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WITHIN CLOSED DOORS. The State Board of Equalization, made up of the governor, state auditor and state treasurer, is now in session at the state capitol.

show the Filipinos the greatest generosity and that policy was adhered to by the present administration. The Filipinos themselves have acknowledged the kind and humane treatment received from American soldiers.

Live Nebraska Towns

CENTRAL CITY—Beautiful and Busy.

Central City, the county seat of Merrick county, is a growing city of 2,000 population, in the broad, fertile valley of the Platte, 130 miles west of Omaha.

A Good Friend. Don't take Ayer's Sarsaparilla if you are well. Don't take it simply because you are sick. Take it for what the doctors recommend it and you will like it, become fond of it, for it gives health, strength, vigor.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, #1. George B. Tschuck, secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of The Daily Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of April, 1902, was as follows:

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With four score Indians in attendance on the federal grand jury Omaha can recall pioneer days.

Decks are now cleared for another chapter in the volume on Eighth street occupation, with a joint authorship by the two disputing railroads.

From the succession of congressional fatalities, it seems to be dangerous for a member of the lower house to serve on any committee concerned with a cemetery.

The eruptive activity exhibited by the volcano on Mount Pelee, in the Danish West Indies, must be in enthusiastic anticipation of annexation to Uncle Sam's dominion.

Clubs of colored women will be able to gain admission to the national federation by unanimous consent of the executive board, but to get unanimous consent will be the rub.

The only wonder is how the alleged beef trust managed to survive the era when Nebraska's great trust-smashing attorney general was dealing death blows at the Standard Oil octopus.

When the peace arbitrators between Boer and Briton in South Africa get down to details they should not overlook the necessity of a clause in the stipulations fixing the status of the American exile.

The list of school census enumerators just made up by the school board includes more women than men. We will watch to see whether the feminine mathematicians produce better results than the masculine.

News comes from Texas that recent earthquakes have seriously affected the flow of oil in the Texas gushers. They will not affect the flow of oil stocks, however, so long as credulous people have money to burn.

Those club women might perhaps have gotten around the color line with less difficulty by adopting some sort of a grandmother clause on the order of the negro disfranchisement sections of some of our new southern state constitutions.

Members of the Cuban senate and house are impatiently waiting for May 20, so they can begin their legislative grind. They would like to turn the hands of the clock forward if the American congress did not have a patent on that trick.

You can fool some people all the time, you can fool most people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. Members of the city council who imagine that they can fool many people by playing fast and loose with the Union Pacific foundry controversy will discover some day that they underestimate the intelligence of the people of Omaha.

What applies to the action of the board in regard to the appraisal of railroad and telegraph properties applies also to its action with regard to the equalization of taxes between the respective counties. Every taxpayer in Nebraska is vitally concerned in state taxation and the distribution of the tax burdens and there is no occasion nor excuse for keeping the taxpayers in the dark as to the mode of arriving at the conclusions as the work of the board proceeds.

ARMY REFORM PUT OFF. The indications are that nothing will be done at the present session of congress in regard to proposed army reform. Indeed it is said that the last hope of the administration of doing anything at this session, and perhaps in this congress, is dead and past resurrection.

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THE REPUBLICAN DEFENSE. The senate republicans have wisely determined to defend the administration and the army in the Philippines against the accusations and imputations of democratic senators. It had been the understood intention of the republicans to allow the opposition to have a practical monopoly of discussion, expecting thereby to sooner reach a vote on the Philippine bill, but the unfair and unjust statements and charges made by the democrats could not be permitted to go unanswered and the republicans will show that they are unwarranted and unjust.

The speech of Senator Lodge, on Monday, clearly and forcefully stated the republican position. The party in power makes no defense of cruel practices in the Philippines unauthorized by the rules of civilized warfare and is doing all that is practicable to bring to punishment whoever is guilty of or responsible for such practices. The president acted promptly when the statements came to him in a way to command consideration and his earnest purpose in the matter is unquestionable. There is to be an unsparing investigation and those who are shown to have committed atrocities will be punished. But republicans reject the charge that the entire army in the Philippines has been committing cruelties and barbarities and that the brave and patriotic soldiers who are upholding the authority and the sovereignty of the United States in those islands are relentless savages. As was said a few days ago by Senator Spooner: "Wherever officers are found to have violated the rules of civilized warfare, to have forgotten the honor of the soldier, they will be punished. The American people will demand it. The American people, however, will convict no man without a hearing. They will convict no man on the Congressional Record. The American people are not constituted in that way. They hear before they strike. They will demand condign punishment upon those who deserve it, but they will suspend judgment until the charges are proven."

