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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S OPPORTUNITY

The closing hours of the Fifty-seventh congress presented to the American people an object lesson that affords material for serious reflection and calls for heroic treatment. It emphasizes the universal impression that the national legislature is rapidly degenerating into a body of political free-booters...

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

That the revision of our state constitution has become an imperative necessity is agreed on all hands. The only divergence of opinion is whether revision by a constitutional convention or by separate amendments submitted directly by the legislature will bring us relief in the shortest time for the least money.

CONFIDENCE BACK WITH CASH.

The railway directors and managers of this country seem to have the utmost faith in the continuance of prosperity. Their rapid-fire reports for the first nine months of this year show a record in betterments this year of about \$200,000,000...

THE WISER POLICY.

The retaining of a corps of three-score surgeons by a great railroad corporation in order that they may give first aid to the injured in accidents will be generally commended; but in it not the wisest policy for railroads to take such precautions that surgeons need not be called on for the relief of victims of disasters?

ENTRANCING No. 47 ENROSSING ENTHRALLING JUST OUT Tales From Town Topics

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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 February, 1903, was as follows:

In default of a constitutional amendment that would empower the president to veto any items in an appropriation bill, just as the governors of nearly all the states now do under modernized state constitutions, the only resource left to successfully grapple with this evil is a chief executive who has the courage of his convictions. No man who has ever occupied the presidential chair possessed this rare quality in a more eminent degree than Theodore Roosevelt.

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BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN. The broad mind will not have the big head. What we gain in form we may lose in force. The indulgence of the flesh dwarfs the spirit.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Brooklyn Eagle: When you see the report that 30,000 clergymen invested in the racing concerns that promised sudden wealth, you may take the statement for exactly what it is—false.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. "Cub, gentle sprig, ethereal mildness, cub" darn quick. Ker-choo! As a sure sign of spring, the cut in the price of coal is one to be noted.

CLOSING OUT. We will sell all plate cameras at Half Price. Big discounts on all supplies. Call or write for prices. J. C. HUTESON & CO., 213 S. 16th St., Paxton Block.

IT'S HARD to describe the beauties of our spring clothing—like the season they abound in cheerful colors. Light weight underwear and hosiery are in order and the goods we are displaying in these lines deserve your special attention—and exceptional taste characterizes the selections we have made for children's and boys' wear.

In passing it may be noted that Mr. Groundhog will complete his period of self-imposed hibernation this week.

A Fourth of July conference on the negro question held at Atlanta would certainly promise the delegates a warm time.

The democrats will shed profuse tears over the failure of the statehood bills, but a chemical analysis would prove that they are crocodile tears.

Commercial agency reports say that business is ahead of last year and still increasing. The debate on the permanency of property is indefinitely postponed.

Presumably the other branches of the state government should feel thankful that the state university does not ask for all the money that is to come into the treasury.

Omaha is forging to the front among the clearing house cities. The bank clearings for the past week reached high water mark and approached closely to the \$10,000,000 figure.

Unless the republican members of the legislature make a very material reduction in the aggregate of the appropriation bills the next legislature may not have a republican majority.

Two-thirds of the legislative session has passed, but the remaining one-third can be made to turn out more wheat and less chaff if the lawmakers are intent on getting down to business and sticking to it.

In congress or out of congress, ex-Speaker Henderson will be classed among the big men of the country. He may retire from public life, but he will be heard from on public questions, and what he says will command attention.

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What the emergency calls for is: 1. An official notice by the president to the Fifty-eighth congress that he will not approve another omnibus bill whether it be a river and harbor bill, public building bill, or any other appropriations combine.

2. That except in an emergency he will not approve another general appropriation bill unless it is passed at least ten days before adjournment so that in case of its veto congress can either pass it over the president's head and relieve him from responsibility, or re-enact the bill with the objectionable items cut out and allow the revised bill to become a law with or without the president's signature.

3. That he will treat all appropriation bills passed through a combination of conflicting interests as a pernicious measure procured by corrupt methods and will place the responsibility for the defeat of meritorious appropriations coupled in with palpable jobs upon congress, let the consequences be what they may.

In taking that position, we feel sure, the American people, irrespective of party, will uphold President Roosevelt and hold him blameless for whatever may happen, even if rivers run dry and public buildings run shy.

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THE PARALYMBEE. To the world of Catholicism the past week has been a period of uncommon interest. The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of Pope Leo XIII as the head of the Roman Catholic church was an event which not only the people who acknowledge the spiritual authority of the pontiff took an interest, but all people who are familiar with the career and character of the veteran pope of Rome.

Difference in Methods Only. Brooklyn Eagle. Women in France can obtain the right to wear trousers by paying to the government a tax of 100 francs. The right can be obtained in the United States, in several instances, merely by marriage, with the tax paid to the minister, in fee simple.

Foolish Prejudice. Buffalo Express. The Omaha parents are showing very poor judgment in keeping their children home from school because a negro teacher is employed. Not only are they exhibiting their own foolish prejudice, but they are undoing the lessons of equality which are a part of the common school education.

A Terrific Suggestion. Collier's Weekly. If you would have your womenfolk economical, let them handle money and learn to respect its value. There may be women who have not sufficient womanliness to honor the confidence that trust implies, but they are exceptions. If such be your daughters, it is your business to teach them otherwise.

The publication of an entirely new constitution in one paper in each county would involve an expense of at least \$75,000, but the cost of advertising the amendments is a trivial matter compared to the benefits that will accrue to the state from the constitutional revision in 1904 instead of 1906. Those benefits cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

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Now, if the legislature would pass a bill to require the governor to append with his official signature the initials of all the different titles he holds by virtue of his office it would be eminently in accord with the eternal fitness of things, to create a department modeled after his British majesty's royal privy seal, expressly charged with the classification of ex-officio titles and the improvisation of the proper curlicues that are to be attached to each; coupled with a liberal appropriation for the construction of a vault in the state house for the safe keeping of all the regalia, seals, stamps and engravings, pertaining to each of the various departments of which the governor is the factotum extraordinary. In due time when all the legislatures get through with the construction of departments and titles Nebraska's governor will be a sort of high muck-a-muck very much like a Turkish Pasha with nine tails.

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