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Now will they put it back?

Bryan and Watson both have periodicals in which to make known to the public their ideas of how it ought

to be done. It is now up to Mr. Par-

The worst that could be said about mormanism, has been said by Senator Kearns upon his retirement from the senate: "I am about to retire from this place of dignity. No man can retain this seat from Utah and retain his self-respect after he discovers the methods by which his election is procared and the objects which the church monarch intends to achieve"

Senator Kearns of Utah, in retiring from the United States senate, felt called upon to add his mite to the senator was defeated for re-election by Mormon influence, so his assertions may not be altogether retiable, but nobody will question very seriously that there are numerous violations of polygamy.

The Fremont Tribune hits the" wolf bounty" proposition squarely on the head and it tells the whole story:

"The legislature is about to enact a delivered to the proper authorities. It was only recently that wolf bounties constituted a large item in a very liberal expenditure of state money. And now the bounty is to be doubled. in order to stimulate wolf raising and scalping. People expect too much of the state."

Columbus is now encouraged again with the hope that its power canal is to become a reality. This time it is to be financed by a company that is back of the trolley company that is to build several lines out of Omaha to neighboring cities. We sincerely hope Columbus may realize its hope, but since the trolley company is yet in a comewhat nebulous state we fear work on the canal will not begin at once. - Fremont Tribune.

No one is better qualified to detect "nebulous states", as applied to power canal projects than the talented editor of the Fremont Tribane. He's had experience.

The wonderful resources of this section of Nebraska were quite forcibly

wait while stock was being loaded. From Athion and Cedar Rapids branches there were picked up fortytwo cars of cattle and hogs, requiring two engines to pull the train from Genoa into Columbus. As it was ten o'clock before we arrived at the latter place, we had ample time to contemplate and cogitate upon the boundless possibilities that exist for the residents of this most favorable locality. -Albion News.

Speaking of the soicalistic tendency. what are we to think of the action of Kenass in going into the oil refining business? Govenor Hoch explains that the state has no desire to establish a public monopoly; that it is merely attempting "to compel a monopoly already existing to be decent." But if the state refinery proves a success, will Kansans be desirons of giving it up when normal prices are restored? That is the important question. We may, however, be thankful that a remedy for Standard Oil abuses is to be tried. Also, we may be glad that the president has instructed the department of commerce and labor to investigate Standard Oil operations in all parts of the country. This most powerful of monopolies does not bear daylight well, therefore, let the daylight in. Kansas! Hoch!- Fublic

trust, mys: "For the past eight years enumerated. authorities to invoke the aid of the criminal indictment for the purpose of protecting the public from the impositions of this trust. It is strange that the penalty now generally admitted as impressive, exemplary and undoubtedly deterrent, was not long ago inflicted upon men who, having firmly established their monopoly. have shown no consideration for the mercy for the consumer on the other." The editor of the World Herald need not think it so' strange" that its penalty has not been "inflicted"before, if he will recall that the American people did not know they had a law which carried these penalties until they had a "Teddy" Roosevelt for President. He will remember that President Cleveland and his demoeratic Attorney General declareu the Sherman anti-trust law unconstitu- of making them an independent, ener- back for the way it is blocking the Cheap rates east to Washington, D. prevent inconvenience and damage

Is it not "strange" that it is only during "the last eight years" that "democratic newspapers have urged" this streamous procedure?

THE RATE QUESTION.

To reach a definite conclusion on any important subject it is well to have a few facts pertinent to the subject. This is true even in the matter of milroad regulation. Cur legislature has before it several "railroad regulation" bills. Two of them are for reduced freight rates, and one of them is for a railroad commission clothed with ample regulating power. The railroad commission proposition

would not be matured for several

years, even if it were started now. Meanwhile, should not one of the freight rate bills be passed? If our legislators lock into freight rate statistics, they will not find cause to look upon American railroads as robbers. They will find cause to view with pride the fact that the United States enjoys the lowest freight rates of any country in the world, taking into consideration the average rate for long and short bauls for the whole country. On the other hand they will find local freight rates in Nebraska much higher than in Iowa and many times higher than the average rate for the whole country.

The following table shows the average rate per ton per mile in the leading countries of the world in 1901: United States, 75: Germany, 1.40: France, 1.48; Great Britain, 2.10.

With reference to the "railroads commission" proposition, our legislators can find some very interesting statistics in the latest report of the Interstate commerce commission.

