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"Now they are calling it 'Arizona's crazy constitution.' It is in vogue Jesse James with the moving picture shows."

That fire that destroyed the Missouri capitol seems to have missed the democratic mule.

Henry James' play, "The Saloon," did not please London. Those English are a pragmatic lot.

Just to show that they take no stock in signs, the packers have hired thirteen lawyers to defend them.

The Globe-Democrat refers to it as "The Honduras mule." That is taking all the glory out of the war.

What will happen when Diaz decides to take those insurgents seriously, one shudders to contemplate.

Sure, remove the Missouri capitol to St. Louis and build it on the site of old Kerry Patch and let them go to it.

If Alton B. Parker should happen to land in the United States senate, who would carry the news to Fairview?

No matter whose fault it was, the abuses against which the railway mail clerks protested are about to be corrected.

"Money talks for fortification." No scandal: Just the senator from Mississippi lining up on the right side of the question.

A report says the curb broker will organize. It has been the idea of some folks that they were fairly well organized already.

And those Harriman lines will have something to write about when they go to invest that \$1,250,000 in advertising the west.

A river-to-mountain highway would be a very nice thing, but what Nebraska most needs is, however, a farm-to-market highway.

Down in Missouri some of the deestrick school trustees are fighting the plan of merging country schools. You certainly have to show those Missourians.

If Fred Cosgrove didn't have his fingers crossed when he made that pledge there will be a pretty little scramble for a nomination about this time next year.

Speaking of two dark horses to make the race for president and vice president on the democratic ticket in 1912, how would W. J. Bryan and A. E. Stevenson do?

Something ought to be done to chain down those villages on the northeast coast. Here one jumps up and goes clear out to sea and another one on an ice floe is wrecked.

Mr. Carnegie's astronomer, who claims to have discovered sixty new worlds, should bear in mind, however, that Mr. Rockefeller beat him to the one in which we dwell.

Senator Bartling finally lit, and much anxiety is thereby relieved. And having alighted on the wet side of the fence, the fight for county option will be "continued in our next."

The Nebraska legislature has refused to go on record as opposed to the Canadian reciprocity treaty. Nebraska has been less spectacular, and more consistent, than any of the progressive states, and this latest move merely emphasizes the fact.

That Washington newspaper man who got into a tiff with Congressman Macon of Arkansas is hereby duly reminded that the hair trigger is still working down in that state, where the other night one society youth killed another one in a church as the result of a quarrel over a cigarette.

Vote Treaty Up or Down Now.

The senate should not force the president to call an extra session of congress to secure action on his Canadian reciprocity measure. It should act on it without delay. The president believes public sentiment favors the proposed agreement, but this should not figure in the prompt co-operation by the senate to bring the proposition to a vote.

But an extra session will bring in the newly elected members of congress, changing the majority in the house from the republican to the democratic and cutting down the republican majority in the senate. This is a matter of vital consideration to republicans and may yet have some real influence. At all events, a rational view would suggest action on the reciprocity plan at this session.

Criticizing Newspapers. Queer criticisms are made of newspapers. Down in Missouri some dyed-in-the-wool democrats are taking their leading party organ, the St. Louis Republic, to task because it betrays its political trust and mentions the name of Governor Hadley, republican, too frequently.

Observations by a DISGUSTED DEMOCRAT. Evidently Governor Hadley is a very active man, as, of course, he is. Evidently it is hard for a newspaper to chronicle the political news fairly and fully down in that moss-ribbed state without mentioning the name of Governor Hadley.

The case may be referred to as typical of a very erroneous conception on the part of many people of what a newspaper is. The paper that prints the news as impartially as it can on its news pages, regarding its comments and criticism for its editorial page, is the paper that comes up to its mission.

Farmers Save a Railroad. A small Iowa railroad needed \$125,000 to save off financial ruin. The president did not go to Wall street, or to any other money center for aid, perhaps, because he knew he could not get it.

