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Pat Crowe has returned to Omaha, but Pat Hagerty has not showed up in O'Neill yet.

The lumber trust announces an advance of 50 cents a thousand on all grades of lumber.

Another year of careful management of municipal affairs will put O'Neill out of warrant indebtedness, a consumation devoutly to be wished.

The community that escapes the devastations of the tornado can show their gratitude by extending the hand of benevolence to those less fortunate.

When you see a busy little honey bee buzzing around, remember there are \$200,000 worth of them in the state producing annually over \$100,000 in sweets.

An exchange says a botanical wizard has originated a potato that grows the crop above ground, but thinks a device to grow the potato bug ten feet under ground would be more appreciated.

A single tree recently cut in Oregon turned out over \$1,000 worth of lumber, there being 21,483 feet board measure. How many years this monarch of the forest was growing into this price is not stated.

Wisconsin encourages matrimony by imposing a tax on bachelors. There is no danger of it coming to this in Nebraska, where the girls are charming enough to prevent the bachelor question becoming of state importance.

Ninety-four billion dollars is the present wealth of the United States. This sum, if stacked in a pile of one dollar bills, one on the other, would reach into the heavens a distance greater than from Alaska to Florida. Yet with all our wealth there is scarcely a state or municipality but what carries a bonded indebtedness.

State Treasurer Mortesen, at a meeting of the state board of equalization, demanded in a resolution that "all property, moneys or credits owned by mutual or fraternal insurance companies, lodges, societies or associations," be listed for taxation. The resolution was adopted and the county assessors will be instructed to assess all such property.

There has been a rumor to the effect that a part of the Great Northern round house at O'Neill was to be removed. Now it is being published around as a fact that the whole structure excepting one or two stalls is to be taken away. As published before in The Frontier, there is talk of moving eight of the thirteen stalls, leaving a round house of five stalls here. There never has been, nor probable never will be, any need of such a mammoth round house as stands in the Great Northern yards here. It is a part of the dream of the promoter of the old Short Line and portions of the building have been falling into decay along with the dreams of the departed Donald McLean.

Teddy says he won't have it again. Maybe he will have to take it.

France, by a violation of neutrality in allowing the Russian Baltic fleet to take on supplies at a French port in Indo-China, seems to have put her foot in it. The little brown Asiatics are bristling with indignation and hints are made that Japan will call upon Great Britain to meet her obligations as an ally. In which case there will be events of greater interest and importance than anything yet in the far east.

If the attorney-editors of the H. C. I. persist in the degrading and offensive practice of mud throwing it may become The Frontier's duty to skin a few skunks in that notorious nest of "varmints." We have preferred to discuss the acts of the bank wreckers and their accessories in the light of facts disclosed by the records. The only answer we can get is the most offensive slander. The gang, their Stuart assistant and a few more will get a jarring that will put them to sleep if they insist on being indecent.

To meet the exigency brought on by the decision of the United States supreme court that Indians who have received their allotments are entitled to all the liquor they want, the citizens of Homer, on the Winnebago reservation border, have united to keep out saloons. It is generally considered that free access to liquor foreshadows the early finish of the Winnebagos as a tribe. No licenses for saloons will be granted on the reservation border.

There is talk of a special session of the legislature to enact a commodity freight rate bill, to which Governor Mickey is favorably disposed. That there is need of such legislation is apparent to all. If the legislature is called together and enacts a freight rate law that will give the people a measure of relief a double purpose will be served. Along with the benefits to accrue from reasonable railroad legislation would come a partial redemption of the bad legislative record last winter, the need of which is also manifest to all.

The public highway leading straight south of O'Neill to the river has become the hold of every foul and hateful thing. It is strewn with the bones of dead beats and the most unsightly and unsanitary rubbish. The board of supervisors would confer a great favor on the community by prohibiting the dumping of garbage along the highways. The road south of town is one of the most extensively traveled of any leading to O'Neill and the authorities should relieve us of a condition that is of doubtful advantage to the few, and unquestionably an unmitigated nuisance to the many.

The last census shows that women are engaged in every line of industrial pursuits in the United States. It is surprising to find in the blacksmith list that 193 American women wear the leathern apron and make the anvil ring with blows of the sledgehammer; that 571 are listed as machinists, 177 engineers and firemen, 890 brass workers, 1,786 wire workers and 2,320 in other lines of metal work. There are also many women butchers, millers, cabinet makers, coopers, carpenters, masons, paper hangers, plasterers, and in fact about the only places the women are not represented are the army and navy and telephone linemen—they will do anything but go to war or climb telephone poles. As a matter of fact, the women could get along pretty well without us.