This report shows that in 1902, thirty states had railroad commissions. Twenty of them were"strong" commissions, having authority to control freight and passenger rates; ten of them were "weak" commissions. not possessing that power. In 1890 there were only fifteen "strong" com. missions, as against thirteen "weak"

Relative to these facts the report says: "During the past twelve years, so far as the expressed will of legislatures is concerned, the tendency is in centiment against Mormonism. The favor of more effective control over

The railroads present the argument that there is no use granting the interstate commerce commission power the law in Utah in the matter of to enforce their decisions from the fact that only a few cases have been decided in which the railroads did not comply with the ruling of the court, and the further fact that the decisions rendered have been expensive to the public. It would seem, has to be read in fail to be appreciatlaw providing for the payment of \$2 rather, that this is an argument why ed. And his discussion of the mission power. If there are no de- many republicans agree. cisions in favor of complaints and the which accomplishes so little. If. however, the carrying corporations receive more for their money, as they imply, they will undoubtedly be accommodated when shippers are assurless to enforce its decisions is sufficient to prevent the filing of complaints with the consequent effort that such uits mean to the person or persons

> doing the prosecuting .- Norfolk News. APOLOGIZE.

The World-Herald and the Telegram both take occasion to call our attention to Mr. Bryan's denial of any connection with the notoriousFoster lease of the Standard Oil Co. As usual, brought to our attention last week apologize. Right at this moment we the gambling hell man, down to Pat cannot remember a time when the McCarreen, the Standard Oil lobbyist. on the evening freight train. At Telegram didn't want somebody to How can you reorganize a party so nearly every station there was a long apologize for something. The article thoroughly organized? You can't do of the Journal said expressly that the it, you are not trying to do it, and the Washington correspondent of the you couldn't do it. Chicago Tribune, and furthermore our article closed with these words: 'It will doubtless develop that Bryan is an innocent partner of Rockefeller in this alleged fraudulent

We call upon the Telegram to apologize to Grover Cleveland, to President Roosevelt, to Secretary Morton, to Governor Mickey, to Congress. Be assured of this, William-you man McCarthy to Postmaster Kramer. to Superintendent Kern, to Rev. Ulmer, to Principal Britell, to Editor Burruss. Against each and all of these gentlemen the Telegram has made accusations which have been denied. Its charges, moreover, were not given as telegraphic news reports, were not backed by any authority, and did not contain a pious hope that they might prove to be untrue. They were made on the authority of the Columbus Telegram, without reservation.

And yet they have been denied. When one man says something about another man and the other man categorically denies it, somebody's a liar. On the logic of this conclusion we challenge the world. Such cases arise. and when they do arise it is merely a question of honesty and veracity between the parties to the incident. In the one case herein noted it is up to The World Herald, commenting on the Chicago Tribune and Mr. Bryan. the proposition that crimnal proceed- In the other it is up to the Columbus ings be institued agianst the beef Telegram and the gentlemen above

TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE. "Tom Watson's Magazine"has been launched. And it was not launched the same time we want to go on record with that easy grace which characterizes the launching of our great battle tion of the delicacy which led the ships. The ropes were all cut at once courtly editor of the Telegram to and the huge bulk of political warfare dropped into the troubled sea of Supplement and refrain from calling democracy starting billows that will attention to our shortcomings in test to the utmost the strength of the English. We have no doubt that this very few democratic craft that are was done under the impression that still afloat. The old cracked liberty | we couldn't read German, and it was bell and a small circle around which is written "Equal Rights to all." "Special Privileges to None." adorn the title page which announces that the magazine will appear monthly and bodies of men in the world. No February 1st and March 7th and 21st same having broken down or on be sold for ten cents a copy or one

coods with a paragraph which will is about as bad a black eye as anyweaken, and should weaken, the moral body our receive.

effect of all his editorial atterances People are suspicious of the public man who says "I am the only perfect man, behold me!" And every intelligent man in America knows that Tom Watson does not speak the truth when he says: "It is known to ali men that the Free Press which our ncestors were so proud of, and from which they expected so much, is no onger free. Almost without exception, those newspapers which control public opinion are themselves controlled by corporate influences which are hostile to the people and dependent for their ill gotten wealth upon the

perity of the country." The perodicals which really control public opinion in this country are none of them, controlled by "corporate" or other undue influence. If 'corporate control' of the press is as universal as Mr. Watson suggests. the public may well question the purity of "Tom Watson's Magazine." The arrangement of Tom Watson's

class legislation and special privileges

which are runious to the general pros-

Magazine is similar to that of the "Review of Reviews." The first pages are devoted to political discussions and the rest of the magazine is given to short stories from the pens of well known writers

The editor, in his first issue, ad resses himself to "W. J. B. : to Pres ident Roosevelt" "TheShipSubsidy;" 'Hearst, the Myth:" "Mr. Bryan's Race in Nebraska:" "Let the Greenbacks Alone:" and "En route to Royalty." And he dipped his pen in fire when he wrote.

