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King Edward will visit the pope. But he will not have to go to Canossa to see him.

The railroads and privileged corporations against the people—that is to be the issue of our impending city campaign.

The sultan is said to be keeping faith with the powers in the enforcement of promised reforms. The sultan must know he is being closely watched.

President Roosevelt was welcomed at Evanston "to our midst." Too bad Charles A. Dana is not alive to pass pungent comment on this performance.

When it comes to unscrupulous disregard of the rights of the minority, the "anti-machine" machine can give the old machine cards and spades and all the ace.

President Roosevelt believes in hammering one nail at a time. His speeches on his western tour will each deal with only a single topic, but they will deal with it in such a way that no one can mistake his position.

A colored student has won one of the principal prizes for oratorical competition at Yale. No wonder the people of the south enter such a protest against giving the colored youth the same educational advantages as the children of white parents.

When it comes to municipal ownership, the people are quite apt to ask themselves this question: If municipal ownership of the water works is such a good thing, why is not municipal ownership of an electric lighting and power plant just as good?

The opening of the Mexican congress gives President Diaz occasion to remind the Mexican lawmakers that the continuous depreciation of silver constitutes a constant nuisance to Mexico's prosperity. Silver is a live issue in Mexico, no matter how dead it is everywhere else.

So long as the electric lighting monopoly furnishes free illumination for the Omaha hyphenated and so long as the telephone company gives that concern free use of its wires, any allusion to "corporation cormorants" is treated as an old chestnut. "Twas ever thus.

It will be most gratifying to the friends of the late chairman of the committee on public buildings to know that he is about to file another application with the city building inspector for a permit to erect a \$25,000 mansion for which plans were completed on April foot's day.

There seems to be a few small questions of veracity between the great railroad magnates in their litigation for control of the big properties they have been trying to absorb. As long as they keep within the bounds of politeness in contradicting one another, the balance of peace may be held even.

The local populace organ could always be relied upon to come to the defense of republican crooks and outlaws. It stood in with Charles Mosher and Joe Bartley, and it is not at all surprising that it stands in with Broatch and defends his lawless methods and usurpations.

Omaha now has six members of the water board and one water commissioner drawing salaries out of the city treasury, but no municipal water plant as yet. This is the result of half-baked legislation. What business man starting up a new store would hire his clerks before his goods were consigned to him?

A GAIN FOR ORGANIZED LABOR.

There is good reason for the view expressed by some of the labor leaders that the decision of Judge Adams in the Wash case is a gain for organized labor. It is a gain especially in the recognition it gives of the right of the officers of labor organizations, when duly authorized, to represent such organizations in the statement of grievances and in efforts to have the grievances remedied.

All this is manifestly important. The question of the recognition of organized labor is no longer in controversy. It has been determined by federal and state courts and sanctioned by the highest national authority, executive and legislative. The right of men to unite and organize for mutual protection and betterment has been firmly established and perhaps will never again be seriously disputed.

There has been a decided advance in popular education during the last few years respecting the rights and privileges, as well as the duties and responsibilities, of organized labor. We are getting nearer to a complete and just understanding of its legal obligations and its relations to public interests.

The improvements that are being made by American railroads are on a vast scale and they denote the confidence of railway managers in the future of transportation. One of a party of English railroad officials who are examining the railway systems of this country has expressed amazement at the amount of money that is being put into improvements, expressing a fear that the time will come when American railroad managements will have trouble in paying returns on the expenditures that are being made.

The great improvements which American railroads are making are certainly of much present benefit to the country. The large expenditures make a material contribution to the general prosperity. The confidence in the future that they denote on the part of the shrewd and able men at the head of our railroad systems will probably prove not to be mistaken. It is to be expected, of course, that there will come a time, possibly not remote, when railroad traffic will not be so great as at present, but the outlook for a continuance of large transportation business is certainly favorable.

According to reports from American consuls in England great interest continues to be manifested there in the question of a food supply for the United Kingdom in time of war. About a month ago a deputation of prominent men called upon Premier Balfour and urged the appointment of a special commission to inquire into the question of security of the food supply in the event of war with some naval power.

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being made to arouse the people, particularly in the agricultural districts, to the danger which lies in a possible collision with a rival naval power. It is sought to stimulate the farmers to devote a larger acreage to wheat and go more liberally into the business of cattle-raising. No very great improvement in the situation, however, could be made in this way, since the productive capacity of the United Kingdom cannot be very materially increased.

When W. J. Broatch and his side partners on the police board allowed the druggists and liquor dealers of Omaha to be held up by the Omaha factory to the tune of about \$2,500 last December they had a right to expect that the favor would be reciprocated.

The fact that the infamous conduct of these men had been committed years ago does not make their reappearance by the present commission less offensive. The notorious record of Captain Haze and former Chief Sigwart was brought to the attention of the commission at the very outset, before they had entered upon the reorganization of the police force, and the board therefore could not plead the baby act as an excuse for reinstating these men in the service.

The story of the Blair can-can dance may be an old chestnut, but that licentious public exhibition should have been a bar against the reappointment of men who took a conspicuous part in it. The story of the Day and Reichenbach cases may be an old chestnut, but the appointment to a police captaincy of a man who was indirectly responsible for the tragic incident by which a wayward girl lost her life and another wayward girl, who had been sentenced to the reform school, was remanded to a life of shame cannot be too severely censured.

But these are by no means the only striking examples of sham reform in Omaha. The selection of George Stryker, who had been dismissed by the county board from the superintendency of the county poor farm, to be police inspector of pawnshops is equally reprehensible and indefensible.

The necessity of taking serious matters seriously is illustrated again by the enrollment on the statute books of Nebraska of a law providing for the compulsory extermination of prairie dogs. When the bill was before the senate that body resolved itself into a sort of mock court and debated the question with all the levity such a fantastic question deserved.

The plan to refer the beet sugar bounty claims to the courts for adjudication is a good one for the claimants. All the beet sugar people are now asking is the face of their original certificates, whereas if they are allowed to sue in the courts they will have a right to demand interest from the time the money became due.

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Small Cereals of Comfort. Chicago Record-Herald. Out of twenty-three mayors elected in Iowa Monday the democrats got three. Mr. Bryan can find the enemy's country without going far from home.

CRUSHED BY ASPHALT ROLLERS.

Philadelphia Record. It is now conceded that the stocks of the great asphalt combination that gathered so many dupes and victims in Philadelphia are worth more than \$100,000,000. The total of not quite \$300,000,000 of bonds of this swindling combination will be found to possess when the concern shall come under the auctioneer's hammer.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. A fascinating story of wealth scooped in from a small investment in a mining claim was syndicated over the country recently by an enterprising California speculator.

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