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The United States will watch with interest the solution of the strike problem as worked out by Canada.

Increased production on the part of the Homestead mine indicates that the fiercest interests in the west have received returns from the New York campaign.

The fact that missionaries to China are beginning to realize that they do not have to deal with ignorant savages is one of the best harbingers of greater success in the work.

Now that the American Federation of Labor has adopted a distinct political platform, there will probably be a number of distinguished democrats anxious to "tune" the society to death.

The Nebraska anti-trading law has been enforced in one of the smaller towns in the state. What would happen if some zealous official would undertake to make this law operative in Omaha?

The circuit court of appeals has decided in the case of Amos Boyson that a law enacted by congress is bigger than a rule made by an Indian agent. Mr. Boyson will govern himself accordingly.

If France succeeds in abolishing courts-martial it will have distanced even America in making the military forces subordinate to civil power—but America has never had the excuse for such radical action.

South Dakota republicans are lining up with the party throughout the country and will in the future pay fare whenever they travel. Independence from corporate control looks best when favors are declined.

If those British reformers continue to draw arguments in favor of public schools from remarks by Ambassador Reid, the American statesman may be in a position to accord intelligent sympathy to Sackville-West.

American women who desire to draw comparisons between themselves and their German sisters should not go to Berlin to do so; and they should strictly examine their own households before making the comparison at all.

Germany may never be able to teach Polish children to say their prayers in the German language, but the memory of the effort will probably give the successors of William a valid excuse for maintaining a large standing army at home.

If all the county officers in Nebraska are busy in proportion as have been those of Douglas county in suggesting changes to be made in the code of Nebraska, the incoming legislature will hardly get through in time to give way to its successor.

Omaha Indians, having been given seats in Thurston county's public schools, the laws should be changed so they will, without question, pay their proportion of the expense. The Indian should be made responsible, as well as civilized.

One thing that is noticed with the approaching Thanksgiving season in Omaha is the fact that no public effort is being made to provide free dinners for the "poor and needy." The Omaha people who are willing to work are amply able to provide themselves with turkey and cranberry sauce and even pumpkin pie this year.

UNREGULATED CALL LOANS.

The discussion of the emergency bank note scheme, which really emanated from eastern banking interests, largely on account of their speculative relations, will be of incalculable value if it has no other effect than to concentrate public attention upon the failure of the New York banks particularly to remedy many evils which it is easily within their power as it is their duty to do.

Yet there is absolutely no regulation, legal or other, upon the fixing of these rates, and practically no attempt on the part of the banks of the Clearing House association and the affiliated trust companies and other great financial institutions to restrain the call rates to a safe and conservative basis.

The absurdity would not be so had it did not involve profligat, not only to the vast interests centered here, but also to the vast interests of the country as a whole, threatening at times to precipitate panic.

Secretary Shaw has never made a more pertinent suggestion than that the big New York financial institutions through a representative committee ought to alleviate this nuisance and peril by fixing the rates on a rational and legitimate basis.

STRUGGLE FOR INSURANCE CONTROL: The struggle now in progress for control of two of the big New York life insurance companies is of a character to strengthen suspicion that the same forces whose abuses were exposed in the famous Armstrong investigation are still active and potent.

But it is becoming evident that powerful outside financial interests are engaged in an arduous and expensive contest to retain or seize, under the forms of the new law, substantially the same control which they long enjoyed with enormous profit to themselves, but with corresponding hurt to the great body of policyholders.

What is transpiring is a signal admonition that, after all has been done that can be done by way of legislation and official safeguard, eternal vigilance must still be the price of security for such trusts. They embrace in money and power more than a prince's ransom, and until human cupidity and unscrupulousness shall cease thieves will try to break in and steal.

The policyholders, therefore, are not safe merely because of the discovery of former systematic looting of their aggregated savings and because the legal code guarding their interests has been extensively amended. It remains to enforce these laws and to keep ceaseless espionage upon those, whoever they may be, who succeed in fierce pending struggle for the trusteeship.

J. J. HILL'S LOGIC: While reiterating in recent public addresses his antipathy to national control of railroad rates and services, denouncing it as an abuse of power hurtful to transportation interests, James J. Hill of the Great Northern, testifying under oath before the Interstate Commerce commission in its grain investigation, has just disclosed his recognition of the value and necessity of government control in other, although closely analogous matters.

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his unqualified approval of such extension; and it is adding insult to injury to treat the fine as a rebate to Uncle Sam.

Mr. Hill's argument for government control of the grain trade was certainly cogent and could be indefinitely reinforced from universal experience of producers and consumers, as well as from that of the majority of shippers, if, however, to say the least, not stronger than the argument for national control of transportation rates and services, which Mr. Hill is so illogical in almost the same breath to protest against.

AN UNFOUNDED FEAR.