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BEAR ADMIRAL SAMPSON. The death of Rear Admiral Sampson was not unexpected, he having been afflicted with a disease which baffled the best medical skill. The American navy had few officers of equal acquirements, he being particularly distinguished as an ordnance expert, while in his general knowledge of naval affairs he had perhaps no superior. Graduated from the naval academy in 1861, Sampson saw service in the civil war and made a fine record for skill and courage. His promotion was in the regular course until the war with Spain, when he was made an acting rear admiral and given command of the North Atlantic fleet.

In this command he demonstrated his ability for organization and until the unfortunate controversy that followed the destruction of Cervera's squadron Sampson possessed the undivided respect and confidence of the country. It has never been questioned that his arrangement of the blockade at Santiago was excellent, but at the critical moment he was absent and then made the grave mistake of claiming for himself the credit for a brilliant victory that was won by others. History will not deny Sampson whatever credit attaches to the preparations he made, but the verdict has been rendered, so far as public opinion is concerned, that the glory of destroying the Spanish squadron did not belong to him.

Yet honor will be paid the memory of Sampson as an able, brave and faithful officer, who did his country good service and aided in giving new glory to his flag.

CONTRACT WITH THE UNION PACIFIC. According to City Attorney Connell the city of Omaha can, under the contract recently made with the Union Pacific Railway company, compel it to reopen and operate its foundry. The attorneys of the Union Pacific contend that the compact made with the city does not compel the company to maintain a foundry as part of its machine shop equipment, and President Burt asserts that a foundry is no part of a modern machine shop.

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ocrats has been decried as worse than alliance with republicans. But how can the demo-pop combination be maintained with the democratic ship so malmed, except by the binding force of possible spoils division.

The proposition of President Burt of the Union Pacific, that his company will throw its patronage to a foundry that would employ 500 moulders if the Commercial club can induce such a concern to be established in Omaha, should not be taken seriously. In the first place, the Commercial club is not in condition to land a mammoth foundry in Omaha in the near future, nor in the far future; and in the next place, the Union Pacific patronage and all of the other Omaha patronage would not keep 500 men or half of that number in work the year round.

Kansas City is citing Omaha as an example to reinforce its demand on the railroads to abolish the grade crossing by the erection of viaducts at intersections where foot and wagon traffic is exposed to danger. Omaha had to go through a long and costly fight to get its viaducts, but Kansas City is welcome to profit by the experience if it can. In the meanwhile it is gratifying to have Kansas City acknowledge that Omaha is ahead of it in one direction at least.

We are reminded that a judicial election must be held this year to fill the vacancy on the district bench for this district now being held by appointment. As the present incumbent was named at the request of the bar without respect to politics, there is no reason why the election should not be made unanimous.

Cabinet Size. Chicago Tribune. Iowa appears to be the birthplace also of several distinguished tornadoes.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Scenes and Incidents Observed at the National Capital. A correspondent of the New York Sun throws a cruel harpoon into one of the cherished political traditions of our day by showing that the United States senate is not as rich a body of men as is generally supposed. It does not come up to its reputation as a Millionaires' club. According to statements of individual senators, repeated by the correspondent, only eighteen of the eighty-eight senators are worth \$1,000,000 or more. Here is an even dozen of the eighteen with their wealth set out in plain figures:

Table listing senators and their wealth: William C. Brewster, \$25,000,000; Thomas Kearsney, \$10,000,000; John Kean, New Jersey, \$4,000,000; Marcus A. Hanna, Ohio, \$3,000,000; S. B. Elkins, West Virginia, \$4,000,000; John Dryden, New Jersey, \$3,000,000; George F. Vest, Rhode Island, \$2,000,000; Nelson W. Aldrich, Rhode Island, \$2,000,000; Marcus A. Hanna, Ohio, \$2,000,000; Chauncey M. Depew, New York, \$2,000,000; Eugene Hale, Maine, \$1,000,000.

Now that is not a very formidable list. It is the only legislative body in congress if the estimated fortunes are \$155,000,000. There are five or six names that perhaps should be added of senators who, if the facts were known, might be able to squeeze just within the \$1,000,000 mark, such as senators as J. B. Foraker of Ohio, Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, Thomas R. Bard of Connecticut, G. Foster of Washington and J. H. Millard of Nebraska.

