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BACKWARD OR FORWARD?

The keynote of the municipal campaign, as sounded by the republican city platform, is progress.

With the turning of the century Omaha is on the verge of an epoch. Cities, like individuals, cannot stand still.

The pace at which Omaha is to go forward depends largely upon the character and makeup of its municipal government.

In contrast with this narrow-gauged and illiberal policy, sure to be pursued by a mossback in the mayor's chair,

This picture is not drawn from a partisan standpoint, but purely from the point of view of the business man who desires to extend his patronage rather than drive it away.

Philadelphia is said now to be trying to compromise its bid on which it was awarded the location of the republican national convention.

POPPELTON'S WATER WORKS INJUNCTION.

One of the few claims set up by young Mr. Poppleton, based upon alleged services to the public, is grounded on the Injunction suit commenced by him in 1897.

The proceedings brought by Mr. Poppleton asked the court to prevent the enactment of an ordinance amending the ordinance known as the water works contract.

The seizure by the British of another steamship having a cargo of American merchandise appears to have received the prompt attention of our government.

The fact that the steamship was released may perhaps be accepted as indicating a desire on the part of the British government to avoid any issue with this government in respect to the question of seizures.

The rate of the bill in the house of representatives providing a tariff for Porto Rico is uncertain.

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THE CONFERENCE FINANCE BILL.

With the exception of the refunding provision and the clause relating to international bimetalism, sound money men will generally find no fault with the finance bill agreed upon by the conference committees of the senate and house.

As to the refunding provision, while it is stated that Secretary Clegg is of the opinion that a 2 per cent long-time bond can be floated at par there is no necessity at this time for trying the experiment and it is to be apprehended that the effect upon the country of doing so will not be favorable to the party in power.

The interposition of Mr. Poppleton's injunction suit saved the water company all this expense, and, as a matter of fact, as was later found out, did not interfere in any way with the reorganization of the company or the floating of its bonds.

The New York legislature has under consideration a joint resolution calling upon congress to increase the power of the Interstate Commerce commission and an active movement is now in progress among the manufacturers and heavy shippers of the Empire state to secure the adoption of the resolution.

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BLASTS FROM RAMS' HORN.

The truth needs no apology. Bitter truth is sweeter than flattery.

The sayings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln are quoted on the political rostrum.

In order to crack a senseless joke the populists are trying to make out that the "republicans will nominate their candidate for president on June 22, the anniversary of the sinking of her majesty's ship Victoria."

The continued vacancy in the chancellorship of the Nebraska State university reinforces the adage about there always being room at the top.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

General Kelly-Kenny should change it to Kilkenny, in order to be at home on the string line.

The Johnnies of New York have put an extra roll on the frayed ends of their trousers.

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THE LONG VACATION.

"A world of toil, my friend; every mortal back must bend."

"The lightening of labor's cutting grin."

"The crystal streams will stray where the righting waters never flow."

"The Hoosier schoolmaster, who, finding himself cornered by three tough boys pulled up, cracked the skull of the leader with a stick of wood, cannot be regarded as a true exemplar of the cramming system of education."

"Clark of Montana owns up that he used \$100,000 for politics in the recent campaign. But it was all spent for legitimate purposes."

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