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One by one the federal plums remaining on the Nebraska branch of the tree are dropping.

All the guessers seem to have taken the wrong track on the new secretary of the Interior.

Now for the patriots who are willing to serve the country in the capacity of ambassador to the court of the czar of all the Russias.

As a Christmas present the United States district attorneyship for Nebraska is likely to hold a place near the top of the list.

Having captured the internal revenue collectorship and the United States attorneyship, Lincoln also wants the United States senatorship.

We take it that the superintendent of the Industrial School for Boys evidently penned the portion of his report emphasizing the harmonious administration of the institution previous to the little misunderstanding with his assistant.

The men who compiled the table of probable expenses for the various state institutions appear to have devoted all their mathematic genius to problems of addition.

Every one in Omaha and South Omaha admits the invaluable benefits which would accrue from consolidation of the two cities before the census of 1900.

The attempt of a number of former police officers to force themselves back on the city payroll through the courts brings up the question whether the city is to be subjected to periodic hold-ups for the benefit of unscrupulous lawyers always ready to take dubious cases on a 40 per cent contingent fee.

Reducing interest on warrants drawn against the city treasury is one thing and reducing the volume of the warrants another. So far as the taxpayer is concerned the ideal government for him is the one that does not contract any obligation until it has the money to pay for it when due.

It is greatly to be feared the acquittal of the American who called Emperor William a nuthead on the ground that he was drunk at the time is likely to have a pronounced tendency to increase the consumption of strong drink in Germany, particularly among people who feel an attack of imperial disgust overcoming them.

The people of Jamaica have very wisely concluded they can themselves do something to remedy the conditions which have brought ruin upon that once prosperous land, and have banded together to revive the trade of the island.

The imaginative correspondent at Cape Haytien who during the late war daily reported heroic cannonading in the Windward passage seems to have emerged from retirement long enough to assassinate President Heureau of the Dominican republic.

The projectors of the Norfolk-Yankton railroad are again reviving the project. So far as Omaha is concerned it would open up a new territory, but only touches upon the borderland of a section which should have direct rail communication with this city through a road controlled by Omaha capital, which could be depended on to be a check on roads which persist in forcing traffic to other terminal points of their lines.

MARKETS WE SHOULD CULTIVATE.

While seeking to obtain a larger share of the commerce of the far east American manufacturers and merchants should abate no effort to cultivate the markets south of us, in the trade of which the share of the United States is very much less than we should have.

The commissioner reported that the financial part of all this business is carried through Europe. European vessels carry the goods, Europe receives the commissions and freights and sells most of the goods consumed in South America, while the United States is the largest purchaser.

In the opinion of those who have intelligently and thoroughly studied the matter, nothing is more essential to the increase of our trade with South America than the establishment of an international bank to facilitate exchanges, but the house of representatives has just rejected a bill providing a charter for such an institution.

There should be an increase of trade, that there should be American steamship lines to the ports of South America. These, however, are not likely to be established unless encouraged by the government and there does not appear to be any probability that the required encouragement will be given.

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BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Example of Iowa Commented to Nebraska Law Makers. Western Medical Review. At the last session of the Iowa legislature a law was passed, which placed all the charitable, correctional, and penal institutions of that state under one board, consisting of three members, and called "The Board of Control."

The Board of Education seems disposed to quibble over the proposed establishment of permanent tenure for public school teachers. While each member of the board constantly complains of the intolerable nuisance of the system by annual election of teachers, when it comes to abolishing the political wrangling he fears he may be giving up some privilege of value.

The colonial expansionists in the north who denounce so vigorously the laws in some southern states which render it practically impossible for a large portion of the colored population to vote should turn their eyes to Hawaii, where it has been deemed necessary to put limitations both upon officeholding and suffrage.

While public cleanliness should always be the rule, an extra effort should be made to enforce observance of the sanitary regulations and abate nuisances so long as smallpox or similar contagious disease is prevalent in any form in the community.

The United States senate adjourned for the holiday recess of two weeks without having considered the resolution providing for the appointment of a select committee of five senators to visit Cuba and Porto Rico and report as to conditions on those islands.

No year in the history of the country ever closed so full of realization and promise as 1898.

Within a year President McKinley has been east, west, north and south without finding the enemy's country.

Dewey's ability to say nothing when there is nothing to say is one of the things that adds to his popularity. In altogether too many instances heroes have said nothing when trying to say something.

We detect a flavor of the ridiculous in the assumption of imperialism that it represents progress or radicalism. It is hard to see the progress or the radicalism in a policy that involves the annexation of islands, taxes, and which knocks certain details of government into a cocked hat.

