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A peaceable strike is the one that brings best and most permanent results. Buffalo Bill is the one eminent Nebraskan who continued hold on the people no one will question.

It ought not to be necessary for Ak-Sar-Ben knights to go all the way to Deadwood to break into jail. Another pertinent question: What does Governor Savage owe to Congressman Mercer? Will Mercer ever do for Savage?

The republicans of Iowa appear to be well satisfied with the work of their state convention and they alone have the votes to back it up at the polls. Governor Savage finds that to pick out four suitable business men out of politics for members of his new Omaha police board is much easier said than done.

Jim Dahlman is out already for Bryan for president in 1904. Dahlman is said to have put up money in 1900 that New York would give its electoral vote to Bryan.

Another Arctic explorer has come back from the frozen north "baffled, but not beaten." The consolation consists in the knowledge that no one else has reached the pole ahead of him.

If our Deadwood friends will return the visit during the week of Ak-Sar-Ben's carnival, his royal highness will see to it that they are treated to something at least as good as a ride in the patrol wagon.

General Jacob H. Smith has arrived in this country from the Philippines, but discreetly declines to talk for publication. General Smith seems finally to have realized that he has done too much talking already.

BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING. The railroad tax bureau has issued another bulletin to convince the people of Nebraska that railroad assessments in Lancaster county are way up above the level of the assessments of other property, and it has succeeded in making itself believe that the railroads are over-taxed, although, possibly, it may not be able to convert other taxpayers of Lancaster county to that belief.

For the purposes of the tax bureau, comparisons are instituted between the census bureau figures of 1900 and the assessed valuation of 1893. A comparison between the assessed valuations of railroads in 1891 and 1901 would be much more effective.

In 1891 the Missouri Pacific Lincoln branch was assessed at \$70,000; in 1902 it was assessed at \$100,000. In 1891 the Fremont & Elkhorn was assessed at \$54,250; in 1901 it was assessed at \$80,000. In 1891 the Omaha & Republican Valley railroad was assessed for \$173,055; in 1901 it was assessed for \$135,005.

In 1891 the Nebraska railroad was assessed for \$173,840; in 1901 it was assessed for \$150,880. In 1891 the Lincoln & Northwestern was assessed for \$51,250; in 1901 it was assessed for \$41,000. The Atchison & Nebraska was assessed in 1891 for \$97,000, and in 1901 it was assessed for \$80,240.

When it is borne in mind that the taxpayers of Lincoln have paid over \$90,000 in interest within the past fifteen years on the bonds donated to the railroads, these figures are decidedly suggestive of what you expect before taking and what you get after taking.

REPUBLICAN CONFIDENCE. The republican congressional committee is preparing for a vigorous campaign, with a feeling of entire confidence in the result. Chairman Beckcock of the committee says that complete harmony prevails, whereas dissonance and discord among the democrats continues and has perhaps been aggravated by the eastern visit of Mr. Bryan.

This is the feeling that pervades the congressional committee and is entertained generally by republican leaders. All the conditions are favorable to the republicans winning the next house of representatives. The republican majority in the present house is forty-six. There will be 380 members in the next house, which is twenty-nine more than the present enrollment.

An eastern democratic paper recently remarked that "an impartial survey of the situation does not justify the democratic party's hope that it will control the next house of representatives." The more sagacious party leaders do not expect it. They realize that the party has no winning issue, while the lack of unity and harmony causes it to be distrusted quite as much now as at any time during the last six years.

WHAT DOES RUSSIA MEAN? This question in connection with the Russian note relative to trusts, seems to be giving some concern to certain officials at Washington as well as to those of foreign governments. The most recent conjecture reported is that Russia is either preparing to recede from her position on the bounty-fed sugar question, or preparing to negotiate a new trade treaty with the United States for the purpose of offsetting the proposed discrimination of foreign governments against Russian sugar.

It is said that many of the Americans who participated in the reception to Prince Henry and who were selected to receive decorations in recognition of their hospitality, have declined the decorations. This must be a new experience for Emperor William. He is not accus-

ed to having his favors turned back—in fact, no subject of the German emperor would dare to refuse a proffered honor. But the sovereign American citizen has a perfect right to accept or reject gifts or decorations no matters what their source.

