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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Whether it is a million-dollar rain or not, we won't quarrel over its appraisal.

It will take a lot of rain to make good the deficiency registered by the rain gauge.

Tom Blackburn's editorials in the local poperaic organ are a dead give away on their face.

The farmer should show his gratitude to the weather man by giving him his meat supply at reduced rates.

Get the tax rate down to reasonable proportions and real estate mobility will experience a healthful impetus.

Watered stocks on Wall street may go down, but the watered wheat in the west brings farmers' hopes up.

All America listens with a sympathetic ear for the news from the bedside of the young Queen of Holland.

Those Boer peace negotiators are dreadfully slow at making their moves on the chessboard. Their flying generals move faster.

Just now, when the corporation tax contest is the paramount issue in Omaha, the World-Herald's guns are all focused upon the Beef trust and the army in the Philippines.

The fight for tax reform is not being waged in Omaha and Nebraska alone, but in nearly every city and state in the union. The gains made at one point in the line strengthen the whole column.

A college professor lecturing on the Chinese language assures us all that it is easy to talk Chinese, but hard to read it and write it. Chinese ought soon to become the favorite language for all political discussions.

From disciplining members who were recalcitrant in the late South Omaha municipal election the Jacksons have taken to disciplining democratic officeholders for not drawing the lines sharp enough in the distribution of pie.

The man selected to be the new commissioner of pensions never held public office before. If those pension attorneys get after him as they have his predecessor it will not be a safe guess that he will ever want to hold office again.

The naval officers arrested for disorderly conduct in Venice are out of jail, but not out of trouble. Uncle Sam will insist on passing on their conduct before they can reinstate themselves in his good graces after having brought odium upon his uniform.

The county board is considering a proposition to refund an outstanding issue of Douglas county bonds which has five years to run yet before payable.

The question is one of mathematics, whether the interest saving is real or only illusory. If the taxpayers can save money by refunding, they will endorse such a move on the part of the county board.

The position of United States consul general to London carries with it a salary of only \$5,000, but brings in fees in addition that raise the income of the incumbent to \$30,000 a year. So long as the law leaves the office in that shape, whoever is appointed to fill it will naturally reap the full benefit, but there is no good reason why any consul office should pay such large dividends so far in excess of every other official place in our government, except the presidency itself.

Congress ought to abolish the fee system where it leads to such inequalities.

A PROPOSED RAILWAY COURT. Months ago this paper suggested the expediency of a court to which should be submitted the issues arising between the railroads and the Interstate Commerce commission.

The proposition for a railway court has received attention from those who are giving consideration to the railway problem and it has some supporters among those who have been giving the most earnest attention to that question.

Senator Elkins among others has expressed the opinion that a railway court is the only practicable way out of existing difficulties, that such a court will ultimately have to be established in order to meet the questions involved in the problem of regulating the railroads by the government.

In his testimony before the house committee on Interstate and foreign commerce last week Commissioner Prouty took a decided position in favor of a railway court—not a tribunal, as he indicated, to supersede the Interstate Commerce commission, but to co-operate with it by taking charge of all those cases which are appealed from its decision and with which it is now so difficult to induce ordinary courts to deal.

The idea of such a court, it is pointed out, is by no means a new one. There is precedent for it in England and elsewhere and while the conditions are not precisely the same abroad as here, yet to all intents and purposes the circumstances are such as to justify the application of similar principles in this country as are operative abroad.

At any rate the proposition for a railway court, which would have final jurisdiction and authority in regard to questions arising under the authority and rulings of the Interstate Commerce commission, is one that is entitled to the most careful consideration, particularly in view of the fact that it has the support of members of the Interstate Commerce commission and senators who are advocating legislation for strengthening the powers of the commission.

THE EDITORIAL "WE." The license of the editorial "we" has often served as a theme for pertinent discussion, but it has remained for our brother editor, ex-Senator William V. Allen, to furnish a pointed example to illustrate the full scope of its elasticity. Composing an obituary on the late J. Sterling Morton, Editor Allen writes:

Our acquaintance with J. Sterling Morton began in January, 1893, when the legislature was in session and a United States senator was to be elected. We met and were introduced to him for the first time in the lobby of the Lincoln hotel. He was a candidate for United States senator. The outcome was the election of the writer.

Mr. Morton made strenuous efforts to secure his own election and to defeat us, going even to the extent of sending a few of our lieutenants to us and asking us to withdraw from the race, and because we declined to do so and were elected we incurred his enmity, which lasted the remainder of his life.

