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Of course the Civic Federation committee are all "good citizens," but they have no monopoly on good citizenship.

A new version of the "Gunmaker of Moscow" may be offered on the stage of international politics within a short time.

A meeting has been called for March 21 at Lincoln of the democratic editors of Nebraska, or, rather, what is left of them.

The municipal assessment roll is completed. Now for a tax rate that will encourage home owning and attract investors.

When LaFollette sizes up against some of the railroad representatives in the United States senate we will see the difference.

Members of the royal family in the winter palace can now have some intelligent sympathy for the beleaguered garrison at Port Arthur.

Governor Vardaman has again broken into print by arresting a murderer without assistance. It is needless to say that his prisoner is a negro.

Perhaps we are having simply a prelude furnished by the weather man to make the ground hog look pleasant when he visits us next week.

It will be a slight wounding to travel miles to see when Senator Spooner advances down the senate chamber to present his esteemed colleague, Senator LaFollette, to be sworn in.

The state senate has passed the bill appropriating \$80,000 for legislative salaries without a dissenting vote. Another illustration that the unexpected does not often happen.

Many people may be willing to admit that the surrender of Port Arthur was a disgrace to Russia, but most of them will place the blame upon someone other than General Stoessel.

A bill creating a board to examine horse doctors has been introduced in the state senate. Why not also a board to examine the examiners and another board to examine that board?

MAGNITUDE OF NEBRASKA'S TAX BURDENS.

How much are the people of Nebraska taxed for the maintenance of government and what proportion of the taxes imposed is borne by the railroad corporations? That information has not been obtainable up to this date in any public document or any bureau of statistics, or other source official or private.

This array of taxation figures will prove a revelation to the people of Nebraska and awaken them to the magnitude of the increased tax burdens to which they are being subjected through the operation of our revenue laws.

The ratio of the taxation of the railroads to all other taxable property for 1903 was 12.3 to 87.7 per cent, while the ratio in 1904 was 13.1 per cent, as against 86.9 per cent.

A glance at the comparative taxation tables will show that the aggregate tax for state purposes, which was \$1,523,316.38 for 1903, was raised to \$1,768,327 for 1904, or an increase of \$245,010.62.

The most striking anomaly in Nebraska taxation is the fact that the total amount contributed by the railroads toward municipal government for the year 1904 is \$84,856.78 out of a total of \$2,141,098.97.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

The outbreak at the Russian capital sounded a warning to the government which it cannot safely disregard. That warning is certain to be echoed from every industrial point in the empire and the large army of labor will insist upon its demand for the amelioration of its condition.

What seems to be inevitable is that the old system, which has become intolerable to the people, must be to a large extent abandoned and political and social reforms instituted more in accord with the spirit of the age.

IN A plain call for reforms the prompt institution of which is necessary to the maintenance of peace and order within the empire and that they will not disregard the lesson.

According to a statement from Tokio, which is doubtless authentic, Japan sacrificed seventeen vessels while blockading Port Arthur. Eight of her warships were sunk by Russian mines, two of these being first-class battleships; one cruiser sank from a collision and others were put out of active service temporarily by mines.

In regard to the losses in the land fighting there is no official information and none is likely to be forthcoming, but the correspondents make estimates which place the number of killed and wounded at a very large figure.

THEN FOLLOWS THE NAME OF MAHONEY. The conclusion of the Civic Federation's address to the people of Omaha is: "We expect criticism, opposition and slander from those who desire the continuance of the old regime, but we confidently look for the support of all who desire the supremacy of the law and an era of decency and progress."

Back in 1890 John S. Mullen kept a record in or near Albright, where sports and toughs congregated periodically, generally on Sundays, to witness dog fights, cock fights and fistie exhibitions.

During the latter part of the same year the Mullen resort was destroyed by fire. Mullen had previously taken out fire insurance in several companies, but the insurance companies declined to make payment, alleging that the fire had been incendiary.

Working a Good Thing.

The governor of New Jersey wants the people of that state to oppose the proposition to have a law making it possible for the railroad industry to operate under federal charters.

Activity of Monopoly.

At the very moment when the president is insisting upon government regulation of railroad rates legal proceedings are instituted to delay the enlargement of the Erie canal, which would be a much more effective regulator of railroad rates than any commission or court.

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An Experiment that Failed.

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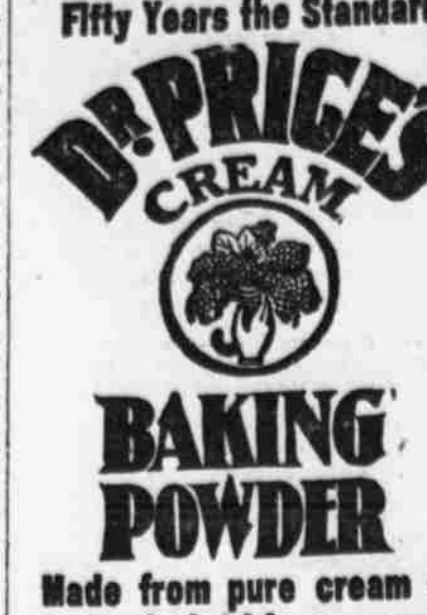
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Fifty Years the Standard



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CUT IT OUT. The Country Weary of the Overworked Smoot Case.

The United States senate should be informed of the fact that the country is heartily sick of the Smoot investigation and considers that the senate is making itself ridiculous by keeping such an inconsequential matter dangling before the eyes of the public so long.

The influence which may affect a senator's conduct are innumerable and undiscovers, and possibly some of Smoot's senatorial inquisitions are influenced by considerations which, if exposed, would cause them to hang their heads in shame.

This is a subject that might properly enough engage the attention of a legislature during a senatorial campaign, but which does not interest the country at large in the slightest degree, and which should still less interest the United States senate.

SMILING LINES. The Doctor—This will not do, str. You can't expect to recover if you don't follow my advice.

Well, Mrs. Brown and Smith are going to operate upon the stomach. "Is the operation necessary?" "Why, yes, it's a little coming down and Smith wants an automobile."

Fashionable Tallor—Go front at once. Two young clerks there after me. "New Man (whispering)—I'm waiting on a billiard."

Small wonder, then, that Chauncey sped more swiftly than the wind. Before him lay the open course. His rivals all behind.

His Excellency Sheng, mightiest of all the great men in China, has been induced by Prof. John Fryer of the California State University to provide five scholarships for Chinese students now at the university.

Of course consumption can be cured. Modern medicine teaches it. No one longer doubts it. Babies have it. Young mothers have it. The aged have it. None are exempt.

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