A local dealer in firearms, says the Washington Post, has sent out to members of the house notice that he has one of the finest laminated steel double-barreled shotguns ever made in the United States, having rebounding barrels, French walnut stock and all the other requisites for a fine weapon. Delegate Rodey of New Mexico received one of those letters. "I have framed in my mind," said he, "a reply something like this: 'This is a fatality about life that brings all things opportunely to those who wait, hence your gun circular came in my mail this morning. Hon. Francis W. Cushman is not the only member of congress who would like to go gunning for the makers and owners of the house rules. I am one of the delegates who have waited for more than two months to have our 'privileged report' on the admission of the territories to the union ferment into a hearing and therefore my patience is exhausted. If there is any one thing more than another that I have been wanting and am yearning for it is 'what is said in the house.' I have laminated steel double-barreled shotgun ever made in the United States, No. 12 bore, weight 7 1/2 pounds, with outside rebounding barrels, French walnut stock, skeleton butt-plate and finished in the finest style, together with a case, trunk style and outfit, which I make a complete outfit, that will be sold at half cost. 'If my courage does not fail me, I will come down and see it one of these days.'"

"Speaking of justice, as she is meted out in the territories," said Senator Clark of Wyoming the other day in a representative of the Washington Times, "reminds me of an experience I had while I was prosecuting attorney out in Wyoming before we were admitted to statehood, and it was with the chief justice of the territory, too. A man who was the proprietor of a saloon and a gambling house got drunk one night and upon going home with a jag attacked his wife with a bowie knife. He slashed her up badly and threw her out of doors when the thermometer was 15 degrees below zero. 'I prosecuted him for assault and attempted murder. When the case came before the chief justice for my information, I told me that I should have brought a case simply for assault before a justice of the peace and not bothered the court of the territory with such a case. 'Well, I was very angry. Here was a scoundrel turned loose at a time when we were trying to establish law and order in the territory and doing our utmost to redeem it from lawlessness and crime. 'I left the court, and shortly afterward the chief justice called upon me at my office and I ordered him out into the street. I met him occasionally in Washington, but we never spoke as we pass by.'"

"The senate is the greatest legislative body in the world," said Senator Cockerell addressing Mr. Spooner upon a bill that was being considered. "Oh, no," replied Mr. Spooner. "This is not the greatest legislative body in the world. It is only a part of one of the greatest legislative bodies but I will not dispute that it is the greatest part. In fact," added Mr. Spooner, smiling, "I think we all admit that fact."

The honorable justices of the supreme court are extremely exacting regarding the way in which the briefs of lawyers are prepared for them. All briefs must be printed. The court has carefully prescribed the size of type, the width of the spacing and the kind of paper. The printing of briefs on glazed paper is absolutely prohibited. The members of the court read these pamphlets for hours at a time and glazed paper is very hard on their eyes, and it reflects the light. Therefore they insist that all briefs be printed on rough paper of a certain tint. The size of the pamphlets is also carefully prescribed.

Upon the mantle of the fireplace of the office of the supreme court is a great pile of briefs which have been refused by the justices because they did not come up to the requirements in the matter of printing. The lawyers in these cases were informed

that they had not observed court rules and that they would have to have their arguments reprinted if they wished the court to consider them. The briefs that are of larger size than the rules of the court provide are sent to a bookbinder and cut down if their margins will permit; otherwise they have to be reprinted. The justices also absolutely refuse to read documents written in long hand. Typewritten matter is barred except in special cases.

"Crum," said ex-Speaker Reed, who is in Washington to argue a case before the supreme court, to Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, "I understand you are hammering at his rules." "Yes," replied Crumpacker, "I am taking a hack at them." "Crum," the big ex-speaker said, reprovingly, "who are you that you should trifle with the productions of genius?"

PERSONAL NOTES. Sylvester C. Canney, the veteran engineer of the Boston & Maine railroad, Monday observed the fifty-second anniversary of his employment on the road by running his regular trains. General Drummond, an old resident of Guatemala, says of Godfrey Hunter that he was so unpopular as United States minister that when he gave his last reception only six Chinamen and a Pole attended.

