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Not a single populist in the new congress. Explanation—falsified by fusion.

The atmospheric disturbance that precedes city elections in Omaha has been sighted by the weather bureau.

It is now a tossup whether President Francis or the Louisiana Purchase exposition is attracting the most attention in the public prints.

Sifting is reputed to be the most profitable branch of the legislative industry. That is why competition for sifting committee places is always most active.

If there are any links in the local labor situation with reference to the building trades, they should be straightened out at once to clear the way for a prosperous building season.

While the rivers are overflowing all along the lower Mississippi valley, the Big Muddy remains peaceful because it is a trifle early for it to gather strength from the melting snows in the mountains.

Before appropriating money to pay the wolf bounty claims, proof should be required to show that the scalps cashed in have not done previous service as prize winners in Colorado, Wyoming or South Dakota.

Councilmen who refuse to allow the people of Omaha to determine for themselves whether they are in favor of granting a franchise that would supply this city with cheap power will discover before many months that the people will not trust them with another term in the council.

The supreme court decision on the assessment and taxation of franchised corporations should not be nullified by whip-saw legislation. The corporations enjoy valuable franchises and privileges and should by rights pay a tax proportionate to the capitalization of these properties on which they earn interest and dividends.

Senator Quay has ventured the prophecy that instead of three new states in the union places will have to be made next time for four new states.

It is possible that eventually we may admit a still greater number of new states, but every one should come in on its own merits—not by climbing into an omnibus chartered by other passengers.

Montana's legislature adjourned without reaching an agreement on the proposition for an appropriation for the state's participation in the St. Louis World's fair. If he is only approached properly and by the right authorities, perhaps W. A. Clark will come to the rescue just to get a little better than Marcus Daly did for the Omaha exposition.

The legislature is asked to appropriate \$24,000 toward the maintenance of the Home for the Friendless. There is no more reason why the state should maintain a home for the friendless than for the homeless or for the shiftless. Every county in the state is presumed to take care of its indigent, which includes the aged and infirm as well as the improvident, who have become objects of charity.

If any public improvements are contemplated for Omaha that will require the issue of bonds to provide the necessary funds, provision should be made to have the proposition formulated at once and submitted at the coming spring election. It is important that the work of extending our area of paved streets and perfecting our sewerage system should not be allowed to lag because the intersection paving or sewer funds already voted do not hold out.

REPUBLICANS SHOULD REMEMBER.

Republicans in the legislature and in the state house should remember that the party is still on probation and that its future depends upon the record which it makes for itself in administration and legislation.

Fifteen years ago Nebraska gave 28,000 plurality to Benjamin Harrison. Two years later it elected a democratic governor, and that disaster was followed by a succession of defeats that turned the state into the Bryan column in 1896 and made its redemption for 1900 a herculean task.

If the present republican legislature disappoints the rank and file of the party by failing to carry out the promises made for them in the last campaign they will jeopardize party success both this year and next year.

REBUKING MR. CANNON.

Intelligent public opinion will be little influenced by what Senator Tillman has said in rebuke of Representative Cannon for his remarks upon the methods of the United States senate, but it may be affected by the attitude of Senators Hale and Allison, both of whom found fault with the speech of Mr. Cannon.

We have heretofore referred to the remarks of the latter and heartily approved of them. We still believe that Mr. Cannon was absolutely right in what he said condemnatory of the practices of the senate and we do not doubt that the intelligent opinion of the country is practically unanimous in support of his position.

In other words, instead of assessing the franchised corporations named on the aggregate market value of their bonds and stocks it is proposed to assess them on the aggregate value of their real estate and personal property and let one year's gross receipts be added as representing the value of their franchise.

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA.

Perhaps there is nothing which the average American citizen takes less interest in than the question of trade reciprocity with Canada, and yet it is a matter of first-class importance, which sooner or later will have to receive very serious consideration.

A FALSE ALARM.

A few property owners in South Omaha and a good many people who own no property and have no other interest in South Omaha except political rick-offs and jobs have rung the town bell to sound an alarm over the awful menace of annexation to Omaha.

SALARIES AND PROSPERITY.

A gentleman's gardener came to him one day last month and desired advice. Said he: "You use me well, sir; I have nothing to complain of, but the under gardener bought a house two years ago, expecting to be able to make payments on it."

FROM THEIR POLITICAL GRAFTS.

In the long run Omaha and South Omaha are bound to become one city in name as they already are in fact. Municipal consolidation is the order of the day.

THE CORPORATION CAMEL.

When the camel attempts to wedge his way through an enclosure he first inserts his nose, then his head, then his hump and finally lands on the inside with his whole body.

NO MAN GOING INTO A SKILLED TRADE.

No man going into a skilled trade expects to earn as high wages in six months as the man who has worked in the line for six years.

THAT BARTLEY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

The senate was astounded. Senator Pettus failed to see why there was any consternation, and rebuked Senator Dewey severely for intimating he was becoming a dupe.

ONE CONDITION OF SENATOR GORMAN'S ACCEPTANCE.

One condition of Senator Gorman's acceptance of the democratic caucus chairmanship is said to be a promise that the minority senators would follow his leadership as a unit whenever a definite policy was adopted.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The man who was hanged before the bar of the senate he will have to take water.

HA, HA, MY FRIEND BEAUTY.

The managers of the St. Louis fair are going to manage the board of lady managers problem by neglecting to provide anything for them to manage.

OTHERS DO THE WORRYING.

Rome is again greatly alarmed about the condition of the pope. One reason why Leo XIII is so worried is because he has always let other people do the worrying about his health.

