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Announcement
 Mason City, Neb.,
 February 27, 1905.

To whom it may concern:
 I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County superintendent of Custer county, subject to will of the republican convention. A. L. PIERCE.

Time for city election is drawing near. Who are your candidates?

In the death of Ex-Senator Wolcott, Colorado lost one of her able men.

The excuse used against the Primary law enactment is that it would give the news papers too great a power in the nominations, what next.

Senator Cockrel is a candidate for re-election to the still United States Senate notwithstanding he has been made a member of the Presidents cabinet.

The Russians have been slower on the retreat in their engagements with the Japs of late which accounts for the greater number of their dead and wounded.

The report of Secretary Garfield on the beef trust will hardly prove satisfactory to beef producers. The public will have to be convinced that there is no remedy for the low price of beef on the hoof and the high price on the block.

Unless Secretary Garfield is able to make a better showing in his investigation of the Standard Oil business than he did on the beef trust, President Roosevelt will be likely to have some one else do the investigating in the future.

The inauguration of President Roosevelt last Saturday stands ahead of the list of similar events in gorgeous array and completeness of arrangements, which is in keeping with the superior majority he received over all his predecessors, at the hands of the people.

Senator Patterson on The Statehood Bill.

When the Statehood Bill was under discussion in the United States Senate, Senator Patterson, of Colorado offered an amendment, the effect of which, if adopted, would have been to permit women of full age in the proposed two new States to vote for members of the constitutional conventions and then the ratification or rejection of the Constitution. In defending his amendment Senator Patterson said:

"Who will say Mr. President, that such a privilege should not be given to the women of these, now four Territories. It is the crucial time for the future of these four Territories in connection with the proposed State-

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hood. The constitutional conventions will have everything with which women are most deeply concerned to consider, the question of divorces, the question of the right of parents to children the question of the ownership of property by wives to the proceeds of their own labor, and the question of schools. Who is more deeply interested in these different questions than are the women of these now four Territories? Whatever may be said of the bravery, the courage, the self-sacrificing devotion, and the patriotism of those who left behind them the civilization of the comforts of their eastern homes, as applicable to the men, may be emphasized fivefold as applicable to the women. Mr. President, this is in the line of the progress of civilization."

The amendment was rejected, but History will not have to record of Thomas M. Patterson that he was one of those who made himself "the laughing stock of posterity" by standing in the way of evolution.

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER.
 Lincoln Letter.

Special Correspondent—
 At the close of this week the legislature will have been in session forty-seven days, thirteen days yet remaining of the actual sixty days session. It is not likely that the legislature will be in session longer than the sixty days, and the last of March will probably see the close of the twenty-ninth session of the Nebraska legislature.

Another maximum freight bill has been introduced in the house, by representative Bedford, of Holt county, one of the fusion members. The bill was drawn up by M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, and makes a cut of 15 and 20 per cent on car lots of staple commodities. This now makes three freight rate bills introduced in the house, which will doubtless result in none of them being enacted into laws.

S. F. No. 122, by Epperson, of Clay County, has been reported for third reading and will without doubt pass the Senate. The bill provides for a change in the method of canvassing the votes on constitutional amendments submitted to the voters, the purpose being to avoid the counting against such a proposition of all voters who do not vote upon the proposition. The opponents of the bill claim it is unconstitutional, but the friends of the bill say it is in harmony with the decision of the supreme court in the case wherein Robert Ryan questioned the right of legislators to draw \$5.00 per diem and involving the sixty days limit of the legislative session.

The House by a unanimous vote passed the Mockett juvenile court bill providing for the establishment of juvenile courts. This bill passed the senate early in the session. It is similar to the bill voted by the governor two years ago on the ground of its unconstitutionality. The purpose of the law is to provide for the tak-

ing care of children living in vicious or criminal surroundings, and when any child is charged with any crime to be brought before a separate court. If the governor signs the bill it will go into effect immediately.

One of the primary bills in the House known as the McMullen direct primary bill was killed in the house by a vote of 48 to 22. The Dodge primary bill has been placed on general file. The friends of the primary system have faint hopes of any primary bill being passed at this session of the legislature. The main argument made against the primary law is the power it places in the hands of the newspapers in the nominating of candidates.

The Senate has approved Senator Cady's constitutional amendment for an elective railroad commission of three members, each at a salary of \$3,000 a year, the amendment to be submitted to a vote of the people in the fall of 1906. Several of the senators objected to the salary being fixed at \$3,000, and an amendment was offered reducing it to \$2,500. This was opposed by Senator Cady. Senator Wall, the orator of the Senate, also opposed reducing the salary to \$2,500. He said the railroads always won because they paid good salaries and could demand the best of talent. The cutting down of salaries to a mere pittance would not secure the best talent for the state. If the commission is to be composed of competent and talented men, \$3,000 was not too high. The amendment reducing the salary was lost.

Stock Growers Remonstrate.

Washington, D. C., March 5th, 1905.

Special to the Republican.
 The Nebraska Stock-Growers Association has remonstrated to the Bureau of Animal Industry against any order relating to the shipment of range cattle that would change the practice in vogue last year in Western Nebraska. The secretary of that association in a recent letter to Senator Millard states, that the livestock inspector having jurisdiction over the ranges of western Nebraska contemplates making a ruling to prohibit the shipping of cattle, for feeding unless each animal shall be dipped, under a strict construction of the regulations of the Animal Bureau. The Senator received complaints from other big cattle

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growers of large herds. He presented these protests to the Secretary of Agriculture and also to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, urging that the contemplated action be not taken if it would cause financial loss to the cattle-men. Dr. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau, replied that no inspector in the field had authority to make new rules; that the report complained of lacked foundation; that it may have arisen from the letter of February 10, written by the Bureau to the State Board of Stock Inspection at Denver.

Dr. Salmon said that the letter may have been misconstrued; that the department intends to be reasonable and to do what properly can be done to facilitate the shipment of cattle; that the position of the department is that it should either prevent the shipment of infected cattle for feeding and grazing or else make no regulations

whatever and leave the matter to be controlled by the States; that such control was essential to the cattle industry; that mange last season spread rapidly; that feeders were losing heavily by buying cattle infected with mange but which did not show symptoms at the time of purchase; and that railroads were prosecuted for bringing infected animals into states not infected.

In view of these facts the department had required exposed cattle to be dipped in a curative liquid before shipment. The department, however, is always ready to review a specific case and if it appears that parties in any section have made proper efforts for the control of the disease and still are unable under the inspection rules to ship their cattle, the department would in a given case be willing to make reasonable modification of existing regulations.

Dr. Salmon wishes it understood, however, that it will not be easy to get cattle to market in the fall if there be in any case ground for the belief that the animals have been exposed to disease.

Senator Millard has given this matter his earnest personal attention in an effort to relieve the situation, at the same time protect the states from the spread of cattle disease.

The President's recent message to Congress bears directly upon the point of whether or not the government inspector shall be permitted to placard or condemn range cattle which may in his judgment have been exposed to disease. Bills are pending to authorize such condemnation. Nebraska cattle-men deny the power of the Government thus to condemn. Two cases in the Supreme Court are based upon their contention. Should the law pass, it would be necessary for the government to appoint a large number of inspectors; otherwise the cattle industry would be greatly crippled.

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