That is not a great amount of money for 100 men to raise and their raising it for this purpose, probably, will promote their own interests in the end. But just the same the incident shows that all the farmers of Iowa are not losing money; are not without money or sound credit, its equivalent.

But, nevertheless, the man who owns his farm in Iowa is a well-to-do man. He has as good land as there is anywhere, good seasons and the best of railroad facilities and rates. It is all but irrefragable, this idea of his being unable on the present level of prices to come out with a margin of profit every year.

where, good seasons and the best of railroad facilities and rates. It is all but irrefragable, this idea of his being unable on the present level of prices to come out with a margin of profit every year. The Danish farmer in Iowa, as elsewhere, is usually a good farmer. He pursues intensive methods, he is ceaselessly energetic, frugal and long-headed and it surprises no one who is acquainted with him to know that he had tossed over to this struggling railroad enough money to scare the wolf away from the door.

Lo, the Poor Plumber. Lo, the poor plumber, who has been the butt of ribald scoffers and irreverent jesters for lo, these many years. He toils from early morn till dewy eve, and the sweat of his brow mingles with the grime of his hands. He entereth into closed places, behind hot ranges and fixeth up the pipes on leaky boilers. He wipeth the joints and putteth new gaskets on defective connections.

Truly a Moving Picture. Cleveland Plain Dealer. One of the most touching things in modern history is the way the Steel trust is worrying about how respectably it is going to injure the American farmer.

From Coal Bias to Tanks. St. Louis Republican. Pretty soon, if aeroplane improvements keep on, coal stations may be subordinated in importance to gasoline stations. We don't own real estate enough in some parts of the Pacific for many stations of either kind.

Amazingly Far-Fetched. Springfield (Mo.) Republican. Mr. Lodge's contention that the popular election of United States senators would be a revolutionary innovation is amazingly far-fetched. But grant that it is as he says. Have the people of the United States, in peace and under constitutional order, effect such a change?

It is Hill's Move Now. The decision of the Harriman line to expend \$75,000,000 in double tracks within the next five years is but one step in their aggressive fight for conquest of the far west, the territory which has long been the battle ground of Hill and Harriman interests.

Party Divisions as Shown by Elections to Date. Philadelphia Ledger. The membership of the next United States senate having been almost fully chosen, an examination of the party alignment is possible, and it reveals fifty republicans and forty-two democrats.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Contributions on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Hundred Words Are Invited from Our Readers.

Convening Jury Service. OMAHA, Feb. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: In an article in Wednesday evening's issue of The Bee appears the statement that "fifty-two of the venire of 120 jurors called Wednesday were excused on one pretext or another."

The worst thing that has been said of Canada for inclining toward reciprocity was said by the Toronto Evening Telegram, which referred to it as a "spendthrift of inherited greatness," "the Harry Thaw among the nations." Mercy!

Here you are: The new governor of California proposes a law that will enable governors instead of legislators to name the United States senators. He was elected on the "people rule" platform, too.

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Jolts for Omaha

Ponder Remains: Omaha pokes a great deal of fun at Lincoln and delights in calling it the "Holy City." We have often wondered why Lincoln does not come back at Omaha by calling "Nebraska's red light district." Surely it is not because it would be untrue to the facts in the case, judging from the general reputation of the place.

Grand Island Independent: If, as alleged, the canvass of the vote in one district in Omaha shows three times as many votes cast in that district as the census report shows reside therein, why should Omaha be so perturbed about it? If the governor is so radically wrong in concluding that the voting may not have been done exactly in accordance with Hoyle, Cobbley and other authorities, are there not good grounds for Omaha to claim a much larger population than given in the census? Let the committee investigate.

Central City Nonpareil: We would suggest to Omaha that if it is really in earnest about its reputation that it cease abusing Governor Aldrich and set about correcting the things of which he complains. For its newspapers and its public men to state that there is no corruption in the city at election time is about as effective as to argue that black is white.

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