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These declarations from so distinguished a lawyer, publicly made after careful consideration, must command attention. It is the understanding that the legal advisers of President Roosevelt have thoroughly discussed the question of the amenability of the coal-carrying railroads to the federal statutes.

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He further declared that the coal-carrying railroads have for years violated the interstate commerce law by discriminating against customers in freight charges, and that they have also violated the Sherman anti-trust law by unlawfully monopolizing interstate commerce.

HARRIMAN'S CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP.

Mr. Harriman's cross-country trip and long sojourn on the coast early last spring. The time spent in the west by Mr. Harriman must have been devoted to a close investigation into the question of a steamship annex to the Union Pacific.

The Retail Grocers' association has declared in favor of the early completion of the auditorium building and pledged itself to extend to the enterprise substantial support. If the wholesale grocers, the wholesale dry goods men, the wholesale boot and shoe men and all other dealers in merchandise and money will fall into line the new Board of Directors will have no difficulty in completing the structure before October 1.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Hastings Tribune: It is the consensus of public opinion in Nebraska that the young men of this state are in a peculiarly favorable position to assist in the selection of a Republican ticket for the state.

The republican city committee has been reorganized on the Mercer-Broath model. The new committee members were selected from the fact that they had been prominent in the republican legislative ticket when there were two United States senators to be elected.

Having assimilated the Omaha police department through the Mercer-Baldwin police board bargain, the Union Pacific has now annexed the police force of North Platte. The road, however, still thoughtfully allows the various cities along the road to pay the salaries of the policemen while it beats them out of the taxes that should by rights be paid on the railroad property.

The transcontinental railroads have won another bloodless victory. The next reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic is to be held in San Francisco. Host, Mead. Carnegie yesterday began to receive the freedom of five cities in Scotland.

Radicals Fume in Va. This country is not going into either despotism on the one hand or socialism and communism on the other because some Pennsylvania operators and miners can't get their heads in the right groove.

When the Bills Come In. Indianapolis News. Pennsylvania must enjoy paying the bills for keeping several thousand militia in the coal district for months.

Information coming from nearly every college and university in the country is to the effect that the classes entering this year are larger than ever before. Definite numbers are not mentioned, as it is too early to tell what the exact numbers on which they are based will be.

Mayor Low of Greater New York has put himself on record in favor of the assessment of property for taxation purposes at its true value as the only way to put an end to the rampant abuses of undervaluation and evasion.

A Rank Injustice

Nebraska Independent. The Independent has heretofore commented upon the fact that in the cities of Omaha, South Omaha and Lincoln the railroads pay but a mere bagatelle in the way of city taxes.

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Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. President Roosevelt's independence and sincerity is illustrated by an incident related by a correspondent of the Chicago Journal.

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soon afterward, when he was promoted to major, he was the youngest man in the army to reach that rank. Mr. Baer is now the youngest appearing of the "big six" anthracite owners who responded to the invitation of President Roosevelt.

According to a ruling of the Interior department, rendered with all the solemn dignity befitting the problem, the fact is proclaimed that corn does not constitute a pensionable affliction.

The issue was raised by a New York man who served his country in the Spanish-American war. He acquired several disabilities, including several full-fledged corns.

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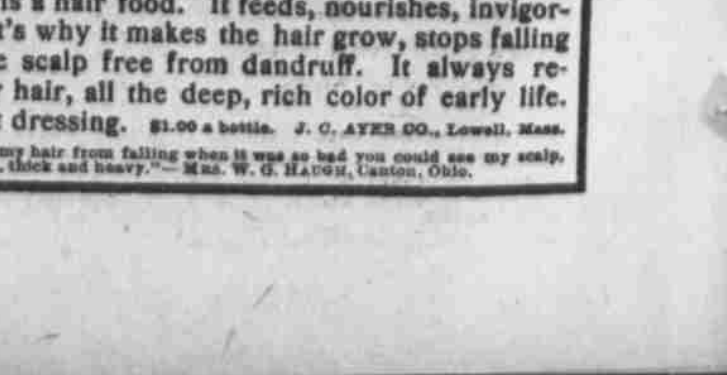
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ADVANCE TIPS ON THE CONDITION OF THE TURKEY CROP.

The South Omaha school board graters are altogether too coarse in their work.

Nebraska is not ambitious to compete with Missouri as a train robbers' stamping ground.

With the spellbinders abroad in the land Nebraska farmers will do well to watch out for prairie fires.

With seven millions and a half of bank clearings, Omaha makes a very respectable showing in the clearing house record for the past week.

Ex-Governor Boies, having discovered that democratic tariff tinkering is the sole cure for trust evils, seems to have dropped the matter right there.

Senator Clark has plans for a \$3,000,000 residence in Washington, notwithstanding the fact that he is in the midst of another political campaign in Montana.

Oma Paul Kruger now threatens to publish a book. But as long as he keeps off the lecture platform we will try to bear with him patiently and sympathetically.

The club women failed to show up at the republican school board primaries. Are they beginning to realize how they were used as catpaws at the last school board election?

Governor Cummins has now interpreted his interpretation of "the Iowa idea" of the tariff, and it appears to be simply the idea of the national platforms of 1886 and 1900.

Edgar Howard projects Congressman Robinson of the Third Nebraska district as a candidate for speaker in the event the house should go democratic.

The coal barons declare that all the talk about a coal famine is mere bombast. They insist that in all their lives it never was warmer in their houses, and offices than it is this season.

The full force of the national guard of Pennsylvania is now encamped in the anthracite coal region, and it is time for the mine operators to "make good" their promise to supply the demand for hard coal.

Candidates for the legislature should not be backward in coming forward with positive declarations and pledges on local issues that vitally concern the taxpayers of Omaha and Douglas county and citizens generally.

Philadelphia people have taken to burning bricks soaked in coal oil. The dangerous feature of this substitute for anthracite is not the liability to explosion, but the temptation to throw the brick after the oil is burned out.

Hastings' street fair, which has just closed, is reported to have been a very warm affair. If it was any hotter than the street fair which closed in Omaha a week ago the temperature must have been 20 degrees above Fahrenheit.

The usual difficulty is being encountered to secure competent men to serve as judges and clerks of election. With incompetent election officers the same risk is run of overturning the real will of the people as with outright crooks in the election booths.

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