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THE THIRTEEN WARD RESTRICTING SCHEME HAS GONE AGGLIMMERING.

What will become of Omaha without that watchdog behind the city treasury? Alas! Alack!

Ring out the old, ring in the new city council, but don't organize any rings or combines. If you please.

We presume it was too much to expect the fatality-bearing wind storms to give Nebraska a wide berth.

When it takes five shocks to electrocute a man the execution may be said to have been done on the installment plan.

Horse racing may be demoralizing and likewise dangerous, but in neither of these points does it seem to be in it with automobile racing as it is practiced over in France.

Chicago is settling its strikes by arbitration. Denver patched up with the strikers by arbitration. Omaha employers whose men are still out would lose nothing by following suit.

Boards at the Douglas county poor farm draw the line at decayed lobsters and the taxpayers of Douglas county draw the line at canned lobster bills 100 per cent above the contract price.

President Roosevelt is now on his return trip from the Pacific coast. He will travel through Nebraska next week but his train schedule makes it a night journey without stops in this state.

Decoration day is near at hand, but nobody seems to be disposed to invest in pansies, lilacs and evergreens to decorate the political graves of the unlamented, departed councilmanic five.

Mayor Moore's first bunch of appointments will be due at the meeting of the council next week. It is needless to say that the week still intervening is sure to be a strenuous one for his honor the mayor.

We are gratified to learn from the adjutant general after inspection that the local companies of the national guard are in fine form. Their services for police duty, however, will not be needed here for the present.

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The Pennsylvania coal strike was arbitrated and will stay arbitrated for at least a year. Not only that, but the chances are that any other grievances that may arise from time to time in the coal fields will be likewise arbitrated in pursuance of the precedent. There are some of the advantages of arbitration.

INSULTING POPULAR INTELLIGENCE

All this froth and fustian about the offense of the Board of Equalization in assessing the railroads of the state at less valuation than was put upon them ten years ago is stale and unprofitable.

When the railroad organs attempt to uphold the state board in the assessment of railroad property they simply insult popular intelligence. The action of this year's state board was simply a repetition of the unmitigated outrage perpetrated by the state board last year, when it turned a deaf ear to the earnest appeal for the assessment of the railroad franchises and in the test case brought before the supreme court deliberately took the side of the railroads and allowed the railroad attorneys to formulate their defense for refusing to carry out the plain letter of the constitution.

Last year the railroad franchises, which constitute the most valuable asset of the railroads, were ignored under the plea that the board did not know that it had any right to assess them, but this year the board did know that it could not plead the baby act in defiance of the overwhelming popular sentiment in favor of equitable taxation.

It is not true that all property in the state of every sort was assessed at a less rate ten years ago than last year, but if there is a notable shrinkage in the assessment of certain classes of property it is justified by the material shrinkage in its market price.

Assume, however, that the higher assessment of railroads ten years ago was based on the higher assessment of all other classes of property, how does that justify the present board in its deliberate disregard of the relative assessed valuation of railroads to all other classes of taxable property in 1902 as compared with the preceding year?

In 1901 the taxable land in Nebraska aggregated \$2,225,918 acres, assessed for \$78,875,195. In 1902 the taxable lands aggregated \$2,831,190 acres, assessed for \$82,908,018, or an increase of \$3,282,821 in the assessment of lands, equal to 5 1/2 per cent increase for 1902 over 1901.

But the increase of the railroad assessment for 1902 over 1901 is only seven-eighths of 1 per cent. The aggregate assessment of real estate for 1901 was \$114,164,105 and for 1902 \$116,363,704, or an increase of \$2,199,598. Have railroads decreased in earning power and value within the last year?

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Coney Island pictures the relaxed sabbath life of Greater New York and her is the motive power of Coney Island. The announced purpose of the authorities to check the flow of the amber fluid provokes a roar more deafening and continuous than a subway explosion.

The recent order of General Greene, the police commissioner, that patrolmen should carry their night sticks in their belt instead of in their hands, was a blow to the Evening Post, started the detective corps off upon a dissertation on night sticks.

