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Chicago is on the verge of a second season of Lent.

The weather man does well to hedge on his predictions for public holidays.

It is to be hoped our councilmen will be able to score better at base ball than they did at tax equalizing.

In the competition for free advertising, Mayor Moores and his matrimonial bureau are several lengths ahead.

Although a potent factor in the South African fray, the American mule seems to be unrepresented in the peace negotiations.

The British ultimatum of unconditional surrender seems to have been grafted with several conditions during the peace negotiations with the Boers.

Before executing his threat to expropriate produce belonging to Americans, General Herrera, the Colombian insurrectionist, will do well to take an inventory of his resources.

City Treasurer Hennings invites "large property owners" to hand in their lists for city tax bills at the earliest possible moment.

Competition is keen between inquisitive scientists to see which can get nearest to the crater of Pelee while it is in its present state of activity.

If the democrats are hankering for an issue, why not raise the cry that Secretary Shaw's order requiring customs inspectors to wear gloves while examining the contents of tourists' trunks is designed to prop up the glove-making industry?

When we get down to business we will find that most of the volunteers who served in the Philippines have come home and are eligible to vote, and they will not take the word of long-distance congressmen at Washington as to whether the work of the army has been good or bad.

St. Louis fair managers are perplexed because bids for construction work exceed architects' estimates.

The local tax burden is measured by the sum of all the tax rates imposed—state, county, school district and city.

The first question with which Nebraska fusionists will be confronted before they can accomplish their annual merger is the old one of division of the spoils.

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MERCER'S OMNIBUS BILL.

Congressman Mercer's omnibus building bill has passed both houses of congress and is now in the hands of the president.

The patent for the omnibus feature of the bill belongs to Mr. Mercer. The invention was for the first time introduced two years ago on a moderate scale and has already expanded into colossal proportions.

From the standpoint of the public welfare it is most pernicious and dangerous. It is a merger on a community-of-interest plan of the public building schemes and real estate deals with the deliberate design to dump all the pork into one barrel and roll the barrel through both houses with a whoop-h.

For more than 100 years every bill appropriating money for federal buildings had to stand or fall upon its own merits. Whenever any such federal building appropriation was in the judgment of the president in excess of public needs or tainted with jobbery, the president was free to defeat it with his veto pen.

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THE NEW REPUBLIC'S DIFFICULTY.

The chief difficulty that now confronts the Cuban republic is financial. President Palma pointed this out in his message, when he said he did not know how the money to meet the ordinary expenses of the government was to be raised.

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It is a hard problem that Cuba has to solve in making provision for carrying on its government and it is by no means improbable that the United States will be called upon to in some way financially assist the new government, though just how this could be done is not clear.

The State Board of Equalization is correct in asserting that railway franchises have never been assessed for taxation in Nebraska, although the constitution expressly provides that they shall be taxed.

A Serious Accusation.

The latest complaint seems to be that the army in the Philippines actually uses bullets that are liable to kill.

Catering to the Poet.

From the number of congressmen who are quoting poetry nowadays it is evident that they are making a show bid for a hitherto neglected voting element.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING RAILROADS UNTIL THE RAILROADS ASK FOR IT.

If Mr. Harriman's logic were good, it would apply to all other interests against whose abuses the people have sought legislative protection, but we find the railroads seeking legislation against the scalpers, for example, without first getting the consent of the scalpers.

THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Very earnest efforts are being made by certain business interests to secure amendments to the bankruptcy law, the measure for this purpose known as the Ray bill being much favored.

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WATTSERSON'S BATTLE CRY.

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A USEFUL SOCIETY.

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LEAVE THE RAILROADS ALONE.

E. H. Harriman views with pain and surprise the action of some state legislatures in enacting laws to prevent railroad consolidations and declares that "railroad men have a right to be heard on the subject of the railroads need than legislators."

SECRETARY SHAW'S REFORMS.

The way Secretary Shaw is bringing the precedent worshippers of his department to time is highly refreshing. In a great department of the government there is red tape and circumspection that is necessary and then there is a vast amount that is unnecessary.

DEED OF AN INSOLENT MOTHER.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Mrs. Rose Flegel, wife of a new dealer, killed her 6-year-old daughter Bertha today by gas asphyxiation.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

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GIVING AWAY INDIAN LANDS.

Crooked Schemes Balked by the Vigilance of the President. Philadelphia Record. Delay in affixing the executive signature to the Indian appropriation bill has resulted only in directing public attention to the legislative methods employed in saddling upon this item of the public budget all sorts of schemes for private iniquity.

MEMBERS OF THE UPPER HOUSE OPPOSE SELECTION BY DIRECT VOTE.

A dispatch from Washington gives the impression that there is a sudden and growing hostility to the election of United States senators by the people owing to the developments at this session of congress.

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HOW COULD YOU BE SO VERY BOLD.

As to engage the suitor. Without knowing my design? With slight strength, I took away And ran like a gazelle. And swears he'd not serve that writ, And swears what befall.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Chicago estimates it will take \$20,000,000 to clean up the city hall. Barnacles have powerful grip there.

It is generally understood that the quarantine rules proclaimed against Indiana by Kentucky will be suspended if former Governor Taylor agrees to come home.

After two years' struggle a bunch of ballet box stuffer in Philadelphia managed to escape conviction. Between the commission of the crime and the trial the legislature passed an act governing the selection of juries, which fitted the case admirably.

In all but eleven of the fifty-two states and territories the male outnumbers the female population. The state with the largest surplus of males is California.

Nine of the eighty-eight United States senators were born between 1830 and 1839, and Pettus of Alabama, born in 1821, is the oldest.

The total vote of Oklahoma, the most populous of the territories now seeking admission into the union of states, was 73,000 in the election of 1900.

As a lecturer, W. J. Bryan is not a blooming success down south. Regarding his last tour, the Nashville American says: "Mr. Bryan had 150 persons to hear him lecture at Gallatin."

Harper's Magazine. A well known judge on a Virginia circuit was recently complimented very forcibly of his approaching baldness by one of his rural acquaintances.

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