















SPECIAL LITERATURE

Feb. 14 is the day set for the opening for settlement of the land in the counties of Keith, Lincoln and Deuel under the Kinkaid act...

The farmers' elevator associations have launched their fight to secure concessions from the railroads in the house. Bowman, of Nebraska, did this by introducing a bill...

The state common school fund bill, introduced in the house last week, is a measure doubtless that will receive very serious attention...

On account of the excellent work done at the Heller block in last week by Dan Heller and his staff...

What the members of the various lobbies organized by certain interests have been able to accomplish at Lincoln is not known yet...

Fraternals insurance companies are badly split over the Shreck bill and the fraternal congress bill.

Neither the Nebraska Telephone Company nor the independent companies have the lobbies they had two years ago...

On 1200 locomotives in use in Japan 500 are American made.

NEW ERA FOR RUSSIA.

IT IS CLAIMED THAT CZAR HAS SIGNED MAGNA CHARTA.

Mr. Yermoloff, Minister of Agriculture, Persuades Ruler to Take Important Step—Representative Chamber Under M. Witte Predicted.

In a few days we shall witness a political transformation scene as thorough and as amazing as anything that modern pantomime or ancient fairy tale can offer.

Yermoloff begs Czar for reforms. The same day Yermoloff, the minister of agriculture, had an interview with the Czar at the Winter Palace...

Declares Czar signs Constitution. After a considerable pause, during which Yermoloff remained in an adjoining apartment, the Emperor recalled him and heard him develop his scheme for the pacification of the country...

A friend of Dr. Dillon's who read the document from beginning to end enumerates among the essential clauses the following points: 1. M. Witte, in the capacity of the president of the committee of ministers...

It is said that Secretary Taft is the rightest man who ever held a cabinet office. J. P. Morgan's greatest clarity is keeping young boys off the streets by getting them work.

Gov.-elect Higgins has chosen Frank Perdy, a New York newspaper man, as his private secretary. Will H. Harris, Baltimore's new postmaster, is a native of that city, a lawyer, and a most scholarly man.

CONGRESS

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In a session of less than two hours Saturday the House passed 373 yeas and 101 nays the bill for the calendar and the naval and diplomatic appropriation bills.

A bill extending the extradition laws to the Philippines was passed by the Senate Monday. It was agreed to vote on the statehood bill Feb. 7.

In the Senate Tuesday a House bill was passed extending to express companies engaged in interstate commerce the prohibition against carrying obscene literature.

In the Senate Wednesday Messrs. Clark (Mont.), Dillingham and Toller continued the discussion of the statehood bill.

The House Wednesday passed a bill authorizing the Keokuk and Hamilton Water Power Company to construct a dam across the Mississippi river from Keokuk, Iowa, to Hamilton, Ill.

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JANUARY CROP CONDITIONS.

Some Damage to Wheat Due to Insufficient Snow Protection.

The weather bureau's summary of crop conditions for January is as follows: The reports indicate that winter wheat was generally well protected westward of the Mississippi river, and also in portions of the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic States.

On the north Pacific coast the outlook is favorable, except for late snow in Washington. In California the prospect is excellent, except along the Sacramento river, where some damage has been caused by heavy rains.

Illinois wheat, without to determine the condition of wheat, large portion being covered by snow, has been reported as being in good condition. In some cases, corn in crib excellent condition and in some cases, fruit buds apparently undamaged.

Wisconsin—Wheat as a whole was somewhat colder than usual, but not severe. Snowfall was generally light, but with a temperature mostly below freezing, there was little melting.

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THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



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Forty Years Ago. Navigation in the Potomac river was blocked by ice twelve inches thick below Washington. F. P. Blair returned to Washington from his second trip to Richmond, and all sorts of reports were current as to the bearing of his visit on the outcome of the war.

Thirty Years Ago. News of the death of Tsai Shun, Emperor of China, reached London. The constitutional commission of Maine turned down a woman's suffrage plank.

Twenty Years Ago. The big dry goods house of Garry Bros. in New York was wrecked by dynamite, supposedly by striking clerks. John C. Spooner was elected United States Senator by the Wisconsin Legislature.

Ten Women Killed. Ten women were killed and three others were seriously injured in a collision of a passenger train on the Pittsburg, Shawmut and Northern railroad and a sleigh at a grade crossing near Arkport, New York.

King Charles of Portugal carries \$3,000,000 life insurance. Prince von Hohenzollern-Oehringen is the latest scion of royalty to visit the United States.

Ward McAllister, society director and organizer of the 400, filed a bill in New York. Mexico refused the proffer of Secretary Creswell to meet...

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