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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss. George B. Trachuck, secretary of the Board of Public Utilities...

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So far as appearance go, the friar question is simply stewing.

Of course those Indiana grave robbers did all their work just for the benefit of innocent doctors.

Grover Cleveland needs no reason to reject a presidential nomination that he knows is beyond reach.

Lucky that earthquake shakup in Kentucky came on Saturday or the Kentuckians might have attributed it to something else.

Just in passing, it may be noted that no churches herabouts were burning cancelled mortgages before the present era of republican property was inaugurated.

After reading of the catastrophe in the South Sea Islands, the famines in Sweden and Trinidad, one is tempted to the belief that being in the United States is worth while.

Colonel Bryan has the right of every American citizen to choose his own table company, and if he wants to draw the line on political grounds, that is a purely personal matter to himself.

The lawyers will take up six days of the coal strike commission's time. If all the hot air they spout could be used for heating purposes, the pressure for fuel might be somewhat relieved.

If trusts are over 2,000 years old, as asserted in the debate on the trust bill, the only wonder is that anything outside of the trust octopus is left for the trust promoters of today to work on.

That omnibus statehood bill seems to have been too heavily loaded to get safely over the rough places, and the result is that two of the passengers will have to get out if the coach is to arrive at the destination at all.

So well satisfied is the house with its innovations of Sunday sessions for eulogies on deceased members, that it seems anxious to hold memorial meetings every Sunday if only enough members will die successively to keep the dates filled.

A cleverly constructed bill is slumbering on the legislative files at Lincoln designed to shut out of Nebraska all the local guaranty bond companies and monopolize all the business of the field for the foreign companies. The bill should be put to sleep permanently.

The inclemency of winter weather does not seem to be interfering with the prosecution of the municipal campaign down at Lincoln, where it is already on in full blast. A bill postponing the battle to the balmy days of May should be rushed through the legislature at once.

Up in Sioux City, stage realism is to be promoted by a real wedding ceremony as part of a dramatic performance. When the company reaches Sioux Falls, it can carry the drama of life one step further by having a real divorce consummated before the eyes of the audience.

It would naturally be supposed that the Commercial club would get to the forefront in the fight to secure equal taxation of railroad property in Omaha with the property of private individuals and business houses. But it is keeping decidedly mum. The reason why is not hard to discover.

Governor Micker's attitude on the question of theater, card playing and dancing may be approved by only a part of the people of Nebraska, but the universal verdict will be that it is far preferable to the performances of his predecessor in office as sponsor for bull fights, poker parties and carnival hilarity.

A STRIKING SAMPLE OF DISTRIBUTION.

Twenty years ago the Omaha & Southwestern railroad was returned to the state board of railroad assessors as 49.25 miles at \$10,049 per mile and its total assessed valuation was \$497,645.67, distributed as follows:

Table showing distribution of railroad valuation for 1902. Columns include county name, miles, and assessed value.

In 1902 the Omaha & Southwestern railroad is returned as 50.88 miles at \$5,500 per mile and the total assessment thereof is \$330,720, or \$193,838.25 less than it was assessed for in the year 1882.

Table showing distribution of 1902 valuation. Columns include county name, miles, and assessed value.

Had the line been assessed on the basis of 1882 at \$10,049 per mile, which by rights is less than half of what it should be at one-sixth of its mileage value, the assessment for 1902, exclusive of terminals, should have been:

Table showing assessment for 1902 based on 1882 rates. Columns include county name, miles, and assessed value.

By rights the value of the Burlington terminals at Omaha, which are all included in the Omaha & Southwestern, should be distributed as part of the mileage of the Omaha and Ashland line.

These figures ought to be an eye-opener to the public who are still contending that the values of the railroads at the Omaha terminals are being distributed to the various counties, townships, villages and precincts along the whole line of railroad.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

The solitude that is being manifested by prominent men in England in regard to the food supply in the event of war is interesting as showing how entirely dependent the United Kingdom is in this respect upon other countries, particularly the United States.

We food to the United Kingdom annually foodstuffs to the value of several hundred million dollars, and with total export trade with that country amounting to between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000 a year. This vast commerce, much of it in indispensable articles which England cannot obtain elsewhere, makes the strongest possible bond between the two countries.

for the maintenance of friendly relations, about equally important to each country, for while England must have our foodstuffs and our cotton, we want the trade and find it profitable.

There are some who think that a European war is an event of the not remote future. Reports of armies being mobilized by Turkey, Russia and Austria are disturbing symptoms. It might be inferred from the anxiety of prominent Englishmen regarding the food supply that they expect war.

THE STATES AND THE TRUSTS. The supreme court of the United States has pointed out that the states may exert a considerable power in controlling trusts, through legislation supplementing the federal statutes.

