing is right. No representative of the people should be compelled to vote for any measure or person just because a majority of the caucus sale

David City Banner: A very important item for the legislature to consider would be an amendment to the depository laws of the state. They should be so amended as to prevent the deposit of public funds in any one bank of more than 20 per cent of the institution's capital stock. amendment is made it will take banks out of politics so far as the nomination and election of county treasurer goes, and will place a stronger safeguard around the funds.

Sidney Telegraph: The state legislature should be prevailed upon at its acssion to pass more stringent laws against cattle rustling. The cattle industry is a growing one in the west end of the state, and it should be fostered and protected in every way possible. Cattle thefts are of almost daily occurrence, but it is very seldon that a conviction for the crime is heard of. Let the cattlemen have a law drawn up such as will cover the needs, and then irculate petitions praying the legislature to

North Bend Argus: The present session of the legislature should be a busi-ness one and business should be promptly handled. There is no good promptly why the closing days session should witness such a turmoil as occurred two years ago. At that time bills were passed with scarcely a careful reading, not mentioning the consideration due them. A waste of time in idle discussion and Jangling should be abolished and carnest work from beginning to close of the session should be inaugurated.

pass It.

Custer County Beacon: Some of our citisens are clamoring for the passage of a bill by the legislature this winter to make a tax title to real estate as good as a warcanty deed. We would have no objections to such a law if the real estate owner could have a reasonable length of time in which to redeem his land; but by the passage of such a law now, to include those titles already granted without a reasonable limitation four-fifths of the homes in Custer county would immediately pass into the hands of eastern speculators. We will look this matter up and will have something more to cay on the subject later.

Central City Democrat: Speaking generally, the legislature can best are two directions in which its wisdom money in their institutions concern might find an outlet. There should be proonly themselves and the treasurer, and their vided means for more prompt administraion of justice, both civil and criminal. It is a disgrace to our civilization that a case which might be termed the Merrick county



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