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AS TO TRANSVAAL RECOGNITION. The former consul of the Transvaal republic at London, himself an Englishman, is in Washington, it is said with the intention of asking recognition from our government as the diplomatic representative of that republic.

The question of giving diplomatic recognition to the Transvaal republic under existing conditions appears to be a somewhat delicate one and there is apparent a disposition on the part of the opposition to the administration to make political capital out of it.

The South African republic has never had a diplomatic representative in the United States. It has had a consul here and the United States is represented by a consul at the Transvaal capital.

Whenever a public man is honest and courageous enough to expose corruption and fraud he is sure to be maligned and abused by the enemies he has made.

The latest in runaway episodes comes in the form of truant school boys starting for the Boer war. Who says young America is not keeping pace with the ancestors' tricks?

The first duty and interest of Omaha taxpayers is to top off surplus tax-eaters and pie-biters. The next is to plug up all the leaks in the court house, city hall and school board.

A good many political cranks are trying to swim into office on top of the water works settling basins, but they may find themselves at the bottom of the basins, like other Missouri river tailings.

The politicians are now bombarding the kofje on which the fusion members of the supreme court are entrenched. If so relief column heaves in sight, the only alternative will be to surrender the supreme court clerkship.

Anna Gould's husband denies that he has lost his wife's money in speculation or gambling. This is doubtless good news to the groceryman and the tailor who have been in some doubts about filling the last orders.

pleated with him, but honest men are not victimized in that way. No sane man believes that the exposure made by the detectives covers all the crooked deals perpetrated by the offenders.

If some obstinate American mule should take a notion to run away with the duke of Marlborough's collection of feather beds, air-pillows, jellies and fans the dear duke might be forced to sleep on the ground and eat salt horse and hardtack.

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NEBRASKA POLITICAL POTPOURRI. Hasings Tribune (rep.): The Tribune believes that the best thing the republican state central committee can do, when it meets at Lincoln on Wednesday, February 7, is to fix the convention for electing delegates to the national convention and the convention for nominating the state ticket for one and the same time.

Beaver City Tribune (rep.): The state court clerkship is the chief plum in sight now, and the democrats and populists are fighting for it with a vengeance.

Central City Nonpareil (rep.): Whenever there is a fat appointment to be made it immediately precipitates a riot in the fusion ranks. The clerkship of the supreme court is no exception.

O'Neill Independent (pop.): The fusion papers which are advocating the fusion ticket are not so happy. Nebraska democrats are called upon to make many sacrifices for "reform" these days.

Seward Reporter (rep.): The republican state committee has been called to meet at Lincoln on February 7, for the purpose of calling a convention to elect delegates to the national convention.

Howell Journal (dem): When the next fusion state convention is held an entirely different division of reform parties will be in evidence.

When General Wheeler reaches home he will find his future program all mapped out for him.

New York is flaring up its profit and loss on account of the Mazon commission. The latest estimate is: Debt, \$50,000; assets, nothing.

The fireplace in the dining room of Captain Sigbee's Washington house is decorated with carved wood from the wreck of the battleship Maine.

John B. McDonald, with whom New York's rapid transit commissioners are glad to make a \$5,000,000 contract for a subway, was born in Ireland and is a democrat.

TRUST OUT POPULATRIC CANDIDATES. Pender Republic (rep.): Nick Fritz is being mentioned by some of his friends as a candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings to adorn the fusion ticket this fall.

Madison Star (pop.): Edgar Howard, editor of the Papillon Times, is being pushed by his friends for the nomination for state auditor.

Wayne Herald (rep.): Senator Hale of Madison has undertaken the nomination for the nomination for state auditor on the fusion ticket, and Nick Fritz of Pender for land commissioner.

Chicago News: "Why do you poison yourself with that vile stuff?" asked the prohibitionist of a seedy individual who was trying to attract some consolation from a black bottle.

Harlem Life: Wife—I wish I could get something to keep the rats from coming into the house. Husband—Why don't you do your own cooking?

Indianapolis Press: The Optimist—America and England must ever stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder.

Detroit Free Press: Miss Polkadot—My fiancé is so generous. There is nothing he likes better than spending money on other people.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Fancy how I have taken this possession beyond the pale of civilization, order, law."

Washington Star: "I see," said the man with a piece of newspaper, "that New York is going to block up the river to prevent people from coming."

Philadelphia North American: When the glorious war in the east is done, and the savage and the fiend, the pig and the rat, are exterminated, let us have a great work will go on in the Blue Grass State.

But, best die hero than die galoot. At least, down there, where the morals run down, and the fiend and the pig, where the natives toil to shape a fate that will crown with honor the Blue Grass State.

Work will be spread in the Blue Grass State.

Advertisement for Opportunity, featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit and the text: 'It's possible that any man—double or single—may lose his best opportunity through indifference to dress. You say you look as well as you care to or your pocketbook will permit—Granted. But your coat COULD fit—your trousers COULD be cut properly—your vest COULD be right—and so COULD the rest of your outfit. And for the same money you pay for ill-fitting outfits. This is house cleaning season with us and we have applied the broom with vigor in many places, and if you are interested in clothes, we have some sweeping values to offer at \$10, \$15, \$18 and \$20.'