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THE PRISON LABOR PROBLEM.

Among the problems with which the Nebraska legislature is expected to grapple is the question of making the penitentiary self-sustaining without creating ruinous competition to free labor.

OPINION, FORMED AFTER CAREFUL INVESTIGATION AND DELIBERATION.

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NEW. BARNUM'S SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE LIKE TO BE LUNNAGED WAS NEVER BEFORE EXPLAINED.

Among the people of Nebraska there is no American city in which the unemployed are marching by the thousand in processions. Our troubles are not so serious as we think.

MINOR SCENES AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED ON THE SPOT.

There is much illness, as well as weariness and vexation of spirit, among members of congress this winter. One day last week while Senator Nelson of Minnesota was expounding his views on the omnibus...

BEAVER CITY TIMES-TRIBUNE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Beaver City Times-Tribune: In case of doubt, don't pass the bill. Wood River Interests: Now that the people have honored the republicans with the legislative franchise and given them a good working majority, it behooves the representatives of that party to see to it that...

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ohio is always getting the pace. One of its courts has just decided that stealing coal is not a crime. Hon. David B. Hill has put himself on record as being opposed to leading his face for adornment of cigar advertisements...

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 Bee printed during the month of December, 1902, was as follows:

Unless the icemen cut some more ice this winter, they will cut some ice next summer. The Omaha atmosphere does not seem to agree with Union Pacific strike breakers.

South Carolina is evidently another state that made a serious mistake in its choice of a man for lieutenant governor. Ex-Boss Croker should have gone into the chicken business sooner.

The senate has passed one bill to create a department of commerce and the house another. A legislative merger of the two propositions will be the next step.

Is there nobody in Nebraska competent to instruct the legislature in its duties? Are our lawmakers obliged to look to Iowa for a guide, philosopher and friend?

The fuel shortage is just now the most serious disturbing element to trade and industry. It takes coal to make the wheels go round and dearth of motive power is the same as putting on brakes from other directions.

John N. Baldwin lives in Iowa. If he lived in Nebraska and was compelled to pay taxes on his own property for the benefit of the railroads he would not be so positive about the railroads paying all the taxes they ought to pay.

The decision in the Northern Securities case is being eagerly awaited by several trust propagators, either to inform them there are no legal obstacles in the way of their merger schemes or to point the way to get around them.

Why can't the legislature provide a suitable mansion for John N. Baldwin at the state capital where he can dispense the lavish railroad hospitality and run a legislative kindergarten for the edification and instruction of juvenile lawmakers?

The French scientist who thinks he has discovered the volcano germ should proceed at once to get a corner on his find. A complete assortment of volcano germs always in supply would come in handy and command big prices for various strenuous occasions.

Omaha's growing importance as a shoe market is gratifying. When we are able to tan the hides taken off the animals slaughtered by our packing houses and convert the leather into finished product right here, Omaha will take front rank in the shoe market tables.

The Minnesota legislature is considering a resolution calling for an investigation into the extent and result of the use of free railway passes in that state by public officials and private citizens. An investigation along similar lines in this state might confirm some suspicions generally entertained by the public.

The Nebraska Independent salutes the United States senate as "the most infamous gang of scoundrels that ever got together as a legislative body anywhere on this earth."

We can conceive of no valid reason why such an investigation should not be made, while there are strong reasons in favor of making it. The people of this country would like to have the opinion of the able lawyers of the house judiciary committee in this matter and opportunity should be given to obtain that

opinion, formed after careful investigation and deliberation. If it be decided that congress has not the power to protect the people even against monopoly in the necessities of life, then the people can intelligently consider the question of conferring the necessary power through constitutional amendment.

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