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Count Rochambeau had to wait a long time for his monument. Among other things Washington is becoming quite famous as the scene of notable funerals.

With halibut described as being as large only as hens' eggs, there is as yet no need of alarm.

When the high school cadets go into military camp the shirtwaist issue will be protected by a flag of truce.

After self-expurgation the Jacksonians may regale themselves once more on the thrilling beauties of 10 to 1 free silver.

Dave Blackburn is not yet ready to trot out Tom Mercer for the sixth term. The track is a little too wet and slippery.

The tax question is still uppermost in the minds of all our property owners, and will so continue until it is settled right.

And our Jacksonian friends should not overlook the fact that the World-Herald admits that it is equally deserving of censure.

Has the school board the nerve to do its duty, or will it shirk and temporize by the plea that we can stand a \$1,200 superintendent in a \$8,400 place for another year?

Pull down the firetraps. "A stitch in time will save nine." When a frame tinder box is no longer tenable it becomes a menace to public safety and should be demolished.

The Bee does not have to give away its advertising to induce people to buy cheap magazines or cheap cigars. People pay to advertise in The Bee because they want to.

The beauty of a paper that is edited by a syndicate is that it can praise a man in one article and assail him in the following one without even subjecting itself to the charge of inconsistency.

The disasters flowing from the eruptions of Pelee and Soufriere are likely to introduce a new condition into life insurance policies. People who assume the risk of playing with volcanic fire will have to pay for the hazard.

The Bridge and Terminal company will, of course, continue its tax-shirking tactics before the county board. Having evaded its just share of the tax burdens so long, it will not relinquish its advantage except under compulsion.

The current state apportionment of school money gives Douglas county \$45,280, the bulk of which goes to the treasury of the Omaha city schools. The school deficit, however, is still able to eat up all the extra funds that may come within reach.

Figures have been compiled to show that in the three years of the South African war 70,000 mules and horses have been shipped out of Texas alone by the British, at a cost to them of \$4,000,000.

President Palma of Cuba is said to be encountering troubles abroad, chiefly through popular dissatisfaction with his appointments. The Cubans have had the benefit of a few exceptions, of a pretty good lot of public officials under the American regime and only lowering of the standard is sure to meet with disaster, although how it is possible to keep to the American mark is difficult to see.

PARTISAN COLOR BLINDNESS.

The Independent extends congratulations to Edward Rosewater and E. W. Smeral for the very able manner in which they presented the railroad tax question to the state board.

Everybody conversant with the history of Nebraska knows that tax reform and especially the more equitable taxation of railroad property has been consistently advocated by The Bee for more than twenty years.

The most flagrant example of this sort of partisanship was exhibited by the Independent two years ago when it sought to justify Governor Poynter, Treasurer Meserve and Auditor Cornell in refusing to raise the assessments of the railroads above the figures made by their predecessors.

It is, however, highly gratifying that the return of republicans to power has opened the eyes of the Independent to abuses which it refused to see so long as they were being perpetrated by officers of its own political creed.

THE FOWLER CURRENCY BILL.

In view of the fact that a large majority of the bankers of the country are opposed to the branch bank provision of the Fowler currency bill and that there is much opposition to the asset currency feature of that measure, it would seem safe to assume that the house republicans will defer consideration of the bill.

The chief objection to the branch bank provision is that the tendency would be to create a banking monopoly, controlled by a few great banks in the financial centers.

The announcement is made that all improvements in Fontanelle park are to be abandoned for this year because the 30-mill levy made by the council only leaves \$20,000 for park improvements.

BETTER LIGHT RATHER THAN MORE LAMPS.

According to City Electrician Schurig the time is near at hand for a perpetual divorce between the electric arc lights and hydrogen gas lamps that now promiscuously illuminate various parts of the city.

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posed divorce between gas lamps and arc lamps will fall short of a satisfactory solution of the lighting problem. What Omaha needs is a higher quality of light rather than more lamps.

These reflections are not made with malice aforethought, but inspired by painful observation. Incidentally, a suggestion may not be out of order: While it would be very desirable to divorce the electric lighting from gas lighting, it would be decidedly appropriate to consolidate the inspection of both under one responsible head.

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST.

Representative Grosvenor of Ohio made some excellent points against the proposed educational test for immigrants in the course of the discussion of the immigration bill in the house a few days ago.

Wise Business Precaution.

Washington Post. In case we finally get those West Indian islands, we should lose no time in taking out a good stiff policy with some reliable earthquake insurance company.

Time as a Settler.

Philadelphia Ledger. By the time the court of last appeal has decided the question raised in the District of Columbia whether a Filipino may become an American citizen the question will probably have decided itself.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE RAILROADS.

Butler County Press: Whatever may be said of Edward Rosewater, he does not lack moral courage. He went before the State Board of Equalization last week and demanded that the assessment of railroads in Nebraska be raised.

Windsor Tribune: Rosewater is making the fight of his life now to have the State Board of Equalization compel the railroads to pay their just share of taxes.

Custer County Beacon: Edward Rosewater is making a great effort for a higher railroad assessment in Nebraska, claiming that the shirkings in railroad valuation since 1890 has been 12 per cent, while the decrease in personal property has only been 4 1/2 per cent.

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APPLYING THE TEST.

Democratic Treatment of the Army in the Philippines. Chicago Inter Ocean. In the present hurly-burly over the Philippines the issues have become mixed in the minds of many American citizens.

Timber for the State Ticket. Nelson Gazette: The Clay county republicans are making a strong pull for Governor.

Laughing Gas. Detroit Free Press: Tim—is your fadder in jail for safe keepin'?

The Reformed Bee. Elvira Floyd Froemcke of Montreal, Canada, is a Buffalo News.

Way down the mountain her servants she preceded. To carry her wish, wherever she heeded.

With night laurels' house was most brilliant. With electrical lamps—no often sighted.

Our exquisite Bee a gay time expected. And no thought had he that Laurel suspected.

His magic had smothered, he'd no power to attract. No flowerer blushed now, through his art.