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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, Neb., for the month of February, 1902, was as follows:

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 25th day of February, A. D. 1902.

With the order of precedence in the royal procession finally arbitrated, the other preparations for King Edward's coronation may go on in safety.

The outlook for Omaha in the building trades has seldom been better in advance of the actual opening of the building season.

Long distance observers think they see an early adjournment of congress in sight. No one on the outside will enter any very strenuous objections if they make good with this forecast.

The members of the Taxpayers' league of South Omaha who were the active agents in procuring the indictment of the school board boudlers now have a chance to show whether they mean business or not.

It is a pretty safe prediction that President Roosevelt is not destined to become popular with convicted crooks anxious to break out of prison by the pardon route before they have expired half their sentences.

It is to be noticed that the populist papers are not prating so much of late about the wonderful record made by ex-Treasurer Meserve when he was placed in charge of Nebraska's strong box as the embodiment of reform morality.

One of the civil service commissioners has resigned to get back into the active vortex of politics. One would imagine the civil service commission was constantly rubbing up against politics sufficiently to suit the most fastidious.

The pertinent notation made by President Roosevelt on an application for pardon, saying that he regrets it is not in his power to increase the sentence of the culprit, leaves no room for doubt what the answer would have been to the petition for the pardon of ex-Treasurer Bartley had Roosevelt been governor of Nebraska.

The Real Estate exchange must not be so absorbed in its mandamus case as to overlook the county assessors when they start out to make up the assessment lists for county and state taxation.

The populists in congress are encountering no difficulty in organizing their congressional campaign committee. There are so few of them who have not gone bag and baggage into the democratic camp that their trouble is to place the officers without doubling up rather than in deciding between ambitious aspirants for chairmanships and secretaryships.

Chairman Jones of the democratic national committee is having hard sledding in his quest for a re-election to represent the state of Arkansas in the United States senate.

IRRIGATION IN THE HOUSE.

The irrigation bill, it appears probable, will not pass the house as easily as it did the senate, though there seems to be good reason to believe that it will pass.

Eastern opposition to the measure is voiced in the report submitted by Representative Ray of New York, which condemns the bill as unconstitutional.

This provision of the bill is held to be unconstitutional and it is further claimed also to be unconstitutional for the reason that congress has no power to provide for the irrigation improvement of its public lands situated within a state.

How strong the opposition is has not yet been manifested, but the friends of the measure express confidence that its opponents will be unable to defeat it.

It should be borne in mind that the irrigation bill as passed by the senate is a compromise measure agreed upon after thorough discussion by the representatives of the states directly concerned in irrigation.

As originally drawn the bill limited each state to the amount realized from the sale of public lands within the boundaries, but this feature has been dropped so as to give equal opportunities to all the states to secure their pro rata of the aggregate receipts from public land sales regardless of location.

While the bill now before the house may still be defective in some particulars, it embodies substantially all that the people of the semi-arid region can hope to secure from congress at this time.

Next to the South African war the most serious matter confronting the British government is the growing disaffection in Ireland, or rather the increasing aggressiveness of the disaffection.

It is said that never before since the best days of Parnell has there been in Ireland any such solidarity of public sentiment; never before since the time of that abject of Irish Parliamentary leaders has the home rule party been so well organized and directed as it is today.

very encouraging to the idea that the men in control of the party machinery can by that device manipulate things just as they please. The candidate in whose interest the scheme was projected has fallen by the wayside notwithstanding the fact that his friends had complete mastery of the party organization.

The decision of the secretary of the treasury to discontinue for the present the purchase of bonds, which has been going on for nearly a year, is said to be with a view to checking the retirement of bank circulation.

The action of Secretary Shaw in this matter is unquestionably judicious and there is reason to expect that it will have the desired result.

It is simply a question of time when the act of the secretary of the treasury will be to put more money in circulation. How long the stoppage of bond purchases by the treasury will be maintained depends upon financial conditions.

How much longer the fantastic Barbary Ridge of Lincoln, Neb., to remain even nominally at the head of what was once a party of ideas and principles? How much longer is his raven croak of "Never say die" to remain over the heads of the party paralysis and incapacity?

Why does Kansas invariably lead us in developing new lines of industry? Why is it that the state produces even a first class liar? We don't want to hurt the feelings of any of our Omaha friends, but really we can't call to mind at this moment a single liar whom we could consider of the first magnitude.

