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Nothing short of a political revolution will give the people of Nebraska full relief from railroad tax-shirking.

Senator Gorman isn't saying much these days, but his wires will be found to be in working order when the time for action comes.

Just now the agitation for an occupation tax in Omaha will be somewhat unpopular. There are altogether too many people in Omaha without occupations.

That superb Douglas delegation to the legislature ought to have known better than to have divided the city into thirteen wards. Thirteen always has been an unlucky number.

Columbia wants to raise the price demanded for canal privileges across the isthmus. Columbia needs the money and knows of no one who could be touched as hard as Uncle Sam.

If King Edward will condescend to visit us in America, we will certainly see to it that he has a good time. And we will leave it to him to say just what kind of a good time he prefers to have.

When public curiosity is finally met with the details of the alleged bribe offers said to have been made to Governor Mickey, the chances are good for a repetition of the story of the three black crows.

If their platform differences have all been adjusted, Iowa republicans will have nothing to do in state convention except to endorse the administration of Governor Cummins and his associates with certificates of renomination.

In the arguments before the state board of railroad assessment the railroads were given the privilege of opening and closing. But if nobody on either side had appeared to say a word the outcome would probably have been the same.

The increasing tide of European immigration is good evidence of the impression our national prosperity has made upon people abroad. If the present pace is maintained, the current year will be a record-breaker in immigration figures.

Mr. Hascall is the only man of the solid five that has the nerve to say he wants a life tenure in the city council. All the other members in the old combine now declare that they never thought of such a thing and would not have it if it were offered to them on a silver platter.

"The Commoner ought to be interesting reading if Cleveland should be put up for president," remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It would hardly pay to subscribe now for the year 1904 with the expectation of seeing the fireworks set off by Bryan in celebration of Cleveland's nomination.

Congressman Cousins of Iowa has been made the target for denunciatory resolutions by the Iowa Federation of Labor for failure to withdraw the use of his name and portrait from a brand of nonunion cigars. Wonder if Mr. Cousins had been passing the pictorial cigar box around among his constituents.

Another system of electric railroads to connect the towns of western Iowa with the capital of the Hawkeye state has been projected and the promoters announce that it will require an expenditure of \$10,000,000 to complete the lines contemplated. The project merits serious consideration, but is not altogether a long felt want. With western Iowa crisscrossed by seven or eight steam railroads and branch roads, the proposed electric lines will have lively competition. But promoters of railroads are always very sanguine.

ALTOGETHER TOO PUNCTILIOUS.

The announcement that the arbitration plan formulated and endorsed by the Central Labor union has received no consideration at the hands of the Business Men's association on the ground that no official notice of such proposition had been received is to say the least to be deplored.

The employers' organization seems to be altogether too punctilious. The arbitration proposal of the labor unions was published in all the daily papers and no harm could possibly have come from giving it due consideration.

Public sentiment in Omaha is overwhelming in favor of an amicable adjustment of pending labor troubles at the earliest possible moment. Every day's delay not only entails heavy losses on those directly concerned in the conflict, but seriously affects every man, woman and child in Omaha.

The problem with which the community is compelled to grapple is not a theory, but a condition. Corporation lawyers engaged to fight the battles of the employers may talk wildly about emancipating business men from slavery, but these lawyers have everything to gain by keeping up the fight and nothing to lose.

It is to the credit of organized labor that it has taken the initiative toward arbitration and manifested a disposition to make concessions in order to meet the employers half way.

DOMINATION MUST BE PEACEFUL. Remarking upon the president's statement that our geographical position insures our domination of the Pacific if we insist upon our advantage and our national right, an eastern paper observes that the domination must be peaceful in order to be profitable.

There is no subject appealing to the consideration of the American people of greater interest and importance than that which President Roosevelt has placed before the country in regard to our interests in the Pacific ocean.

It was a safe bet that one or more plots to make away with President Roosevelt during his tour of the west would be uncovered by lynx-eyed sleuths ambitious to prove their powers as detectives and the expectation is not disappointed.

The United States will employ only peaceful methods in extending its commerce, but it must not be unprepared to defend and safeguard that which it may obtain and the purpose to do this cannot give reasonable offense to any other nation, certainly to none that intends to deal fairly and justly toward us.

While New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Rochester and other clearing house cities have experienced a decrease in clearings ranging from 5 to 25 per cent for the week Omaha, notwithstanding its business depression caused by the strike, has scored an increase of more than 8 per cent in its clearings over the corresponding week of last year.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Whippers on the curves. Metropolis. Land lubbers with a weakness for aquatic sports, a desire to rub elbows with the social swells of New York, and money to gratify both, are already seeking information about leasing yachts on which to entertain their friends while witnessing the races for the America's cup.

Advice is the cheapest commodity on the market. As a consequence there is no dearth of plans to settle the strike, the adoption of any one of them being guaranteed to restore industrial peace forthwith.