When the preliminary contest was on in Nebraska last spring the principal stock in trade of those who opposed convention nomination of United States senator and who resorted to every means to prevent it, was that the selection of a candidate for senator to whom the party was to be committed in advance would operate disastrously on the legislative tickets in the various senatorial and representative districts.

Warden Beemer proposes that the state shall pay the fare of a discharged convict from the prison back to the place from which he was sent. As long as the discharged convict does not ask for mileage and per diem it may be that his actual traveling expenses will be allowed.

Democracy's Great Weakness: Harper's Weekly. The sole requisites for the re-establishment of the democratic party upon an enduring basis are an issue and a fight.

Go To, Indiana!: Indianapolis News. The decision of the railroads to economize in the salaries of their officials isn't a field rich in possibilities being overlooked in the salaries of the higher officials?

Benefactor Abroad: The Bee's American. It is as pleasing to learn from the lips of Mr. Harriman himself that Mr. Harriman controls no railroads as it was to learn that John D. Rockefeller has had no interest in the Standard Oil company for several years.

Peace by the Book Route: Baltimore News. Mr. Andrew Carnegie enters an emphatic denial of the truth of the report that he has promised \$1,000,000 to Representative Richard Barthold of Missouri to promote the cause of international arbitration.

Pinching the Sugar Trust: Brooklyn Eagle. The conviction of the Sugar trust for receiving rebates from the New York Central railroad before Judge Holt in Manhattan was a foregone conclusion from the conviction of the railroad a few weeks ago for the same offense.

THE GRANGERS OF TODAY: Time also will be required for the consideration of the proposed increase of the navy by the construction of the largest battleship afloat. The last naval bill required the Navy department to prepare plans for such a vessel.

Power of the Organization Shifts West to East: Boston Transcript. The annual meeting of the National Grange at Denver has borne witness to one of the changes which time has wrought among the Grangers from the west to the east.

County Attorney Slabaugh proposes to amend the law in relation to juror service by providing a compensation of \$2 per day. Such an amendment would suggest itself to anyone as being a move in the right direction, although it does not completely cover the ground.

Probably the elimination of western immigrants from the success of the agitation with which the Grangers were first identified, for cheaper transportation, etc. in the east the Grangers are not a political organization, though their influence is felt in legislation bearing on agricultural interests.

Nebraska lawyers find themselves on the supreme court question in a position somewhat similar to the bankers on the currency question. They are agreed that the membership of the court should be increased in numbers, but by how many and in what manner they are unable to determine.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Some Important Business Schedules for Congressional Action: One week from today, at high noon, begins the second session of the fifty-ninth congress. A vast amount of business, regular and special, awaits action in both houses.

The treaty regarding the Isle of Pines is still pending. This treaty has been held up for many months by Senator Penrose, at the solicitation of a number of influential citizens of Pittsburg, who are largely interested in the development of the island.

Outside of the executive work of the government, the most important matters that should be disposed of at this short session. The unfinished business is the bill of Senator La Follette limiting the hours of service of railway employees.

On the first day congress meets the William Nelson Cromwell controversy comes up before the Inter-Atlantic Canal committee. It is the question of whether Mr. Cromwell is to be questioned by Senator Morgan for the purpose of making a case of contumacy so that it may be reported to the senate.

Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has given notice that on Wednesday, the third day of the session, he would call up the Smoot case, and, being a privileged question, would press it for consideration.

A number of important reports are due from the Interstate Commerce commission. That body was instructed to investigate the combination between the railroads and the grain elevators to control prices and to determine whether or not there was discrimination in elevator charges and rates, introduced by Senator McCumber.

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On the immigration bill, which was passed by the house last session, but was materially amended in the senate, is still in conference.

In his message to the coming session the president is expected to recommend more drastic legislation concerning the pending measure provided. As it now stands, the bill has an educational clause, inserted by the senate, providing that all adult immigrants must be able to read and write.

On the senate calendar there are twenty bills, favorably reported, ready to be considered under one rule, and fifty-eight measures ready for final action under another rule. There are ten subjects on the table. In the house there are two items of unfinished business, the chief being Mr. Payne's bill to consolidate and reorganize the customs collection districts.

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STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Kearney Democrat: Why should The Omaha Bee become so rancorous about the H. B. & M. issue? The Bee can come up the line of the Union Pacific and gather a whole basketful from its new-fangled reformers, and not half try.

North Platte Tribune: The attempt to injure both again in the coming session of the legislature, the republican party cannot escape responsibility for legislation at the coming session. While individual members may be blamed for failure to enact laws that have been passed, the party as a whole will have to shoulder the blame.

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INJURY OF HEBREY TRIALS.

The Crapsey Case a Type of Many Hurtful to Religion: Philadelphia Press. Within and without the Protestant Episcopal communion profound regret will be felt at the accusation, the trial and the final condemnation for heretical opinions, an appeal recently of the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, a priest of that church.

But each great church plays its important and beneficent share in covering the spiritual interests and inheritance of the community as a whole. All that injures such a communion is a profound injury to the most precious element in all human society.

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