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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. For the month of January, 1903, was as follows: 1. Daily Bee (without Sunday), 30,420.

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, A. D. 1903.

That compromise standard bill seems to have been unable to get the door of the omnibus open.

Reports from passing steamships are to the effect that Mount Pelee is still smoking.

While they are remembering the Maine in Havana, we in this country could not forget the consequences of its ill fate if we would.

The story of the municipal campaign at Lincoln does not fit in very well with the assertion that the railroads of Nebraska have gone out of politics.

The minister who preached a sermon on "The Foolishness of Preaching" should have addressed himself to his fellows of the cloth rather than to his congregation.

The new revenue bill is to contain 240 sections. Perhaps the legislature had better take another week's adjournment in order to enable members to read the bill through.

Henry Waterson is talking again, but his vision of the man on horseback has disappeared.

The reports of the weather bureau stations for western Nebraska indicate that the rainfall in that section has been steadily increasing from year to year.

It is to be noted that during the absence of General Miles from the country the general staff bill, to which he was vigorously opposed, passed congress.

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THE ADMINISTRATION SATISFIED. The administration, according to Attorney General Knox, is well satisfied with what has been done by the present congress affecting the trusts and no doubt conservative men generally are, but this does not necessarily mean that something further will not have to be done for the regulation and supervision of the combinations.

This is conditionally provided for in the new legislation. That is, the president may in his discretion make public any information obtained by the bureau of corporations of the Department of Commerce and Labor in regard to the organization and business methods of corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce.

What has been done is unquestionably in the right direction and there can be no doubt will have good results. But as we have heretofore pointed out, it will undoubtedly be found necessary to adopt a policy of supervision and regulation in order to effectively check the tendency toward industrial monopoly.

Meanwhile the country will expect aggressive action by the federal authorities for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws. They will have ample means with which to do this and the attorney general has been given authority to expedite cases.

Referring to the Elkins anti-rebate law the Springfield Republican says: "One thing is certain—the discriminations must stop. The American public is thoroughly determined on this point and railroad managers will do well to make no mistake about it."

It is a pretty thorough measure for doing away with discriminations, the chief objection made regarding it being the removal from the original law of punishment by imprisonment, though the general opinion is that it was expedient to do this.

A numerous signed petition was presented in the United States senate a few days ago asking that the committee on Philippine affairs make a further investigation of conditions in the archipelago.

The further investigation of Philippine conditions may be desirable, though it is not easy to see that it would have any beneficial result and very likely this will be the view of the senate.

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It is very questionable if they would add anything of material consequence to what is already known. The fact is that Philippine conditions are far from being satisfactory, particularly in regard to financial and industrial affairs, and unless the present congress does something to relieve the situation there is pretty certain to be serious trouble.

Russian newspapers have been officially advised to refrain from publishing articles hostile to Turkey in connection with the Macedonian troubles. Imagine what would follow an attempt on the part of any representative of the government at Washington to tell the newspapers of this country what subjects they should discuss or how they should discuss them.

Iowa Bryan democrats must be wakening up from their lethargy induced by the knockout received at the last state convention. No other construction can be put on their proposed banquet of the Kansas City Democracy at which William Jennings Bryan is to be the star orator.

Seventeen letter carriers have been suspended from the San Francisco postoffice for alleged political activity during the campaign last November. Letter carriers in San Francisco must have taken the wrong end of it.

The Be's demand for a legislative investigation into the questionable treasury transactions of Bartley, Messervy and Stuefer is not an advertising dodge. It is made without regard to any belief that complete exposure of treasury crookedness would cause a shaking in places of high influence in both parties and that it could not proceed far without being quietly smothered because it might prove too much.

The demand of The Bee is for a thorough inquiry into the whereabouts of the money embezzled by Bartley and the possibility of the state recovering what was represented by the I-O-U's in the much-mooted cigar box.

As long as William Jennings Bryan continues to fight for leadership in the democratic party with a considerable following the Lord will be on the republican side.

Those of us who have made money by hard knocks and by keeping out a few cents each week from our salaries now have more to show for it than those who were raking in wealth at the rate of 10 percent a month in their minds with the get-rich-quick companies.

The lobby has its uses and the odium ought not to attach to the very name as it does. But it does, and because the uses of a lobby have long ago been driven out in practice by the abuses.

