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Notwithstanding intimations to the contrary Omaha does not see, especially when the weather is light.

The public is anxiously waiting for the exposition subscription that is to announce the reopening of the man who abhors prosperity.

Individual deposits in the national banks of Iowa increased more than \$1,000,000 in three months.

The fruits of the termination of the Union Pacific reversion in the shape of improved and faster train service cannot fall too fast to suit Omaha.

The suggestion of various schemes for getting Hawaii under Uncle Sam's protection surreptitiously does not inspire confidence in the original plan of bringing in the islands by the treaty route.

A California court has been put to the trouble of declaring a divorce from a dead man illegal.

Prof. Schenk is said to be selling territorial rights to his secret in medicine science.

The doctrine that a mortgaged franchise is not taxable is probably a forerunner of the doctrine that the franchisees of the privileged corporations are not taxable at all.

There is no doubt there will be a marked increase in school attendance during the coming year.

Omaha has fulfilled all the conditions for the establishment of the Indian supply depot in this city.

A bill has been introduced in the Iowa senate to fix the middle of the Missouri river as the boundary line between Iowa and Nebraska.

The council certainly deserves credit for standing firm on the assessments of the franchised corporations.

A more shameful waste of time could not well be devised than that of congressmen who insist upon debating on the floor of the house the question, Has prosperity come?

Popernate pretense of steadfast friendship for the greenback will not bear investigation.

Western stock growers have gathered in large numbers in Denver to hold a meeting and organize an association for the purpose of advancing the interests of one of the most important industries in the west.

NOMINATING A SENATOR.

The legislature to be chosen in November of this year will elect a United States senator to succeed William V. Allen.

The Bee does not believe that this is the wise policy to pursue, even if the Republicans of Nebraska could name as their senatorial candidate a man who towers head and shoulders above all competitors.

If we had the election of senators by direct vote of the people, nominations by state convention would be not only proper, but essential.

Under the conditions that confront the republican party in this state, it would be an egregious blunder to tear up the state convention by a senatorial struggle.

The Spanish government has ordered a battleship to visit American ports and it is to be presumed that this reciprocal courtesy will be duly recognized by our people.

That there is still unemployed labor and life capital is true, but the amount of the former is far less than during the years of depression under democratic policy.

The convention that met in Indianapolis to indorse the plan of the monetary commission resolved to push the work for currency reform and the call for a journal was taken subject to the call of the executive committee.

NEEDLESS ALARM IN CANADA.

Before definite arrangements were concluded for the relief expedition to the Klondike region the Canadian government was consulted by the authorities at Washington.

The Toronto Mail and Empire is greatly worried about this relief expedition and characterizes it as "an insult to Canada" because it is to be conducted by the War department of the United States.

The Hawaiian government is taking tardy action in the matter of the objectionable contract labor law.

Denying Prosperity.

In the face of incontestable facts showing improvement in industrial and business conditions and a returning prosperity, the free silver democrats persistently deny that there has been any improvement or that the country is more prosperous than a year ago.

The one unfortunate feature in the industrial situation is the depression in the cotton industry, which has brought about a reduction of wages in New England.

The electric lighting company has no ground for complaint against the city even if its proportion of taxation is higher than that of other franchised corporations.

The Commercial club has asked the council to make provision for a material increase of the police force.

The silver question, like other notorious characters, has gone on in the same old groove and the smartest of them all is to be sent on the road by a syndicate of silver mine owners.

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It will be observed that in three years the balance of trade was against us, and in each instance it was during a democratic administration.

Philadelphia Record: The leading silverites in Washington propose to put dramatic changes in the road in plays which shall propose to the cause of free coinage.

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A LEGISLATIVE NOSTRUM.

The Educational Test on Legislative Blunder of the First Magnitude.

By a vote of 45 to 25 the United States senate recently passed the Lodge bill, which is substantially the same form as it was vetoed by ex-President Cleveland.

After it becomes a law it will take its place among the enacted nostrums of the period. Nobody can tell whether it will do ill or well.

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MEXICO AND FREE SILVER.

Views of an American Opponent Contrasted with Native Opinion.

W. J. Bryan's letter on Mexico and free silver in the New York World concludes as follows:

It would be unfair to give to Mexico financial policy credit for all the progress which the country has made in the last twenty-five years.

The City of Mexico Telegram, a well-considered daily published in the Mexican capital, diagnoses Mr. Bryan's visit to that country and draws the following conclusions:

1. That the conditions of Mexico and the United States are so diametrically opposite that a comparison is not only impossible but even absurd.

2. That the fact that we have a free coinage is not responsible for our present prosperity. In fact, we have a gold standard we should have done so well, if not better.

3. That the present rate of exchange has benefited investment, manufacturing, however, unless the very excellent government we possess at present, through the grace of God and Porfirio Diaz, did not exist.

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POLISHED TO A POINT.

Detroit Journal: "He is a man of fortitude." "I have heard it said of him that he is a child of fortune."

Chicago Record: "Do you believe in the good effects of laughter?" "Certainly, would be invested in this republic, however favorable exchange."

Washington Star: "I believe," Uncle Eben, "that human race would be benefited if we could get a man to laugh in our country."

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Jayway (flushing) I wish you would run out to the alley and get a cat."

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Advertisement for Good-Night Robes, featuring an illustration of a woman in a robe and text describing the product's quality and availability.