As the law officer of the city the city attorney is presumed to represent the taxpayers of Omaha who are compelled to contribute toward the maintenance of the city government.

Whether this action on the part of the city attorney is voluntary or not, he is placed in an unenviable light and subjects himself to serious criticism.

The mere fact that Congressman Mercer was designated as the member for Nebraska on the republican congressional committee is heralded forth as a tremendous triumph of the habitual absence and an augury of his sure re-nomination and election.

The experience of South Omaha democrats with the Crawford county system of direct primary nominations is not

national sequence. His usefulness and efficiency on the committee, so far as republican candidates for congress in Nebraska are concerned, has failed to materialize during the last three congressional elections, excepting in his own district and that of Mr. Burkett, who has the advantage of a very decided republican majority.

The grand jury, which was called together to investigate well-defined ugly rumors, presented an indictment against a democratic member of the South Omaha school board for alleged crookedness, and the South Omaha democrats forthwith placed him at the head of their ticket as a candidate for mayor.

The conduct of the Boers is particularly exacting and reprehensible when we reflect that General Kitchener had reported the capture of their last cannon.

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General Charles G. Loring, one of the original directors of the Art Museum, Boston, has resigned on account of ill health, having served since the museum's organization in 1870.

Archer M. Huntington, of New York, has recently returned from Europe with 21,000 volumes of literature, which he has collected in Spanish literature, which is said to be unrivaled in the world.

Allyce Ireland has been chosen by the University of Chicago to be the Orient as special commissioner to study general conditions, which will enable the university to shape certain classes of work for men who will go to the Orient to live.

Miss Madam Adams gets \$2,000 by a bill which has just passed congress and goes to the court of claims. During the civil war Miss Adams' grandfather, who lived in Timb, O., shipped horses and mules to the southern army.

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DISCUSSION IN REPUBLICAN CAMP.

Kindral Observer: The republican state central committee has been called to meet at Lincoln next Thursday to fix the date for the state convention.

Columbus Journal: W. M. Robertson of Norfolk is being mentioned by republicans for nomination as a party candidate for governor. Mr. Robertson is certainly an able man, a strong republican and has a host of political friends in Nebraska.

Pender Republic: The Republic believes that Hon. W. G. Sears of Tekamah would be the strongest candidate that the republicans could possibly nominate for governor. He is clean, capable and fearless and would engender no factional or sectional jealousy.

Albion News: The rank and file of the republican party will this year insist on the nomination of a clean, competent ticket. It is not done the party will meet disaster as a result of a poor nomination.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Seneca and Incidents Observed at the National Capital. During the coming fiscal year there will be placed about 10,000 persons in the government service.

Senator Doliver came away from home this morning without any money in his pocket, related a New York World letter. He hopped along on a street car and started for the capitol. The conductor came around. The senator searched his pockets, but he couldn't find a cent or a car ticket.

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WHY THE SENATE DELIBERATES.

Senator Hoar's Opposition to Popular Election of Senators. Chicago Tribune. Senator Hoar is much exercised over the suggestion that United States senators be elected by a direct vote of the people.

The distinction he claims for the senate is certainly enjoyed but credit for it is not to be assigned to the election of senators by state legislatures. The credit is due to the fact that the senate has great legislative functions and also a comparatively small membership.

The preservation of the senate as "the greatest deliberative assembly in the world" does not depend on adherence to an old-fashioned mode of selecting its members, but on keeping down the number of senators, so that it may be possible to carry on business and yet allow everyone to make as many speeches as he pleases.

Philadelphia Times. Only in one year, the exceptional year of 1899, did the local fire losses exceed the premium receipts. In the seven years since 1894 the premium paid in Philadelphia were more than \$2,000,000 less than the fire losses.

Philadelphia is not one of the cities where the business has recently resulted in loss, and therefore it is not one of the cities where rates of insurance ought to be indiscriminately raised. The companies are not compelled to insure anybody. Each policy is a distinct contract and any company is at liberty to refuse insurance on property that appears unsafe or to exact an additional premium for additional risk.

Delroit Free Press: He (seeing her off) - You may meet someone else you will like better. She - Well, if I do I'll let you know.

House Hunter - Yes; but they are very rich. House Agent - Oh, but I mean have you any children living, ma'am?

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