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It was different when Populist State Treasurer Messer looked after our state's finances. But the chief difference was that he had more idle school money secretly planted in favored banks than his republican successor. Not only is the assertion untrue that under Messer every cent of state money was accounted for and every cent of idle money drawing interest for the benefit of Nebraska taxpayers, but Treasurer Messer persistently refused to tell where any of the money was and was defiantly deaf to every demand made upon him for an exhibit of the whereabouts of the school money.

THE GROWTH THAT COINCS. While the building season now approaching an end has brought Omaha only a few large structures of notable pretensions, it has added hundreds of new dwellings and small building improvements, which constitute the growth that counts.

As a city of homes Omaha will compare well with other and even larger western cities that compete with it for population growth. Not only is the demand for dwellings of moderate pretensions steady, but the constantly increasing supply no more than keeps pace with this demand. The vast area over which the city is spread alone prevents visitors from receiving a true impression of the substantial character of this growth.

PANAMA CANAL PROPOSALS. The president of the Panama Canal company, who recently arrived in this country with the understood purpose of submitting proposals to the government for the transfer of the company's canal property to the United States, is in Washington and has been in conference with the president of the Isthmian Canal commission, Rear Admiral Walker.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post states that in the opinion of members of congress who are at the national capital, the bent remains stronger toward the Nicaragua route than toward the Panama route, and the latter will have to have its claims presented with great clearness and force in order to make a favorable impression in the face of such odds.

Mighty Close Call. Nebraska rumors state that fusion is not dead there. The elevator just dropped about three stories and most of the politicians have "come to."

The Popular Verdict. The country is prepared to hear that the naval battle of Santiago was won by the United States fleet. This impression is so strong in the public mind that it cannot be disputed.

Strenuous Life. An Omaha man who thinks he has invented perpetual motion wants to marry a woman with \$1,000 ready money. He will be bound to get something perpetual in case he succeeds in finding her.

Anything or "Don't" Justice. A murderer appealing to the United States supreme court contends that he cannot be executed, as he is already legally dead by some technicality. This plea has been made with great humorous effect in comic opera, but it is new as a matter of sober earnest.

Punishing the Cuban Crooks. Philadelphia Record. Lead-heel justice has been unusually slow in reckoning with the perpetrators of Cuban postal frauds, but the punishment seems likely to be exemplary and crushing in the end.

World-Herald as Bartley's Mouthpiece. Kearney Hub. It is an unenviable reputation that the World-Herald is getting as the personal organ and mouthpiece of Joe Bartley, treasury wrecker, prince of embezzlers and gentleman convict, and the worst of it is that the role is played without shame and with the approval of a strong and legitimate ends. It is the Omaha World-Herald that made the first strong, urgent plea for the pardon of Bartley.

There were doubtless reasons, some of which are suspected, why it should have done so. It was the World-Herald which commended in the strongest language the parole of this same Bartley and wept crocodile tears when he was returned to the "pen" at the behest of the republican state convention. The jig being up so far as a present or early prospective hope for the convict is concerned the World-Herald is being to work out such little revenge as may be possible.

course, that the government will pay millions of dollars for unworthy claims, as it has done in the past.

Never Too Late to Learn. President Eliot's remark that he does not believe there is any period of human life between birth and death which should not be characterized by a process of drill, and that an adult is infinitely more capable of advantageous drill than a child, recalls the late William Morris Hunt's answer to an inquiry from one of his pupils as to the age at which a person ought to undertake the study of art.

Fees of the McKinley Surgeons. Cleveland Leader. We are loathe to credit the story which comes from Washington that congress will be asked to pay \$100,000 to the doctors who attended President McKinley. Doubtless every one in the audience that heard these remarks for any such sum, or that anyone should think it necessary to give them so much money. Any division of \$100,000 among these medical men would give them about \$5,000 apiece.

Marked Cut in the Estimates for the Fiscal Year. Philadelphia Ledger. There is further confirmation of Secretary Root's businesslike and efficient administration of the war department in the report from Washington that the estimates for "the support of the army" during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, are \$16,000,000 lower than the amount appropriated for the same purposes this fiscal year.