The Iowa State Board of Equalization has raised the assessment of the railroads in that state over \$4,000,000. Iowa has been held up to the Nebraska assessment board as a model of high taxation, but according to members of the Real Estate exchange who have just returned from Lincoln the Nebraska state board declares that "Rosewater" has made no case on railroad assessments.

Nothing would please Omaha people better, without regard to religious creed or denomination, than to have this city made the seat of a western archiepiscopal see for the Roman Catholic church, with Bishop Scannell advanced to the archbishopric.

Another Case for Arbitration. Colonel Watterston and Colonel Bryan may settle it between themselves as to which one's assaults have had the most effect on the Fat Fisherman.

An Overlooked Opportunity. Curious some Nebraska special correspondent doesn't write a story of a farmer whose potato crop was harvested for him by the earthquake, without cost.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. The result of the election at North Leeds a few days ago is a severe reverse to the British conservatives and liberal unionists, more so even than that of the Bury election.

In his heart of hearts the kaiser is probably most grateful to the nobles of Poland who have given him so splendid a chance to be theatrically medieval. They beg him not to visit Posen at the present time because of the possible danger to his person.

The name of Swakpund is probably unfamiliar to the average reader, and that of Windhoek is little better known. If these were just Jakkalswater, Abahals, Karahib and Okahandja, we have a list calculated to send one in despair—and perhaps in vain—to the gatekeeper.

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might be introduced with great advantage. It is worth remembering that the Polled-Angus were first introduced to the United States at an exposition, the Centennial, and by a Kansas man, Mr. Grant of Ellis county.

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HIGHER PRICES FULLY OFFSET. American Wage Earners Not Disposed to Return to 1896 Distress. Philadelphia Press.

Those democrats who are seeking to bring the tariff issue prominently into the front are now trying to make the workmen believe that, owing to increased prices, they are worse off than they were under the Wilson tariff act.

There is probably not a man in the United States today out of work who could not find employment if he sought it. The enormous increase in savings banks deposits and in the annual premiums on life insurance and other things of that kind demonstrate the prosperity of the people in general, including the workmen.

When democratic orators and editors appeal to the workman against the tariff on the ground of alleged higher prices the workman has only to recall to mind the distressed condition of things under the Wilson tariff bill to answer satisfactorily to his own mind all appeals of that kind.

Chicago Record-Herald: "There must be a good many automobile enthusiasts in this town," said the stranger. "There always has been a hotel keeper, 'but what made you think there were?'" "As I came in on the train I saw your country." It seems to be full of new graves.

Chicago Tribune: "Guten Morgen," said the man with the bones, in as good German as he could command. "The man that broke the bank at Monte Carlo."

Judge: "I tell you what, when this bunko man didn't get none of my money this morning, he was in the style in which he is accustomed." "No, sir, I lost my pocketbook on the way to town and the waiter 'nother' fer 'em ter git."

Chicago News: Her Father—Have you any prospects of being able to support my daughter in the style in which she is accustomed? Suitor—Sure, I may say in all confidence that I will do it. The direction is altogether in the prospective.

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE. E. S. Martin in Kansas City Star. It was my happy lot to meet upon a boat in the city of New York. While seeking of the summer's heat agreeable evasion. Of fashion—where, no matter—A maid whom there was none to court, And very few to flatter.

Her head had not the graceful poise of Aphrodite's statue. Her hair reminded you of boys; because she was pointed out to you. A derby hat, the softest sort. The fashionable male owes money for, she used for sport. She seldom walked in silk attire, but commonly in flannel; not yet in oils did she aspire to the high seas. Because she could not help but see she was not tall nor slender; Nor did she deem her curves to be Superlatively tender.

What's the Use sweaters these torrid days, when it's so easy to keep cool—if you know how. Our store, in the first place, is the coolest in town, as there are a dozen or more big fans to stand under while you are selecting a thin coat, a light pair of trousers, a homespun, a flannel suit, a soft shirt or two, or perhaps a straw hat. We have all the cool, comfortable things for men and boys—and the majority of them are reduced in price for various reasons. Store closes at 9 p. m., Saturday. Growing King & Co. Exclusive Clothiers and Furnishers. R. S. Wilcox, Manager.