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The gravest strike of the season is the strike of the grave diggers at Montreal.

When a republican masquerades as a populist to decoy populists you may put him down as an impostor.

Erasmus Boomer Benson should change his name to Joseph while he is sporting that political coat of many colors.

The late J. Sterling Morton must now have a monument to his memory growing in every school yard in Nebraska.

Keep your eye on the city council. The corporations would like to have the next council filled with as pliant tools as the present council.

Howell's part in the passage of the vestibule bill was the old, old story—voting for it in the senate and then working to kill it in the house.

If the members of the Illinois legislature do not behave themselves better on the floor, they are likely to get in as great disrepute as some members of the United States senate.

Boomer Benson has still to point to the business he has successfully carried through that would entitle him to claim support as the only successful business man running for mayor.

After all his free advertising Lieutenant Governor Lee of Missouri will have to give up some sensational testimony when he appears before the grand jury or be put down in the disappointment column.

Mayor Moores never hesitated to veto any ordinance or resolution that invaded the rights of the common people for the benefit of the corporations. That's another reason why the corporations are all against him.

The refusal of the anthracite coal combine to recognize the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce commission in its investigation of complaints under the anti-trust law indicates that the coal barons are aching for another knock-down.

The United States minister is credited by the president of Guatemala with having prevented a war between that country and Salvador. Whether the intervention was really of benefit to the two countries thus deprived of the beligerent diversions to which they are accustomed may be open to question.

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Signs of awakening public sentiment are visible in cities in all parts of the country and every up-to-date municipality is keeping abreast with the popular demand.

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He was elected by republicans a member of the state senate and he was elected by republicans a judge of the district court.

PROMOTING GOOD WILL.

The present German minister to the United States could perform no better service for his country than in promoting good will between the two nations and this he is exerting himself to do in a way that ought to be effective.

In his latest utterance the German minister said that the two nations, in working out their great problems, should use all their power to foster a clearer understanding between their people.

A new administration was recently inaugurated in Philadelphia and already it has entered upon a work of municipal renovation and reform with a vigor that is carrying dismay to evil-doers and promises in a brief time to make that one of the most moral communities in the land.

There is in this a very strong reflection upon the course and policy of the preceding administration, but it is a fact that conditions had reached a very bad stage in the City of Brotherly Love, making a most urgent demand for a radical change.

As to Howell's performances in the council we need only refer to the only religiously truthful paper in Omaha, the World-Herald, which in its issue of April 20, 1904, indulges in this comment on the distribution of places on the committees when Howell was president of the city council:

A dozen republicans could not have done better in providing for republicans than Mr. Howell did on the committees. Out of fifty-three places on the committees Howell gave twenty-five to the democrats, including Hascall, and to the republicans twenty-eight. Could a republican have done better?

The important committee of claims he made up by the appointment of Saunders (Billie), Wheeler and Bechel. Could a republican have put in more republicans on that committee when there were only three positions to fill?

Among the allegations it is stated that the Reading company holds control of the Philadelphia & Reading railway and of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and it is contended that these are parallel and competing lines. It is also declared that the coal-carrying roads have a combination that is worked through the Triple Coal and Iron company.

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Should be shown, for instance, that the Reading company holds control of competing lines there would be presented a case for the application of the Sherman act of 1890.

It was of course expected that the railroads would put every possible obstacle in the way of the investigation, their first move in this direction being the refusal to produce their private contracts, thereby requiring the submission of the question of jurisdiction to the United States circuit court.

As a congressman and as a member of the legislature, "Howell was anything but a corporation man," says Judge Doane in the face of the admission of Howell that he inserted the exemption clause in the charter by which the railroads are taxed only about 1 per cent on the actual value of their terminals in Omaha.

Senator Howell's performances on the bill to enlarge the powers of the State Board of Transportation are in accord with his record in the Omaha council and in the legislature. He has proved himself not merely an adroit political trimmer, but also a consummate trickster.

It is astonishing to unprejudiced observers how the advocates of "the brotherhood of man" do belabor the brethren who happen to disagree with them.

Having formally excommunicated Mr. Cleveland from the party since the death time or so, we hope that Colonel Bryan will now let the Princeton statesman alone for a few days.

Found guilty of violating the law, but granted the privilege of violating it for a year longer, is the effect of Judge Sanborn's decision at St. Paul in the merger case.

Out of seventeen committees the democrats were given control of seven, while the republicans control ten. There are three committees on which no one but republicans were appointed.

One by one the communistic societies established in the United States in the early years of the last century are dying out—the latest to disappear being the Harmony society of celibates at Economy, Pa., whose lands have just been sold to a Pittsburgh syndicate for about \$2,000,000.

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To this end he created the Herdman police commission, he changed the date of the municipal election, he served the corporations faithfully and made several galleys plays to catch the labor vote.

According to the World-Herald, Carl C. Wright is an able lawyer—so able that the big corporations have once or twice of late found it to their interests to retain him.

In the republican city primaries the issue was squarely drawn between Mayor Moores and a field of candidates backed by the allied corporations.

