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THE JOINT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT.

That the agreement entered into by the eastern trunk line railroads, to be followed doubtless by a like agreement between western lines, is a matter of great public importance there can be no question. It contemplates higher transportation rates affecting every interest in the country and bearing most heavily, it is probable, upon the productions of agriculture.

It is reported that congress will be asked to investigate this combination, and this ought to be done in view of the fact that the attorney general of the United States and the Interstate Commerce commission have declined to take any action regarding the agreement, at least in advance of its going into effect.

Senator Chandler does not in the least exaggerate the powerful proportions of this combination. The corporations represented in it control a railroad mileage of nearly 14,000 miles, with a capital stock of \$1,511,000,000 and a bonded debt of \$1,835,000,000, altogether over \$3,000,000,000.

FAVOR SPECIFIC DUTIES.

There is a movement on foot among eastern importers looking to the substitution or partial substitution of specific for ad valorem duties on many lines of merchandise, the object being to check the growth of the consignment business, as now largely practiced by foreign merchants, and to prevent undervaluations.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

The cost of the postal service of the United States for the last fiscal year exceeded the revenue by something over \$10,000,000, a larger deficiency than usual. The receipts from this service very accurately reflect the condition of business generally in the country, when there are no extraordinary expenditures, and the postmaster general notes that the greater part of the deficiency for the last fiscal year was created during the first quarter, since which time the improved condition of business has appeared in increased receipts.

ment in which it is most difficult to reach without impairing the efficiency of the service. When receipts decline by reason of business depression it is still necessary to maintain the facilities of the service. The people, however, do not complain at the annual deficiency so long as the standard of the service is kept high and improved as circumstances require. It is only when it is allowed to deteriorate, as was the case during the last two years of Mr. Cleveland's first administration, when the railway mail service was made to serve a political purpose, that there is popular complaint at a discrepancy between receipts and expenditures.

OMAHA MUST MEET THE PROBLEM.

Omaha is confronted with a problem that must be dealt with in the very near future. It calls for heroic treatment on the part of the local authorities and no half-way measures will suffice.

December 10 has been designated Omaha day at the Atlanta exposition. Those of our people who make the journey to the Georgia metropolis should be prepared to tell the people of the south something about Omaha and Nebraska that will counteract the damaging reports of perennial drought circulated throughout the country last year.

AN INSINUATING SUGGESTION.

The populists will nominate a presidential candidate next year, according to Senator Allen of Nebraska, if that is so they should put their stingers out immediately. Well-to-do men who don't know the game are very scarce.

WHAT THE CITY IS AIMING AT.

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PEASONS AND SOLDIERS' HOMES.

An Iowa judge has decreed that the manager of a soldiers' home cannot compel inmates to give any part of their pension as a contribution to the institution. If that is the law, justice to unfortunated veterans would require that pensioners should be excluded from soldiers' homes.

A FRESH COMBINATION.

If the combination which has doubled the price of rock salt is a corporation under the laws of any state a law could be framed by which it could be punished. If the combination had advanced the price while there was no duty on salt, the duty on the salt would have been charged to the protective duty. It is now on the free list.

A LESSON FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Only three or four years ago Philadelphia was one of the worst paved cities in the United States. It was the rapid transit facilities consisted largely of horse-car lines. Though it has the reputation of being one of the most rigidly-kept cities in existence its municipal authorities were not so rigidly kept in their duties as have been those of Denver. In return for the privilege of running the Philadelphia street car lines, the city has been compelled to pay a cost of over \$14,000,000 more than 400 miles of streets and it is difficult to find any other city which has done so well.

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A GREAT ADMINISTRATION.

That of President Harrison Classified as Typically Republican. Chicago Letter Column. Ex-President Harrison is reported to have said to the New York reporter who tried to interview him as to who would be the republican presidential candidate next year, "All things come to him who waits."

TARY AND RETORT.

Atlanta Constitution: In America the Christians roast their turkey; in Europe the Turkey roasts the Christians. Texas Sittings: A drama does not make a woman, but often breaks a man.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

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SEALS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING.

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THE TRUNK LINE POOL.

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In the corner window we've placed a dressed pig. The purchaser who guesses nearest the pig's weight gets the pig, next nearest guesses get a large turkey—the next nearest a goose. Prizes awarded Wednesday eve at 7:30, when pig will be weighed.

Advertisement for California Fig Syrup Co. featuring an illustration of a woman and child. Text: 'ONE ENJOYS Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known. Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute. CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. NEW YORK, N.Y.'

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