Discussing the racent election he mys:"Carefully studied, the election of Nov. 8, 1904, affords more encourgement to reformers than any event which has happened since the Civil War. In smashing the fraudulent scheme of Gorman-Hil'- McCarrer-Falmont the people proved that there was still such a thing as public conscience. The whole Parker campaign was rotten from inception to final fiasco and the manner in which the masses rose and stamped the life out of it was profoundly refreshing."

Continuing Mr. Watson says: "At least a million Independents voted for Roosevelt because they were hell-bent on beating Parker. In the past they were moved to do this because of the belief that Roosevelt himself leans to radicalism."

"Gorman receives a drubbing at the hands of the talented Georgian that densed argument, with which very the law allows any more than the regardless of their political faith in HOGKENBERGER

cost of the commission is so large the | many things with which good citizens | supervisor who cannot afford to acrailroads should be grateful and at generally agree. It is a matter of any rate should not fear a commission | regret that the opinions of this brilliant and distinguished American should bear, many of them, the taint honestly desired that the people should of pessimism, the result perhaps of will help. unsound health. At all events, Tom Watson's Magazine will count as a force for purer government, and it ed that their efforts to get equal rates | will prove as helpful to republicanism will be of some avail. The fact that of the Roosevelt stamp as it will be at present the commission is power- destructive to democracy which just at five-fourths of the legal rate? now has no stamp.

Devoting himself to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Watson says:

Would you be so kind as to tell us when and where you will commence to reorganize the Democratic party? You promised to begin "immediately after the election. What is your construction of the word "imediately"? And what did you really mean by "re-organize"?

"Your party is fully organized from the Telegram wants somebody to top to bottom-from Tom Taggart. report was given on the authority of you must have known all along that

> "Watch out. William! The people have loved you and believed in you. but your course in the last campaign has shaken your popularity to its very foundations. Beware how you trifle with the radicals. If you want to come with us, come and be done with it. If you want to go to the Belmonts

and Taggarts, go and be done with it.

cant' ride both horses!"

The progressive citizens of the state. an element that is growing larger every year, will be rejoiced by the fact that the legislature has passed the appropriation bill for the state university. The appropriation carries an increase of instructors' salaries to the amount of \$50,000. This will not be much when it is divided up among some two hundred people and spread out over twelve months, but it is something. The teaching force of the Nebraska university has long been underpaid in most shameful manner. compared with the instructors of neighboring institutions of lower rank. A new generation is growing up which realizes the importance of edu-

cation as a moral and material asset in

the greatness of a common-wealth.

We are indeed happy to note that our old friend the Telegram has come us again in English. This is much better than that painful silence. At with an expression of our appreciahand it to us through the German mighty thoughtful of him.

The United States senate is fast becoming one of the most unpopular doubt they have been given the worst to eastern Colorado, the Big Horn account of extraordinary high water of it in a good part of the criticism | Basin and North Platte Valley where or fire or other cause an emergency Ine editor anonounces the purpose of that has recently been aimed against there is excellent chance of getting on shall exist, the county board shall have his magizine in these words: "This hem. However, when the New York the ground floor ahead of the crowd the power to declare that the public magazine is founded for the purpose World begins to pat the senate on the and pick up bargains in irrigated land. good requires immediate action to tional and refused to test it in the getic effort to create a public senti- movements of the president, it cer- C., for the inauguration. Send for and may proceed to buy material and ment which will bring the enlighten- tainly looks pretty bad for the once printed matter and write for informa- hire labor and repair any such bridge ed conscience of the nation to the glorious United States senate. The tion. Describe your trip and let me or bridges." making of its laws." Then he pro- commendation of the NewYork World

WILL THEY PUT IT BACK? Will they put it back? County Atdraw more than that amount. The opinion was placed on general file without debate and without any offers to "put back" drawn in violation of law.

