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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. Eighty-nine years ago, February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born. The anniversary of his birth will be observed in several states as a legal holiday.

cause the inexorable laws of commerce will compel them to do so. The assertion of the free silver advocates that the supply of gold is becoming relatively smaller and more and more inadequate to the needs of the business world is refuted by the facts.

ness to face these new difficulties rather than to turn at once to election by popular vote arises apparently from his prejudice against federal control of elections and national interference with the right of states to regulate suffrage.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. While the other great powers of Europe are talking about the future of the Chinese empire several thousand Russian troops have been sent to Korea and the ancient capital of Manchuria, the home of the race which furnished the present reigning dynasty in China.

THE MISSOURI EXHIBIT. Must Be Representative of State's Industries and Resources. The collecting committees are at work asking contributions to pay for a Missouri building and exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha.

THE FRENCH JUDICIAL PARC. Indianapolis News: Zola is getting points on evidence. He is not permitted to ask any questions that bear directly on the subject. Minneapolis Tribune: Of all the hideous farces perpetrated in the name of justice that now in progress with Zola as chief character has never had an equal.

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There is one respect in which the memory of Lincoln has been neglected. There is no national monument to commemorate his deeds. There are many statues of him, but none worthy of his fame.

A HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDING. Two weeks ago a Lincoln paper published disclosures of a conspiracy alleged to have been formed at the state capital by certain state house officials to secure a fraudulent recount of the vote on the constitutional amendments.

The few democrats who succeeded in getting seats in the Iowa legislature have been consulting together with a view to agreeing on a bill to encourage the manufacture of liquors in Iowa, and much to the surprise of many of the older democrats of the state the members are not united in their desire for such a measure.

China has a great war indemnity to pay. It is in such political predicament that it has no commercial credit and cannot borrow private money, like a nation of Europe.

MEXICO'S BRAND OF PROSPERITY. The Reasons for It Explained by a Nebraska Man. "I do not deny that there is a kind of prosperity in evidence in the republic of Mexico," said Mr. John A. McShane of Omaha at the Arlington.

Chicago Chronicle: Zola's trial is such a palpable denial of all justice that it is impossible to see how he is to escape conviction. But, on the other hand, whom he believed to be the government is guilty of the hideous crime of which Zola has been accused.

In excuse for the theft of the De Lome letter it might be urged that all is fair in war. Was the larceny of the letter worse than the writing of it?

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Had this been done promptly at Lincoln, where the alleged libel was published and where the offense, if any, was committed, there would be nothing unusual in the proceeding.

South Dakota populist officials have got themselves into a muddle through the avaricious proclivities of some of them. The governor has removed the commissioner of insurance for upholding subordinates in extortionate charges for examinations.

The professed reasons of the German opposition to the appointment of Prince George of Greece as governor of Crete are set forth in a vigorous protest published in the Cologne Gazette.

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Of course Colorado will be at the exposition in all its glory. Participation in the exposition is purely and solely a business proposition and is in no sense whatever a political question.

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If Chairman Edmiston of the populist state committee and his confederates are uncontentious by the recount frauds, why are they so eager to avoid a grand jury investigation into the affair?

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The people of the south are on the right track in regard to manufacturing industries. Alabama is exempting new cotton mills from taxation for ten years and the result is the establishment of three fine mills in the state with others coming.

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If the Canadians are unwilling that American troops be sent to the mining camps along the Yukon river over the trail leading through British territory that is all the greater reason for making haste with the survey of an all-American route to the mining country.

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The value of energetic and intelligent men in the consular service of the United States is more apparent every year. The report of the United States consul at Chefoo, China, makes a fine showing of the increase in consumption of American goods passing through that port.

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