LOOK UP, MATERIALLY.

Not only has the island of Guam been raised six inches out of the sea since the United States took possession of it, but its revenues have increased from \$4,500 to \$49,000.

BURDENS ON YOUNG SHOULDERS.

It has been observed that since Justice Holmes, the son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, was seated to the bench of the supreme court of the United States he has written a larger proportion of the opinions of the court than any other member thereof.

FOLLY OF FORCING PRICES TO THE BREAKING POINT.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. People who struggle through the last half of life with a surplus of flesh have reason to rejoice over the hopeful prospects of relief.

THAT BARTLEY CIGAR BOX.

Holdrege Citizen: The bill to free the Bartley bondmen will not strike a very responsive chord among the thousands of people who have become disgusted and exasperated by the arrogant nerve displayed by Bartley and his friends.

WINSAIDE TRIBUNE.

It begins to dawn on the minds of the common every-day people of the state that Bartley's default, which a resolution wants investigated, may be the means of restoring to the state some of its lost coin.

THE LONGER I LIVE.

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THE OLD INHABITANT.

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BLOOMINGTON ADVOCATE.

A joint resolution has been introduced in the legislature asking for the dissolution of the suit against the bondsmen of the defaulting state treasurer.

CAPITALIZING ROMANCE.

American Syndicate Corners the Sulphur Crop in a Mexican Volcano. That a Mexican general has been able at just this time to sell a volcano for \$6,000,000 to an American syndicate is a fact.

WHY THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IS COSTLY.

While the electric motor is rapidly replacing all other methods of power transmission and distribution, due to its greater economy, electric power when used as a source of light is still at a disadvantage.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Governor Dole's message to the legislature of Hawaii is in one respect characteristic of the author. It is devoid in the extreme.

THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The special session of the senate cannot last more than three weeks. President Roosevelt is due to start on a hunting trip on March 20.

A KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE BILL.

A Kansas City telephone girl got a verdict of \$11,500 against her employer, and the way the company is "talking now" ought not to be heard even by a phonograph.

THE DEATH OF AN INSURANCE POLICY.

Take out an insurance policy against death or expense from appendicitis, you who are seriously in dread of it, and then go ahead and eat grapes and all the other things you deny yourselves now because of fear that they may bring on the malady.

THE BATTLE OF THE BARTLEY DEFALCATION.

North Platte Tribune: A resolution was introduced into the house by Knox of Buffalo county providing for an investigation of the official conduct of J. S. Bartley and J. E. Meserve during their incumbency of the office of state treasurer.

MRS. JONES—WHY DON'T YOU LAY UP YOUR MONEY FOR A RAINY DAY.

"Patrick," the housewife said, "I would be no use, no more, for I couldn't spend it then. O'f me always laid up meself on a rainy day wid the rheumatism."—Judge.

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THE WINDY SCRAP OF BRYAN VS. HILL.

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WE WILL BEAT THE WOLFEIT ROASTER SHIRTLY.

When the blood and thunder conflict has been ended, when the smoke of battle all has cleared, when the ammunition all has been expended, and the hostile chiefs all porting from the fray.

THEY WILL FIND THAT ALL THEIR EFFORTS CAME TO NAUGHT.

The g. o. p. with one united will will be the present plumb they fought for in the jamboree of Bryan vs. Hill.

POINTS OF REFLECTION.

"What a mistake it is to judge men by their clothes." There is a self-made millionaire in this town who dresses just as well and with as much taste as any of the clerks in his establishment.—Chicago Record-Herald.

"The longer I live," sighed the sage, "and the more I learn, the more firmly am I convinced that you may as well be absolutely nothing."

"I could have told you that twenty-five years ago," said the sage, "there'd be no telling it would be of no use."—Chicago Tribune.

"The Old Inhabitant—Yes, it has been a pretty healthy place, but the doctors is beginning to recommend it as a health resort. Stranger—that won't hurt it, will it?"

"The Old Inhabitant—Well, I dunno. With sick folks comin' in here there's no tellin' what we might ketch."—Brooklyn Life.

Samson had just pulled the temple down on himself. "You see," he gasped, "it will do away with the spring house cleaning." Realizing too late what a great man he was, the people made haste to do him reverence.—New York Tribune.

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And the language will be peppery and tart. When the leaders open up their talky talky, there'll be somethin' doin' jes' as sure as a shoo-in.

You can bet your last smolcon there'll be the windy scrap of Bryan vs. Hill. When the windy scrap of Bryan vs. Hill.

We will be the goldbug corporation thunder. As it tips across the troubled campaign fields.

We'll rend the party atmosphere saunder. Shoo-in! We'll be the silver guns of Billy's faction.

Roar defiance in responses sharp and shrill. When his wild billigerents get into action in the coming light of Bryan vs. Hill.

We will hear the Wolfeit roaster shrilly crowing. Roar the young Nebraska lion's angry roars.

Tearing scabs from off each other's party ears. And there'll be no tender cream-and-sugar care.

From the wielders of the editorial quill—They will flood the land with red ink in the barbers.

In the party scrap of Bryan vs. Hill. When the blood and thunder conflict has been ended.

When the smoke of battle all has cleared, when the ammunition all has been expended, and the hostile chiefs all porting from the fray.

They will find that all their efforts came to naught, for the g. o. p. with one united will will be the present plumb they fought for in the jamboree of Bryan vs. Hill.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla advertisement featuring a row of bottles and text: 'Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla.' We say it, and the doctors say it, too. Ask your own doctor about it. He probably has the formula. He can tell you just how it lifts up the depressed, gives courage to the despondent, brings rest to the overworked.