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After all the corn belt is the championship belt most worth having.

It has been demonstrated in Omaha that the way to bring the tax rate down is to bring the assessment up.

Whatever happens to the garbage contract, the city must take some measures to enforce sanitary disposal of refuse and waste.

Again the end of the Boer war is in sight. It will be regarded as ended, however, only after the pact is duly signed, sealed and delivered.

President Loubet has drunk to the health of the czar, but no one in France has gone into hysterics over this portent of subjection of republic to empire.

A convention of Indiana republicans came to a choice for congressional nominee on the 1,021st ballot. Up to the hour of going to press that stands as the 1902 record.

While our Grand Army guests are expressing appreciation of their warm welcome it is to be hoped they will continue the welcome into an invitation to come to Omaha again.

Any other people within the domain of the British empire contemplating a coup at arms is respectfully requested to hold the belligerent disposition in check until after the coronation festivities.

We spurn the suggestion that the commencement exercises of the Omaha High school this year be transformed into a debate on the subject: Does modern education provide any place for the shirt waist?

Now that the smallpox contagion has been almost eradicated, our amiable local contemporary is beginning a campaign for vaccination. That is strictly in accord with the eternal fitness of things.

For sale cheap—a few straight tips from the supreme court just as good as new. Reason for selling—owner no longer has use for them since police commission decision. Apply at office of Omaha Bakery.

"No backward step" is the slogan raised for the bourbonized element of our local democracy. And for fear of taking a backward step, no forward step will be ventured either, and democracy will remain immovable on the same old back number spot.

It turns out that the lawyers have drawn out of the Fair estate merely the modest sum of about \$2,000,000. If the will contest could only have been kept in the courts a few years longer the lawyers might have absorbed the whole \$17,000,000 at issue.

A bill is to be pushed in the Cuban Parliament to extend full pardon to all Americans in prison or awaiting trial on criminal charges. Cuba would evidently like to be relieved of the expense of maintaining prison inmates left as a legacy to the republic.

If the people of Martinique are looking for a safe place to settle in with assurance that thrift and energy will produce profitable results, they may find a good opening here in Nebraska with guaranty of immunity from disturbance by volcano throwa in gratis.

Tammany is said to be splitting apart. If it will only split wide open and show up the entire inside workings of the tiger some exposures might be counted on that would overshadow the disclosures of the official investigations as Mount Pelee overshadows a skyrocket.

A NEGLECTED QUESTION.

Congress continues to neglect the question of reforming the consular service and it appears to be understood that the bills for this purpose which have been introduced are shelved for this session.

There is no question that the United States consular service now compares favorably with that of any other country, but there can be no certainty that it will remain so if it is left open, as at present, for the exploitation of politicians.

CANADA AS A CUSTOMER.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Canadian tariff discriminates in favor of British merchandise to the extent of 33 1/3 per cent, the trade of the United States with the Dominion steadily grows.

This is a condition which quite naturally irritates the Canadian politicians and it is said that the ministry views with ill-concealed dismay the growth of exports from the United States to the Dominion.

A double-track electric railway from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico is the latest colossal project in incubation. The enterprise is to be organized the first of next month and before long we will doubtless have an invitation to get in on the ground floor as stock subscribers at figures decidedly enticing.

TAX COMMISSIONER SHOULD DO HIS DUTY.

Tax Commissioner Fleming has asked the city attorney whether he shall assess the railroad terminals, right-of-way and depots in Omaha for city purposes at the ratio of other property or take the state board's valuation for next year as the basis of assessment.

The answer depends upon the construction of the constitution relative to taxation. The constitution requires every person or corporation to pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or its property and franchises. In other words, the constitution contemplates the assessment of all the property of individuals and corporations on the same basis of valuation for the same specific purpose.

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Spain's Retiring Queen.

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needed to handle the reins of government. She has given an example of motherly sympathy with the whole world, but which has not been able to avert all cause for the motherly anxiety which must still follow the advent to power of the young king.

Every Pledge Redeemed.

Yes, the flag came down in Cuba, as was promised, but it "stayed put" until all the conditions promised the world had been fulfilled. It came down in Mexico some years ago, but on terms made by the United States.

Penalty of Silver Basis.

Every drop in the price of silver means an increase in the gold value of the big indemnity that China must pay to the powers on account of the Boxer campaign.

A Patriot Overlooked.

We fail to discover in the plan of policy mapped out by President Palma of Cuba any provision for the employment at the highest salary of that grand old patriot Maximilian Gomez.

Just Before the Crack of Doom.

A singular phase of human nature is shown by the private letters from Martinique written before the eruption, and now being published. It is almost inconceivable how people can look threateningly at the fact and not be calmed by it.

Why Nebraska Populists Decline to Censure the Beef Trust.

That the beef trust is a "beef trust" at the sources of supply in the west is getting daily demonstration as authentic reports from the ranges and farms come forward.

As long ago as last September and October the cattlemen realized that a scarcity of beef would be the result of the attempt to control the market by the Texas oil fever and the collapse of balloon navigation the electric trolley north and south air line ought to have the right-of-way.

Omaha ought to make good headway this season in replacing remnants of worn out pavements of the earlier days with substantial materials.

Rewards of Hard Luck.

Perhaps the Beef trust will explain its English prices by making liberal use of the sympathy idea. England has been having hard luck of late.

THE BIG FISH AND THE LITTLE.

In our day we have heard many slighting remarks made against that genial showman, the late P. T. Barnum, on account of his statement that all men like to be humbugged. It has always seemed to us that Mr. Barnum was treated too severely.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Tammany is not making a blooming success of its wireless leadership.

Mr. Cleveland's purchase of an exclusive fishing privilege will help to screen the sensitive public from the possibility of seeing an ex-president slogging around in his old clothes.

The Atlanta Constitution warns the reformers of Massachusetts that the Drury Olney boom does not interest the south, where most of the democratic electoral votes are usually harvested.

Two literary bureaus are working overtime in behalf of rival candidates for the republican nomination for governor of Michigan.

Some newspaper man recently quoted Senator Hanna as saying that he was in sympathy with Salvation Army work.

Cuba has started out entirely wrong. There is little hope for it. The New York Tribune correspondent says that Mr. Bryan, who is in Havana in the capacity of special correspondent, took the trouble to send an advance agent to arrange a late banquet in his honor to be given as a spontaneous expression of Cuba's delight in having so distinguished a man in its midst.

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HEROES AMONG THE FLAMES.

Surpassing Example of Valor in the Harbor of St. Pierre.

Captain Freeman's own story of his flight with Roddam through the cloud of fire which fell upon St. Pierre has reached New York at second hand.

The honor roll of heroes is too long for recital, but where the danger and the bravery of Captain Freeman may have been equaled many times, there was in his case a raising above injuries which might well have proved fatal, a long endurance of torture, an exercise of the most acute judgment in the midst of mortal pain, as well as the sight of suffering which he was powerless to relieve, which sets his heroism apart in kind if not in degree from

A COQUETTE.

Margaret Sangster. I am never in doubt of her goodness. I am always afraid of her mood.

My love with the grace of a flower. My love with the face of a lily. That sways on its slender fair stem.

My love with the bloom of the rosebud. White pearls in my life's diadem! You may call me coquette if it please you. I don't care, for I know I'm bold. In my darling, my winsome was lassie, Whose birthdays are three, when all told.

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