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WHILE THE QUESTION OF ELECTIONS BY popular vote has received the attention of Congress, it is satisfactory to note that a measure has been introduced for a change less radical in its character, but which is more clearly supported by the good sense of the people.

THE WISDOM OF PUTTING OFF THE inauguration of April 29 has been long attested by the uncounted seeds of pneumonia and consumption sown by exposure to the inclement weather of March.

THE PRACTICAL METHOD OF PLEDGING candidates to a mitigation reduced in proportion as the city valuation is in the aggregate increased is wisely being adopted at a number of the cities.

IT IS A GOOD THING THAT SO MUCH INTEREST is manifested upon all sides in the approaching election of councilmen.

THE STRIP OVER THE ASSESSMENTS HAS had the good effect of awakening attention to city affairs in a degree not known in previous years.

THE PLEDGING OF CANDIDATES IN black and white to a distinct policy is what is needed.

IT IS A REMARKABLE FACT THAT THE economic or social value, based, as it is, upon the assertion that the short seller induces a permanent depreciation of the staple on which his speculative gambling is not only legitimate level, it ignores the important fact that the selling of wind is always balanced by the buying of it.

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CONGRESS IN SESSION

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 9.—The House entered actively upon the legislative work of the session, and in the brief space of two hours more than a dozen bills were transacted through the various committees of the Congress.

It is to be hoped that the bill will become law, because there is no doubt that it would mean a saving of time and dignity to candidates, and anything which does that is of public benefit and likely to raise the standard of competitors.

OHIO IS ALIVE to the dangers and disastrous results of the car stove. A bill has been introduced to forbid the use of stoves or furnaces, on any premises, which will operate forty miles of track.

It is disappointing to find that San Francisco has a card scandal which promises to put Tracy Croft in the shade. Democracy in California is necessarily competing with Royalty even in matters of the green cloth.

RAILROAD WRECKS are a natural result of such conditions of employment as those revealed by the payroll of a company in North Dakota last week.

Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the right of the Secretary of the Treasury to receive a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Bacon, of New York, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, reported and passed a bill to amend the National Bank Act.

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THE DECISION IN MISSOURI, by which a loser in a game of poker may recover from the player who comes out ahead at the end of the game, is a recommendation of the courts to recognize gambling transactions in any way but a negative preventive.

THE HISTORY OF THE MANNER in which very large increase of public expenditure has been followed by the defeat of the party responsible for it permits the conclusion that the people do not approve of lavishness in handling their funds.

BY ALL MEANS let Congress thoroughly investigate the accounts of the World's Columbian Exposition, and insist that there be no extravagance in salaries and useless expenditures.

THE GOOD STANDING OF THE PHILADELPHIA Gas Company's stock on the market shows that it is the customers and not the company who suffer from the shortage.

JUDGE DOTY'S ORDER that all persons applying for naturalization papers shall swear that all expenses were borne by themselves and not by the government.

CLERICAL ERRORS should be prevented in State documents by making a criminal offense of transcribing clerks' carelessness.

THE DISGRACEFUL DELAY which characterized the removal of the victims' remains from the Park Fire has not taught New York its lesson, as the same dilatory performance is being repeated in the case of the remains of the victims of the fire at the Hotel Manhattan.

IF WE COULD STRIKE AN AVERAGE between these figures, there is plain evidence in them that the people do not send representatives to Congress to waste the public funds; and also a strong hint that our political leaders are in dire need of being informed of that fact.

NO MATTER who does the kicking, the renter should remember that he alone pays the bulk of taxes.

THE NUMBER OF INTERPRETATIONS which have been given to Blaine's letter would suggest that there are many people in this country who do not understand plain language.

THESE IS EVERY INDICATION that free silver has been pocketed for the present at least.

PRESIDENT BERRIS, of the New York Life Insurance Company, has resigned on account of ill health.

DETROIT IS IN DANGER of having its spelling changed to distraught.

CANADA WILL BE WISE in time if she shows her desire for closer trade relations with this country by a prompt acceptance of the invitation which the President is to send her to deepen the Weiland and St. Lawrence canal.

KNOW BY THEIR NAMES. LORD TENNYSON is not very strong in his mental faculties.

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NO EVIDENCE AGAINST ANY OF THE PARTS of the will was presented by Judge Harrison, who is the representative of Dr. Charles Farnham, of Randolph, Mass., one of the heirs-at-law.

THE LEADING HEIRS-AT-LAW are Mrs. Simeon J. Fox, Mrs. William Elliott and Mrs. John W. Madison. The estate amounts to more than \$600,000.

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LIVE WASHINGTON WAIFS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 9.—The House Committee on Education, President and Vice President to-day discussed very briefly and without action Mr. McAlister's resolution that the Electoral College shall consist of one elector from each Congressional district, to be voted for by the qualified citizens of that district.

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