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WHAT OF THE SESSION.

There seems to be very little probability, as now indicated, that there will be any legislation at the coming session of congress in regard to the more important matters that are engaging public attention.

Perhaps there are good reasons for this. Undoubtedly it is most undesirable to do anything that will have the effect to disturb and unsettle the industrial and business interests of the country.

This is the paramount question before the country today and the party in power is called upon more forcibly than at any other time to meet it.

Everything now seems to be absolutely arranged in reference to the construction of a Pacific cable, so that the work can go on without obstruction or interference and be completed within a reasonable time.

There is one railroad combination which the public will unhesitatingly approve no matter to what lengths it may go—the combination of railroad companies to stamp out train robbery.

In the opinion of the Wall Street Journal the recent advance in freight rates will more than offset the advance in wages, all of which goes to show that the public is the real paymaster.

The poor we have always with us, but in this era of prosperity and with the unprecedented opportunities for employment afforded in and around Omaha we ought to have fewer of them requiring relief the coming winter than usual.

It takes a real estate man to inflate the value of a piece of property for the benefit of a prospective purchaser to whom he is trying to make a sale and to describe the same property as worse than worthless when it comes to a question of listing it for taxation.

We have had so many resignations on the district bench that it is no wonder rumors come periodically of still further changes by resignations. One thing may be put down as certain, however, that none of our district judges is likely to resign unless he is convinced that he has a better job in immediate prospect.

Lincoln papers continue to admonish the incoming legislators that they must not let Omaha dictate legislation. When it comes down to hard pan they will be asking them to allow Lincoln to dictate and in the matter of appropriations for state institutions located at the capital Lincoln people will not be at all bashful, either.

purely theoretical bounds. The extreme statement in the Iowa platform only asserted that the tariff should not become a shelter for monopoly. It did not affirm that the existing tariff in its general effect affords such a shelter nor specify instances of that character.

The last national platform fifty states the familiar republican doctrine that no schedule of rates is clothed with inviolable sanctity, but that all must be changed in a wise view of changing conditions. With the meeting of the next congress, and not before, will come a chance to take up the question of any specific changes that may be desired.

EXCESSIVE COST OF POOR RELIEF. One of the county commissioners has had a table compiled showing that for the year 1901 the taxpayers of Douglas county put out over \$60,000 for charity.

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What our own country needs is rest—rest from the constant fear of new securities, from fare-ups in Wall street and from "corners" in Chicago and a chance to pull itself together, find out where it is at, pay off its foreign debts and readjust credits at home after the several years of speculative debauch through which it has passed.

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The movement in Nebraska among people of Swedish birth to relieve the distress of their kinsmen in the home country is just what might be expected. There are no harder or thriftier class of people, none who more loyally and successfully accept citizenship in this country, than those who come from Sweden. In Nebraska they have been especially prosperous and they are abundantly able as well as disposed to contribute to the aid of those whom misfortune at home has left in hard lines.

The World-Herald wants to play again the old trick of combining the circulations of its morning and evening papers for comparison against The Evening Bee

for the purpose of advertising notices of liquor license application. This bunco game has been punctured several times by the courts and any druggist or liquor dealer who bites on it this year will have no one but himself to blame for the trouble he gets into.

A former Omaha merchant just returned from Alaska speaks in glowing terms of conditions there. It is noticeable, however, that he does not care to transplant his family to the far northern land. Taking conditions as they are, in all their bearings, the average person will get rich just as fast and enjoy himself more by staying right here in Omaha.

Troubles at the High school have finally been arbitrated and peace and quiet reigns once more. It is passing strange, however, that there should be so much friction between students and teachers in these later days. We do not believe that the present generation of school boys and school girls is any worse than those that have gone before.

Recent experiments conducted by the Postoffice department demonstrate conclusively that if you leave a considerable sum in cash unguarded in the street it may not be there when you come to look for it later on.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

New York's collection of freak skyscrapers is growing rapidly. The latest addition to the list is the "razor" building now under way, which promises to rival the "flat-iron" as an architectural curiosity.

At first sight the spectator thinks that there must be a skyscraper feud. The "razor" building has been erected alongside of the Decker building, another skyscraper, which until recently was the highest skyscraper in Union Square.

Within a week or ten days the erection of illuminated street signs will be begun, and New Yorkers and others will be enabled to do what is now far from possible, to find their way about the city by means of street signs.

A dark blue glass with a white frosted glass letter is to be used, and in a general way, the dimensions of the illuminated surface bearing the street and avenue name are fixed in accordance with the size of the letters. The signs cost \$9 cents each.

