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

Delaware holds the long-distance record for senatorial deadlocks. Pope Leo XIII is certainly the grand old man of the twentieth century.

Legislative proceedings at Lincoln fail to show that the deficiency in the gas supply at Omaha reached to the state capital.

That American dentist expelled from Saxony because of too intimate acquaintance with the former crown princess must have lost his pull.

Notice how all the congressmen are preparing to go home as soon as possible after the congressional adjournment—that is all but Dave Mercer.

Spring house cleaning has commenced in dead earnest in the federal building. The passing of Cadet Taylor is only the forerunner of several other passings.

Nebraska's six new congressmen will now raise up their hands and take the solemn oath that will entitle them to \$100 a week and free passes from now until March 4, 1905.

The deadlock in Delaware is broken and the deadlock on the United States attorneyship is rapidly approaching a crisis. The man with the long pole will knock the permissoms.

The Postoffice department is about to adopt a flag emblematic of the postal department. If something simple and unmistakable is wanted a few mail sacks might be cut up into squares.

If the legislature will turn the searchlight on the corporation lobby it will encounter much less trouble in carrying out the pledges made to its constituents in promoting the interests of the state.

Merger is the order of the day. The consolidation of the county and city of Denver is only a forerunner of the consolidation of the county of Douglas and the city of Omaha. It may take time, but it is bound to come.

Bakers who conduct their industries in Omaha on a small scale are protesting against the annual fee for the permit to engage in such business. Bakers who put their leaves on a small scale should know enough to keep mum.

Queen Lil evidently has more friends among the senators than among the representatives in congress. Perhaps this is explainable, however, for the reason that the American House of Lords thinks it is nearer to royalty than the lower house of the national legislature.

It ought not to take much persuasion to induce the city treasurer of South Omaha to act as custodian of the special library endowment fund. The library fund promises to have some money in it, while the other funds entrusted to him are too often on the red ink side of the ledger.

If we had been compelled to go back to candlelight under a regime of municipal gas works, what an outcry against municipal ownership would have been evoked. But accidents will happen in the best regulated gas manufacturing plants, without respect to who owns or operates them.

Information is wired from San Francisco to the effect that the San Francisco Railroad Terminal and Ferry company has just secured a freight terminal in San Francisco at a cost of \$1,000,000 for the site alone, to which will be added an expense of \$2,000,000 in improvements.

A CASE IN POINT.

A sample brick of uniformity in railroad taxation has just been fabricated by a Nebraska district judge in a very unique opinion. It appears that the Kansas City & Omaha Railroad company some years ago gave a permit, or lease to an elevator company to erect elevators on the right of way at two of its stations in Adams county.

This decision is on a par with the ruling of the federal judge who recently decided that the east half of the Union Pacific bridge was not taxable for municipal purposes in Council Bluffs because it did not enjoy the benefits of police and water works protection.

The sophistry of the latter proposition is transparent, but it is about on a par with all the arguments recently advanced by the railroad tax bureau and corporation lobbyists.

In the next place, the law does not contemplate the omission from the tax list of improvements erected on the right of way, or depot grounds leased for private speculation.

Under the authority given by recent legislation the attorney general of the United States has taken the necessary action to obtain precedence and an early argument for the case of the United States against the Northern Securities company.

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THE PANAMA CANAL OPTION.

It has been apprehended that the option of the French company to sell the Panama canal would die today unless the treaty with Colombia was ratified. It had been agreed that the option should run until March 4, 1903, and it was thought possible that in the event of the treaty not being ratified by that date the French company would refuse to extend the option and demand more than the \$40,000,000 agreed upon as the price to be paid by the United States for the canal.

This led the Washington authorities, when it became apparent that the treaty would not be ratified at this session, to ask for an extension of the option. Attorney General Knox yesterday announced that the request had been acceded to and the report indicates that the French company has placed no limitation upon the extension and is willing to wait until the canal treaty is ratified, whenever that may be.

The Missouri legislator who referred to his opponent in debate as "a noise with hair on it," must take off his hat to Senator Kirtlinger of the Indiana senate for his eloquent denunciation of Nebraska's "a whining old whiskered sanctuaries." Verily, it is only to the shorn lamb that the legislative wind is tempered.

ALASKA HOMESTEAD LAW.

The enactment of the Alaska homestead law will undoubtedly prove of great benefit to that territory. It is reasonably expected to stimulate the increase of population, those familiar with the country asserting that the want of such a law has prevented people going to Alaska for permanent settlement. It is a quite general notion, particularly in the east, that there is little in that territory to invite population and that there is small chance of it ever being much better settled than at present.

It is needless to say that this is an entirely mistaken idea, as the result of investigations by government officials conclusively shows. The fact is that there is a very large area of Alaska that is available for agriculture and it is highly probable that most of this will be taken up under the homestead law within a comparatively few years and a prosperous community established where now there are few people.