By way of introduction to the Parliamentary debate on the new Irish land purchase bill, which is to be the principal government measure to be discussed at the ensuing session, both sides to the controversy have begun an exchange of amenities.

The annual report of the secretary of the senate contains the itemized statement of expenditures from the contingent fund, and, as usual, this document is a repository of curious and useful information.

The most pathetic entry is this, in the statement of unexpended appropriations: Expenses of senate committee, funeral William McKinley, \$400.01.

The vast extent of the legislative operations of our government is reflected in these specified disbursements, which have an extraordinary range.

The success attending Senator Millard's efforts to have the appropriation for the Omaha Indian supply warehouse restored to the bill from which it had been struck out in committee will be gratifying to the people of this city.

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TIPS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Callaway Queen: If the legislators would go down to Lincoln and run a bus pencil through some of the fool laws enacted by former legislatures, then return to their homes, they would have filled a long felt want and would stand a much better show for re-election.

Ord Journal: The bill making appropriation for the establishment of a high school for three or more than five junior normal schools in the state has passed the lower house of the legislature. It fixes one at Alliance, one at Valentine and one at McCook. The schools are all to be under the direction of the state superintendent.

Elwood Bulletin: Representative Cunningham of Hamilton county, has prepared a bill which will legislate foot ball out of existence so far as Nebraska is concerned. Mr. Cunningham says he has received pledges of support from every member he has approached on the subject and he finds sentiment opposed to the brutal sport, which, he says, makes brutes out of young men.

Betrice Democrat: Laura Gregg and other women are trying to have a bill passed in the legislature giving a wife one-half instead of one-third of the property of her husband at his death. It is time that men assert themselves and have a little legislation in their own behalf.

David City Record: Senator Hastings has introduced a bill for primary nominating election, in order to do away with the old-fashioned nominating conventions. In states working under the nominating system the law is interpreted in such a way as to leave the choice of candidates with the rank and file of the party instead of having delegates manipulated at nominating conventions, where so often the real choice of the people is defeated by unfair means.

Friend Telegram: Speaker Mockett's bill to take Nebraska school boards out of politics is the last straw which will break the back of the educational institutions of our state. The supreme court may deprive us of the divine right to read the bible or to sing hymns in the common schools of Nebraska, but let not the legislature deprive the districts the privilege of holding the annual district scrap and during which sufficient bad blood is gotten up to last for the next ten years.

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THE OLD RELIABLE



levied upon the young men and women of the state would provide every comfort for such of the old as do not have money of their own to buy the necessities of life. Some of the European countries are now paying old-age pensions. It is strange that America should lag behind Europe in this matter.

Norfolk News: There is a bill before the legislature providing for an appropriation to erect in Lincoln a freeport building to be used as a museum and library by the Nebraska State Historical society for the safe preservation and exhibition of its historical documents, books, relics, etc.

Temperance Lecturer—Oh, my friends, there are some spectacles which none ever forgets. Old Lady's Voice (in tears)—I'd like to know, sir, when you're going to let me out of this place?—Chicago Post.

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches."—Chicago Post.

"Gossip, my dear," answered Miss Cayenne, "is never idle. It is the most common duress going on earth."—Washington Star.

"Dusty makes me tired with his old proverb. Yesterday he turns to me and says: 'Don't cross a stream till you come to it.'"

"Well, when he came to the stream he fell in."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rev. Goodman—Really, it's just as easy to tell the truth as to lie. If I had told my wife the truth last night when she asked me what kept me out so late, I wouldn't have got a wink of sleep."—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Ferguson had concocted a cough syrup for her husband, and she had a certain Jamaica beverage, with various sweetening and aromatic ingredients, and he was testing it with much fervor.

"Your medicines, Laura," he said, holding out his glass, "keep me out so late, I wouldn't have got a wink of sleep."—Philadelphia Press.

THE RED-HEADED GIRL. James Barton Adams in Denver Post. The poets rhyme at the tint of her tresses.

The paragraph sends give her many a shot. The magazine wit in sharp language expresses his view of her hair in grammatical form.

We read in the Book of the bright crowns of glory. The golden top-pieces the angel ones wear.

Advertisement for The Inside by Browning, King & Co. Of one of our ulsters would be about as pleasant a place as one could find such weather as this. Soft, warm materials, luxuriously lined, high storm collar and good length of garment, a great protection from the cold and also for the pocketbook.