

Pulse of Western Progress

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Geneva Signal: We look for the passage by the legislature of bills cutting \$500 from the salaries paid the heads of state institutions. It is the easiest possible way of keeping the reform projects that populist candidates were so lavish with last fall.

Norfolk Journal: The most outrageous piece of political work that has been done by the members of any political party in the state appears to be the bill for the reformation of Douglas county by the "reform" majority of the legislature.

Greely Leader-Independent: In addition to the \$17,000 asked for the Grand Island Home there will be a total of \$12,000 to \$15,000 to be made up for past expenses.

Grand Island Independent: The lawyers in the senate are favoring a bill reducing the price of publishing legal notices, but we have failed to notice any bill from the same source for some time.

THE WRECKED POOL.

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THE SUGAR-COATED COMBINE.

New York World: According to the showing of the Sugar Trust magnates themselves they have made over a start of a billion dollars in ten years.

Chicago Chronicle: It has often been a matter of wonder why so many trusts went to New Jersey to incorporate. Mr. Havermeier explained this in his testimony before the Lexow committee.

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New York World: There are other gigantic trusts whose existence is a matter of common notoriety. They should be probed to the bottom and their true character laid bare.

Boston Transcript: The Sugar trust's arrangement has swollen to a point where there are not unwise combinations, and together they have secured for the state to protect the people against their growing exactions and autocratic sway.

There are two sources of profit, first from the sale of the stock, and secondly, from the manipulation of the stock market, and it is into these latter mysteries that the public mind is thrown.

Wallace Tug: Omaha is tough again—that is, in her normal condition—judging from the fact that she is making a considerable effort to have the city renovated before the opening of the Transmississippi Exposition.

Herman Herald: The Bee is getting after the Omaha police force in a way that makes it well known to the public.

Pender Times: The preachers of Omaha that signed that memorial to the legislature asking that the present police board be re-elected.

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It is reported that there are a large number of deer and elk in the Big Horn mountains this winter. The Buffalo Voice says there is a bunch near Buffalo and that deer are now roaming around in bunches of ten to forty.

Considerable excitement prevails at Sundance over the discovery at Bear Lake, fifteen miles east of this place, of a gold ore lead, which assays high in gold.

The Douglas Mining and Milling company of Douglas expects to shortly begin permanent shipments to Denver from its War Bonnet Peak mine.

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