Germany and the United States. Indianapolis News. Mr. Littlefield, in the house, traced the history of trusts back to 2,000 years B. C.

Salvation for Millionaires. New York Times. General Booth of the Salvation Army gravely announces the purpose of that enraptured organization to go after the millionaires of the United States and enroll them as members.

Better Pay for Judges. Philadelphia Record. There was a time when the salaries of the judges of the supreme court of the United States were deemed quite sufficient to enable them to live with comfort and dignity.

Dana's Sound Logic. Atlantic Monthly. They tell a good story of Charles A. Dana—how Dana once summoned a boy reporter and said, "Tomorrow you write up the yacht race."

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RETS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. In spite of the vast quantity of anti-fat remedies prescribed and marketed by the medical profession there are instances, strange to say, among the doctors themselves, in which these infallible remedies utterly fail to produce the guaranteed results.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Barum's "bearded lady" is dead. This removes one of the last vestiges of populism.

Don't Give Yourself Away. Philadelphia Ledger. There is only one lesson taught by the way the house has handled the submarine boat question.

A Suggestion from Abroad. Brooklyn Post. And will not Boston erect a statue of Ralph Waldo Emerson on his one hundredth birthday?

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TIPS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Almorth Star-Journal: The bill introduced by request by Brown to recede to the old law for hunting chickens, in our opinion, is a very poor idea since it has been established that birds are a great enemy to insects.

Stromburg Headlight: H. B. No. 255, by Thompson of Merrick (by request)—To punish the stealing of domestic fowls and to punish persons receiving or buying stolen domestic fowls and to punish all persons harboring or concealing poultry thieves.

Springfield Monitor: One of the bills in the legislature that is being pushed by the representatives from the western part of the state is for the extermination of prairie dogs.

Nebraska City News: A bill has been introduced in the legislature making it a criminal offense for any youth under 15 years of age to smoke on the streets or in any public place.

Wayne Herald: There will be an earnest effort on the part of the present legislature to put the finances of Nebraska on a better basis.

Hastings Tribune: Legislation for the construction and maintenance of good roads will never be a thing unless it is not offensively remarked, of the country road is one of the most important factors in the accumulation of wealth.

Stromburg Headlight: If a bill which Senator Knaben of this district has introduced goes through, the renters of Nebraska farms will be confronted with a "landlord's lien" which will grant the landlord a lien on all crops grown on leased land and also all personal property used in the cultivation of said land.

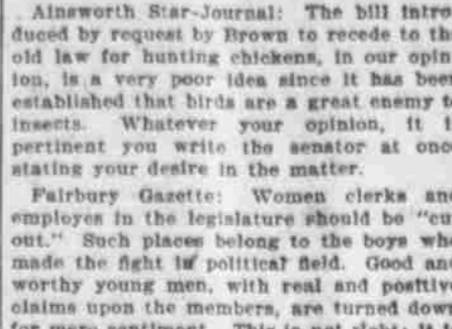
Wayne Republican: Two years ago the legislature passed an anti-cigarete law. It has not abolished the use of cigars by any means, but it has undoubtedly been of wholesome effect.

Rushville Recorder: There seems to be a peculiar kind of anxiety on the part of some of our legislators at Lincoln to give the taxpayers and those interested in education generally are opposed to—namely, five junior normals, one of which is to be located at Alliance, for which these enterprising lawmakers ask an appropriation of \$12,000.

Stanton Register: A decade in the business has given us an insight into the tricks of the trade, but if we were in the legislature something would drop if there wasn't a change made in the mode of printing bills. We have seen several bills that have been printed, and as a piece of

PERSONAL NOTES. KING Edward may be said to be rioting in pleasure. He has been entertaining General Miles and Sousa's band at the same time. A woman reformer has discovered that the life led by telegraph messenger boys is "demoralizing." Does she accuse them of being fast?

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job work they are simply outrageous. Just think of using common newspaper type and having the lines a half inch apart. Imagine a page of foolscap, having only 300 words on it, when a thousand could have been an easily read on the same page.

Ord Journal: One of the questions that the present session of the legislature will have to deal with is that of the poll tax question. It is evident to any observer that the slip-shot method that is now in vogue is a farce in every way, and is responsible in a large measure for the poor condition many of our roads are in at the present time.

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WHITTLED TO A POINT. Mrs. Henpeque—Married men live longer than single men. Henpeque—Yes, and it serves them right. —Detroit Free Press.

"Tina," declared the eminent orator, "is the very key to the eminent question." "But," interrupted a small man in a rear seat, "where is the keyhole?"—Brooklyn Life.

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