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WHERE PUBLICITY WOULD SERVE.

Recent demoralization in the stock market, largely due to the attack on certain securities of a single individual, has called attention not only to methods in the market which are irreparable, but also to the benefit that would result if all corporations were required to give the public knowledge of their affairs.

The New York Journal of Commerce observes that much of the iniquity which gives a bad name to stock exchange operations has its source in the existence of stocks that have no certain or calculable value. Any huge corporation with an inflated capitalization, based upon representations of resources and prospects that are not well founded and cannot be verified, which makes no authenticated disclosures of its assets and liabilities, or of the practical details and methods of its business, is a pernicious factor in the stock market and no standing ought to be given to its so-called securities on the exchange.

FAVOR A TRIBUNAL.

Some of the more prominent of the eastern railroad presidents who have expressed themselves in regard to proposed interstate commerce legislation while opposed to giving the commission power to regulate rates are inclined to favor an interstate commerce tribunal. One of them said that legislation suggested looking to the establishment of such a tribunal, the members of which should be appointed for life, "would be fair to the railroads and would not be seriously opposed by them."

KEEPING DOWN EXPENSES.

It appears to be quite definitely determined that appropriations for the expenses of the government shall be kept down to the lowest point consistent with efficiency in the public service. The pressure for a river and harbor bill is said to be very strong, but the impression is that river and harbor appropriations for this year may have to be confined to an emergency bill, such as was passed last session and which will carry only sufficient to keep important projects from deteriorating.

Cold Comfort for Dupes.

Victims of the Humbert swindle in Paris will realize only 3 cents on the dollar. Not much comfort in this for the frazzled financiers of Oberlin.

Safety Coupler Much Needed.

The supreme court has decided that railroads must generally adopt the safety coupler. The crying need is for a safety coupler that will hit the senate to the railway rebate bill without serious casualties.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Germany undoubtedly ranks in effective fighting strength as the most formidable military power of the world, but the continued deficits in the imperial budgets and the enormous cost of modern armies on a war basis must be taken into consideration as a material offset to the showing made by statistics of men in arms or trained and available for service.

A TIMELY ADMONITION.

Judge Sears hits the nail squarely on the head when he admonishes the incoming legislature not to heed the cry of "Pass the appropriation bills and adjourn." To pass appropriation bills and adjourn would be simply running away from pressing duties and grave responsibilities.

A Russian naval critic has been discussing the possibility of Russia recovering the command of the sea, an eventuality of which he sees very little probability.

Charles J. Bonaparte, the only republican elector successful in Maryland at the last election, will journey to Annapolis shortly with his seven democratic colleagues and cast his vote for Theodore Roosevelt for president of the United States.

Before long the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan will have a railroad connecting the Nile with the Red sea, and giving that vast inland...

Business property and, for that matter, all other classes of real estate in Omaha, is cheaper than in any other city of equal population and of equal commercial importance.

According to the Associated Press computation, the democrats, or rather the fusionists, lost 62,137 votes in Nebraska this year, as compared with the vote for Bryan four years ago, while the republicans gained 16,723 votes.

The city physician of South Omaha recommends a thorough inspection of the public schools of the Magic city with a view to safeguarding children against scarlet fever and other forms of contagious disease.

As usual, the Holt county bank wreckers insist that their troubles are the result solely of too confiding trust in borrowing friends—to misfortune rather than crime.

"Every dollar of back taxes should mean one dollar less to be raised next year," exclaims the Beatrice Express.

Commandant Fournier, as he was then, was returned with the honor of a pocket which completely satisfied his changing needs.

There are the feathers in Paris, where the night admirals are gathering for consultation over the bad break made by the Russian fleet in the North sea.

Thomas Lawson's latest "sensations" are that an attempt has been made to poison him and that there are persons who intend to shoot him.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Governor Odell of New York is vigorously shaking the peach tree and fears are entertained that our Chauncey will fall.

CHERRY CHAFF.

Kelly-Con Cooney won pinched this afternoon for intimidating a strike breaker.

CAUSE OF RAILROAD WRECKS.

Locomotives Too Heavy for the Average Roadbed.

COAL WOOD COKE KINDLING.

We sell the best Ohio Cooking Coal—clean, hot, lasting. Rock Springs, Hanna, Sheridan, Walnut Block, Steam Coal.

CHRISTMAS WINES and LIQUORS.

HILLER'S. MUST BE GOOD. 1309 FARNAM STREET. We give Green Trading Stamps.

A CHILD'S VISION OF SANTA CLAUS.

Did ever you hear of Santa? Old Santa with beard so white; Who scrambles down the chimney In the stillness of the night?

SHATTUCK SCHOOL.

Fairbault, Minnesota. It is recognized by its patrons as the best boys' school in the west. In climate it is without a rival. It is also distinguished by the carefulness with which unworthy boys are excluded;

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