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Unless the Board of Review can be induced to reconsider its action in the assessment of the street railway and gas companies the last resort of the taxpayers will be the city council.

The Real Estate exchange is resolved to spank the Board of Review by proxy. When the committee gets through the derelict members of the board will have to apply a porous plaster to the sore spot.

California railroads are again unable to furnish rolling stock sufficient to move the orange crop billed for eastern markets.

When a man is serving on the school board without pay it is mean to have him hauled up before a grand jury for trying to make something on the side.

Omaha gets two members of Governor Savage's new Louisiana Purchase commission, Lincoln one and Nebraska City one.

For fear of threatened cut rates on the part of longer lines, the community interest roads are to slow down their fast trains out of Chicago.

A New York osteopathist has sued a rich patient for a bill of \$132 for services rendered. The regular school of practitioners ought not to harbor apprehensions on the score of osteopathy.

A naval officer has been relieved from his post at Havana because he talked too much and said the wrong thing at the wrong time.

When you read the announcement that a new postmaster has been appointed to take a place made vacant by resignation you can put it down almost invariably that the outgoing official has read the writing on the wall and made arrangements with his successor to turn over the discounts of the office at a price that discounts the profits of the unexpired term.

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MORE THAN PUBLICITY NEEDED.

While there is very general concurrence in the proposition that the great industrial corporations should be required to make public statements of their financial condition, which President Roosevelt suggested "is the only sure remedy which we can now invoke," something more is needed for their regulation and control in the public interest.

This, says the Springfield Republican, is good as far as it goes, but that paper argues that publicity is not sufficient, referring to recent trust records of public knowledge in support of that view.

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While approving the publicity proposition, that paper urges that publicity alone cannot adequately protect the public from trust extortion. The trust must be forced to stand on its own merits as against actual and potential competition.

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NEBRASKA AT ST. LOUIS.

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While the governor has no other authority for the appointment of the St. Louis exposition commission than the invitation extended by its board of managers, nobody will find fault with the action he has taken except so far as it indirectly commits the state to the payment without limit of the money that may be advanced.

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VIEWED THROUGH THE METEORIC SPECTACLES.

The demand for Americans able to speak the Chinese language exceeds the supply, but must be met before we can expand our business in the Orient to any great extent.

The Chicago school board has just made a \$10,000 lease for the occupancy of two floors in the Chicago Tribune building at an annual rental of \$32,500. The reason the school board is going into the Tribune building is because it can get the best accommodations for the money that are available in that city.

Inside Washington information explains that the principal opposition anticipated for the isthmian canal bill is to come from the railroads, which would prefer to have the traffic carried as now across the continent by the railroad route rather than upon an all water route by way of the isthmus that threatens to deprive them of a very considerable portion of long haul traffic.

Chicago News. Boston's Thomas M. Lannon talks like a man who is getting more experience than he really cares to accumulate at the present market rate.

Baltimore American. The Schley verdict is promised within a week. This is the official verdict. The popular verdict has been rendered thousands of times.

New York World. Omaha has not profited by her lesson of the last census showing a decrease in population, but is preparing a law forbidding couples to swing on front gates.

Washington Post. According to the distribution of the prize money, Captain Chadwick, the commander of the New York, stood second in the hero class at Santiago. Chadwick pulls down \$14,000.

Kansas City Journal. A Boston reader has discovered three split infinitives in the president's message. This is an average of one split to every five columns. However, nobody has discovered any bad breaks in it.

Baltimore American. The poor should not be forgotten in the preparations for the coming holidays. To those who desire to bring joy to the prisoners of poverty, the various charitable associations offer a safe and effective channel.

Philadelphia Record. The cost of the Nicaragua canal was first estimated at \$90,000,000, next at \$100,000,000, and then it rose to \$150,000,000. Now the lowest estimate is \$200,000,000, and the people of the United States will be lucky if the cost from first to last shall stop at that figure.

Chicago Tribune. The two senators will act more like men and less like children if they cease their tireless quarreling and busy themselves about their legitimate labors as members of a body which has before it a great deal of important work which is of interest to South Carolina as it is to the rest of the country.

Philadelphia Record. Another diplomatic myth has been dispelled in the disproof of the widely prevalent idea that Great Britain alone prevented an intervention of the governments preceding the war of the United States with that country. It appears now that Russia, and not Great Britain, was the power that made a European demonstration against the United States impossible.

Cleveland Leader (rep.). The Ohio loyal legion has adopted a resolution of thanks to be sent to President Roosevelt for the assistance, for the survivors of the union army in his message to congress.

It may seem strange that the loyal legion should think it necessary to thank President Roosevelt for the assistance, for the survivors of the union army in his message to congress. It is not that that is assumed. A fourth bridge, that of the cantilever type, is to extend from Sixty-second street, Manhattan, to Blackwells Island. Plans have been prepared and only await the approval of the War department.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Millionaires are slowly getting together in New York City. A community of intelligent and bold, but whether they dwell together in peace and harmony is not so apparent.

The number of farmers in the present congress is inconsiderable when compared with the importance of the farming interest to the prosperity of the United States. This lack of representation seems of less moment when it is considered that the vast agricultural business of the country is not conducted by farmers exclusively, but as a part of the system which includes with them factors, banks, dealers in merchandise and machinery, railroads, manufacturers, millers, commercial travelers and seed merchants.

