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In 1904—look before you leap. In the language of Bob Ingersoll, "whereas was Moise when the light went out?"

Leap year protection might possibly afford a new and lucrative field for the variegated insurance companies to occupy.

Put it down that the year 1904 will be a year full of politics. It does not take a seventh son of a seventh son to predict that.

Alleged fireproof theaters are not fireproof so long as they are filled with combustibles on the stage or in the auditorium.

All of which reminds us that it is the supreme of danger to block theater aisles with chairs, as is altogether too often done right here in Omaha.

The birth of the Webster vice presidential boom antedates the birth of the new year a trifle. With this handicap in its favor, it ought to keep in the race.

South Omaha begins the new year under very heavy auspices. It has a very respectable surplus in the city treasury and a certificate of health from Dr. Towie.

When it comes to promotions in the army, Nebraska always has a full quota of captains, majors and colonels willing and competent to serve as brigadier or major generals.

Some congressmen are insisting that the present land laws must be modified. Perhaps so, but the changes must be in the interest of the bona fide settler and stock raiser rather than of the lawless cattle syndicates.

With the horror of the Chicago theater fire before it, the council would scarcely be justified in closing the city electrician's office just because the mayor declines to appoint its preferred candidate as city electrician.

It's a good thing to take stock at least once a year. The individual can find an inventory of his assets, mental, moral and physical as well as material, as useful as a merchant finds his inventory of goods on hand and bills receivable.

According to the back-master of the Dun commercial agency, 1903 was a year of irregularity in speculation, distributive trade and industry, in some cases of severe strains variously applied and as differently withstood.

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NEBRASKA FOR ROOSEVELT.

Governor Mickey struck the keynote of the impending campaign when he declared that the republicans of Nebraska propose to send a delegation to the national convention unequivocally pledged to support Theodore Roosevelt's nomination to the presidency first, last and all the time.

The utterances of the distinguished democrats who will be present at the banquet in New York next Monday night will be read with profound interest. It is a safe guess that they will all counsel harmony, but it is most unlikely that they will contribute anything to that consummation.

Congressman Mondell indulges inividious comparisons between the land laws of the United States and those of the Dominion of Canada as an argument in favor of a radical change in the homestead laws.

When it comes to national issues and national candidates Nebraska republicans are not made of willow. This has been repeatedly exemplified whenever attempts were made by party leaders to repress or defeat the popular choice.

ANTAGONIZING THE COAL TRUST. Coal consumers will find some satisfaction in the fact that the independent producers in the anthracite coal region, or some of them, are no longer disposed to submit to the oppressive dictation of the railroad operators who control most of the mines and whose policy hitherto has been such as to operate to the disadvantage of the independent mine owners.

THE MIGHTY GAME OF GRAB. Philadelphia Record. The earth conquerors of Russia and Japan are threatening each other with war over the possession of regions to which neither of them has the least shadow of honest title.

OLD HEADS FOR COUNSEL. Indianapolis Journal. A unique Japanese custom in times of national crises has probably had the effect of saving the nation from many a false step.

THE ASPHALT SWindle. Philadelphia Record. The list of stockholders of the Asphalt Company of America shows that the organizers of the gigantic financial swindle were too clever to have any amount of shares worth speaking of when the con game went to pieces.

GAMBLING AND STOCKS. Leslie's Monthly. The very fact that the professional gambler is to a large extent a social outcast, playing his craft at night and behind steel doors and only then with the purchasable connivance of the authorities, is in itself a warning that not even the stupidest can fail to observe.

ROUTING IMMIGRANTS. Chicago Record-Herald. Despite the recent investigation of the Interstate Commerce commission, the western railroads have again reorganized the immigrant bureau, by means of which they maintain a pool on immigrant traffic, dividing more than \$1,000,000 worth of business annually among themselves according to agreed percentages.

THE ANIMUS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUMMERS

Demand for His Removal Was Made Two Years Ago, Based on Charges of Official Misconduct, Without Reference to the Dietrich Case.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, December 29, 1903.

To the Editor of The Republican: My attention has been directed to the following paragraph that appeared in a recent issue of The Republican:

Doubt of the advisability of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination is beginning to find some expression west of the Missouri river. The chief spot of discussion might easily be guessed—Nebraska, where one of the federal grand juries, under indictment by a federal grand jury, under indictment by a federal grand jury, under indictment by a federal grand jury...

My reputation as an editor has been established by consistent and unrelenting warfare against bribe takers, bootleggers and embezzlers, and my ardent support of President Roosevelt has been chiefly because he has been an uncompromising enemy of jobbery and dishonest practices.

There are peculiar circumstances surrounding the Dietrich case that justify the belief that he is the victim of political intrigue and personal malice, and yet I refuse to let the last man to condone the offense with my silence or my pen.

At the annual love feast held by the republican leaders of Indiana at Indianapolis Wednesday, Senators Beveridge and Fairbanks delivered addresses, both strongly endorsing President Roosevelt. This straw foreshadowed that Indiana does not propose to project a republican candidate for the presidency this year.

It is now practically settled that the movement to confer statehood upon New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma will not get beyond the congressional committee during the present session and aspirants for senatorships from those states will have to possess their souls in patience a while longer.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The tide of Irish immigration has been flowing during the past year in larger volume than it showed in 1902. It was expected that the high hopes raised by the new land act would tend to check the popular exodus, but the statistics of the British Board of Trade, which are issued monthly, show that the outflow continues unabated.

Physically, the Corean is a fine, stout fellow, with vigor enough, but his apathy and cowardice and impotence are beyond belief; he is the brother to the sheep. He is almost entirely without action. A little Jap will maltreat a Corean as stoutly as the Corean will maltreat a Jap.

Senior Salmeron, the Spanish republican leader, who in response to a request from a leading newspaper at Berlin for the expression of his hopes for the future, declares that he "longs for a speedy revolution at Madrid to clear away the present regime there," which, he says, "is an uninterrupted series of accidents, disorders, outbreaks and suppressions."

The dismissal of four more German army officers because of the revelations in Liebig's "Accomplices" is an important event. Practically it perfected the plan of previous conferences held in Venice, Dresden and Paris.

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In postoffice appointments is daily contradicted by members of that grand jury, who asserted that the attorney did all he could to get Dietrich indicted, but failed to convince them that there was testimony sufficient to convict.

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Although subsequent exposures fully confirmed my charges I had made, Special Agent Churchill has a white wash in his report, in which he not only exonerated Indian Agent Mathewson, but also characterized the charges of conspiracy and fraud by the land speculators as baseless and inspired by personal malice and political motives.

I congratulate you on the grand measure of success secured in the cancellation of the iniquitous leases and in behalf of our country I have no doubt that you will have a right to the continuation of the agent.

In my warfare on the Indian land ring I also had the co-operation of George Kenney, who made his vigorous exposure in the Outlook of the abuses prevalent in the Indian bureau with reference to western Indian reservations, including the Winnebago agency.

In response to the remonstrances of the Omaha Indians and the Indian Rights association the Fifty-seventh congress refused to appropriate money to pay the salary of the agent at the Omaha and Winnebago reservations.

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