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THE FAR EASTERN UNCERTAINTY.

The world is still waiting with almost breathless anxiety for some news from the far-eastern war that will give it an idea of what is really taking place in a military way and permit it to judge of the possibilities. There is no lack of reports and rumors and surmises, but of anything that is really certain and beyond question very little is coming to hand and even this is not of a nature to throw much light on the situation.

The absolute care and precaution taken by the belligerents to prevent anything leaking out as to their military operations is one of the most remarkable features of the far eastern campaign. We do not recall an instance in warfare where the efforts of the newspapers of the world, usually characterized by the utmost tact and ingenuity, have been so completely baffled as in this war between Russia and Japan.

In the meantime all must necessarily be more or less uncertain. It has already been clearly demonstrated that no confidence can be placed in reports of events that come from St. Petersburg. Whatever passes through the hands of the Russian censor must always be regarded with a grain of doubt. It is not reasonably to be expected that anything from that source will be especially inimical to the Russian cause.

UNFAIR COMPARISONS. Comparison is frequently made by municipal officers of Omaha between the cost of governing this city and other cities that outrank Omaha in population, wealth and commerce to justify our high-pressure expenditures.

The assessed valuation of Kansas City, Mo., for 1903, based on one-third actual value, is \$88,505,930, equal to \$265,517.70 in true value. The assessed valuation of Omaha for 1904 is a fraction over \$101,000,000 and with the railroads would not exceed \$125,000,000, which would be less than one-half that of Kansas City.

Waiting for the Roll Call. Chicago Tribune. Being a truthful man President Smith of the Mormon church could not be expected to swear positively as to the exact number of his children until he had had time to think a little.

Dakota this is a good game of heads I win and tails you lose. The next time the boundary is adjudicated it will be bovine Nebraska to set claim to a bigger bunch of South Dakota territory to even up on the compromise.

WARFARE UPON IMMIGRANTS. It is perhaps not a remarkable fact, however regrettable, that there are still among men in public life some who are imbued with the idea that there is a real necessity for some additional legislation providing for the exclusion of immigrants.

One such is Representative Adams of Pennsylvania, who a few days ago introduced a bill providing that not more than 50,000 immigrants from any country shall be permitted to land in the United States in one year.

Kimball Observer: One of the strong candidates to come before the state convention is a young man, the name of whom is not mentioned in the office of state superintendent stands so close to the educational interests of the state as J. L. McBrien.

Plattsburgh Journal: The Weeping Water Herald favors Hon. E. M. Pollard as a candidate for the office of state superintendent. He is a well known and that country is justly proud of him.

Indiana Gazette: As a matter of good politics, a sound business principle, as an appreciation of the services of an honest, capable official occupying a secondary place, the republican state convention can go before the people with a strong, worthy candidate in the nomination of Henry Eaton.

Yon Sternberg as a Jollier. Indianapolis News. In an address to the Philadelphians, Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador, gave this country the credit of preventing the dismemberment of China during the Boxer troubles.

A Bewitching Target. Philadelphia North American. A Jap shell should ever become engaged in those whickers worn by Admiral Alexieff it will be an exciting moment in his official life.

STATE CANDIDATES.

Fremont Herald: Several republican newspapers are boosting Mr. A. Brown of the Kearney Hub for secretary of state. If a republican secretary is assured the Herald would prefer Mentor A. Brown to any other man mentioned.

Superior Journal: Al Goulasha of Red Cloud has become a prominent candidate for secretary of state. Mr. Goulasha is an old resident of Webster county and has been a hard worker for republican success up there.

Hastings Tribune: If A. M. Brown, editor of the Kearney Daily Hub, would kindly condescend to accept the nomination for secretary of state on the republican ticket, the state would be greatly benefited.

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IN THE FAR EAST.

People and Places Conspicuous in the War. Admiral Sotokichi Uru, the Japanese commander who distinguished himself at Chemulpo, used to be known as "Boat" when he was a preparatory student at the Bradford military academy, Middleton, Conn.

Japanese in New York City are not numerous, which makes it all the more remarkable that so large an amount has already been raised there toward the \$5,000,000 war fund which the Japanese of this country intend to send, if possible, to their mother country in this time of need.

"It is scarcely necessary," writes Frederick McCormick in the Metropolitan, "to emphasize the inherent military qualifications of the Cossack. Schooled in the pony's back, the carbine and the frontier campaign, he corresponds in hardihood and handiness very closely to our own western Indian fighters, and springs at his country's call from the rugged mountains of the Sierras to the States."

The standing of the three leading Japanese journals, according to the London Chronicle, is as follows: The "Jiji-Shimbun," which means literally "Times Incident New-hearing," is a semi-official paper, and may be regarded as "The Times" of Japan.

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KENTUCKY'S POLITICAL TRAGEDY.

Persecution Driving an Innocent Man to the Gallows. Samuel Hopkins Adams, a journalist of repute and experience, contributes to McClure's Magazine a review of the case of Caleb Powers, former secretary of state of Kentucky, now under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of William Goebel.

Under the spur of indignation at this crime, the legislature elected Goebel, who lived but a short time, Lieutenant Governor Beckham succeeding him. Governor Taylor had been elected, but he was a republican and Secretary of State Jim Howard and Henry E. Youtsey, a stenographer—Howard held for firing the actual shot and Youtsey as an accessory—were the principal remaining members of the Taylor party.

That the three Powers trials were partisan; that the jury in the first two consisted of twelve Goebel men, and that in the last trial there were eleven Goebel men and one of doubtful politics.

Mr. Adams' account of the feeling over the Powers' case is extraordinary. "The animosities engendered by it have brought about literally scores of fatal quarrels. Business partnerships have been dissolved; churches have been disrupted; lifelong friendships have been withered; families have been split; there is no locality so remote that it has not been touched by the escaped evil influence.

BOOSTING THE SALARIES. A General Advance Proposed in Congress. Chicago News. There is reason to believe that sentiment in this country is not unfavorable to the idea of giving the president of the United States a larger compensation than \$50,000 a year.

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GRIEVANCE OF RURAL CARRIERS.

Legislative Schemes Calculated to Injure the Service. The National Association of Rural Carriers is fighting to have a graded scale of wages so that service should count for something. It looks as if the report from the committee to the house will fasten on them a flat increase to all carriers alike, irrespective of the length of time a man has been in the service.

The rural carriers have a hard time of it in all sorts of weather and they toll along in every season. The man who sticks to the business for three years or more is surely entitled to something better than the novice, just beginning. The latter knows nothing, in reality, of the hardships and may give up in a month or a year, while the other who remains is the more valuable man because he knows his business better.

Workmen have begun to pull down the house built by Benedict Arnold in New Haven, Conn., in 1771. Arnold lived in it for many years.

FLASHES OF FUN. He—Isn't yours a "Crazy" town? He—(sighed)—"Certainly not. We have just put in new water works.—Detroit Free Press.

Postmaster—Yes, sir, that married Mrs. Fresh was watching me with one eye as I flirted with Zerk Crossley's hired man with the other.

Handicapped. Detroit Free Press. The poor, benighted heathen cannot swear in Japan.

Do they never miss the last car out at night? In Japan? Do they never hit the sidewalk when they light? In Japan?

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