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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss. George B. Tschuck, secretary of The Bee Publishing Company...

The suspicion is growing that the coal bonans are simply playing for time—and winter time at that.

Just now a municipal coal pile would be more satisfactory to men out of work than a municipal stone pile.

All of which leads us to remark once more that there is no improvement Omaha needs quite so badly as a new first-class fireproof hotel.

The legislative committee on revenue and taxation will soon grapple with the question whether wireless telegraph lines should be assessed by the state board of assessors.

Why should Marconi want to erect his experimental plant for wireless telegraphy between Italy and Argentina? Is he afraid the line might be overworked?

No gallery visitor ever ventures to cry out "You lie" at meetings of our municipal legislature. That privilege is reserved for the city councilmen themselves.

The Postoffice department will make an allowance for horse feed for the mounted letter carriers at Lincoln.

For a good county officer a four-years' term is none too long, but for a bad one, two years is more than plenty.

President Eliot of Harvard insists that before long none but educated men will rule the government. It behooves us all, then, to get into the educated classes...

One thing the Colorado legislators are doing most successfully—they are laying up a whole lot of material to form the groundwork for a healthy junketing committee of investigation when the credentials of the new senator come to be fought over in the United States senate.

Venice is spending a quarter of a million of dollars in an effort to save its historic buildings from old age destruction.

The bee keepers of Nebraska have held their winter meeting at the state capital, but if all the keepers of The Omaha Bee were to swarm to the capital city they would outnumber the permanent as well as the transient population in the vicinity of Salt creek by several thousand.

It is said that enforcing the law for the removal of the fences illegally erected on the public domain in the cattle raising district would work a hardship disproportionate to the benefits that would accrue to the public.

SENATE FILE NO. 1. The compulsory waterworks purchase bill has been railroaded through the senate without discussion as an emergency measure.

The salient features of Senate File No. 1 are that Omaha must either buy the existing waterworks or build waterworks of its own by legislative mandate.

With the exception of issuing bonds already voted and voting more bonds hereafter for the consummation of the proposed purchase by the commission, Omaha is to have nothing to say about the management of the waterworks.

The darkey in that woodpile is the provision requiring the governor-appointed water commissioner to appoint a water commissioner at any salary it may see fit to pay.

If the people of Omaha can be trusted to elect an honest and capable board of water commissioners four years hence, why are they not equally competent to elect an honest commission before the negotiations for the waterworks are submitted for their ratification?

In the course of the house debate a New York representative expressed the opinion that there was no doubt of the title of the United States to the disputed territory.

Our fellow citizen, the sultan of Jolo, had died, it is up to us to forward our condolences, in whole or in part, to his surviving widows, who have suffered such an irreparable loss.

From the state's point of view this is probably true, since, according to Congressman Slayden, our consular representatives abroad can drink more whiskey, man for man, than the agents of any effete despotism on the map.

After all, why shouldn't the cattlemen put up packing houses and sell the finished product to the public? They have the cattle and the hogs and they have the capital.

On broad gauge lines all back-act legislation is pernicious and vicious. When the people elect an officer for a fixed term, he is entitled to serve out his term, if he behaves, but he has no rightful claim to a back-door extension by legislative enactment.

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KEEP IT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE. Nebraska Railroad Assessments—What They Have Been—What They Are—What They Should Be.

Table with columns: County, Miles, Assessment for 1902, Assessment for 1903, What Should Be. Lists various counties like Adams, Antelope, Blaine, etc.

The figures above presented are carefully compiled from reports of the state auditor, the bulletins issued by authority of the railroads and the reports to their stockholders published within the past year.

An inspection of the table herewith presented shows just how much each county has lost by gradual reduction of the railroad assessment within the past ten years.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Senator Vest signifies his approaching retirement from public life by tendering to the library of the University of Missouri a bound copy of every public document which has come to him during his twenty-four years in the senate.

A New England senator's fair constituent is engaged with him for not hurrying her pension claim, reports the Washington Post.

"This beautiful government, for which my husband gave his health and for which we lost our home, requires a good wife and mother months and years to keep swearing and weeping to even her marriage and other things too numerous to mention.

Representative Fitzgerald of New York had the pleasure of escorting a bride and bridegroom—"two constituents of mine," as he designated them—about the city the other day.

A vineyard old woman called Senator Morgan to the Marble room to ask about a claim.

As the senator stood talking to her he noticed Senator Mason chatting gaily with half a dozen young women.

BLOW AT DIVORCE MILLS. The United States supreme court's decision in the Andrews case would seem to have dealt an indirect but heavy blow to the divorce mills of South Dakota and some other states.

The contest arose over Massachusetts property bequeathed by Charles H. Andrews to the wife of his son, Charles S. Andrews.

It also held that the Federal constitution was in no way involved, for the reason that congress never had been given power to regulate marriage and divorce.

States which disbelieve in easy divorce can evidently make the decrees of the South Dakota and other divorce mills practically worthless to their citizens.

No member of congress is so successful in keeping his views out of the papers as Senator Allison of Iowa.

Pullman sleeping cars are now numbered instead of named. The breakfast foods have copyrighted all of the pretty names.

Adrian C. Anson, the well known base ball captain, is a candidate for the treasurer of Chicago on the democratic ticket.

Chicago has at last found a legitimate reason for civilized man's settling in its neighborhood. The death rate for 1902 has reached the low water mark of 13.88.

Andrew Langdon, president of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Historical society, has presented to that city a copy of the bronze statue of David, by Michael Angelo, which will be erected in one of Buffalo's parks.

Five American ambassadors to foreign courts are graduates of Harvard. They are Joseph H. Choate, Horace Porter, Charles Dunning, and George Von Meyer.

"Where are you going for the winter?" "Newbery. I can get enough of it here—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you take this internally?" asked the customer as he put the bottle in his pocket and handed over the check.

"Yes, father, when I graduate I am going to follow my literary friend and write for money."

"It's his own fault," exclaimed the deacon to the minister who was complaining that his salary was not large enough.

"Whew!" exclaimed Newed, "what's the matter with this prince piece?"

In a worn sash hood and a shabby old cloak. And a dress that had long been outgrown.

Minna Irving in New York Times. In a worn sash hood and a shabby old cloak.

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