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PROJECTED ALASKAN LAND GRANTS. The San Francisco Chronicle takes a very decided stand in opposition to the proposed legislation in favor of giving certain privileges to railroad projects in Alaska.

recognized that the territory of Alaska has much more valuable resources than was thought of when it was purchased from Russia, by the United States and the question of their development is being very earnestly considered.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REFORM. The educational committee of the Omaha Woman's club has formulated its findings and conclusions relative to the condition of Omaha's public schools and the retrenchment inaugurated by the Board of Education.

The efficiency of the public schools is the highest concern of every citizen. The school life of the working child is discouragingly short; to lengthen it at the other end is futile.

The future safety of our country rests upon the standard of intelligence developed in our children. Taxes levied for education are the most righteous and best investment the public is called upon to make.

A woman's club's greatest value to a community is its stimulating effect on other forces. Coming down to business, the committee declares that after two months' investigation it finds that the public schools of Omaha take high rank among the schools of the country, that the cost of education per child in Omaha is a fair average, that there is no special demand for relief from taxation for school purposes, that salaries paid in Omaha now are but an average.

Having reached these conclusions, the committee recommends that all money required for the schools in Omaha shall be raised by direct taxation, that Omaha should maintain public school salaries equal to those of other cities of the same rank, that our schools be raised above political and personal preferences, that no teacher be retained who lacks professional fitness for the work, and, lastly, that civil service rules be applied to both teachers and janitors.

The laborious effort made by the educational committee of the Women's club to investigate the condition of our public schools is highly commendable, but the conclusions reached would seem to indicate that the committee was more zealous for the restoration of the former salary scale for teachers than to point out the weak spots of the system and the remedies for existing deficiencies.

It is always a disagreeable and thankless task for public bodies to cut salaries and lop off sinecures. The demand of the taxpayers has been for retrenchment and greater economy. The school board has endeavored to respond to this demand according to its best judgment.

It is possible that the proposed cut of teachers' salaries may work injustice in some individual instances, but it is a case of cutting the garment according to the cloth. If the Woman's club would direct its effort to specific cases of injustice it would doubtless receive a hearing.

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THE SCHOOL TAX QUESTION. The proposition to raise the revenue for the support of the schools exclusively by direct taxation requires more extended discussion. For the present, direct taxation is absolutely impracticable and will be for years to come, even if it were feasible.

Last year the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company's property was assessed by the State Board of Equalization at a mileage rate that was out of all proportion with its value as compared with other taxable property.

The manager of the firm, however, recently became convinced that newspaper advertising might be made to add some- what to the profits of his firm. In order to test the correctness of his ideas, he selected two books of what is known in trade nomenclature as "popular fiction."

The result was a complete surprise, both to the Harpers' manager and to the newspaper advertising agent who had been given the test. During the second year's sales the book that had been given the advantage of newspaper advertising outstripped the other by over 200,000 copies, this proportion of sales continuing practically unchanged throughout the year.

Samples of the Strenuous Life. Saturday Evening Post. President Roosevelt will soon be able to add a new chapter to his remarks on the strenuous life.

Memorial day. It all goes to show that hereafter every presidential candidate should pass a physical examination and not be over 45 or 50 years old.

Eighth Wonder of the World. Atlanta Journal (dem.). Wonders will never cease. A Kentucky republican has been acquitted of the charge of being a principal in the Gobel assassination.

Millionaire Par Outlashed. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. When a promoter realizes \$172,500,000 for his share in exploiting five corporations, he must look down upon the average millionaire as an unfortunate person not far removed from penury.

Gallant Warrior Neglected. Baltimore American. It is said that Admiral Cervera is living in Spain in obscurity and neglect. He should come to this country, where he would be appreciated at his proper worth.

That Naval Toot at Venice. Philadelphia Record. That was a costly lack of the marines from the cruiser Chicago. To be thrust into a Venetian prison, where the vermin attacked them, to pay \$2,000 to get out; to be clapped into irons when they were put aboard ship and to become the jest of one continent and the shame of another—oh, that was rare sport!

The Mean Thing. Chicago Chronicle. We can see parious times ahead for the Federation of Women's clubs. An officer of that organization has been called to order upon the ground that he talked about himself instead of making her report.

Good Place to Avoid. Chicago Chronicle. Timid gentlemen or intrepid ones, for that matter—who do not court a speedy separation from their assets will do well to keep out of Wall street these days.

Serving Country and Party. Minneapolis Journal. Theodore Roosevelt is rendering a service to his party of the greatest importance at this juncture.

BETTER CATTLE WILL BE BRED. Cleveland Leader. Remarkably high prices were obtained for blooded cattle sold to breeders gathered at South Omaha on Wednesday.

