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Average for week, 24,165.

Little Rhodey's loyalty to Cleveland is so lonesome.

New York local elections are giving the democracy a taste of political malaria.

The fact that brilliant Billy Bryan has said nothing to the country at large since Colonel Springler was stricken with illness is occasioning remark.

The tariff and free coinage are the upper and lower millstones between which what is left of Grover Cleveland's following are being ground to powder.

Hereafter Kentucky funerals will have no attractions to congressmen.

Why didn't the Omaha club decide to buy a lot ten blocks back of the high school? That could have been secured very much cheaper than the lot at the corner of Twentieth and Douglas.

France has accepted a reciprocity convention with the United States.

SOME idea of the area of Nebraska may be obtained from the Orange Judd Farmer's statement that all the cornfields of the eight corn states would occupy only seven-eighths of the state of Nebraska.

THE curious phase of the controversy of the police commissioners is the fact that neither side has thus far cited the order to appear in court.

LOOKING back over the experience of the past three years and recalling the diplomatic complications adjusted by this administration leaves no ground for any fear that serious trouble will come of the Bering sea controversy.

THE generous democrats of Missouri have so gerrymandered the state as to make fourteen democratic and one republican district.

THE population of New South Wales has grown from 742,000 in 1880 to 1,132,234 in 1901, and Sydney, the metropolis, has 383,386 inhabitants.

JAY GOULD is said to have offered \$7,000,000 for the castle of Chapultepec, Mexico.

A DISCUSSION of the tariff for three weeks can do the republican party no harm.

THE cattle associations of Texas are demanding a reduced differential rate on cattle shipped to Omaha.

CAPTAIN JOHN SAXON has been in comparative obscurity ever since the greenback party went into involuntary bankruptcy many years ago.

THE Texas legislature defeated a resolution to invite Senator Hill to visit Austin on his southern trip.

UNLAWFUL TAX EXEMPTIONS.

The most flagrant abuse in our system of taxation under existing methods is the wholesale exemption from taxation of property which under the most liberal construction of our constitution should be listed for taxation.

1. State, county and city property. But even the improvements on such property, while under lease, are to be listed and taxed as personal property.

2. Agricultural fair grounds, used exclusively as such and not for other purposes.

3. Grounds used exclusively for school, religious, cemetery and charitable purposes. This includes all public schools, colleges, seminaries—whether sectarian or non-sectarian, providing that the grounds and buildings are exclusively used for educational purposes.

These exemptions have within the past few years been extended lawlessly to property from which revenues are derived, property held for speculation, and unoccupied lands reserved for future use.

It is proper and legal to exempt from taxation churches, hospitals, convents, colleges and seminaries, but it is a flagrant abuse of the taxation powers to exempt the Masonic building which yields a large rental; the Odd Fellows' building, which is rented in part; the Danish society building, the Germania hall building which are occupied by social clubs.

Why should anybody outside of the Masonic order be compelled to support that order indirectly by paying his proportion of the tax on property which the order owns and from which it derives a revenue from rents?

The same reasoning applies with equal force to the unoccupied lots and acre property held in reserve by religious societies and orders.

APPROPRIATE RETALIATION. It appears that the suggestion of some members of congress, that this government should retaliate against Canada on account of the attitude of the dominion government in the Bering sea matter, has caused some apprehension among the Canadian people.

ARMY PROMOTIONS. The army officer has no politics. It matters little to him what party is in power. He draws upon the support of republicans when the president is a republican and upon democrats when they have been successful in electing the chief executive.

Declined the Advice. A Nebraska man who Mr. Cleveland is letter telling him to abandon all hope of a nomination, as he cannot possibly get it.

Looking His Nerve. The report that Jay Gould was seriously ill on Saturday was untrue; but it seems he had a bad spell when his party reached Pine Bluff.

The Vixen's Issue. With Harrison and Hill pitted against one another for the great office of president of the United States, the question before the people will be: Shall morality and political decency as represented by Benjamin Harrison win, or shall immorality and political indecency as represented by David B. Hill?

The manner in which the railroads "work" the people would be very amusing, were it not so pitiful. In Iowa the people finally tired of being robbed, and its legislature passed laws for the protection of the people against the railroads.

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year the same agency ought to be competent to set him right. There is an opinion that Lord Salisbury would not be unwilling to change his attitude if he could do so without offending Canada.

CLEVELAND WILL RUN—IF PERMITTED. The letter of Mr. Cleveland to General Bragg is adroit. The latter asked the ex-president for a direct and unequivocal announcement that he would allow his name to be presented to the national democratic convention as a candidate for its nomination.

SENATOR DAVID B. HILL has said nothing thus far on his southern trip that ought to elevate him very much in the estimation of the democrats of that section.

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law. United States soldiers are not habitually or needlessly cruel, and these particular soldiers have good records.

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