We are glad that the president and some of the most conspicuous heroes of the war add to his popularity. Atlanta welcomes them all. From his jubilee influences of good will go forth and extend far beyond the limits of Atlanta, beyond the boundaries of Georgia and to the uttermost limits of our reunited republic.

Whew! Army appropriations for 1900 to the extent of \$144,000,000! Add pension appropriations, which are always covered by the military budget abroad, and we have the cost of our military arm reaching \$233,000,000 a year! This is more than \$100,000,000 above the cost of militarism in Russia! Let's save something by cutting off our sympathy for the oppressed Russians.

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ECHOS OF THE WAR.

Pennsylvania's tribute to the splendid genius of Rear Admiral Schley displayed in the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, is in the form of a sword, scabbard and belt, said to be the finest ever manufactured in this country.

The grip is covered with fine sharkskin bound with gold wire and inlaid with gold stars. The pomel, the head of the hilt, is set with a large fire opal, the huck stone for October.

Politics is not considered in the selection of superintendents. The truthfulness of this statement is verified by the recent action of the board in selecting a democrat for one of the most important asylum superintendencies in Iowa, though a majority of the board are republicans.

It is not this year, when the governor and legislature are of different political parties, that the appointment by the governor of politically selected officers for these institutions, and in turn the selection of employees by the political superintendents, is not for the best interests of either the taxpayers or the institutions.

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FLASHES OF BIRTH.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Are you superstitious?" "Well, yes, a little. What about it?" "You've just declined our invitation to read a paper on the proper management of children."

Washington Star: "Poor Mrs. Motherdew!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton's wife. "What has happened to her?" "She has declined our invitation to read a paper on the proper management of children."

Harpers Bazar: "What answer did the quartermaster make to the charge that he had fed the regiment for an entire week on nothing but sawdust?" "Why, he said that he had always understood that sawdust was fine bread."

Detroit Free Press: "Papa, it speaks here of a burst of confidence. What does it mean?" "Failure of a trusted bank," growled the old gentleman, who had just been hit by that sort of a calamity.

Indianapolis Journal: "I think that the prospect of peace is very good," remarked one European. "Yes, answered the other, 'unless the czar and the Kaiser get to quarreling over who deserves credit for bringing it about.'"

Chicago Record: "My daughter's employer drove the poor girl to matrimony." "He worked her so hard that she married the first man who asked her." "Who was the man?" "Her employer."

Chicago Tribune: The police justice who had the reputation of being a strictly up and right and honest officer of the law, and had little business in coming to Chicago, was indignantly rebuffed at the frayed edges of the judicial overcoat.

Indianapolis Journal: "The senator said he would not talk for publication," said the reporter as he hung up his hat. "Do you think he meant it?" "The city editor." "I am sure he did. The language he used was utterly unfit for publication."

Denver Post. Ye poete satte and tore hys hair and sawed ye naked foot. And chewed hys pencil till hys jawes exhausted were, and sore. And rolled hys eyes in frensy fynne, and raked hys surging braine For inspirative fyre to frame ye Christ-mas daye refrain.

Ye muse was in a sulking mood, refused to heede hys call. And Pegasus in stubborn balk declined to leave hys stall. Until ye heard a beam of joye lit up ye poete fayre.

Ye rhymed of mansions standing in ye shade of oaks, and laurel. Of laughter borne from happy lips ye ye leasung of ye.

Of Christmas' table studded o'er with thymes a god would crave. And ruddy sparkling wines o'er which ye coloure would rave. He hastened to ye prynter man, who read with care ye refrain.

Then gave him all ye stuffe he had, a dollar fifteen cent; Ye poete clutched with eager hand ye pile of needed cash. And revelled in a Christmas feast of simple corned beefs hash.

CHRISTMAS HINTS.

Shop-worn women, bewildered with the confusion of the big department stores can find rest here.

More than that, they can find just what the men want, at they cannot do in the general shops.

Here are a few hints, a condensed catalogue of some of the items in the handsome glass show cases of our furnishing department. They are worth looking over and at.

First of all, clothing, of course, for men and boys. Then smoking jackets, mackintoshes, neckwear, shirts, umbrellas, fancy suspenders, scarf pins and links, handkerchiefs of a dozen kinds, mufflers, pajamas, sweaters, bath robes, gloves and canes.

These are some of the things. Come in and see how much else you can find that is suggestive of holiday gifts for the men and boys of the house.

Special Offer. A Klondike Puzzle given away with each purchase made in our Children's Department on second floor.

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