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THE ISOLATION OF PORT ARTHUR is having a bad effect upon the guessers at St. Petersburg.

Rain or shine, the completion of the Auditorium for the grand opening on June 7 is now an assured fact.

They call it a "rubber war" in South America, but the majority of the people are "rubbering" for war news from another quarter.

"Ma" means horse in the Chinese language, and the general of that name does not desire to be counted in the running class.

It is a natural thing for a machine politician to become an anti-machine purifier as soon as he is pried loose from the municipal payroll.

Governor Patterson has refused to discuss national politics. He must be playing for the Parker vote in case the New Yorker cannot be made.

It is said that Russia cannot afford to yield to Japan, regardless of the cost, but it may be able to induce some friendly power to make it quit fighting.

The State Board of Railroad Assessment will not deliver its prize package in time for the convention to pass upon its relevancy to the coming campaign.

Another burning question will now be settled forever. The matter of "government by injunction" has reached the stage where it is debated by college societies.

Omaha is not quite so wicked this week as it was last week. The black-wash is wearing off rapidly since the purifiers captured the republican primaries.

Mr. Erastus A. Benson failed to connect with the mayors last spring, but he has landed safely in the school board. That will afford him some consolation without compensation.

Having achieved its main object as an auxiliary of the republican dark lantern faction, the Civic Federation will now rest upon its laurels until another republican primary comes in sight.

In every presidential year Omaha is a political storm center and the republican state committee will do well to bear that fact in mind when it comes to locate headquarters for the campaign.

Native Sons of the Golden West draw the line at fellows who have to go east to become political factors, and Hearst is not having the easy time his father found on California's sun-kissed peaks.

In accepting invitations to address so many public gatherings General Miles is making up for the time he so unwillingly lost while his mouth was unclipped because of his active connection with the army.

TRYING TO DEFOG THE BOARD.

It is to be hoped that the State Board of Railroad Assessment will not allow itself to be befogged or deceived by the specious pleas of railroad tax agents and attorneys, and the confusing and deceptive figures embodied in the reports of the capitalization and earnings of the railroads for the last year.

Table showing net earnings per mile for various railroads in 1903. Columns include Road, Miles, and Net earnings.

The Union Pacific report to the state auditor shows net earnings per mile on the main line and branches for the year 1903, \$5,700, and for 1902, \$4,233.

The 1903 report on 1,020 miles, when the Union Pacific system never seems to have owned more than 961.42 miles, shows a net income per mile of \$4,186.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Transportation for the year ending June 30, 1903, credits the B. & M. with net earnings per mile:

Table showing net earnings per mile for B. & M. from 1887 to 1903. Columns include Year and Net earnings.

On an average of \$1,275 per mile for ten years. Accepting the returns made by the Burlington for the year 1903 at \$2,500 per mile as correct, we have proof positive that the earnings of the Burlington system, mile for mile, are about double what they were on the average for the ten years ending 1890.

The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, now returned as the Chicago & Northwestern, reported net earnings per mile in:

Table showing net earnings per mile for Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley from 1887 to 1903. Columns include Year and Net earnings.

Manifestly the net earnings of the Elkhorn for 1903 were 120 per cent higher than they were in 1890, and it is safe to assume that the value of the road has more than doubled since 1890.

Comparative expenditures of the school board during the first ten months of the fiscal year 1902-1903 and the first ten months of the fiscal year 1903-1904 show an increase of more than \$50,000 in the cost of school government.

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THE CROP OUTLOOK.

The latest estimates from authoritative sources in regard to the crop prospects are in the highest degree encouraging and if borne out by subsequent results must give this country a pre-eminence in the production of foodstuffs which will mean not only a most ample supply for the home market, but a very considerable surplus for shipment abroad.

We noted a day or two ago a decline in the exports of food products, due mainly to the higher prices of such products. It seems probable that this year will witness a change in this respect.

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With the Iowa republican convention and that of Nebraska in session the same day there is a chance for co-operation—say an endorsement of John L. Webster for vice president in exchange for a rousing approval of the good work done in the Departments of the Treasury and Agriculture.

The St. Louis grand jury has called Governor Dockery to appear before it. There may be nothing in this more than a desire on the part of Attorney Folk to know what is really expected of him as governor when he reaches Jefferson City.