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City Treasurer Hennings estimates that the enactment of the so-called scavenger law to expedite the collection of delinquent taxes would hold the city even with the loss of railway taxes held up by injunction.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES NOW EXCEED THE IMPORTS INTO THE ISLANDS.

Unfortunately the table fails to show what part is played by the importation of American bottled goods and whether the reduction in the military forces there is reflected in the reduction of these importations.

Truman Officer Parker has reported to the Board of Education that he has put up 100 copies of the anti-cigarette and tobacco laws, but up to date the cigarette and tobacco dealers have discovered no perceptible drop in their cash registers.

Not a year passes that does not bring forth announcements of the discovery of a remedy for some disease hitherto considered incurable. And yet the health officer reports continue to read about as usual.

ALL IN THE CLIMATE.

For longevity of its pioneers and statesmen, commend us to Nebraska. That state has had thirteen governors since it was admitted to the union in 1867, and eleven of them living.

INDUSTRY, THAT DEBAUCH.

Fully 90 per cent of all that is dishonest, all that is corrupt and all that is menacing to free institutions in municipal and state government can be traced directly to the influence of these quasi-public corporations upon local politics.

THE WOMAN WITH HUMOR.

Lillian Belle in Harper's Bazaar. If you consider the list of your friends, it will not take you long to discover that the woman you like best is the woman with a sense of humor.

ELIMINATING THE WATER.

Public District of Water-Logged Industrial Stocks. The inflation injected into the capitalization of our industries in recent years, together with that injected into commodity prices, has all got to be eliminated eventually. That is inevitable. But it will not be eliminated until the men who have injected it are compelled by stern necessity to let go their grip.

English editors take such delight in piling up accounts of American catastrophes whilst they slight every other form of grim news that they will doubtless afford to this side to be able to "throw up" the story of railroad and other horrors caused by the recent cyclonic disturbances in the British Isles.

OFFICIAL SILLY SEASON.

It is in full bloom at various State Capitals. New York Mail and Express. In England "the silly season," so-called, is due about midsummer. It affects London and spreads the provinces.

Why all the illustrations of freak legislation should be crowded into the second half of a session is a problem for the anatomist of melancholy, or perhaps for the political pathologist. There are those who maintain that the untrained intellects, possessed by the class of men which is becoming prevalent at the state capitals, give way after about six weeks of unaccustomed celebration.

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TREND OF THE WORLD'S COMMERCE DIRECTLY WESTWARD.

The European mails and passengers already go from London to eastern Asia by way of Canada, because it is shorter and there is a saving of ten days in time. The limits imposed on cheap freight traffic from Europe to Asia are the tolls through the Suez canal, the cost of coaling along the route and the distance.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The sultan of Turkey has given another reform pledge. In some ways he is a promising sovereign. Count Boni de Castellane favors a Franco-American alliance. No wonder. The one he arranged for himself was advantageous.

Students at Stanford university have been forbidden to flirt. The faculty does not believe a love of study should lead to a love of love.

Representative Grosvenor has introduced a bill to reimburse Jacob Ritterbach, a carpenter at Ford's theater, Washington, when Lincoln was shot, for a bag of tools he lost in the confusion.

Henry Rice Adams of Minneapolis has been chosen grand master of Masons of the state, but that is not the only distinction of which he can boast.

MONROE DOCTRINE SCORED

German Economic Professor Dubs it Mere Empty Pretension. RIDICULES AMERICAN BOASTFUL CLAIMS. Says United States Has No Interest in Southern Republics and Claims New Western Nation Has Not Yet Benefited World.

BERLIN, March 3.—"The Monroe doctrine," says Prof. Adolf Wagner, "is an empty pretension behind which there is neither energetic will nor actual power."

"Not even the United States' predominant interests are behind this unheard-of assumption. South America is neither geographically nor historically so allied with North America and the United States as to justify such a pretension even from a North American standpoint."

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James Barton Adams in Denver Post. In passing through this busy world, my friends, think not of self alone. And turn to other wayfarers a heart as cold as pulseless stone.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Confirmations by the senate: G. C. Holt, United States district judge for the Southern district of New York; E. S. Cunningham of Tennessee, consul at Bergen; John T. Vivian, surveyor general of Colorado.

QUEENSTOWN, March 3.—The Dominion line steamer Merion, from Boston for Liverpool, which went ashore near Rockport Point last Sunday, is still fast. The weather here has moderated, but three tugs, which made attempt today to release the vessel, failed to do so, and more powerful tugs were ordered to take her from Liverpool.

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"Let the light go on," said the trust manager, determinedly, "we'll nail our colors to the mast..." "Kitty—What did you say when Harry told you that he loved you with an undying love?"

"Suppose," said the imaginative philosopher, "that a fairy were to appear to you and promise to grant you three wishes..." "What would you ask for?"

Do well your Christian duty in the glorious brotherhood of man—Remember to grant life on life on earth is but a span. That days and months and years fly by and you will reach the grave.



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