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Black diamonds are pretty nearly as rare and valuable just now as white diamonds.

Colonel Mosby is back at Washington for further conference, but the wire fences are in statu quo.

The \$3,500 South Omaha postoffice plum will hang high up on the Christmas tree, in plain sight, but out of reach.

The school board will retain its legislative lobbyist, but he will not draw his pay out of the public treasury.

Cuming county has no kick coming. With the opening of the year it will lose the state treasurer and gain the warden of the penitentiary.

Some of the clerks in the departments at Washington may have to work to keep warm and thus the coal famine may result in some good after all.

The people of Omaha do not want to miss a chance to get cheap power on reasonable terms.

The fleet that George Dewey now commands is incomparably more powerful than the one he had in Manila bay, but he can have nothing like so much fun with it.

If the Board of Equalization does as satisfactory work as the Board of Review substantial progress will have been made in the direction of tax reform for the year 1903.

Down in Hayti the ordinary preliminaries to an election are the enlistment of an army and the seizure of arsenals and fortifications.

South American republics have been accustomed in the past to arbitrate their little differences by force of arms.

Every home owner in Omaha pays taxes. That is why every home owner is vitally interested in having all the big corporations and mercantile establishments pay taxes in equitable proportion to his.

Governor-elect Mickey seems to have adopted the plan of fortifying himself against applicants for appointments by announcing his selections as soon as agreed upon.

State Treasurer Steufer boasts that because of the investment of all school funds he will have no cash to turn over to his successor.

President Baer's solicitude for the inalienability of constitutions is strictly limited to favorite features of the national constitution.

The fuel situation is becoming acute and serious in many cities and there is certain to be real suffering in spite of all that can be done.

AN OBJECTIONABLE ALLIANCE. There appears to be no doubt that the Anglo-German alliance in the Venezuelan matter is objectionable to Englishmen generally...

What the scope of the alliance or arrangement between those powers is has of course not been made public, but it is probable that either can withdraw from it at pleasure...

It is easy to understand that Englishmen should object to the Anglo-German alliance, or such of them as do not feel friendly toward Germany.

THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW. The act of congress known as the Sherman anti-trust law has been in operation since July, 1890.

THE NEW YORK BANK POOL. The pool formed by the great banks of New York City, which has put up an emergency fund of \$50,000,000 for use in the loan market...

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without unnecessary delay, is to improve and strengthen the act of 1890 and then to make ample provision for its thorough enforcement.

NO BETTER THAN BLACKMAIL. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chinese is outdone by the congressman-elect from the Second congressional district.

In order to refresh the memory of the circulation fakirs and bogus claimants their attention and that of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners is called to the following documents on file in the court house in the office of the county clerk:

Year 1901. PROPOSAL. The World Publishing Co. For Advertising. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20, 1900.

The veracity of the fakirs who subscribe to the circulation claims of our voracious contemporaries may be gauged pretty accurately by the returns they have made to the city tax commissioner.

Railroad attorneys pronounce the valuations placed by the Board of Review upon the railway terminals in Omaha as exorbitant and outrageous.

Harvest of Shining Tomatoes. Atlanta Constitution. Tom Oatlive, Tom Reed and Tom Nast—surely the grim reaper has had a sudden and woeful grudge against our genial compatriots of the Tom variety.

And Still Unsettled. Saturday Evening Post. Prosperity has come to a pretty pass when the railroads have so much freight they cannot move it.

The World Do Move. Baltimore American. With a former democratic president actively enlisted in behalf of the negro and his educational and industrial betterment, it doesn't require the use of X-rays to discern that "the world do move."

Well Founded Anxiety. Chicago Inter Ocean. Mr. Baer's greatest anxiety now is lest men who do not understand the fundamental theories of free government may amend the constitution so as to destroy the inalienable right of the mine owners to do as they please.

Cemetery Art Assailed. Baltimore American. From London comes the pessimistic suggestion that tombstones ought to be perforated, so that they will not so long outlast the memory of those buried beneath them.

Disarmament Takes Root Abroad. Baltimore American. The czar may claim the credit for the first practical attempt at peace arbitration, but the price of Monaco can send his name thundering down the ages as the first to put in practice the important principle of disarmament.

Pension Recommendations. Springfield Republican. Pension Commissioner Ware may prove to be another Evans. He recommends that every pensioner who is convicted of an infamous crime should lose his pension.

A Handsome Cup of Tea. Philadelphia Press. The house of representatives has passed a bill to relieve tea in bonded warehouses from duty after January 1.

Where the Squeeze Comes In. Cleveland Leader. One of the independent coal operators testified before the strike commission that he sold his coal to the railroad companies for \$2.50 a ton.

engineering the great merger and combination operations, and which still have on hand or pledged in European money capitals for loans, immense amounts of the newly manufactured stocks and other securities.

General Attorney Manderson of the Burlington denounces the valuation placed by the Board of Review upon the Burlington terminals, depot grounds and depot buildings within the city of Omaha as an outrage.

Men in hotel lobbies continue to talk about the late Thomas B. Reed, reports the Washington Post. Many of his admirers were in the Riggs house last evening.

When Dr. Lorenz was in Baltimore and as he was about to take his carriage in front of his hotel, a well known citizen and admirer took his solid gold watch from his pocket and pressed it into his hand.

Just after the senate adjourned one day recently a stout peripatetic man, evidently from the country, and with, as was afterwards revealed, an unmistakable Kentucky accent, walked into the room of the committee on public lands.

Senate document No. 2, the annual letter of the secretary of that body, contains an instructive inventory of public property under his control.

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Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

President Roosevelt has had a heart-to-heart talk with a Washington forist who had taken unwarranted liberties with the family, and the result is satisfactory to the president.

At a sale of books in Washington the other evening the auctioneer put up a set of Theodore Roosevelt's works.

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Keep the liver active with Ayer's Pills. Purely vegetable, gently laxative, a great aid to the Sarsaparilla.

PERSONAL NOTES. Sidney Clark of Black River, Wis., the inventor of the paper collar, is now, at the age of 53, at work on what he calls a spring automobile.

The oldest armorer in the United States still working for the government is Benjamin Hobbs of Springfield, Mass., having been so employed for over fifty years.

The fact that James Carr of Greenfield, Me., advertised his livery stable as "Carr's horse car" causes something very much like a horse laugh even in that state.

Ex-Secretary Long, in a speech before Harvard university students several days ago, referring to athletics, said: "Base ball and foot ball have come since my days in college, but when I think of last fall I wish they hadn't."

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