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On his next visit Prince Henry will not be satisfied to go home without taking in Omaha.

One prosperous year of the term which President Roosevelt has been called to serve has elapsed.

Prince Henry saw plenty of water when he was in the east and south. Now it is Milwaukee's turn.

Prince Henry may be an early riser, but the Kaiser will have to get up still earlier to get ahead of Uncle Sam.

The question is will Chicago's reception to the prince open the door of Germany wider to our American meats?

If Lincoln is the moral paradise its hands sing time in its sanctified precincts?

Fort Crook is about to welcome back the old Twenty-second infantry and Omaha will join in extending a cordial greeting.

Banks that can carry school warrants on 5 per cent interest ought to be willing to pay at least some rate of interest on deposits of county money.

The United States supreme court has held the Illinois law which prohibits option trading to be constitutional.

A member of the German Reichstag has delivered himself of a screed on the visit of Prince Henry to this country.

The Turkish government has denied liability for the kidnapping of Miss Stone.

As was to have been expected, the usual number of notoriety-seeking pulpit pounders have fractured the atmosphere in imitation of Congressman Wheeler's denunciation of Prince Henry's visit.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he is willing that Americans should take his yacht and race it with an American crew against Columbia.

A report to the British Parliament by the War office states that American mules are greatly admired.

The president of the British Association of Chambers of Commerce expresses himself as being in no way fearful of the United States becoming a serious competitor in the shipping industry.

Give the local pro-Boer organization credit for persistence in trying to project its cause to the front at every opportunity.

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PROMOTE AMERICAN SHIPPING.

The bill before the senate proposes to promote the building up of an American merchant marine for our foreign commerce by government aid in the form of subsidy. It contemplates, as pointed out by Senator Frye, the application of the protective policy to the shipping interests, which the Maine senator said has been without protection for fifty years.

President McKinley said: "Next in advantage to having the thing to sell is to have the convenience to carry it to the buyer. We must encourage our merchant marine. We must have more ships. They must be under the American flag, built and manned and owned by Americans."

This matter is of the greatest importance to our commercial progress and no section of the country has a monopoly of interest in it. An American merchant marine would be no less beneficial to the agricultural producers of the west and south than to the manufacturers of the east and the middle states.

The outlook for the proposed legislation, appears to be more favorable than ever before. It is the intention of Senator Frye to push the bill in the senate and while the opposition will undoubtedly freely discuss it, it is possible that a vote on it will be reached within a reasonable time.

As to the first, the comptroller seeks to explain that while it is not a correct statement of the municipal debt, yet it ought not to be misleading. The fact, however, that this statement has misled nearly every one who has seen it is the best argument that it ought never to have been issued in such form.

As to the second statement, it is equally unfair to Omaha, although it includes the school district as well as the city. To one not familiar with the facts it would indicate that Omaha had far exceeded the statutory limits on its legal indebtedness.

In the first place, the special assessment bonds, aggregating \$1,333,100, are not debts of the city, but of the particular improvement districts against which they have been issued.

In the second place, the bonds, moreover, are merely accommodations for the owners of the property benefited, who, instead of being required to pay for the pavement or sewer, as the case may be, in a lump sum, are by this device permitted to make their payments in annual installments extending over a ten-year period.

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period of their very maximum and adding every claim of colorable validity. While the outstanding warrants designated as "general levy fund warrants" on December 31, 1900, were something over \$325,000, according to the books of the city treasurer the average for the year 1900 was only \$273,174.

The reduction of price of electric lighting lamps under the proposed new contract is expected to enable the city to extend its lighting area. The additional lamps, however, should not be all placed on the outskirts of the city, as there are several dark corners in the business center that should have attention.

The local labor unions having adjusted their difficulties with the Ak-Sar-Ben managers, would do well to smooth out the path for the coming season in all other directions as well.

Leaders of Great Epochs. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Secretary Hay's grouping of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley is further justified by the fact that their birthday anniversaries occur within twenty-five days of one another.

Let's "Hook" Again. Cleveland Leader. While the commerce of the United States with Germany amounts in value to nearly \$300,000,000 a year, why should not the people of this country show a friendly spirit toward those of the fatherland?

Back to His Knitting. Philadelphia Press. The genial Admiral Evans appears to have recovered from his schrecklicher kazenjammer and has resumed his place in the agreeable ceremony of showing off the country to our distinguished German guest.

Marie Throws a Fit. Buffalo Express. Marie Corell gave to a Glasgow audience the other day a version of the nursery tale of "Little Red Riding Hood" in which Great Britain was the sweet little girl and the United States was the savage-eyed long-fanged wolf waiting to devour her.

Utilizing Cornstalks. Portland Oregonian. A few days ago a company was incorporated in Baltimore with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, which controls patents whereby they can utilize the tremendous growth in the straw industry between the United States and the United States.

THE PANAMA COMPLICATION. The position taken by the Colombian government in regard to the proposed transfer of the property of the Panama canal company to the United States introduces a new complication which will delay negotiations, if it shall have no other effect.

EDUCATING THE INDIAN. Plea for Mental Training on or Near the Reservation. Salt Lake Herald. Not many years ago a young Indian who had had all the advantages of an elaborate education returned to his tribe.

STRICTURE AGAINST BOASTING AMONG TRAINMEN. Chicago Record-Herald. The adoption by the Burlington road of more stringent rules against the use of liquor by employes is a movement in the interest of public safety and good railroad service.

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POLITICS IN THE FUSION FOLD.

Madison Mall: Thus far the names of John S. Robinson and Rufus A. Tawny have been mentioned as probable candidates for nomination by the fusionists for congress. They are good men and well qualified for the office.

Holdrege Progress: Gubernatorial candidacy is just now a virulent epidemic in Nebraska. There is scarcely a citizen in the state who has a favorite whom they think would look well in the governor's chair.

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Two lawyers began to use some pretty sharp language toward each other in a court in Charleston, S. C., but were quickly brought to book by Magistrate Meminger, who admonished them and told them down to earth that the United States senate in which the case was being tried.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt of Hyde Park, N. Y., has just been elected secretary of the Harvard Crimson, one of the high literary honors which Harvard university has to offer to its under graduates.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

It is quite evident that Mrs. Collette P. Huntington, widow of the late railroad magnate, did not join in the protest of American women to the secretary of the treasury against the annoying searching of baggage of foreign tourists by customs officers at the port of New York.

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