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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss. I, George B. Tschack, secretary of the Board of Public Utilities, 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 April, 1903, was as follows:

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In the light of past experience, it's a safe proposition to watch Hascall up to the very last moment that he is clothed with official power.

Senator Hanna believes not only in letting well enough alone but also in crossing only one bridge at a time as the bridge is reached.

Inasmuch as Mayor Moores has only to shake hands with himself as his own successor, there is no danger of an interregnum in the mayor's office.

American supremacy of the Pacific ocean is just as certain as that American interests on its coasts are superior to those of any other country.

It is up to the state committee to say whether Nebraska republicans will this year have an early or a late state convention of one that is simply betwixt and between.

He Hascall wants to convene himself and other members of the old combine just once more in the council chamber, if for nothing else but to create a short-lived sensation.

If Senator Hanna has really been at the bottom of the amicable settlement of the Union Pacific strike he is entitled to the gratitude of the country at large and all who were concerned in the trouble.

The gain of 19 per cent in the week's clearings over the corresponding week of last year would indicate that Omaha merchants and manufacturers are holding their own remarkably well in spite of local labor troubles.

It is very singular that the local reform forces always keep their eyes riveted on the glaucousness of the city hall, but never can see anything suggestive in the image that holds the scales of justice over the cupola of the court house.

Omaha bidders are doing better this year in landing Indian supply contracts. There is no good reason why Omaha should not come in for the greater part of this business so far as it relates to Indian reservations that are within our natural trade territory.

We never do things by halves in this section of the country. We either have too much rain or too much shine, too much wind or too much calm.

One of his defenders proclaims that John D. Rockefeller is the least offensive of any of our multi-millionaires. Carrying out the logic, donations to the University of Nebraska from Mr. Rockefeller should be less offensive than similar gifts from any other of our multi-millionaires.

Under the new compact Union Pacific machinists and boiler makers will be privileged to do piece work or day work. It does not require a stretch of the imagination to foresee that the union boiler makers and machinists will avail themselves of the privilege of taking their pay by the day unless the international revises its rules.

The amendment to the county depository law passed with an emergency clause two months ago making the minimum interest rate 2 instead of 3 per cent. The local banks have professed their readiness all along to pay 2 per cent on county balances the same as on city balances and on accounts of outside banks.

Such delay in taking advantage of the new law for the benefit of the taxpayers would lead ordinarily to the suspicion that someone close to the till had an object in keeping the money planted without interest.

DIVIDENDS OF COMBINATIONS. In a late issue the New York Journal of Commerce presents interesting tables intended to show the return in dividends that has been realized from the vast capitalization of industrial concerns in the last five years.

It appears that thirty-one companies have paid dividends upon both preferred and common stock, thirty-nine have paid upon preferred stock, but not upon common, while forty-three companies have paid no dividends on either class of shares.

Existing conditions are generally regarded as promising continuance of prosperity for possibly several years, so that the overcapitalized combinations are perhaps in no immediate danger, but it is not difficult to understand what would result from adverse conditions, to be expected sooner or later.

COLORED RACE EDUCATION. It is probably fair to assume that Senator Simmons of North Carolina represents the general sentiment of his section in regard to educating the colored race.

The latest attempt to reform our barbarous funeral services seems to have been made by a Kentucky millionaire recently deceased, who in his last will and testament inserted among other things this proviso: "Provided, That services of a religious character be held at my funeral."

Not content with these details, the numbers on the musical program were set out and the stipulation added that at each intermission the orchestra be asked to join "in drinking me bon voyage."

THE CHICAGO CHRONICLE refuses to become alarmed over the incoming horde of immigrants so long as there is still urgent need in this country of laborers for work which native Americans show little or no disposition to engage in.

LET THE COUNCIL START RIGHT. The new city council elected on May 5 for a term of three years will convene for the first time Monday for the purpose of perfecting its organization.

Property owners on North Sixteenth street should get together and take steps toward putting that thoroughfare in travelable condition, not by patchwork, but by repaving.

OPERATIONS OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT INCREASES THE CIRCULATION. Philadelphia Press. Secretary Shaw's proposition to exchange 2 per cent bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 for 3 and 4 per cents has proved a success.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S association is said to have brought into the fold men who never before could be induced to join any commercial organization or participate in any public movement.

It may be anticipating a trifle for republican state conventions to adopt resolutions this year committing the party to the endorsement of the national administration by the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt next year, but a

whole lot of republican state conventions will take that chance anyway. Material to Feed On. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Kentucky families are as big as a feud never runs out, although it frequently takes a new shoot.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED. New York World. President Roosevelt must have gained new confidence in his invincibility as a candidate for re-election. He declares that during his present tour he "has not kissed a baby and is not going to."