World-Herald: William J. Bryan, in a recent contribution to Public Opinion, raised the question whether President Roosevelt has the courage to be a true reformer. He cited the fact that the president is largely indebted to the railroads, the trusts and tariff beneficiaries, and questions whether he is strong enough, and courageous enough, to withstand their appeals to his sense of gratitude and party loyalty.

It ill becomes Mr. Bryan to raise the question of courage. When the Saint Louis platform, embodying principles exactly opposite to what Mr. Bryan had advocated for ten years, was made known to an anxious public, he had not the courage to set principle above "party loyalty." When the United States senate committee invited Mr. Bryan to come before the committee with evidence to aid in the adjustment of railroad rates and to prove his oft repeated assertions either an absence of courage or something else caused him to decline. If any lack of courage should be manifest in the career of President Roosevelt, Col. Bryan should be the last man to call attention to it.

**Justice and Politics in Brown**  
 Ainsworth Star-Journal: One nowadays is frequently hearing the wish expressed that the present term of court should see the end of the Hans trial. Brown county is bearing its share of the penalty for the Luse killing, whatever may be the merits of the case as to any individual. The people will never be satisfied with a conviction which may be obtained while politics seems to be the animating force. On the other hand no good citizen desires to have a guilty man escape but the proof of guilt must be positive and unmistakable. When a juror admits within an hour after the verdict of conviction is returned, as was the case after the former trial, that the evidence was not satisfactory to him, it is evident that influences other than a desire for justice obtains in certain quarters. The whole case might be valuable as evidence of the care of the law for human life if the suspicion was not so rife that something else was using the law as a cloak. While the expense for the county is an almost unbearable burden, the final verdict would not cost too much if all these suspicions were allayed, and exact justice obtained according to the forms of law. Any other result however obtained will be an outrage, and the effect upon the people's respect for the law will be very unhappy.

**Hill's Defense of Rebates.**  
 Chicago Inter Ocean: President James J. Hill of the Great Northern railway made before the senate committee on Wednesday what he seemed to think an ingenious and complete defense of discrimination rebating in railway rates. The facts of the case that he cited were briefly as follows:  
 When the Great Northern reach the state of Washington it was found that the chief product for interstate commerce there was lumber. The rate was then 30 cents, and the Washington producers could not reach the eastern market. Mr. Hill cut the rate to 40 cents, thereby obtaining eastward freight for his cars and open an eastern market for Washington lumber.

This was a discrimination, Mr. Hill says, against the lumber producers at the eastern end of his road. They were charged more for hauling the same weight lumber an equal distance. In effect, a rebate was granted to the Washington lumbermen. But not only the railway, but the whole country benefited by the increased supply of lumber thus made generally available.

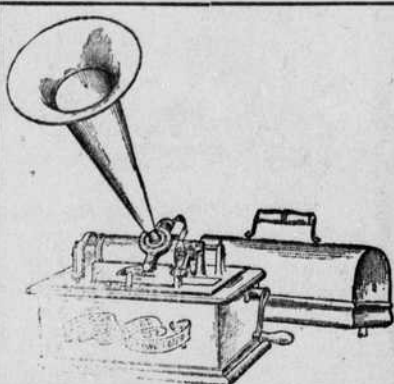
All of which is true enough as far as it goes. But this is not the kind of discrimination and rebating to which the public objects. It was not a stifling of competition, but an establishment of competition. It did not drive the Minnesota lumbermen out of the market. It merely let the Washington lumbermen into the markets.

The kind of discrimination and rebating to which the public objects, and which makes it feel that there ought to be government regulation of railway rates, is that practiced by the Santa Fe. There railway revenue was not increased, but diminished. There competitors of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company were not let into a market. There competition was not established with benefit to the public, but killed to the public injury.

The sooner such large-sized men as Mr. Hill cease trying to confuse the public by calling different things by the same name—the sooner also Mr. Hill gets out of the delusion that anybody is trying to take his property away from him, and so ceases to make remarks about "strewing the country with corpses"—the better for the country, for railway interests, and especially for railway magnates.

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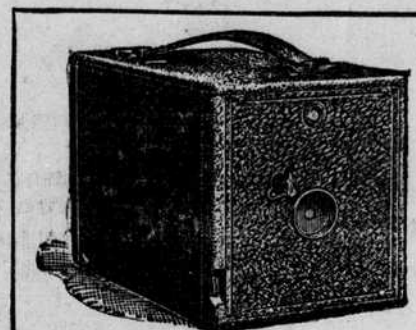
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