Mark it Up. Baltimore American. The Salt trust in California pleaded guilty in the suit instituted against it under the anti-trust law.

Can He Sing the Old Song? Washington Post. Like a high-priced tenor with a bad cold, Greer responds to the curtain calls of his friends and bows and bows again without singing the song that would reach their hearts.

Trend of Injunction Habit. Chicago Post. It is not at all surprising that an order of the court restraining a strike from talking should have been issued in Omaha.

Strangling the Goose. Philadelphia Record. The labor unions and the organized employers in New York are now indulging in a seeming rivalry to see which will first succeed in wringing the neck of the goose that lays the golden egg.

Didn't Bryan Get Some Applause? Boston Globe. Perhaps the editor of the Commoner would be interested to know that one of the quotations from an autograph album read in a comic opera in Boston Monday night was something like this: "I don't care who makes the laws of the country so long as I can shoot the ducks. Grover Cleveland." This was received with applause and laughter.

An Obstreperous Governor. Detroit Journal. A funny sort of an old fogey must be Governor Van Sant of Minnesota.

What Colonel Watterston Thinks. Louisville Courier-Journal. Briefly, the scheme is this: to force Mr. Cleveland's nomination by the arts of the blackmailing mugwump and the money of the syndicate.

BATTLE OF INJUNCTIONS. Cincinnati Tribune. Each order of injunction embodies a deprivation of liberty and of property without due process of law.

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THE TAX-SHIRKING RAILROADS.

Leigh World: Edward Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, is again after the railroads on account of their assessments being too low. He has been before the assessment board with a tabulated statement, comparing the railroad tax with that of the farmers and business men, and thinks that there is good reason why their assessment should be raised.

Kearney Hub: The argument by Edward Rosewater before the State Board of Equalization in the matter of railroad assessments, opposing the reduction asked for by the roads and disputing their claims that the railroads pay more taxes per acre than the farmers and business men, and thinks that there is good reason why their assessment should be raised.

St. Paul Republican: The State Board of Equalization should be commended for its precedent in fixing the valuation of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines. They should make an honest effort to get at the merits of the question and then govern themselves accordingly.

Holdrege Progress: Edward Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, appeared before the State Board of Equalization and Assessment at Lincoln Tuesday in an endeavor to have the railroads of Nebraska assessed at a rate commensurate with that assessed against other property.

Friend Telegraph: Week before last we remarked that there were a good many people within this state who would watch the coming railroad assessment with no little interest.

"You never know how much \$1,000,000 is until you try to count it," remarked a treasury expert when the count in the New York treasury vaults was completed.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Levi F. Merton is in Paris and is about to begin a tour of the continent. Dr. Edward de la Granja, once a prominent physician, Carlist and reformer, has just died in Boston. He was banished from Spain.

Frank D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad company, began his career as a deckhand on a ferryboat on the Potomac river, where he received a salary of \$10 a month.

It is said that Senator S. B. Elkins of West Virginia cleared out of his many and varied interests last year between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000, and his entire fortune is put at \$50,000,000.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has made a liberal contribution to the monument to be erected in the capital square at Richmond, Va., to General J. E. B. Stuart, the gallant confederate cavalry leader.

General John B. Sanborn of St. Paul has been elected president of the Minnesota Historical society to succeed the late Governor Alexander Ramsey. General Sanborn has been a resident of the state since the early '60s.

Edwin Whitman, the former vice consul general at Hong Kong, has written a letter in which he says that the Russians are in Manchuria to stay. He sees no menace in the occupation, but the opening of the doors of commerce to the world.

It is said that James H. Keene, the veteran speculator, broke all records in stock failures when his Southern Pacific pool went to pieces in Wall street last month. The estimated decline in value of the pool's holdings was \$3,000,000. The total cost of the stock aggregated \$128,000, against a present market value of \$13,500,000.

King Christian of Denmark, though 55 years old, is still a hearty old man, as is shown by the fact that he is about to return the visit of the French president. Later he will cross the German ocean and call on his daughter-in-law and daughter, the king and queen of England. Queen Alexandra is about to set up at Sandringham a marble statue of her aged father.

Elbridge T. Gerry, father of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is preparing for his annual trip to Europe. This means an annual visit to the law department of the custom house. Mr. Gerry wears a sealskin cap summer and winter. To bring it back into the country when once taken out, without the payment of duty, requires a special permit. Mr. Gerry never forgets to provide himself with this document.

SAID IN FUN. "Now what is the chief end of man?" "It depends on the man. Sometimes it's his head and sometimes his feet."—Chicago Post.

"After all, you know, a man is only as old as he feels."—Philadelphia Press.

"I sometimes has my suspicions," said Uncle Eben, "but when I see that guilty conscience air 'n abusin' in neighbors in self-defense."—Washington Star.

"Yes," said his wife's mother, "I see it was a mistake for my daughter to marry you at all. She is just as different from you in every respect as she can be." "Well," said the wily man, "I'm a brute, 'how you flatter me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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