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That Haulings was turned out to be a racing sulky when it was put on the track.

Senator Platt of New York declares in roundabout terms that there is nothing to arbitrate with Mayor Low.

The opening of the local base ball season is timely for those who stand in need of a vent for repressed exuberance.

Late Candidate Benson's post-mortem statement is sufficient evidence to support his assertion that he is not a politician.

Missouri grand juries are still ready to give a good reward to any one who will put them on the track of a few more \$1,000 bills.

Some of the democratic newspapers really take the suggestion of Grover Cleveland to head their next presidential ticket seriously.

The strikers in Omaha deserve credit for their orderly behavior so far. It is to be hoped they will do nothing to destroy the good record for law observance and will exert all their influence to keep the camp-followers from breaking over the traces.

All this talk about graft in Omaha is the talk of cheap demagogues. Ugly rumor committees, private detectives and grand juries have for years been looking for the alleged graft without being able to locate it.

So many immigrants are applying for admission to this country at New York that the immigration agents have to work overtime to pass them through.

A British critic of our course in the Philippines expresses the opinion that the situation was complicated for the Americans by the capture of Aguinaldo.

Frank E. Moores would have been re-elected mayor with the vote of the Third ward entirely excluded from the count. That is the best answer to the pretense that Moores' success is due to the lawless elements.

The state auditor has sixty days from the adjournment of the legislature to prepare his statement of moneys appropriated during the session.

If Governor Mickey has determined, as is reported, that he will observe strictly the provision of the constitution designed to keep members of the legislature from trading themselves into appointive places,

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BITTS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor scenes and incidents sketched on the spot. A life size portrait of President McKinley painted by Mr. Murphy, an American artist, has been received at the White House.

The ought to satisfy. Detroit Free Press. Mr. Baer makes it plain that there has been no combination among the coal operators.

Nearing the Merry Future. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In a short time the per capita will look like \$30, and yet some folks complain that they cannot produce their due share of the circulating medium.

Tells of the Knockers. Philadelphia Press. District Attorney Folk of St. Louis is now accused of slandering Missouri because he persists in prosecuting the boomers.

Think of the Future. Washington Post. Really, a president should stop to consider posterity before he goes to kissing the babies.

Fact Outrives Nibble Fantasy. Philadelphia Record. The Postal Telegraph company, when its cable ship was held across the Pacific to Manila, proposed to send a message on connected wires around the earth.

Any Old Thing to Win. Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.). Cleveland evidently has the confidence of the country beyond any one else.

A Victory for the People. Minneapolis Journal. The lower house of the Illinois legislature has passed the measure for street railway ownership bill.

Inventor of a New Drink Hailed as a Benefactor. Indianapolis News. In the news the other day there was a brief paragraph announcing the death of Colonel Joseph Kyle Riecky, inventor of the famous drink known as the gin rickey.

TALK ABOUT CLEVELAND.

Detroit Free Press (dem.): It is not necessary to have a formal denial from Mr. Cleveland to know that he is not a candidate for another nomination.

Philadelphia North American (rep.): If the democratic party were a united political body, with clearly defined principles and policies, Mr. Cleveland probably would be the most formidable candidate available.

Portland Oregonian (rep.): The third term tradition will hardly lie against a man who has been out of the presidency for eight years, and Cleveland is evidently more vigorous at 66 than most men at 70.

Cleveland Plain Dealer (dem.): Only a dominating issue or candidate can effect a restoration of old-time democracy.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican (ind.): There can be no question that the people of the United States are coming into a renewed appreciation of the character and public service of Grover Cleveland.

Last Sunday was a great day for visiting. King Edward was in Paris, Emperor William in Rome and President Roosevelt at Sharon Springs.

The opening of the Indian territory settlement will find Henry C. Frick and John W. Gates on the ground floor as owners of the principal part of the coal lands.

Prof. Walkhoff of Munich has discovered from exhaustive study of a skull that prehistoric man could not talk, and he said further more to have been very much vexed by the flippant proposition of one of his colleagues, who is not a contributor to Philadelphia Blatter, but who has urged that a similar study be made of the skull of a prehistoric woman.

Close to the Ragged Edge. Detroit Free Press. By declaring the title defective, a Minnesota court has taken 25,000 acres of land away from Uncle Russell Sage.

THAT "RAILROAD JOKER."

Effect of the Tax Clause Smuggled Into the Omaha Charter. Municipal Journal and Engineer. Owing to the efforts of the Real Estate exchange tax reform in Omaha, Neb., which began last year by assessing the franchise of the public service corporations at something near their actual value, has been carried still further this year by the assessment of the terminal properties of the steam railroads at their true value.

At the time the city charter of Omaha was before the legislature, in 1897, it contained the usual provision for the assessment of all property for purposes of municipal taxation at its fair cash value, and before its passage the railroad lobby latched on what has since been known as the "railroad joker," an addition "excepting the terminal properties of the railroads, the valuation of which the city tax commissioner shall take from the figures fixed by the State Board of Equalization as returned to the county clerk."

The State Board of Equalization, which has been under the control of the railroad corporations, has made a practice of assessing each railroad as a whole and prorating the assessment among the various counties through which the road ran according to the mileage in each county. Aside from making a very low assessment per mile, the state board exempted all sidetracks, yards, depots and other properties along the right of way under the pretext that the value of this property was included in the sum total of the mileage.

This year the city tax commissioner concluded to disregard the "railroad joker" in the city tax law and to assess the railroad property within the city limits on the same basis as all other property in the city is assessed, finding his justification for such action in the constitutional requirement that every person or corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his or her or its property and franchises and that taxes shall be uniform in respect to person and property within the jurisdiction of the body imposing the same.

The following table shows the assessment of railroad property in the city of Omaha as fixed by the State Board of Equalization and by the City Board of Equalization for this year:

Table with 3 columns: Assessment Type, Amount, and Difference. Totals: \$1,200,000 vs \$33,532,900.

FLASHES OF FUN. "Bay, old chap, can you read Scotch dialect?" "I've written several stories in it."

"Did you see that idiotic woman kiss that dog of hers?" "Yes, do wonder that some dogs go mad?" -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Some folks' ideas," said Uncle Eben, "is like a mountain to climb. They don't know how to get up it until they get into possession of somebody else." -Washington Star.

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