Perhaps the person who happens to be temporarily "hard up" in New York—and who is not sometimes?—and who goes into a pawnshop, glides into one of the stalls and "soaks" his watch for a day, or perhaps two, fancies that nobody will know anything about it. The person will be wrong. There has been a great deal more to it than that. His name and address will have been reported to police headquarters and registered there, together with the number of his watch, and all this will be recorded in the list of outsiders, for it has only been within very recent years that he has made New York his permanent home.

Incidentally it will probably surprise the general reader to learn how many watches are pawned in New York in the course of a year. As a matter of record, reports the New York Times, there are comparatively more than 1,000,000 watches entered in pawn at the various licensed shops in that city in the course of a twelvemonth. Of course these are not 1,000,000 different watches, for a good many of these are realized upon and taken out several times.

The reason for the entry of the watches, with their numbers and the names and addresses of their owners, is that a means may be provided for the tracing and recovery of articles which have been either stolen from or lost by their original owners.

The amount of public work in progress in New York at the present time is something astonishing. It is doubtful if any city in the world is improving itself so rapidly or in such a great variety of ways. Tunnels, bridges, subways, new parks and driveways, reservoirs and public buildings, the total cost of which will run into many millions, are in process and projected, and some of the greatest of these are rapidly approaching completion.

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FLASHES OF FUN. Brooklyn Eagle: Mr. Dukane—it looks as though the canal treaty would soon be ratified. Mr. Gaswell—Yes; and then Uncle Sam can take his pick. Somerville Journal: The professions of law and medicine are necessarily closely united. The lawyer's services are often needed to collect the doctor's bill. Philadelphia Record: Minnie—O, you're prejudiced against him. There's this much about him anyway; he wouldn't stand by by and hear a friend abused. Minnie—Certainly not. John Right in. Baltimore American: Managing Editor: Why did you throw that visitor down stairs? Answer-to-Inquirer Editor—He came up here and asked me if duck pants were made of feathers. Boston Transcript: Barnes—So you are going upon the stage? Expect to become a great actor one of these days, I suppose? Howe—Expect nothing. I want to learn to write as they do upon the stage when they have a letter to write. Jimmie's biography is nothing to it. Boston Transcript: Tudor—Harris gets all his clothes ready-made now. Sutton—So he told you, too? Tudor—He told me nothing. He didn't have to. Philadelphia Press: "Isn't it funny that the first man at lunch, 'when there isn't a plum in it at all?' " "I don't know," replied the other. "Webster defines a plum as 'a little lump or weight of lead.' "

PERSONAL NOTES. The British public are delighted to discover that the price of War can make a speech, all of his own, on the evening of Henry Stewart, who died last week in Baltimore, was in charge of the ordnance at Fort Sumter at the time of the outbreak of the civil war. The army of officeholders under the government is computed to number 220,000, but that is a small gathering compared with the army of office hoppers. Senator Heitfeld of Idaho is a noted collector of rare editions. He is the possessor of more curious and interesting books centuries old than any other man in the senate. James McKean, just selected as corporate counsel for Brooklyn, has a great knowledge of the literary classics and seldom makes a speech without quoting from Shakespeare, Milton, Burns, Byron or Tennyson, his favorite authors. Mayor Stephen Charters, recently elected on the labor ticket in Ansonia, Conn., says he will continue to work as a journeyman carpenter, but will devote his evenings to the city's interests so that every citizen may find time to talk to him. It has been proposed in Washington to invite ex-President Cleveland to address congress on the occasion of the memorial services for President McKinley. The committee in charge of the arrangements will be asked to consider the suggestion. Mr. John A. Brashear, who has just been elected chancellor of the University of Western Pennsylvania, was a rolling mill man in Pittsburgh twenty-five years ago and today is the greatest of landscape architects and one of the foremost scientists of the world. Among the names announced for the annual meeting of the Civil Service Reform league at Boston today and tomorrow one notes with interest Harry A. Garfield of Cleveland, O., a son of President Garfield, who is to speak on the reform of the consular service. Mr. Henry Hutton Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, has spent millions of dollars and much of his time in improving and beautifying his home town of Fairhaven, Mass., as he might beautify his own home. He has recently given to the town a library, water works, a drainage system, town hall, schools and a church. Ex-Congressman Thomas B. Reed, in a speech at the St. Nicholas society's banquet in New York, asked his hearers to "honor that handful of Dutchmen who are holding at bay the warriors of the proudest nation of the modern world." This is the nearest to an expression of opinion on the Boer war that Mr. Reed has ever given.

A CHRISTMAS MINUT. Minnie Irving in the Critic. When I saw the landscape covers. In Christmas-land are sighing. A dreamy wait that sets the feet Of youths and maidens flying. I see among the plain black coats And Irish rosebud faces Strange figures of the long ago. Come out and take their places. In stomachs and gay brocade. That Time has stained and faded. In buckles shoes and velvet suits. With gold belaced and braided. The treat is a stately minuet. The contrast of dance and song. And underneath the mistletoe Reminds of old romances. When chimes are rung and carols sung And snow the landscape covers. The spirit of the olden time. In buckles shoes and velvet suits. Then every shadow to my gaze A powdered head discloses. And all the air is faintly sweet With lavender and roses. With lifted skirts of pink and blue. They courted down the middle. Between the pines and strings. The spirit and the fiddle. The creaking of a coach and four Between the pines and strings. And footsteps in the frozen snow That vanish with the carols.

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