TAMMANY CODDLES THE SCOURGE. New York Sun. If Attorney Folk, the St. Louis boodler scourge, receives an invitation from Tammany Hall to make a speech on the Fourth of July he might as well accept it.

A SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE. Indianapolis Journal. The cancellation of 3,000 promotions for postoffice clerks which have taken effect next July will carry disappointment to a great many hearts and homes.

HE ISN'T LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. Interview with Pennsylvania's Governor. "I do not care to speak of my personal intentions. I am too busy to look at the papers."

THE THREATENING PENSION RAID. Spanish War Veterans Piling Up Many Claims. Washington Post.

WHY THEY PREFER ROOSEVELT. Growing Strength of the President in the West. Chicago Inter Ocean.

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WALTHAM WATCHES. Correct in performance. "The Perfected American Watch," an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request.

SEVERAL ARMY OFFICERS BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND THEMSELVES IN A PRETTY PICKLE. While serving in the Orient far from home and oppressed by the loneliness of the situation, with "no one to love, none to care for," they forgot the girls they left behind and entered into marriage contracts with native girls.

OFFICERS OF THE ARMY ON DUTY IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT WEAR UNIFORMS THE SAME AS IF THEY WERE ON DUTY AT MILITARY POSTS. Occasionally an officer is found who does not appear in uniform while on duty at the post.

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE AN OFFICER IN THE NAVY DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD DIRECT OFFICERS ON DUTY THERE TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS.

THE TROUBLES WHICH FOSTERMASTER GENERAL PAYNE HAS WITH THE INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES THAT ARE GOING ON IN HIS DEPARTMENT CAUSE HIM TO SUFFER FROM THE WIT OF OTHER CABINET OFFICERS.

ANOTHER ROOT STORY IS TOLD IN THE WAR DEPARTMENT. Colonel Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, was getting up the certificates for the Philippine paper currency and was considering various men whose portraits should be selected as vignettes for the different denominations.

WHY THEY PREFER ROOSEVELT. Chicago Inter Ocean. A western democrat who is a United States senator, said in Washington on Friday: "It will be very difficult for the democrats to nominate a man who can put the full democratic vote in the west against President Roosevelt."

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TALK OF THE STATE PRESS. Grand Island Independent: The Norfolk News enthusiastically points Judge J. B. Barnes of that city out as good timber for the supreme judgeship of Nebraska and refers to the fact that the last candidate of the republicans for supreme judge came from south of the Platte and that the last candidate for governor was also south of the Platte, which made it practically certain that the north side is entitled to the candidate this year for supreme judge—and it might have added "and then some."

STANTON PICKET: The fusion press is clamoring for the removal of the supreme judiciary from politics and unanimous support of all parties for Judge Sullivan. This is not surprising. It is the habit of that party to clamor for outside assistance when in the minority and for a strict adherence to party lines when the majority is their way.

NORFOLK PRESS: Judge J. B. Barnes of this city has publicly announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for justice of the supreme court. It is certain that the judge will go into the convention with a strong following, and the chances are very favorable for his nomination—perhaps it may be conceded to him by unanimous consent.

FREMONT TRIBUNE: In the strike of the Union Pacific boiler makers and machinists terms have been agreed upon, as indicated in the dispatches, that result in the abolition of piece work and a return to the former methods of day work. An increase of 10 per cent has been gained, a distinct victory. They did not originally demand higher wages, the issue being whether the company would be allowed to introduce the piece-work system.

THE PEOPLE VS. THE RAILROADS. Rushville Recorder: Whatever difference of opinion there may be about the policy of the Omaha Bee, there can be no getting away from the fact that right or wrong, Edward Rosewater takes up the cudgel against the railroads without ornaments, and that on behalf of the people.

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PERSONAL NOTES. Mr. Cleveland is not only a still hunter, but a very quiet fisherman. The other candidates are making all the noise.

ANDREW BAILEY YOUNG of Belmont, N. H., who is 81 years old, still lives in the house in which he was born. He and his wife celebrated the sixty-sixth anniversary of their marriage last evening.

MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN and the residents of Iowa Circle, Washington, where the status of General Logan is located, are at odds because Mrs. Logan wishes more of the trees cut down in the circle so that the view of the statue will not be obstructed.

IRIS ORRISON Condit, well known in Orange, N. J., has just celebrated his 90th birthday. He is believed to be the only living son of a revolutionary soldier in his state, and his grandfather was also a minute man in the continental army.

SMILING REMARKS. He—Did you have any idea beforehand that I was going to kiss you? She—I never had a chance to anticipate anything.—Detroit Free Press.

MUSICIAN—I don't suppose you heard what I was playing last evening—and the others kept up such a chatter. One of the Chatterers—No; but then I don't suppose I heard what you were talking about, so I guess you lost more than we did.—Boston Transcript.

WIFE—Do you know men don't possess an ounce of common sense? Husband—That's what you marry you women, my dear.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

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