"You have no idea," he said "what good care a policeman takes of his night stick, especially if it happens to be a good one. Good ones are hard to come by and a difference in them. Every copper wants one with a good clear ring to it, and if he does get it he hangs on to it for keeps. I know one man who was in the Oak street precinct when I was there who had one that rang like a bell when he struck it on the sidewalk. You could hear that club for six or seven blocks in the dead of the night. You know when a policeman raps with his club he wants help, and he wants it quick, too, and a poor club would be a bad as a whistle. The whistle isn't what it used to be, either. You can't tell where the sound of a whistle comes from. I've been on post at night and heard a whistle blown and not been able for the life of me to tell which way to run for it. Then a man had to go to it and find out what he was blowing it for. It's different with a club; you can't help tracing the sound of it if you have half an ear. Somehow or other the sound seems to cling to the ground as it travels along, while with a whistle the noise goes off in the air like smoke."

Begging letters sent to well known New Yorkers have netted to Olgar Beckwith Neilson, said to have been cashiered from the Danish army, an income of \$500 a month during the last two years, according to Special Agent James Ford, who has caused Neilson's arrest. Neilson said it was his marriage that cost him his place in the army. The woman accompanied him to court, where she declared that she had no knowledge of his being written any such letters. Neilson's list of correspondents, it is said, included the names George J. Gould, Andrew Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan, John W. Gates, Hetty Green and Russell Sage.

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former's lines. The telegraph company refused and immediately applied for an injunction to restrain the railroad company from ousting it. This was granted and for a time there was an armed truce. But in another federal jurisdiction the Pennsylvania was granted the right to remove the poles standing on its right of way, the court of appeals affirmed it and the news of yesterday told how vigorously the work of destruction was entered upon. There was no offer of time and no parley. The man with the ax was turned loose and told to do his worst.

Several weeks ago it was foretold that a war of the giants was imminent and now it is on. By affiliations in Maryland and with other eastern lines the Wabash controls a route to the Atlantic seaboard, and by similar arrangements beyond St. Louis completes a way from ocean to ocean. The great stride has been made within a short time and the Pennsylvania is harder hit than any other system. There is a report that it and the Vanderbilt interests are negotiating an alliance and there has been a corresponding fluctuation of stocks. Whatever the outcome, the Goulds have made a great stirring of the dry bones.

LAUGHING GAS. "How long have you been in New York, uncle?" "Long enough to know better." Brooklyn Life. "It's hard to lose one's relatives," said the poor man, indignantly. "I've published the simple announcement of the death of any of our friends with pleasure."—Ram's Press.

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TRIUMPH OF THE ROOMER. Oh, you folks with home and fire, And you who have no home but here, You have gloated 'o'er me often, But I'm going to forgive. For as moving time approaches, You have troubles of your own, And I'll chaff you now but gently, In a soft and soothing tone. You have beds and big pianos, You have pictures, stoves and chairs; You have dressers, tables, sideboards, You have mattresses and bed springs, You have a moving time approaching, These must be removed in tugs, With a million grunts and togs.

Then for days there will be chaos In the tracks to which you go, And your life will be a living hell, You'll be one long streak of weep, But when the moving time approaches, Find my rent too nearly due, I just pack my trunk and vanish, And go to my moving agent through. You may boast of cozy friends— There are times I envy you; You may boast of your penates— But I'll tell you, my dear friend, But at moving time I'll venture To tell you your stuff for junk, Just to show the moving agent through. And of moving in your trunk.

When the story of Chinese atrocities filled the papers and shocked the world, it was the women who drew the pity and sympathy of all. Doubtless many a wife who heard her husband's words of sympathy for these women thought with a pang of the blindness of men to the suffering under their very eyes. It is true. The suffering of women in China was severe but short. Many a wife suffers for years with a dull agony of pain, her nerves shattered, her strength almost gone, and never hears a word of sympathy. To women such as these Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription brings the opportunity of a new life of health and happiness. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

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