One rather heavy expense the borough has to face in the matter of street lamps is the recommissioning of dead lamp posts. There are several hundred of them throughout the city and the estimated cost of fitting them for service is from \$150 to \$200 apiece, many of them having been broken and others entirely disconnected from the gas mains.

New York City has turned itself seriously to the pleasant task of making itself beautiful. The one unforgettable crime that was committed years ago upon the lower portion of this park can never be remedied or condoned. That was in permitting the United States government to erect a semi-angular and altogether ugly cheese box, called a postoffice, upon a strip of land that should have been preserved forever as a frontage to the city hall and a municipal beauty spot.

In the crowd that watched the fireworks display in Madison Square park on the night of election day, relates the Evening Post, was a man of 60, a draughtsman, employed by a contracting company of this city. He was near the men who were setting off the pieces, and when the explosion occurred a big piece of one of the iron mortars tore off one of his legs. Panic and confusion followed the disaster.

At the hospital the patient was cheerful, even joking over his maimed condition. Only one thing worried him, he feared he would lose his situation. Learning of this his employers promptly sent him word that his place would be kept open. Now, the only trouble they have on his account is because of his constant requests that some of his employees be brought him to the hospital. He had been engaged on an important set of drawings, and to pacify him, he has been allowed to work at a few of the plans while lying on his cot.

In order to prevent the disappointment of palatial home builders who their castles, completed, do not satisfy their ideals, a New York firm of architects build miniature models in wax or plaster to show the owner what the actual house will be. The architect, after the owner signifies his acceptance of the plans, turns them over to a sculptor. A miniature is then made, Cornices, balustrades, porticos, cornels, gargoyles and all the other kind of ornamentation that are employed in the embellishment of the building are all reproduced, although some are so small as to require a needle with which to chisel them.

Marvels of Our Day. New York Tribune. If wireless telegraphy succeeds in keeping ocean steamships in constant communication with their ports of departure for thousands of miles over the Atlantic, another miracle of science is added to the marvels which this generation is favored. Marconi insists that within a short time this will be practicable in the regular trips of the ocean ferry. But the people are getting tired of so much talk and would like to see a little more performance.

As Bright as Day GORHAM SILVER POLISH Makes all silverware brilliant Its novel form renders it economical All responsible jewelers keep it 25 cents a package

Advertisement for Ayer's Hair Vigor. Includes illustration of a man and text: "Still another comb-full" "You certainly cannot have thick hair if it keeps coming out by the combful. But you can do as Mr. Chism did; you can stop this falling with Ayer's Hair Vigor. It will probably serve you better than that, for it makes the hair grow, and keeps the scalp free from dandruff. Always restores color to gray hair. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

PERSONAL NOTES. W. D. Nesbit, who for three years has conducted the "Joak Wink" column of humor in the Baltimore American, has become connected with the Chicago Tribune. Ex-Secretary John D. Long has just been made a member of the Mayflower Descendants. He is descended from Mary Chilton, who first set foot on Plymouth Rock.

NOT A REVERIE. Chicago Record-Herald. The freckled cow is drifting over the mead and gazing on the sea of rustling corn; Once more unto the quick the people's shorn— His craven hunger stimulates his greed. The king-bird swings upon the wind-flecked tree. Whose hapless lyric ripples night and morn; And sounds across the hill the dinner while on the amber bobs the crystal bead. The wretched bug now climbs the stringless bean. The locust grinds his rasping melody; The goldenrod's fair gill turns his naught can do; The tree load's plea for rain is heard, and Gazing upon the twinkling turquoise sea, Gowned for a dip, runs screaming for the house.

Advertisement for The Leader. Includes financial statements: Total Income \$216,813.510, Payments to Policyholders \$188,063,836, Premium Income \$134,732,611, Interest Income \$82,175,981, Surrender Values \$67,883,475, Death Claims \$44,822,897, Dividends \$38,127,677, Endowments and Annuities \$7,229,689. Also includes text: "The Leader Ninety-nine per cent. of the business of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has been acquired since 1859, when the next largest company began business. During these forty-two years its record has EXCEEDED that of any other company, by"

Advertisement for BOYS' CLOTHES. Includes text: "You want wearing qualities and a reasonable price. The boy wants style. We meet both requirements. We delight in suiting the boy and we've equal satisfaction in pleasing his parents. Sailor Suits, in neat mixtures and well trimmed—\$6.00 and \$6.50 values—4 to 9 years—on sale now at \$5.00. Some special School Suits at the same price. Overcoats or Reefers, \$3.50 up to \$20.00. We have also one table of broken lines and odd suits underwear, shirts and shirt waists that have been reduced from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. A few long pants suits in this lot. No Clothing Fits Like Ours. Browning, King & Co. R. S. Wilcox Manager.