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Nearly \$18,000 for a hog of the four-footed variety sets the mark for prosperity prices.

The next mayor's proclamation will be fernand dynamite crackers, roman candles and E Pluribus Unum sky rockets.

The next bridge arbitrary to be lifted will be the 10-cent passenger toll levied on all the Council Bluffs patrons of Omaha retail stores.

Omaha's long felt want has been and continues to be cheaper power and Omaha is not in the least particular as to who supplies its long felt want.

Would it not be prudent to give the automobiles right of way for the next two weeks? Automobiles don't shy at Chinese fire crackers and buzzing pin wheels.

It is to be noted that up to the hour of going to press Colonel Clowry was still serving as president of the Western Union, all fake stories about his resignation to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Mexican government proposes to protect the integrity of the language by requiring all billboard signs and dead-end advertisements to be in Spanish. Poets who write advertising doggerel will please take notice.

All of which reminds us that the county judge must be getting an extra allowance of pin money out of his marriage license fee mill and chrono marriage certificate booth as a result of the June rise in the matrimonial stream.

William Jennings Bryan's former law partner has been crowned as head consul of the Modern Woodmen, doubtless because of his Napoleonic features. There is a strong suspicion abroad that this is the first step in Nebraska in the direction of imperialism a la Bonaparte.

Over in Chicago it is the strikers who are refusing to arbitrate. Whichever party to a labor controversy refuses to admit that there may be some merit in the contention of the other side runs the grave risk of forfeiting the very necessary support that comes from a sympathetic public sentiment.

Two members of the Logansport (Ind.) council have been indicted for breaking a quorum to prevent the passage of a competing street car line franchise ordinance for a consideration. In Omaha the councilman game of hide and seek has been played frequently, but nobody in the game has ever yet been indicted.

The Russian government suggests to King Peter that it will be dangerous to the tranquility of Serbia to leave unpunished the crime by which King Alexander and Queen Draga met their deaths. The answer will doubtless be that it would be dangerous to the tranquility of King Peter to punish the criminals.

The suggestion of "an optimist" that Euclid Martin be crowned perpetual supreme ruler of the Business Men's association and that Mr. Kenyon be permitted to turn on the big water power is apropos providing Mr. Optimist will condescend to become private secretary for the high points, and provided he will make known his identity to a rubber-necked public.

The decision of the supreme court of Nebraska granting a new trial in the Figotte case, which attracted so much attention at the time it was originally heard, will give the Figottes another chance to occupy the center of the limelight. As experience has taught that these peculiar sects usually flourish on publicity and stagnate when left alone, it is a question whether the court is helping or hurting the propaganda.

THE VALUE OF PREPARATION.

In his address at the University of Virginia President Roosevelt dwelt somewhat upon an idea he has frequently urged, that in the interest of peace and good will between the United States and other nations it is important that we shall be prepared to protect ourselves in any emergency. It is not by any means a new idea. It was presented by our first president and has been approved by numerous American statesmen since.

This the president does with characteristic directness and earnestness. He desires that the United States shall pursue a policy that will be fair and just and without offense to any other nation. We should handle ourselves "with a view never to wrong the weak and never to submit to injury from the strong."

Our country should always behave with consideration for others. It should never speak in a manner that is insulting or might wound the susceptibilities of any foreign nation, never threaten and never boast, "but when we feel that our interest and our honor demand that as a nation we take a certain position, to take that position and then make it good."

Certainly there are no Americans with any true feeling of patriotism who will not approve this. The constant aim and endeavor of this country in the future as in the past should be to cultivate the most friendly and cordial relations with all the rest of the world. More than any other nation this republic stands for international peace and good will.

It is now safe to estimate that the apparent trade balance in favor of this country for the fiscal year which will end in ten days will not be far from \$450,000,000. This is somewhat smaller than earlier estimates, but it is an amount which must be regarded as entirely satisfactory.

Nebraska's peerless populist reformer, J. A. Edgerton, has issued an unofficial invitation to the remnant of the populist party to convene itself in Denver July 27 for the purpose of attempting to amalgamate the reform movements of the country. Why Mr. Edgerton should have chosen the 27th of July instead of the 4th is incomprehensible.