Why did they not ask for it last October when Supervisor Di-drich made for services, on the ground of illegality and when this same motion failed to receive a second? If Mr. Diedrich knew that Mr. Ernst had at that time overdrawn his legal allowance, how does it happen that the other supervisors would not even second Mr. Diedrich's motion? And why, when Mr. Diedrich voted against the allow ance of Supervisor Bender's last bill previously signed by him, endorsing the work of Mr. Diedrich on the board? not had sufficient notice that these bills were being paid contrary to law. Will they try to set up their resoluas an evidence that they themselves started the investigation which has matters not how the questions are answered. The important thing is that the democratic county attorney has placed himself on record to the effect that the supervisors who have drawn more than \$300 for a year's service on the board, owe the county the difference between that amount and lected. The question is, will they pay

it back? Now if these supervisors offer the excuse that they have earned more President of the United States could In fact Tom Watson says a great earn more than his legal salary. A cept the job at the legal salary should turn down the job. If the job is worth mcre, let us all get together and change the law. The Journal their political faith, for every illegal,

> Meanwhile we suggest that the supervisors ask for the county attorney's Platte county. opinion on the following questions: Does the law provide for the printing of the supervisors' proceedings

What is the relation between the supplies furnished the county by the Telegram Company, and the supplies called for in the contract? Are there evidences of fraud in the matter of making estimates for and the fornishing of caid supplies? When these questions are answered, we have some more to ask.

COLUMBINES.

We wonder if a doctor looks through the same glasses when he examines one of his good friends for life insurance and then for a pension.

Forecast for Columbus: Fair and colder, with snow and rising temperature; partly wet in sidewalk portion. -J. M. Curtis, forecaster.

According to the Lincoln Star, a DesMoines minister recently preached sermon on George Washington. Alluding to the well known fact that the father of our country used to swear like a trooper, on occasion, the minister said: "Good, strong oaths. used in condemnation of wrong, are commendable and leave no stain on the character of the man who utters them." Of course this does not prove the case, being merely the opinion of that particular preacher.

The man who in this vale below Doth rave and rant and swear. Because misfortune, want and woe Attend him everywhere, From me no sympathy will get, I here and now declare. As long as he will go and bet

His coin upon two pair. Who doth not know what misery. What brimming sorrow's cup, Awaits the man who thinks that he Can bluff with aces up! Behold him stake his hard-earned

dough, The toil of many days-When lo! some heartless skunk doth

Three measly little treys. Talk not to me of mortal grief Or sinful tempter's snare That leads to sorrow's rocky reof And maelstrom of despair. The wees that to this flesh belong.

I solemnly declare, Are due to women, wine and song And betting on two pair.

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advise you at least cost.
L. F. Rector, Ticket Agent. L. W. Wakeley, General Pass. Agt. that in case of such emergency, upon Omaha, Neb. written notice of three taxpayers, the

orney Latham was asked by the Platte ginning of Mr. Roosevelt's second county supervisors for an opinion term, but also because it will witness said notice. toaching the charge made by the the close of some prolonged Senstor-Journal to the effect that Supervis- ial careers, and the breaking of all ors Erust and Bender had grawn more records for continuous and combined then the law allows for supervisors' service in Congress and in the Senate services. Mr. Litham's opinion was by Mr. W. B. Allison, of Iowa. On read before the supervisors this morn. the day named Mr. Cockrell, of Missing and the editor of the Journal ouri, will have served thirty contin- form this emergency work, but that chanced to "drep in"during the read- uous years. Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, ing of it. Mr.' Latham's opinion who will vacate his seat at the same law could have been employed to force agrees in every detail with the Journ- time, was a member of the Senate al's statement of the law. He says earlier but for twelve years was absent that the law limits a supervisor to from the body. Mr. Mitchell, of \$300 a year and that he can not legally Oregon, was also a member of the Senate when Mr. Allison took his seat March 4, 1873, but the former's service has not been continuous, there the amounts having been a gap of ten years. On March 4 Senator Allison will have sat Several questions naturally suggest | continuously in the Serate just thirtythemselves at this time. Why did the two years, having previously been a spervisors wait for the Journal to member of eight years of the House of make these charges before asking for Representatives. The record that he the opinion of the county attorney? breaks is that established by Senator Morrill of Vermont, who died on Decomber 28, 1889, and who, had he lived a motion to disallow Mr. Ernst's bill two months and one week longer. would have served continuously thirty

