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LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

It is gratifying to note from the organization of the two houses and the preliminary proceedings, the new Nebraska legislature looks like business.

All accounts seem to agree that the atmosphere in the vicinity of the state house is decidedly clearer than it usually is at this period of every second year when the lawmakers commence their abode at the capitol.

To be sure, the lobbyists are on the ground in ample force with regular headquarters established for the different railroads and other large corporate interests.

The disposition seems to be there and if the reforms fall later to materialize, the change will have to be charged up either to bad faith or to corrupt manipulation.

Alaska should now demonstrate the value of its boasted coal deposits by relieving the fuel shortage on the Pacific coast.

Senator Foraker's eagerness for Senator Tillman to speak on the Brownsville incident shows that he wants to keep the regulation warm.

Fort Omaha threatens to take the place of the Indian warehouse as the annual beneficiary of saving work on the appropriation committee by Second district congressmen.

Scientists who declare that eating candy prevents consumption would be received with acclaim did not other scientists declare that eating candy produces appendicitis.

Russian revolutionists seem to think the holiday season should be celebrated as Americans observe the Fourth of July, but Uncle Sam still holds the record for casualties.

With \$1,200 saved in the postage stamp account, Nebraska legislators are apparently going on the theory that economy should begin at home.

Senator Allison expresses doubt as to the enactment of currency legislation at this session of congress.

Some of our democratic city councilmen are apparently of the opinion that there is no need of enlarging the gas company's storage tanks so long as the council chamber is at all times ready with a reserve supply.

The Water board has met once more and re-elected officers for the ensuing year. This is a necessary formality to secure the required signatures to the salary vouchers.

services is practically destroyed when an interest not to compete is created by merged ownership.

The principle of industrial independence is, indeed, more vital today to the public welfare than ever it was before.

There are others. Oregon legislators who, for obvious reasons, will very soon buy tickets to Salem can find a precedent in Jonah, I. 3, wherein it says, among other things, "He paid his fare thereof, and went."

Mr. Guggenheim of Colorado is astonished that anyone should question his right to pay the campaign bills of the legislators who are to elect him to the senate.

As a stimulus to lynch law. The horrifying resort to lynch law in our neighboring state of Iowa affords a peculiarly timely illustration of the demoralizing tendency of indiscriminate executive clemency to criminals and the stimulus given to mob violence by the undue multiplicity of pardons and paroles.

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A fight over pure food legislation is sighted by the law-makers at Lincoln. The fight, however, is not to be so much over restrictions as to food adulteration, but as to whether the supervisory powers shall be vested in the board of health or in a pure food commission.

The redoubtable Charles Wooster comes to the front with a qualified defense of the hiring lobby.

Some railroad managers say that inability to punish employees adequately for disregarding rules is responsible for many accidents.

The charge that Senator Bailey bought a ranch with money furnished by H. C. Pierce would be of greater interest at Washington if the United States owned unoccupied land in Texas.

ple. To be effective the institute dates will have to be moved up in order to permit them all to speak before the law-makers get out of hearing.

The first ballot in the Michigan senatorial caucus disclosed one Smith with 35 votes, another Smith with 13 votes and still another Smith with 2 votes.

President Roosevelt has been elected an honorary member of the Gaelic society of Chicago because of his proficiency in the Irish language and literature.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The medal constituting part of the Nobel peace prize recently awarded President Roosevelt by the Norwegian Storting is a solid plate of gold about four inches in diameter.

John Sharp Williams was chatting pleasantly with Charles H. Grosvener, James W. Wadsworth and Joseph W. Babcock, all seeming to be in the merriest of moods.

A notable feature of President Roosevelt's administration which has not attracted undue attention is the number of men of large wealth who are serving the public at the request of the president.

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READY FOR THE THIRD FALL.

Bryan Ready to Foreclose His Mortgage on the Democracy. Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.). Formal application for first place on the next presidential ticket of the democratic party has been filed by Mr. Bryan.

So, the democratic kismet materializes once more, bobbing up, as it were, with typical serenity.

Mr. Bryan makes no exception when he says "each a high honor is something no American citizen should decline."

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