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No change in ministry can interfere with King Ak-Sar-Ben's glorious reign.

Breaking the drought every other day does not give anyone a fair chance to go dry.

Watch out for oriental fads in fashionable circles. The crown prince of Siam and his suite are to visit this country shortly.

We have heard nothing for several days about martial law in Beatrice. The yellow journal correspondents must have gone on a vacation.

With the disappearance of Judge Gordon, the police court of Omaha will lose its most grotesque and picturesque feature. And it will never see the like of him again.

From the precedent set by the president of the Western Base Ball League in assessing a one hundred dollar fine against a rowdy captain, politeness will pay even a bill player.

The adjustment of the grievances of the Union Pacific molders gives hope that the grievances of the other employees will be also adjusted before long on some mutually satisfactory basis.

Local populists want the democratic county ticket reorganized to meet their conditions for fusion. As the democrats will have to come to terms, here is a chance for some fine spin political finesse.

If piecework is the proper thing for securing the greatest efficiency and highest wages in the mechanical department of a railroad, why would it not work with the same advantage in the clerical department?

Is Tom Johnson to be the presidential candidate pitted by Bryan against David B. Hill? That question is suggested by the announcement of Tom Johnson's candidacy, at this early stage, from what seems to be authoritative sources.

The voluntary retirement of Lord Salisbury furnishes another exception to the rule that people seldom vacate high places until forced out by circumstances over which they have no control. And they are seldom willing to admit that advancing age is one of those circumstances.

Having accumulated a fine, big war debt and an enlarged bundle of war taxes, the chancellor of the British exchequer is willing to step out and let his successor get all the credit for debt reduction and war taxes repealed. This patriotic self-sacrifice should be properly appreciated.

It will take more than the usual amount of inkly fluid for the local cut-throat organ to befog the public vision to its poorly concealed efforts to dodge the real issues involved in the railway tax case and to smother all report of the proceedings and arguments in that most important litigation.

Our South American neighbors, and particularly the republic of Colombia, should remember that the benefits of the proposed isthmian canal will be shared by them, although they will not be asked to become responsible for any of the financial obligations. Under the circumstances, the least they can do is to lend their moral support to the project and put nothing in its way.

The discussion of the scheme of Cuban annexation proposed by Senator Elkins develops decided differences of opinion on this question on both sides of the political fence. If the issue were to be met now, we would find annexation democrats as well as annexation republicans, and by converse, both democrats and republicans firmly opposed to annexation now or in the future.

TAX REFORM IN IOWA.

Unless all signs fail, Iowa railroads will be assessed for several millions more this year than they were assessed in any previous year. The Iowa State Board of Assessors is now in session and will continue to discuss the subject in all its bearings.

The railroad property of this state, tangible and intangible, exclusive of the property described in section 1345 of the code, shall be valued at its actual value and shall be assessed at 25 percentum of such actual value, which shall be considered as the taxable value of such property.

Although the constitution of Iowa, unlike that of Nebraska, does not expressly require the assessment of franchises, Governor Cummins and other members of the Iowa executive council, who constitute the assessment board, are fully impressed with the idea that franchises constitute the most valuable asset of a paying railroad.

AGGRAVATING THE FRIAR PROBLEM.

Is the Philippine friar problem to become a bone of sectarian contention? It is to be apprehended that it will unless a satisfactory arrangement is soon effected between our government and the vatican in regard to the withdrawal of the friars.

SHAM REFORM MASQUERADE.

County Attorney Shields has made himself noted, if not notorious, by his mountebank performances. As public prosecutor, it is his right, as well as his duty, to file complaints in the courts against all violators of the criminal code.

A NERVOUS PROPOSITION.

Secretary Moody, in the hardness of his heart, ordains that Uncle Sam's sailors shall go to sea once in a while and learn to walk a bridge as well as they dance a german. The new naval secretary seems to have caught the Roosevelt mania for having things done.

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THE BRITISH MINISTERIAL CHANGE.

The retirement from public life of Lord Salisbury having long been expected, the announcement of his resignation caused no surprise and even in England excited but passing interest.

RAILROAD MANAGERS ARE COMPLAINING.

Their new fast trains are not paying out, except in advertising the road's enterprise. This ought to be followed by a plea from the tax bureau for exemption from taxation all the high speed locomotives, palatial trains and improvements of rounded to facilitate fast time.

NO STATE ENCAMPMENT OF THE NEBRASKA MILITIA.

Can be held this year for lack of funds, except by creating a deficiency to be covered by appropriation by the next legislature. The taxpayers of Nebraska had all the deficiencies they wanted stored up for the last legislature. If an encampment and a deficiency go hand in hand, we will try to get along without either of them.

HIGH MARK OF CIVILIZATION.

Chicago Tribune. When the Philistines began to learn to celebrate the Fourth of July in our civilized and enlightened American fashion it will do to talk about their fitness for self-government.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Democracy must gain at least forty seats to win the next house under the new apportionment. As they have failed to find even one issue, the prospect for them is not encouraging.

ENOUGH FOR ALL, BUT—

New York Tribune. There's enough for everybody to eat in this prosperous country of ours; enough to wear, plenty of fuel, light, heat, water and ice. But now and then joints and jars may delay the general distribution of things to the people who need them.

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HONORABLE APOLOGY.

Chicago Tribune.

Even the bitterest enemies of Secretary Root must admit that Major Gardner's testimony is a complete vindication of the secretary of war in respect to the charges brought against him relative to the major's report as governor of Tanager.

THE HERMIT WHO NEVER WAR.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"I'll leave the world," a cynic said one day. And meditate in some sequestered place! The only thought men have is "Will it pay?"

FOOLS PRATE OF LOVE.

And in his place Ambition stands! The world obey! Love, Love, Love, alas! has been down.

DOWN AT HER FEET, DOGLIKE, HE YEARNING.

He started out to find a wild retreat. But turned ere long, forgetting to be wise.

YOUNG HAIR.

That means rich hair, heavy hair, no gray hair. Is yours thin, short, gray? Just remember, Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair, all the dark, rich color it had years ago.

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