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It is certainly gratifying to know that the people who live in Omaha are steadily improving the character of their homes and enjoying the advantages of better construction, more modern conveniences for light, water and heat and generally improved conditions that make for comfort and happiness.

The district court of Lancaster county has run up against a unique proposition in a Seventh Day Adventist Juror who refuses to serve on Saturday. The conflict of science and religion is not a circumstance to this conflict of religion and citizenship. It often happens that a Juror is compelled to be out on both Saturday and Sunday, and if one class could lay off one Sabbath day the others would be equally privileged to draw the line on the regularly observed Sabbath.

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THE COAL SUPPLY. A Measure of Consolation for Consumers of Black Diamonds. Philadelphia Record. Those who draw a continuous line in the common thread of Americans are prone to small families, but the showing now substantiates that ancient doctrine most emphatically.

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think that he can fight his way out of prison in this manner and the World-Herald evidently has no choice in the matter of aiding him in whatever manner it can.

Young men who would like to better their position in the world and are willing to work should take encouragement from the recent speech of the secretary of the treasury before an audience of bank clerks in Denver. Mr. Gage was discussing the matter of salaries and made the statement that if he could get twenty young men in Denver who were properly equipped for banking he could find them places at \$25,000 a year each.

It is not on record that any of these young men made himself known to Mr. Gage, but he had merely put into concrete form the generalization of thousands of philosophers who have for ages been wondering what can be done by the determined. Emerson expressed it in only slightly different fashion when he said to young men that if they wanted anything they should take the necessary steps to get it.

Washington Gossip. Official society at the national capital in becoming more interested in the approaching coming-out party of Miss Alice Roosevelt, which will take place in the East room of the White House on the second day of the new year. The function will be in the form of a 5 o'clock tea, although the formality and elegance which will mark the occasion will lend official character to the event.

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quite a young man, but he had the equipment necessary, and he was soon elevated from his clerkship to be an assistant secretary. A few months ago he resigned to enter the service of the greatest financial corporation of New York as its vice president.

The fact is, opportunities are just as good for young men to make fortunes here as they ever were. If they prefer to labor in the fields of science or scholarship, the rewards are surer and more satisfying, but it is in the power of any man to achieve a moderate competence, and those who are willing to pay the price of self-denial may become rich in the same way as the elder Astor and Vanderbilt heaped up their colossal fortunes.

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site or house for stakes the amount of which would have filled their constituents with horror.

"There are many men in official life today," says a letter to the Chicago Tribune, "who can remember the night when a cabinet officer, in discussing with another member of the president's official family, a question of national import, grew heated through force of argument or flush of wine and struck his colleague in the mouth with his clenched fist." The participants immediately retired to a private room, where their friends, where the name of the historic dueling ground of Bladensburg was again brought into prominence and there was much talk of "honor" and "satisfaction."

The matter was at last peacefully adjusted. Nextly, it is said, through the intervention of Chamberlain himself and the exercise of his personal influence with the participants. Other famous quarrels occurred, as when two senators rolled about the floor in deadly embrace during a poker game, when one was accused of playing a bobbed-fish.

On the death of John Chamberlain at Saratoga the hotel bearing his name passed into the hands of Edward K. Somborn, his intimate friend and financial backer in many of his undertakings, and it was continued for the benefit of Mrs. Chamberlain under the name of the "Little Hotel." A great number of the intimates and associates of Chamberlain stopped there for old association's sake while in Washington, the place had lost its prestige and gradually but surely slipped out of popularity.

RAW MATERIAL FOR CITIZENS. Accessions to the Material Strength of the Country. Philadelphia Bulletin. Out of 888,931 immigrants who landed at the port of New York during the last year, 131,658 were Italians and nearly 90,000 more were from Poland, Hungary, Croatia and Galicians, Germany, Scandinavia and Ireland, which have in the past contributed so largely to the population of the United States, sent together only about 75,000 emigrants, or less than one-fifth of the whole number.

These young ladies are Miss Elinor Roosevelt, the daughter of the president's brother, Elliot; Miss Christine Roosevelt, daughter of Senator Knowlton, and Miss Marie Dorothy Roosevelt, daughter of Mrs. Hiltborne Roosevelt of Boston, Mass.

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