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Who wants Dr. Miller's place on the park commission? Don't all speak at once.

The senate seems to prefer to have the agency of an executive session drawn over those doubtful deals in sugar stock.

The charge that an attempt has been made by a city official to levy blackmail upon certain milk dealers in the city is too serious to be entertained without substantial foundation.

There is a surprising similarity in the regularly recurring names upon the list of employees favored with leaves of absence by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

So eager is the new government in England to proceed with the work before it that it will not even allow the reconvened Parliament to take the usual Easter vacation.

The more plausible the charges made against the senator with stock jobbing propensities the more unworthy of consideration do such base charges as the perversion of legislation in the interest of stock exchange manipulators appear.

The city assessors should not be allowed to forget that a tax valuation bears at least some slight resemblance to the real valuation of the real and personal property owned by residents of Omaha.

Senator Peffer's tariff bill has the one merit of being constructed upon a consistent principle. It aims to make everything a poor man uses free of duty or subject to a comparatively small duty and to make everything a rich man uses pay all it can possibly bear.

Governor Jackson's pronouncement against the pugilists at Creston ends in about as ridiculous a farce as Governor Mitchell's bluster in connection with the Jacksonville mill.

Every one insists upon placing the responsibility for Dr. Miller's appointment as surveyor of customs upon the personal initiative of President Cleveland himself.

That is a grim bit of humor contained in Congressman McKeljohn's bill to transfer the geological survey from the Interior Department to the Agricultural Department.

THE UNION PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

The representatives of the Union Pacific employes are rapidly gathering in this city to be on hand at the opening of the proposed wages conference that is to begin on Thursday.

The great significance of the coming conference arises from the fact that it is based upon a full recognition of labor in its organized capacity.

It is not to be a conference between employer and employee. It is to be a conference between the receivers, representing the stockholders of a large railway corporation, on the one side, and the labor leaders, representing the different labor organizations, on the other.

At least an attempt made at securing an amicable arrangement, practically declines to take part in the controversy except as a court of appeal upon points upon which the conference may fail to come to an understanding.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things as it is with the policy of its chief architect for the Omaha Fake Factory to persistently garble the testimony taken in the Bennett libel suit.

Q. Well, did you have? A. No, sir. Q. Have you always had? A. No, sir. Q. When did you commence having hard feelings against him? A. Ever since I have had anything to do with politics.

Q. When did that begin? A. I guess about 1890. Q. And ever since then you have had personal ill-will toward Mr. Rosewater? A. No, no personal ill-will, but I didn't like his style.

Q. In what respect? A. Well, he wanted to be Rosewater, and anybody else didn't want to be anybody. Q. He supposed you didn't? A. I guess he did.

Q. When you were asking for his support? A. I didn't ask him for his support. Q. Didn't you go up and ask him for his support? A. He volunteered it, did he? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did that show any ill will on his part? A. He claimed not to know me before that. Q. You didn't know him very well before that, did you? A. No, sir. Q. So you could not say that you were acquainted with him? A. No, sir.

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MAY SPARE THE POOR MAN

Efforts Being Made to Exempt Building and Loan Stock from Income Taxes.

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Representative Caldwell, the republican candidate for mayor at Cincinnati, who has been here a couple of days working to have the exemption of building and loan associations from the payment of income taxes restored in the bill, told The Bee that he had not noticed that action of the committee.

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TO CORRECT A COMMITTEE BLUNDER

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APPROPRIATION FOR SABINE PASS.

Representatives Haines, Mervin, McKeljohn, Kem and McKeljohn and Representatives Gear, Hager and Lacey of Iowa, Pickler of South Dakota, Curtis and Simpson of Kansas and Rawlins of Utah appeared today before the committee on rivers and harbors on behalf of an increased appropriation for Sabine Pass harbor in Texas.

At the office of the comptroller of currency today the reports of nine national banks of Omaha showing their condition on February 28, 1904, were synopsized. The banks had an average reserve of 22.04 per cent on hand; their loans and discounts aggregated \$9,411,810.00; deposits, \$12,250,000.00; capital, \$1,125,000.00; surplus, \$1,125,000.00; and profit, \$118,247.00.

Patents were granted inventors today as follows: Nebraska—George M. Hull, assistant engineer, for a new method of making rotary engines; Gordon N. Vroman, Winslow, Wis., for a new method of making rotary engines; Lewis H. Meeter and W. D. McClure, Hawarden, Iowa, for a new method of making rotary engines; John H. Shultz, Omaha, Neb., for a new method of making rotary engines; William Smith, Mystic, Iowa, for a new method of making rotary engines; George Thayer, Ottumwa, Iowa, for a new method of making rotary engines.

PHLEASANT THOUGHTS. Truth: About the only thing that senators seem to be able to pass is the wink.

Plain Dealer: "After all, free sugar's a bore" as the farmer said as he tapped the maple.

Chicago Record: "Nedders—What's a lion not? Show's—Something you always think of after it's too late to say it."

Lowell Courier: "The matter is now dropped, said the sheriff as he sprung the trap."

Young ladies, when you go to church to weep, don't turn to pearls, now would you keep them all, my pretty dears? Or when the door bell rings, go to the man you promised to marry. For if you would, all of you can weep me, and weep all day.

It isn't sure to be a friend, When the door bell rings, It may be a case you don't want, Or some one with fine shoes to vend, When the door bell rings, When the door bell rings, It's always at your busiest time, When the door bell rings, Your hands, may be as black with grime, In such a case your language I'm quite sure I'd never put in rhyme, When the door bell rings, When the door bell rings, But to the door you always go, When the door bell rings, You see, you're curious to know, Just what the matter is, And so the outsiders get a show, When the door bell rings.

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