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STILL TIME FOR ACTION. The consensus of opinion among all parties is that the people of Nebraska have outlived their constitution of 1875. Experience has proved the organic law of the state defective in most vital parts...

relations. In a word, the whole policy of the government, in the administration of the last five years, has been to convince the states to the south of us that our only hope and desire was to promote their advancement, and prosperity under our tutelage.

is a bright spot in our history, on the whole, and it would be a great disappointment to find that political scavengers were able to dim its luster. Executions of the Coal Trust. Chicago News. The atrocities committed by the coal roads not only against the consumer of coal, but against the independent mine owner are endurable only because there has been no escape from them.

Live Nebraska Towns PONCA—Pretty as Its Name. Ponca, the county seat of Dixon county, is located in a beautiful and picturesque valley at the confluence of the South creek and Aowa river, about a mile south of the Missouri river. It was founded in 1858, being one of the earliest settlements in northeastern Nebraska.

before of 2,257 votes. In the campaign of 1874 Mr. Adams took an advanced position upon the settlement of all questions growing out of the war with Spain. Every position taken by him and discussed by him on the stump—the Cuban question, our national policy in the Philippines, the building of an interoceanic canal, our commercial advantages growing out of the signal victories of our army and navy, the maintenance of our flag on all captured territory, the prompt reinforcement of our army and navy—has become the fixed policy of our government today.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss: 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 Bees, during the month of April, 1902, was as follows:

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A constitutional convention, on the other hand, means postponement of its benefits for at least five years. A constitutional convention could be ordered until the question of calling it is submitted to the people at an election when members of the legislature are chosen.

Manifestly, five years delay of constitutional reform would be of incalculable damage to the state and its institutions. A constitutional convention would entail an enormous expense, probably not less than \$200,000, while a special legislative session need not cost to exceed \$20,000.

Commissioner Ostrom is to be commended for pressing through the county board a resolution instructing the county surveyor to prepare a railway map of Douglas county, showing all the main tracks, sidetracks, culverts, viaducts and other terminal facilities, including right-of-way and depot grounds.

According to the Washington correspondent of the local popographic organ, ex-Senator Thurston is to be invited to participate in the oncoming campaign and an effort will be made to have him deliver a great many speeches in the fusion districts of Nebraska.

Projected Merger of Soft Coal Mines in Four States. New York World. The news that a \$300,000,000 trust is being organized to control the soft coal output in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana is particularly disquieting just at this time, when the price of anthracite is mounting merrily toward the \$10 mark.

What will industry, to which coal is a vital necessity, do to protect itself? It may insist upon the literal fulfillment of the statutes relating to combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade and commerce. It may insist that congress shall remove the 67 cents per ton duty on soft coal, and it should be united.

'ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Sabbatharians in New York were treated to a rude shock recently by the pastor of a Catholic church, who took all his boys to a baseball field on Sunday afternoon and supervised a warm game of ball.

When a Ton is Not a Ton. Philadelphia North American. When is a ton not a ton? This is not a catch question. The answer is: When it is a carload of coal at the mine. Indeed, a ton of coal never is a ton anywhere.

Republicans Out for Congress. North Platte Tribune: As the time for holding the congressional convention approaches the show of Judge Grimes receiving the nomination increases. The people of the district are becoming cognizant of the fact that he is the logical candidate.

How the Coal Combine Finches the Mines. Philadelphia North American. When is a ton not a ton? This is not a catch question. The answer is: When it is a carload of coal at the mine.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Now doth the straw hat and the shirt waist glory the earth. The lawyers did pretty well in the Fair will contest in San Francisco, securing \$2,000,000 out of an estate of \$17,000,000.

Manjuro Nackabana, a Japanese naval officer who has just died, was well known in this country. He was one of a party of shipwrecked Japanese picked up by a New Bedford, Mass., whaler in 1859. He was educated here, and on his return home translated into Japanese a number of valuable English books.

Speculating on the date for congressional adjournment is still a harmless diversion. The Jacksonian insurgents of 1896 and the Jacksonian insurgents of 1902 can shake hands across the chasm.

The scientists who have been visiting the scene of the volcanic disturbances in the West Indies will now tell us how it all happened. Among other beneficiaries of these bountiful rains the Pingree potato patches and posy gardens should be specially thankful.

The latest is the merger of eleven Japanese steamship lines. The Yankee of the east is not slow at learning from the Yankee of the west. If it accomplishes nothing else, that encampment of High school cadets should serve to reinforce the refrain, "There is no place like home."

The late Ambassador Pauncefote has immortalized his name by attaching it to at least one important treaty sure to occupy a permanent place in history. Before South Omaha plunges into municipal ownership, prudence would dictate a thorough investigation by expert engineers of the probable cost of the experiment.