THE BRIDGE QUESTION. The strict letter of the law forbids the county supervisors to perform any bridge work at a cost of three hundred dollars without first advertising for bids. That would take four weeks. The flood carried away the north approach to the Loup river bridge south on the same ground, did Mr. Bender of the city. People of the city and cancel his name from the resolution farmers beyond the river suffer great loss and inconvenience while the bridge is out. Our two supervisors in this district, Louis Held and Julius Does it look as if the supervisors have Ernst, view the situation from a horse sense stand-point. They know that a technical construction of the law would forbid repairing the bridge without advertising for bids. They tion calling for Mr. Latham's opinion also know that delay would work great as a plea of ignorance of the law or hardship and loss upon the public. They have not waited to get permission of the Columbus Journal. They have ignored all technicalities, and uncovered their illegal practices? It already have a large force of men at work repairing the damage done by the flood and within a few days they will have the bridge ready for travel. Columbus is fortunate in having a pair of supervisors like Held and Ernst, who have the courage to do the right thing at the right time. Of course they will be criticised by a few persons, but they may be assured of the endorsement of a great majority the amounts they have actually co-leasted. The greation is will then you

two years. - Harpers' Weekly.

In discussing this article of the Telegram's we wish to preface our remarks with the statement that the than \$300 by actual work, our answer Journal always has and always will in BEGHER. every legal, honest and reasonable transaction performed in the interests & 6HAMBERS of Platte County. On the other hand the Journal has criticised in the past, and will continue in the future to criticise the supervisors, regardless of dishonest and unreasonable transaction performed in hostility to the interestof

In the first place the Columbus Journal most earnestly favored the immediate repair of the bridge in Choice list of Lands for sale. question, and the Journal editor's name on the petition requesting immediate action stands as proof of that statement. In fact the editor of the Journal was requested to carry the petition to the supervisors, but a Columbus business man advised against it. He said" You better not. They would probably "table" it if you presented it, just as they did your request for a copy of the supervisors' proceedings, to print free of charge to the countythe same work for which the taxpayers are paying more than the legal rate to democratic newspapers."

So much for the Journal's attitude toward the supervisors in general and the work on the Loup bridge in parti-

Now let us examine the Telegram's statement that"the strict letter of the law forbids the county supervisors to perform any bridge work at a cost of 300 dollars without first advertising for bids" and its opinion that "Columbus is fortunate in having a pair of supervisors like Ernst and Held' because it assumes these supervisora overstepped the technical provisions of the law, in their eagernesss to subserve the public good.

If the Telegram states the facts and the law correctly, the Journal wishes to endorse every word of its commendation of Ernst and Held. If the Telegram misstates the facts and the law in order to throw undeserved bequets to cover up other known unlawful transactions of these same supervisors, then the Telegram is guilty either of unexcusable ignorance or of willful falsifying for political effect.

What are the facts and the law in 1. Placte county has a yearly con-

tract with the Standard Bridge Company for the building and reparation of all bridges. The county would therefore be liable in damages to this company if it should "advertise for bids," as the Telegram suggests.

2. The term"three hundred dollars" which the Telegram uses, does not appear in the bridge statute. The Telegram editor must have had in mind the statute which limits the sulary of supreme supervisor Ernst to \$300. Perhaps Ernst and the editor under the impression all along that the \$300 belonged in the bridge statute. Possibly that explains why Mr. Ernst has overdrawn the legal limit for his services and the editor of the Telegram has failed to perform his function as a "reform" editor by calling attention to that fact.

3. Even ifPlatte county did not have a contract covering the repair of the bridge in question, still the law does not require the superverisors to advertise for bids, in case of emergency. Here is the law: "Provided further that if any bridge or bridges may need well woman. OLIVE JOSEPH.

Another section of the law provides that in case of such emergency, upon

The 4th of March will be interesting. | supervisors may be compelled by mannot only because it will mark the be- damus to proceed to make repairs within twenty-four hours of receipt of

It is evident, therefore, that these supervisors whom the Telegram buries with bequets not only did not display 'courage" in waiting for a petition signed by the editor of the Journal and others, before proceeding to perthe 'technical' requirements of the them to do the work several days

We are "not criticising these super visors for the few days of unwarranted delay. In fact they are entitled to credit for acting according to law.

But we are not in favor of ' throwing boquets" at officials on the theory that they are violating the" technical' provisions of a law for the public good. when as a matter of fact they are simply doing what the "technical" requirements of the law command.

It is pretty tough to read reports from Russia these day's but it is a great compensation to be able to look in the next column and read that the beathen little Japs have made one more score in the process of wiping the present Russin government off th face of the earth.

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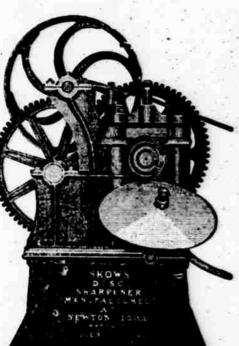
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