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CRITICISM OF THE HOAR BILL

It was to be expected that the bill prepared by Senator Hoar for the regulation and supervision of the so-called trusts and combinations would be criticized by the managers and attorneys of the organizations to which the proposed law applied.

Those who object to the Hoar bill are composed of two classes—the constitutional objectors and those who think that it is not possible to enforce the conditions which are proposed.

The application of this to the anti-trust law now in operation or the one which it is proposed to put into effect is perfectly plain.

Those who find fault with the plan of trust regulation and supervision contained in the Hoar bill are not only opposed to all control of the trusts, but fail to propose anything that will protect the public from the exactions and the oppressions of monopoly.

As we have already said, it was to be expected that there would be adverse criticism of the Hoar anti-trust bill. It is a measure which antagonizes the great monopolistic interests of the country.

WHAT THE PARTY IS PLEDGED TO. For some unsolvable reason the impression has gained ground among the people of Nebraska that they have little or nothing to expect in the form of reform legislation from the present session of their lawmakers.

Not to go outside of the pledges of the last republican state platform, the majority members are committed to these positive reforms:

1. To provide for the most speedy revision of the state constitution to meet the demands of twentieth century conditions.

2. To enact laws that will hold every custodian of public funds that may come into his possession by virtue of his office responsible for both principal and interest accruing thereon.

3. To adopt measures to increase state revenues and to reduce state debt.

4. To carry out the intent of the constitution for the taxation of all franchises as well as tangible property of corporations and individuals upon a uniform basis of assessment.

5. To create a board of pardons to pass upon applications for executive clemency and make recommendations to the governor according to their findings.

6. To provide for a board of audit to check up and report on the condition of state finances at stated intervals.

It is to be hoped that Mr. John N. Baldwin of Iowa will not project himself too far in the front in the legislative lobby at Lincoln.

Having served his purpose for plucking (druggists) and liquor dealers, "The Omaha Daily World-Herald" will within a few days cease to perambulate and give way again to the Morning World-Herald and Evening World-Herald.

The democratic city central committee has taken time by the forelock by calling itself together for next Saturday to formulate a call for a convention that is to nominate Ed Howell and thirteen others who are willing to serve the city for three years, or the war, at stated salaries and perquisites.

immortalized himself by the achievement. But the world do move. The prospectus just issued by an international sleeping car company tells us that a journey around the world in the course of the next year may be accomplished in forty days, with the usual stop for one hour at Omaha.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK

Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The report of the Board of Health for 1902 presents interesting facts and comparisons respecting the vital statistics of New York City.

Regarding consumption, which is classified as an infectious disease, the president of the Board of Health, Dr. Ledwith says optimistically that "the control of the white plague, and its ultimate eradication" is being brought about by the scientific measures which in 1902 reduced the number of deaths by 832 from the total of the preceding year.

The young people of Brooklyn broke all former records in marriages, 3,014 couples being united in the twelve months ending last week. This was an increase over 1901 of 711 marriages.

Promotion to be a full engineer is the reward given Assistant Engineer Henri Pommer of the steamship La Champagne, who risked his life to save a comrade and prevented possible injury to the vessel by hanging head down in the steamer's funnel, above the roaring furnace, and fixing a broken damper.

Friend Telegram: The Nebraska legislature which assembles next week at Lincoln will have a task before it, that of looking after the unemployed officers which have been created by legislation which has passed and gone.

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THE TURN OF THE YEAR

Spring is coming! Though skies are gray, Her eyes of blue are turned away; Let's sooner see the shadow lift; The call to the flowers all fast asleep; Beneath their covering white and deep, "I am coming soon."

Days there will be of frost and snow— The skies will wail and chill winds blow; The flower of winter will lift on high Its flaming bloom in the northern sky; But hour by hour, as the days grow long, Shall we hear the spring's triumphant song, "I am coming soon."

Make ready to lift with joy each head; When I strip the covers from your bed; Tremble, O ye trees, to burthen soon— You'll feel my breath in the sun at noon; You'll hear my footsteps on the dew; You shall spread with green the brown fields over— "I am coming soon."

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BEWARE OF FUS

We quoted in these columns several months ago some extremely penetrating observations by the leading medical and pathological journal of the world, the Lancet of London, under the title "Fuss As a Mark of Modern Civilization."

"It is not vigilance or prudence or deliberation and considerate judgment; it is not even a natural and rational anxiety, though it may exhibit itself in the guise of any one of these. It is mere fussiness. Serving in itself no useful purpose, it mingles with and impedes every useful work, dampening energy and discouraging initiative and the sense of responsibility in those engaged in it.

"There have been symptoms of an epidemic of this sort in this city during the last five or six months. We will not be invidious and presume to locate its outward manifestations, but leave it to every keen observer to perform that task for himself. What we would suggest is that persons who suspect that the disease may be working more or less insidiously upon themselves read over the description of it which we quote and endeavor to decide whether they have it or not.

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