Along the Firing Line. Alexandria, Ind. The burning with patriotism, and the Japs are doing their best to put 'em out.

There Are Others. Chicago Inter-Ocean. One element of Mr. Hitt's strength is yet to be noted and it is one that any rival candidates who may appear upon the scene should not value lightly.

Squatter's Right Annulled. Brooklyn Eagle. Dally was the property in the world that was made to order, and was, therefore, well made. It was a pity to destroy it, but it is a pity that it should have been built on ground that did not belong to the builders.

Expansion of American Methods. San Francisco Call. Under the benign influence of American institutions and the patronizing effect of American methods Hawaii may now be regarded as safe within the protected sphere of twentieth century political civilization.

A Shining Record. New York Tribune. Twenty-five tons of gold melted at the Philadelphia mint in two days, to be stamped into eagles and floated into the world's currency. That is a shining record, showing, among other things, that the institution is in first-class working order and equal to any and all demands which may be made on its resources.

Making a Baseless Plea. Philadelphia Record. Fallen into the hands of the police, a clever forger pleads, with tears in his eyes, that he was forced to crime in order to maintain his position in society.

JAPANESE HUMANITY. So-called Pagan People Easily Rival Western Civilization. Chicago Record-Herald. It has long been the boast of European-American civilization that it, almost alone among the civilizations of the world, has organized great systematic efforts for the relief of sickness and physical suffering.

There is no doubt that this is the view of republicans generally, so that it may be confidently asserted in regard to this portion of the national platform as reported that there will be no controversy among republicans anywhere.

It appears, however, now that the right of western civilization to outrank all others in this respect, at least as regards the provision for time of war, is seriously disputed.

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PEOPLE VS. RAILROADS.

It is a new thing to see the editor of a great paper, and particularly a republican paper, personally take up the cause of the taxpayers against the almost all-powerful railroad companies.

The Board of Education has expended \$454,554.57 during the first ten months of the fiscal year and according to the report of the secretary there remains in the various funds unexpended \$143,285.43.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of Interest Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. The War department is having great difficulty in obtaining veterinarians for the army.

There are six vacancies in that position and at the recent examination of candidates only seven appeared. None of them were of the highest grade.

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LAUGHING LINES.

Mistress—Verena, there is a strong onion smell escaping from the kitchen. How does that happen? Cook—There must be a leak somewhere, ma'am.—Chicago Tribune.

"Every citizen should feel deeply indebted to the government," said the patriotic citizen. "He does," answered the worried looking man, "every time the taxes come due."—Washington Star.

"You wouldn't believe I could be a grandmother, would you?" "Well, yes," he replied, "not after hearing you talk."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Your card asks your customers to 'report to the cashier if dissatisfied,' said the cranky diner, and I want to say that I don't like the way that waiter served me." "How odd!" replied the cashier, "he was just telling me he didn't like the way you treated him."—Philadelphia Press.

"What are the university buildings all lighted up for tonight?" "They're giving a reception to Prof. Con-track." He has discovered a microbe that feeds on the microbes discovered by Prof. Diggstap the other day.—Chicago Tribune.

"An' lookin' at her, she didn't like the way you treated him."—Philadelphia Press.

When father got his picture took he had a winning smile. Joe's like an angel whispered to him every little while. He wore a status-up collar and a button-hole boutonnet. An' looked the family over in a kind an' patient way.

Like a picture frame, none who saw him from afar. He'd have the heart to take a strap to me out in the shed. The photograph can never do full justice to the look.

That father's face had on the day he got his picture took. But when we got back home it wasn't any time at all. 'Till father smoked his pipe an' left his coat out in the hall.

An' lookin' at her, she didn't like the way you treated him. I tell you it was somethin' most discouragin' an' strange. To see his disposition undergo so great a change.

I wish we could arrange it every day, by hook or crook. To have him take a trip to town an' get his picture took. So when we see the portrait of a statesman, lookin' grave, an' of some military man, a-standin' up so brave.

Or of some actress lady, with a sweet an' tender smile, Or of some financier, with an expression that you can't see. Or of some scientific man, a-lookin' calmly wise.

Or of a violinist, with his hair down in his eyes, Or of an literary chap a-bendin' o'er a book, I think about the day that father got his picture took.

"I have always sympathized with Adam, but I don't think Robinson, of being without clothes."—Beau Brummel to his valet.