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We are all for expansion now—expansion of the area of sidewalks cleared of snow and ice.

Even the patient democratic mule objects to the load Congressman Wheeler sought to put upon him.

The pending meeting of the city council protracted by repeated recesses awaiting the outcome of tax levy litigation is likely to go down into history as the long session.

The World-Herald flashes another headline upon the public, "Ransom Paid—No Results." We protest against such local allusions in connection with those Bulgarian bandits.

Statistics show that the bank deposits of Nebraska amount to \$79.16 for each person in the state. Few Nebraskans are complaining these days about the financial situation.

Eastern papers are not likely to say anything for a few days about western blizzards. They have snow enough piled up on the sidewalks to keep them busy for a few days.

If that whispered offer to buy the auditorium site at an advance of \$20,000 to \$25,000 over the purchase price is not a bluff the auditorium directory will do well to call it without delay.

A recent sale calls attention to the fact that Nebraska possesses the largest herd of pure bred Hereford cattle in the world.

Colonel Bryan is going to Columbus, O., to confer with Colonel Kilbourn, late democratic candidate for governor in that state.

A compressed air plant for Omaha is said to be a possibility. With so many hot air plants working overtime in this community the compressed air promoters need not expect to have the field to themselves.

Delegates to the woman's suffrage convention reported that the women of Spanish-American countries were apathetic in political matters.

It is greatly to be feared that the taste of high-class band concerts at low-priced admission given our people by successive concert festivals has seriously impaired the ability of concert masters to command full prices for band music no matter how good or how popular.

A convention of musicians has denounced "Yankee Doodle" and several other national airs as musical trash.

An officer of the German army has been sentenced to six years imprisonment for killing a man in a duel.

Having managed to worry along without a gymnasium and special physical culture training up to this time, the High school pupils will doubtless be able to survive a little longer without them.

The state land commissioner announces 22,000 acres of school land in Nebraska are now available for lease.

It would seem that this should be satisfactory to the Nicaragua advocates, whose claims have been very greatly weakened by the report of the canal commission favorable to Panama.

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PROTECT THE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

The rural mail delivery, even in the brief time it has been under trial, has proved such a success that the people look to congress to protect it, however threatened.

The pernicious influence which the contract scheme would have upon rural mail delivery can be readily foreseen. The contractor would, of necessity, be accorded the privilege of subletting his contract, and the selection of carriers according to their qualifications and fitness would be taken entirely out of the control of the postoffice authorities.

How vitally Nebraska is interested in this question will be understood when it is known that this state already has nearly 400 regular and substitute rural mail carriers, who were placed under the civil service rules by an order which went into effect the first of the present month.

Rural mail delivery was welcomed largely because it promised to do away with the remnants of the star routes and the people will not sit idly by while it is subverted for an extension of the very contract system it was expected to curtail.

According to advices from Washington members of congress who were disposed to look favorably upon the postoffice committee's recommendation are having their eyes opened to the perilous consequences with which it would be accompanied.

While this political assignment has been forced in Kansas as a result of a new ballot law, which prohibits the printing of candidates' names more than once upon the official ballot, it is of special interest to Nebraska because the allied forces of reform in the two states have largely traveled the same path.

As we have already said regarding the republican senators, we believe they will be disposed to regard the popular demand for the removal of the war taxes, as their party was pledged to by its last national convention.

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Lincoln rushed through a franchise for the benefit of a certain corporation in a single evening. Is it possible they do such things in the good city of Lincoln without so much as a protest from the Journal, that is always so eager to denounce the Omaha council for every move of questionable advisability?

Omaha grocers have been invited to walk into the parlor of a co-operative oil company about to be launched in the shadow of the Standard Oil works at Cleveland.

Let this matter be left to the determination of President Roosevelt, who can be depended upon to see that American interests are properly cared for.

What will be done by the senate with the war tax reduction bill is a subject of speculation and probably nothing definite will be known until the measure comes before that body.

Chicago Tribune. If Prince Henry sees in the crowd that greets him on his arrival in this country a fierce-looking man with a chip on his shoulder he will know it is Windy Wheeler of Paducah.

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WHO WAS OUR FRIEND IN 1898?

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The ultimate fact, which is of all the most important to remember, is that the ostentatious British claim upon our gratitude for a course of exceptional and signal service to the United States in preventing or discouraging a European coalition against this country, is mere treachery.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Keelings of People and Events at the National Capital. "As it seems to be quite the thing for Nebraskans visiting Washington to tell grasshopper stories, I will add my little mite to the crop which has already been sprung," said Judge W. M. Robertson of Norfolk, Neb., to the Washington Post.

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Advertisement for Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Includes an illustration of a man and a woman, and text: "No cures to report, no long record of testing, nothing to give you confidence—but talk, all talk. That's the truth about nearly all cough medicines. But there's a record of 60 years of cures back of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. And physicians endorse it, prescribe it for colds, bronchitis, and coughs of all kinds. Probably your own doctor does. Ask him. He knows all about it—has the formula."