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MUST RAISE THE STANDARD.

Republicans of Nebraska have a very important campaign before them. Although the cleavage between the parties will be more on state than on national issues...

business men of San Francisco oppose the bill as too drastic and likely to interfere with our trade there...

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Will Nebraska populists go through the farce again of apportioning representation in their coming state convention on votes cast by democrats? Will they again give Douglas county so many unearned delegates that it will be impossible to find enough populists to serve? Will they exemplify reform by refusing to reform themselves?

Live Nebraska Towns York—A City of Contentment.

The city of York contains 6,500 people, and this will be increased by 1,000 "before snow flies." This statement may be read with suspicion by those who know that only two years ago the census gave the population as 5,182, but it is upon these figures the estimate is based...

NEBRASKA IS PROSPEROUS.

Grand Island Independent: From present appearances there need be no idle men in Grand Island this summer and fall. With the court house building and more activity in the beet fields and at the factory, many will find steady employment who hitherto were compelled from time to time, to be without work.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.: George B. Teaching Secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies printed during the month of March, 1902, was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Number of copies and Date. Rows include 1. 20,970, 2. 20,770, 3. 20,420, 4. 20,770, 5. 20,630, 6. 20,590, 7. 20,420, 8. 20,770, 9. 20,450, 10. 20,770, 11. 20,450, 12. 20,600, 13. 20,070, 14. 20,440, 15. 20,020, 16. 20,970, 17. 20,000.

Governor Cummins may now store away his veto pen against future use. Iowa's 1902 legislative grid consists of 225 bills put in the way of becoming laws.

Wise federal officeholders will take the hint from the Powderly incident and travel the straight road if they want to keep in good grace with President Roosevelt.

Minister Wu Tingfang has scored another triumph. He has managed to focus the discussion of the Chinese exclusion bill in the senate entirely on himself.

Up to the hour of going to press no authentic information is to be had of any part of the money for whose embezzlement Bartley was convicted being turned back into the state treasury.

And now a new American company has secured exclusive privilege to handle the rubber output of one of the most productive districts of Bolivia. No wonder Americans lead in rubbering.

The British leaders have thought peace was at hand in South Africa several times before, but only to find they were fooling themselves. It is to be hoped they are nearer right this time.

Omaha's clearing house record for the past week is eminently satisfactory. Out of 103 clearing house cities of the United States and Canada, Omaha ranks twenty-second, which certainly is not a bad showing.

The benign countenance of the grand exalted ruler of the Elks has beamed upon Omaha and the million-dollar-a-year steel trust magnate will devote sixty minutes, equal to \$115, of his time this week to a birdseye view of the prairie city.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The latest information in regard to the conference at Klerksdorp, while holding out a promise of peace, is less reassuring than could be wished. What is lacking is an authoritative statement of the terms upon which restoration of peace is possible.

The British government is confronted with the necessity of increasing taxation, already burdensome. It must do this in any event, but should peace be made the country would accept the added taxation with little complaint, expecting that in the not remote future the government would find it practicable to reduce the burden.

It is easy to see, however, that there are difficulties in the way which may not readily be overcome. Some of the conditions which it is reported the Boers will demand it is safe to say the British government will hesitate to grant, as for instance that of absolute independence.

To people who lack the courage of their convictions this would offer an easy way for shirking a disagreeable duty. But the patrons of the public schools and the children who have only one opportunity to secure an education have a right to demand that their representatives on the school board meet the issue squarely this year and not next year.

And now it transpires that the Jacksonians who were to be arraigned for fighting the democratic nominee in the late South Omaha majority fight justify themselves not on the ground that the objectionable candidate had a shady reputation, but that he had refused to support Bryan in 1896.

Not many years ago The Bee was compelled to pay a \$500 fine on a charge of impeding justice for discussing a case which the supreme court subsequently declared had been closed. The World-Herald, however, is entirely free to discuss the tax mandamus case now pending before the supreme court, whether it impedes justice or not.

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Officers of the state association of real estate dealers intimate that Nebraska's notoriety in the political firmament gained by furnishing a presidential candidate in two successive national campaigns does not redound to the state's advantage in a business way.

The temperance crusade is now fairly launched. The Douglas County Democrats opened the entertainment with two dry humorists imported from Lincoln and the Jacksonians may now be expected to trump the card by recalling Mrs. Carrie Nation and organizing a hatchet brigade to knock the corks off of the bottles that repose serenely in the club's cold storage parlors.

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JUST ONE YEAR MORE.

When the first term of Carroll G. Pearce as superintendent of schools expired, three years ago, there was a well-defined popular demand for a change. A majority of the members of the school board made no bones about expressing their conviction that a regeneration of Omaha's public schools by the appointment of a competent educator who would command the confidence and respect of the teaching force had become an imperative necessity.