The county Board of Equalization is on the right track this time in taking the valuation adopted by the city Board of Review as the standard for assessing real and personal property for county and state purposes. The only justifiable deviation from this standard would be property that has been materially improved since the city assessment was completed.

The invitation extended to Booker T. Washington to act as a commissioner for the British South Africa company to investigate and to report upon race conditions in the British territory is a reminder that other countries besides our own are harassed with race problems, and although they may not be able to help us find the solution which we need, we may be able to help them out of some of their difficulties.

The Chicago-St. Paul railroads are amusing themselves with a passenger rate war, but the trouble is not likely to become epidemic. The railroads generally have a thorough understanding as to their community of interest in rate schedules and they will be careful not to let little difficulties cut into their total receipts.

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rightfully take possession of it by simply buying the canal franchise from the French company. To do that would be a clear case of spoliation that would be in the highest degree creditable to this country.

The citizens of South Omaha are to decide at the ballot box next Tuesday on four separate propositions whether the bonded indebtedness of that town is to be increased by a quarter of a million dollars.

It is an open secret that a large proportion of the tax burdens of South Omaha are borne by citizens of Omaha who own real estate in South Omaha or are interested in various business enterprises in South Omaha.

Proposition No. 1 involves an issue of \$70,000 in bonds to take up the overlap in the municipal treasury. While the creation of this overlap was reprehensible and in violation of charter limitations, the outstanding warrants constitute an obligation that will sooner or later have to be met.

Proposition No. 2 contemplates an issue of \$100,000 in bonds, the proceeds of which are to be expended in the erection of a high school building. On broad gauge lines the erection of a substantial school building for the accommodation of high school students commends itself to the friends of education and all classes of citizens.

Proposition No. 3, for an issue of \$35,000 in bonds for sewer construction, strikes us as of doubtful propriety until a comprehensive system of sewers has been planned for South Omaha and the money voted for sewer construction is devoted to the execution of the plan without wastage or jobbery.

Proposition No. 4, for an issue of \$50,000 in bonds to be expended in the erection of a city hall, can scarcely commend itself to sensible business men.

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Where Protection is Needed. Detroit Free Press. Mr. Parry proposes to organize a company to insure employers against strikes.

knowing that they are properly "indorsed." If the business of the country had been wrecked a second time on a triviality like this, labor and capital alike would have been disgraced.

A Moving Spectacle. St. Louis Republic. Dispatches to the British War office announce that Hajj Mohammed Ben Abdullah, the Mad Mullah of Somaliland, is again on the move.

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Ground even still more advanced along the same line is taken by the New York Evening Post, which points out that the configuration of the sharply sloping plains from which the spring waters come is favorable to the impounding of vast quantities of water.

So there is to be no anthracite strike. The miners are to have the men they wanted on the Board of Conciliation and the operators are to have the satisfaction

SPECULATORS TO THE FORE.

Systematic Land Grabbing in the Western States. New York Tribune. The wisdom of President Roosevelt's suggestion in his annual message of last December, that the land laws be amended to prevent the public domain for the use of actual settlers, becomes more and more apparent.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Formosa, which became a Japanese possession as the result of the war with China, is the native name of the camphor tree. The Formosan output of camphor gun averages 4,000,000 pounds a year.

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in a very serious row, in which firearms were discharged. Nobody was killed, but much damage was done to surrounding property.

President Roosevelt's Energy Manifest in Postoffice Investigation. St. Louis Globe Democrat (rep.). President Roosevelt is acting in the postoffice scandal just as the country had a right to expect that he would act.

Moreover, the president is in thorough harmony with the heads of the postal department in this matter of bringing the guilty persons to justice.

It is generally known that Germany has not made a striking success in its attempt to colonize, especially in Africa, but the extent of its failures has been fairly well concealed.

It would be difficult even in this country to parallel the growth of many English towns in the last half century. Summarized statistics of the census taken in 1901 show most remarkable figures regarding the general movement toward towns.

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