It's a poor congress in which some member does not propose some bill to restrict immigration that if in force at the time would have shut his own ancestors out of the country. We violate no confidence in assuring the public that the school book trust will be perfectly satisfied with the retention of Superintendent Pease at the head of the Omaha schools.

William Jennings Bryan and Tom L. Johnson have been conferring with one another. The early addition of the Commoner to the Johnson literary bureau would not be surprising to many of his friends. Our amiable contemporary, the World-Herald, might at least have commended the enforced Jacksonian exodus by a double-shot and double-leaded editorial such as its regularly bestows upon subjects of much less vital importance.

A St. Louis man comes forward with the explanation that all the deaths at St. Pierre were due solely and exclusively to lightning. As none of the victims can verify or contradict, the St. Louis philosopher is quite safe in spreading his theories. A German firm has been trying to corral a monopoly of the opium market in China by an offer of a liberal cash subsidy to the government. The vice character of the opium trade cuts no figure with the advance agents of civilization when trade profits are in view.

Governor Savage is reported to be very anxious to appoint a police and fire commission for Omaha. If this is true, why did the governor appear before the supreme court, through the attorney general, to oppose the applicants for a mandamus to order him to make the appointment? Chile and Argentina are again to settle a little difference by international arbitration. Arbitration has been applied most frequently and more successfully to disputes in South America than in any other quarter of the world—but then South America produces more disputes to be settled than all the rest of the world.

PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA. All the indications point to peace in South Africa. Every dispatch that has been received from that quarter for the past week has conveyed the information that peace was in sight and the world has been waiting for a confirmation of that report.

Lincoln will today open formally to the public its new Carnegie library building, which should be a source of pride not only to the Capital city, but to the people of the whole state. Nebraska's high rank for literacy is due to its liberal support of its educational institutions, and the public library is only second to the public school in influence as an educational factor.

Nebraska always has been blessed with a superabundance of square pegs that want to fill round holes. A glance at the list of ambitious aspirants who have projected themselves into the political arena as candidates for state and congressional nominations affords striking proof that the supply of square pegs is greater this year than in any previous year of Nebraska's checkered history.

It goes without saying that Omaha wants more mills and factories, but these industrial concerns cannot be secured by merely passing resolutions in the Commercial club. It takes capital to build and operate mills and factories, and capitalists can only be induced to invest in Omaha when they have assurance of lower taxes and favorable railroad rates.

Striking a Hot Pace. Washington Post. Cuba has four political parties and a large stock of Web Davises. The material for excitement about that way could hardly be improved upon.

Tussle of Legal Giants. Philadelphia Ledger. If Attorney General Knox does not think he will have plenty of fighting before he finally conquers the beef trust he is not the lawyer he is supposed to be.

Belated Honors to Martha. Baltimore American. Martha Washington's head is to go on a stamp. If some domestic history is to be believed, Martha Washington's feet often did the same thing when they put themselves on record.

Familiarity with Anticists. San Francisco Call. Senator Dolliver recently referred in debate to an authority whom he called "Ed Burke" and it took the grave senators fully fifteen minutes to catch on to the fact that he was talking about Edmund Burke.

Political Scavengers. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. If the democratic managers are looking for hidden scandals in the late military government of Cuba it is to be hoped that their researches will go unrewarded. There is a bright spot in our history, on the whole, and it would be a great disappointment to find that political scavengers were able to dim its luster.

Building of Good Roads. A Movement of Increasing Importance to City and Country. Minneapolis Journal. The late Congressman Peter J. Otey of Virginia delivered a good roads speech just before he was elected to the United States senate for the federal government to take charge of wagon road building.

It was at the Wild West show in Brooklyn. A young man and his best girl sat in front of the observer. Next to the man, on the other side, was a Hiibernian gentleman. As the show progressed the broncho busters came on. Ed Stokers immediately there pony in the bunch and immediately there pony in the bunch and immediately there pony in the bunch.

Smoothing War's Frowning Front. Boston Transcript. It is to be feared that the time is not so far when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. Beyond question the diplomatic history of the United States during the last twenty-five years is the most illustrious in the record of the republic. With all the diplomatic complications which the United States has had in this period we have maintained the policies and principles that for all the generations before have actuated us. There have been some expressions of commendation of the course of Secretary Hay in our foreign relations and on the other hand there have been criticisms of his course, but on the whole the verdict must be that the United States has never had in all its history a more thoroughly patriotic or conscientious public servant than John Hay.

Hou. Henry L. Wilson, the American minister to Chile, who is on a visit to this country, said in an interview a few days ago that our strong and efficient position in South America is due in very large measure to the wisdom and conscientious efforts of our secretary of state. The work that Secretary Hay has done in bringing about better relations between the United States and the countries south of us will never be understood in our time. There have been policies and propositions suggested by him, all looking to better relations between the United States and the countries south of us, which have tended all the time to the creation of better relations.

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