President Roosevelt was one of the first contributors to the fund for erecting a monument to Mrs. Rebecca Salome Foster, known as the "Tomb Angel," who lost her life in the recent fire in the Park Avenue hotel, New York.

Lord Kelvin favors the general adoption of the metric system. He said before the house committee on coinage, weights and measures that 90 per cent of the people who had ever given the matter any thought were in favor of the change and the other 10 per cent he characterized as "stupidly ignorant."

Prof. Henry W. Farnham of Yale has presented to the University of Georgia a number of revolutionary documents belonging to his ancestor, Abraham Baldwin, a celebrated Georgia statesman, including a speech delivered by Mr. Baldwin in Savannah in 1785 outlining the proposed University of Georgia.

A department official in Washington says that a few days ago he gave a job paying \$2 a day to an old man who was a millionaire but a few years ago. The old gentleman attended the national republican convention at Minneapolis in his special car. Senators who were his guests on that trip secured the humble place for him.

This is how a heliboy in a Washington hotel described Governor Jefferson Davis of Arkansas: "He's a large gentleman, with a light Prince Albert suit, a big white hat and a gold-headed cane. Ain't nobody in Washington that looks like him. You can't miss him, sub." And the description exactly fits the man of historic name.

Congressman Frank D. Currier of New Hampshire urges that congress should appropriate money for a statue to Paul Jones. "Many persons think," says Mr. Currier, "that Jones was a rough privateer. Nothing could be further from truth. He was a gentleman to his finger tips. No able, braver, more patriotic, brilliant, devoted and unselfish man ever sailed or fought a ship."

The late Dr. Charles A. Phelps of Boston came near being the last survivor of the peculiar "Know-Nothing" era in Massachusetts. He was one of the original "Know-Nothing" leaders. He later became presiding officer, in turn, of both branches of the legislature and acquired an importance in politics which resulted in giving him office under the republican national administration.

CHERRY CHAFF. Philadelphia Catholic Standard: "Isn't it silly for women to refer to her new hat as a 'duck of a bonnet'?" "That's appropriate enough. A duck has a pretty big bill attached to it, you know."

Baltimore American: "After all," commented the unhappy customer, "business is largely a game of chance." "Yes," agreed the unfortunary butcher, "most of the time we are playing for high steaks."

Philadelphia Press: Clerk—Well, I'm tired. I've been working for all I'm worth today. Don't I look it? Employer—Well, yes, you certainly do look like 30 cents.

Washington Star: "Worryin'" said Uncle Eben, "doesn't do much harm if you makes sure to worry 'bout sumpin' worth while."

Chicago Post: "The boy looked up from his book, puzzled at the name." "What's a dyspeptic, father?" he asked. "A dyspeptic, my boy," was the reply, "is a man with a hypercritical stomach."

New York Sun: Toucher—What was the forerunner of wireless telegraphy? Scholar—The wink.

Chicago Tribune: "They used to say," observed the professor, "in vino veritas, but they've improved on that in the Philippines. When they want to get at the truth they fill a man with water."

Famous Poem of the Late Brel Harte. Which I wish to remark— And my language is plain— That for tricks that are dark, And for ways that are vain, The heathen Chinese is peculiar, Which the same I would rise to explain.

Ah Sin was his name, And I shall not deny I regard to the same. What that name might imply, But his smile it was passive and childlike, As I frequently remarked to Bill Nye. It was August the third, And quite soft was the skies, Which it might be inferred, That Ah Sin was likewise; Yet he played it that day upon William, And me in a way I despise.

Which we had a small game, And Ah Sin took a hand; It was such a fine game, He did not understand. But he smiled as he sat by the table, With a smile that was childlike and bland. Yet the cards they were stacked In a way that I grieve, And my feelings were shocked At the state of Nye's sleeve. Which was stuffed full of aces and bowsers, And the same with intent to deceive. But the hands that were played By that heathen Chinese, And the points that he made, Were quite frightful to see— Till at last he put down a right bow, Which the same Nye had dealt to me. Then I looked up at Nye, And he gazed upon me; And he rose with a sigh, And said, "Can this be? We are ruined by Chinese cheap labor," And he went for that heathen Chinee.

In the scene that ensued I did not take a hand, But the floor it was strewn Like the leaves on the strand, And the cards that were dealt, Which were frequent in papers—that's wax. Which is why I remark, That for ways that are dark, And for tricks that are vain, The heathen Chinese is peculiar, Which the same I am free to maintain.

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