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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County: Charles C. Rosewater, general manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of The Daily Morning Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of November, 1906, was as follows:

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

PROPOSED POSTAGE RATES. The report of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden is a very important document since it deals exhaustively with that portion of the mail charged with being largely responsible for the great excess of expenditures over revenues of the department.

Recommendation to reduce the rates of one ounce weight or less from 2 to 1 cent each looks to a popular and desirable end, though it would admittedly cause a considerable loss of revenue.

There is no assurance that such result would follow if the proposed changes were made, but it is certain that such result, if it should follow, would cause grave inequity between important classes of postage payers.

Legitimate newspapers certainly will not object to paying a fair rate for postal service, but they and other classes of patrons ought not to bear the cost of distributing periodicals of an entirely different character.

THE PANAMA CONTRACT PROBLEM. The report of the Panama commission, while covering in detail the operations during the year and corroborating the optimistic view expressed in the president's official message to congress, necessarily omits the matter of contracting for the work, which is now the most important feature.

A detailed exhibit of receipts and expenditures has been issued by the city party of Philadelphia, covering its operations in the last campaign, which discloses that over \$3,000 was spent for advertising in the newspapers.

Much gas is being blown off to lay the foundation for creating the proposed new office of city gas commissioner. The city had a gas inspector when the democratic council came into power and he could easily have been vested with all the duties which are now contemplated for a new gas commissioner.

STICKNEY ON CAR SHORTAGE. The statement submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission by President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western concerning the relative time consumed by railroads in moving freight cars and by shippers in loading and unloading them, will excite surprise.

Curly Jett's conviction following his confession takes him from the scene of action, but as an "informer" who made testimony to suit the occasion his record is unique in Kentucky, where men are supposed to kill but not to bear false witness.

One of the Omaha churches is to issue tickets of admission to its Christmas services to make sure that the regular churchgoers are not crowded out. There is no need of any Omaha church issuing tickets for this purpose to its ordinary Sunday services.

should direct public attention to a failure of transportation adjustments and should aid in the remedy. If it takes railroads and shippers between them ten days to move a loaded car an average of 250 miles and to load and unload it, whether the former or the latter is mainly to blame, the time is too long, entailing enormous loss of efficiency.

THE LAND FRAUD CONVICTS. Four more of the big cattlemen have been convicted in the federal court for this district for conspiracy to defraud the government out of large tracts of the public domain.

While they still have the privilege of applying for a new trial and of an appeal from the present verdict the convicted cattlemen, formerly so defiant, have little claim for public sympathy. From the evidence adduced they seem to have acted on the theory that they were above the law and that their wealth and position would guarantee them safe immunity from being called to account.

These cattlemen now convicted are also chiefly responsible for the failure of all legislation to relieve the situation, which has so embarrassed the grazing interests of northwestern Nebraska. Instead of trying to solve the problem they persistently blocked its solution, confident that by continuing unchanged the laws which they were recklessly violating they would continue to have the use of the public lands without paying even a rental to the government, much less taxes to the state.

URGENT NEED OF REMEDIAL LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS. Chicago Record-Herald. "It is a scandal to retain laws which sound well but which make fraud the key without which the great natural resources must remain closed."

An interesting sidelight is cast on the present water works situation by a leaflet issued two years ago by the most blatant member of the Water board then seeking re-election, in which he makes the pledge that if given a second term he would see that the acquisition of the water works was completed at the earliest possible time.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Political struggles of history making importance convulse the three leading nations of Europe at the present time.

Practical Experiences. Washington Herald. Ladies who have persistently declined to take well-merited newspaper advice and shop early have an excellent opportunity to find out how it feels to be center rush in a foot ball game.

Heavy Drag on Taxpayers. Philadelphia Record. Battle ships are such perishable toys. Unless we build three new ones every year we can not make up for wear and tear, as the salt sea eats through their iron sides, or as they fall victims to storm or misadventure.

They Would Not Be Missed. Philadelphia Record. A suggestion in the president's Panama message of the lack of amusements on the isthmus should not be unheeded by the amusement managers.

Bearing Trouble Patiently. Portland Oregonian. Universal car shortage, labor shortage and general difficulty in finding enough of anything to meet the big demand has been quite noticeable in this country of late.

Shivering, with Coal Abundant. San Francisco Chronicle. Prof. Monaghan of the Department of Commerce and Labor says: "At the rate we are consuming our coal supply will last 6,000 years. And now we read that Italy is gaining its lost ground as a manufacturing country because they have learned to harness the rivers and mountains with electricity."

SCANDAL OF THE LAND LAWS. Urgent Need of Remedial Legislation by Congress. Chicago Record-Herald. "It is a scandal to retain laws which sound well but which make fraud the key without which the great natural resources must remain closed."

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Just Received. 300 Beautiful New Christmas Waists. Now Being Gotten Ready for Saturday's Selling.

These waists were received after our regular ad had gone to press, and they are of such beauty and grandeur that we take this method to let you know about them. For many weeks we have been preparing for the great demand of choice and beautiful waists for Xmas giving, until we have succeeded in collecting the cream of models, fashioned after the latest creations of Europe and America.

Here are a few of the many beautiful styles to be seen in our waist department Saturday, second floor. Handsome Silk Plaid Waists, made exclusively for Thompson, Belden & Co. Beautiful assortment of Fancy Net Waists at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$10.50 up to \$25.00.

THOMPSON BELDEN & CO. HOWARD, CORNER SIXTEENTH STREET. SERVICE PENSION BILL. Provision of the Measure Pending in the Senate.

Chicago Record-Herald. Senator McCumber is urging early consideration of a service pension bill which it is estimated would make necessary an additional appropriation of \$10,714,000 to pay the increased rate for soldiers of the civil war now on the rolls.

THE MISSING MESSAGE. Philadelphia Ledger. One morning not a message from the White House had been flashed. The senate ever kept for tips, all wondered what to do.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "Yes, he got a little fresh and I told him plainly that I knew my business and added that I was proud of the fact that I am a self-made man."

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XMAS PIANO PRICES. \$145 to \$750.

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When you buy from Hoopes you know your money is not wasted, and you are not deceived by a commission taker. You could send your own child down to choose the Piano, because there is no deception or schemes of any kind practiced here.

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