When the time came for action the community experienced a genuine surprise over the re-election of Mr. Pearce for a term of three years at an increased salary. What agencies had been employed in bringing about a change of front on the part of three of four of the members who had been most outspoken against Pearce has always remained a matter of conjecture.

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The welcome which Mr. Roosevelt has received at Charleston and the impression produced by his presence and his finely conceived remarks there will remain among the notable events in the history of the present administration. There is no more doubt of the sincerity of the president's desire for the South Carolinians than there is of the sincerity of his utterances to them. It was an occasion which brought the heart of the north and the heart of the south nearer together.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Taking into account our insular possessions of the main political status the federal census bureau figures out for the American empire a total area of 3,690,822 square miles, of which 2,970,230 belongs to the continental United States, 599,884 to Alaska, and 119,542 to the Philippine Islands. This makes the United States stand third among the nations in point of territorial size, Great Britain leading with 11,288,277 square miles of territory, Russia coming next with 8,644,100 miles, China third with 4,234,910, and France fourth with 3,944,092. According to some authorities the United States has a larger area of water, particularly, having an area of 2,573,454 miles.

The Rush Medical college in Chicago has decided to admit women on equal terms and forty young women have rushed to improve the opportunity. Governor General Leonard Wood, soon after the evacuation of Cuba, will be granted a long leave of absence, which he is to spend abroad with his family.

The families of Denver millionaires who made their fortunes fifteen years or more ago, and retired, refuse to let the millionaires of a later date play in their backyard. The Maldive islands, in the Indian ocean where Prof. Alexander Agassiz now is with an exhibition in the interest of the Harvard museum, are the only islands which the professor has not explored in the study of coral.

The late Senator John Sherman's grave, on the Sherman lot in the Mansfield (O.) cemetery, will be marked by a massive sarcophagus. It will be of Rhode Island granite, 18x8 feet at the base and will weigh thirty tons. A woman examined in a New York bankruptcy court last week said she had failed in her livery business because, while in a neighborhood (or, as she said, "swell"), her neighbors had patronized "dinky pay her. She said she had lost \$75,000.

The gradual approach of warm weather stimulates the soul of the man causing him to take the dear public into his confidence. And this is what he confides: The severity of the winter caused unusual hardship in gathering a plentiful crop, and a slight advance on former prices is rendered necessary.

The geographical center of the United States on a high point of land in the rubber reservation at Fort Riley, Kas., is marked by a large monument erected over the grave of Major Edmund Ogden of the United States army, who died at Fort Riley in 1856, by Joseph O. Sawyer, formerly of Cincinnati.

Salivating a Sore Spot.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Governor Jeff Davis of Arkansas writes to a correspondent: "I know you were never my friend, although you pretended to be. I could see it from your snaky eyes on the bench and felt it in the clammy clasp of your Cascaus-like hand." It is not every state in which politics is enlivened with these little studies in physiognomy.

Hartford Times. The outcry about the British army supply camp in Louisiana came when the war in South Africa is nearly ended, and it makes little difference to the British government whether the arrangement is continued or not. It was very thoughtful on the part of the Louisiana people to take in several millions of English money before discovering the wicked character of the traffic in which they had so profitably engaged.

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ROOSEVELT ALL RIGHT

Weeks have passed and the government at Washington still lives. It is nearly a month now since Colonel Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal indulged in his alarming yet brilliant declaration as the president of the United States.

After all, this is temperamental; it is an almost harmless egotism, and it doesn't hurt anybody except the individual individuals immediately concerned. Mr. Roosevelt is not at all dangerous. He is a very good sort of a chap, taking him all in all. He doesn't want to Mexicanize this country. Deep down in his heart he wants it to thrive and prosper and blossom like a garden.

After all is said and done, Mr. Watterson, we might be worse off under the presidency of a man less democratic than this executive. His only offense is an overweening desire to succeed the present president and get the nomination from the republican party in the year of our Lord 1904.

Charles Weston, who served one term as regent of the State university, and is now filling the position of state auditor with distinguished ability and general satisfaction. No doubt the approval of the public will be shown by unanimously renominating him at the next state convention.

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PROPOSED POST CHECK.

Method of Facilitating Exchange of Money. Washington Star. The post check bills, now pending in both houses of congress, are receiving the favorable endorsement of the people and press of the country. The plan has apparently solved satisfactorily one of the most puzzling problems in modern business life, how to safely transmit small sums through the mails when the sender has no bank account upon which to draw checks.

The proposed post check is nothing more than an ordinary government note so printed as to permit its transformation quickly into a veritable check. By affixing a stamp and writing upon provided space the name and address of the payee, this note becomes a money order, payable to the payee. Thus the substitution of the post check for the present form obviates the necessity of a special journey to the postoffice on the part of the sender.

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