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Significant Demonstration of Its Superior Value. Denver Post. A striking demonstration of the value of newspaper advertising was recently made by the Messrs. Harper & Bros. of New York.

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Live Nebraska Towns WILBER—Gem of the Blue Valley.

That Wilber, the county seat of Saline, should be accounted one of the best towns in Nebraska is not owing to the enterprise of its citizens, individually or collectively, for they are among the most placid and conservative people of the west, but is the natural outcome of the fertile farms by which it is surrounded and the industries and thrifty tillers of them, who make it their trading point.

In addition to grain and stock this is one of the largest shipping points in the west for but one county, the total of which is something enormous. Figures are not accessible and statistics are said to be dry. Wilber is not a dry town. Here is located one of the oldest established and best known mills in Nebraska, the products of which find a wide market over our own territory.

Beautifully situated on the Wymore branch of the B. & M., within easy distance of the state capital and the metropolis, both of which it is possible to visit and return home the same day, this Gem of the Blue Valley is one of the best places on earth to live in and is the home of some of the best people on earth, who make a near living up to the great twelfth commandment, "Mind your own business," as any community on earth. Most of them own their own homes, which has been made possible to many of limited income by a well managed building and loan association that confines its operations to this one precinct.

The fame of Wilber is not confined to our own state and nation, but extends far across the ocean to the public eye, a short time ago a visitor who had recently returned from a trip through Europe told that while traveling in Bohemia he saw inscribed on the iron work of a big bridge the names of Wilber, New York, Chicago, Milwaukee and Cleveland. The name of Wilber first. The names are homes of many of our best citizens are in that country, but no people are more proud or more devoted to their Nebraska home than the people of Wilber.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. Sutton Advertiser-News: Hon. S. W. Christy of Edgar has consented to make the race for congress. If he secures the nomination he will surely be elected.

Wausa Enterprise-Herald: W. Y. Young of Stanton county, state senator and lawyer will be a candidate before the Third district republican congressional convention. Mr. Young has many friends throughout the district who are urging him to be a candidate.

Bradshaw Chronicle: Probably among all the candidates seeking the republican nomination for congress in this district there is no abler, cleaner or better qualified man than Hon. E. J. Halmer of Aurora, and, while all who are seeking are good men, from our opportunities of viewing the situation, Halmer is the strongest man for the race.

O'Neill Frontier: The list of congressional candidates as it now stands in the Sixth district is given by the Kearney Hub in this fashion: Beeman and Goodell of Buffalo, Grimes of Lincoln, Currie of Custer, Cady of Howard and Kinkaid of Heit. There is no lack of good timber for congress and any one of the above would be a credit to their district.

St. Edward Sun: H. C. Vall, Boone county's candidate for congress before the congressional convention, is meeting with flattering success wherever his name is particularly harmful, after all. There are more outrageous, open-gauge fakes on that strip of sand than in any equal area of the world, but nobody dares accuse anybody else's frauds there and the most you can lose at them is an occasional time. Then there are the innocuous gambling games where you throw rings in the futile hope of ensnaring a cane, or base balls at a live party.

Grand Island Independent: It is stated that Hon. W. A. Prince will be a candidate for congress in the republican nomination of the Fifth congressional district. It certainly is about Hall county's turn to receive the recognition that ought long ago to have been theirs, and with Mr. Prince there can be no question of a vigorous campaign in the event of his nomination. Mr. Prince was a representative of this county to the legislature of 1901 and left a record to which he can point with considerable satisfaction. In his position in the senatorial matter, as well as his other acts as a legislator, there is not a single thing that needs defense. He is, furthermore, an able speaker and can certainly be commended to the republicans of the district as a most admirable candidate.

Sidney Telegraph: The North Platte Tribune, in a column editorial, announces Judge H. M. Grimes as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in this district. In presenting his fellow townsman the editor of the Tribune pays him the following tribute: "For nearly twenty years this writer has had an acquaintance with Judge Grimes and is therefore qualified to attest his unquestioned integrity, his indomitable energy, his fairness in all matters and his popularity, which has been well earned. Judge Grimes is a man who never forgets a friend or acquaintance, and who has in his private life the same courteous treatment and hearty handshake as does the man in broadcloth. He is well known throughout this congressional district, and as a campaigner he has few equals. If nominated he will make a thorough canvass of the district and will make his name at every place he visits." Judge Grimes is the logical candidate for this portion of the Big Sixth district. No name stands higher and no man has the confidence of the people in this judicial district more thoroughly than he.

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