The discovery by the navy of a few islands in the southern part of the Philippine group which are not on the charts must be taken to mean that we got more from Spain for our money than we thought we were getting.

If the business men and corporations who are putting up the money to pay the expenses of booming Benson would turn the money into the auditorium fund, the auditorium might be speedily completed.

The Common Felling. Philadelphia Record. It is astonishing to unprejudiced observers how the advocates of "the brotherhood of man" do belabor the brethren who happen to disagree with them.

Brilliant "Logic." Philadelphia North American. The British workmen who came here to investigate American industrial supremacy report that "England used modern methods she would hold her own."

Give the Old Man a Rest. Chicago Chronicle. Having formally excommunicated Mr. Cleveland from the party since the death time or so, we hope that Colonel Bryan will now let the Princeton statesman alone for a few days.

A Pertinent Question. Chicago Chronicle. Found guilty of violating the law, but granted the privilege of violating it for a year longer, is the effect of Judge Sanborn's decision at St. Paul in the merger case.

Coal Trust Hooked for Trouble. Springfield Republican. If the Northern Securities decision holds good in the United States supreme court, the administration is credited with the purpose of next prosecuting the anthracite coal combination.

Not a Working Principle. Springfield Republican. One by one the communistic societies established in the United States in the early years of the last century are dying out—the latest to disappear being the Harmony society of celibates at Economy, Pa., whose lands have just been sold to a Pittsburgh syndicate for about \$2,000,000.

Suggestions Worth a Salary. New York Press. There is a man of 22 in a Broadway store who receives a salary of \$9,000 a year for suggesting things.

Anti-Trust Law Will Stick. Indianapolis News. According to the very able attorneys for the merger crowd the court made thirty-four errors in its recent decision against their clients.

Tobacco for the Sailors. New York Tribune. The United States government made a contract a few days ago for 250,000 pounds of tobacco to be delivered to the enlisted men of the navy and the marine corps.

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Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. About the first of the year the Internal Revenue bureau sprung a large official wink on proprietors of soda water fountains, gently suggesting the propriety of swearing off and sticking to it.

The Treasury department, under strict orders from Secretary Shaw, who is something of a teetotaler, is determined to break up the business of druggists who sell alcohol in them to prevent fermentation.

As a result of the investigations in the Postoffice department by Assistant Postmaster General Bristow an order has been issued by the postmaster general that five men now carried on the rolls as "bookkeepers," but really employed to repair cancellation machines, report for duty at the office of the postmaster.

The men are George E. Barnard, nominally a Boston postoffice; R. H. Bruning, to the office at Cleveland, O.; J. H. Elliott, Syracuse, N. Y.; William E. Estes, San Francisco, and E. H. Merritt, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Plans have been completed for the new \$5,000,000 structure that is to be erected for the National museum in Washington, and bids for its completion will soon be called for by the regents of the Smithsonian institution.

The new structure is to be devoted to the scientific collections of the government, the present National museum building to the industrial arts and the old Smithsonian building to the Smithsonian and National museum library and art collections.

Among the various means of dispensing justice none poses greater respect for evidence or higher regard for its responsibility than the average coroner's jury.

At a recent nonpartisan dinner of politicians in New York City Mayor Low was seated between Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, and Senator Thomas C. Platt, so long republican boss of the state.

The smell of burning wood floats by upon the tranquil air; The crowd sits with a watchful eye, O'erlooking things that sweeten, fresh earth's He murmurs, "Gee, the 'fan'!"

There, with the hope that tolling brings, And may be, dreams of splendid things, That he shall have some day, But sweetest, the joy he knows is that which comes to sit Within his breast, when his chest shows Him that it's time to quit.

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Waltham Watches Mechanical skill and knowledge have made them the best in the world. "The Perfected American Watch," an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request.

SPEAKING ABOUT PLUTOCRACY. Some of the So-Called "Plain People" Who Are Well Heeled. Brooklyn Eagle (ind. dem.). The discordant notes in all the Jefferson celebrations—of which notice is taken in another article—appear to have been those sounded in the words of Mr. Hill at Albany, and in the telegram of Mr. Bryan to the dinner in Manhattan.

Notable Evidence of Prosperity in Railroad Earnings. Cleveland Leader. Railroad earnings throughout the country are running far enough over the business of the corresponding part of last year to make the rate of gain about four times as much as the rate of increase in the population of the United States.

LAUGHING GAS. "Will power is a great thing—especially the power of a will that leaves you \$200,000." "Somebody don't put muzzles on the dogs in Pennsylvania, do they, George?" "No, dear. They put them on the editors."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PERSONAL NOTES. A circus clown in New York has just inherited \$150,000. He can now work for fun if he feels so inclined. Mrs. Carrie Nation has established a home for drunkards' wives, and opened it with prayer. That's better than opening wine with a hatchet.

THE FLOWMAN. S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. With sturdy hands the plowman holds The handle of his plow; His trousers hang in saggy folds, And furrows mark his brow; But with the hope that tolling brings He labors on, out there, Where nature's putting on the things That helps to make her fair.

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