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Howell Water bill No. 2 is a confession that Howell Water bill No. 1 is not worth the paper it is written on.

The assembled implement dealers will please step back a little and make way for the man with the snowplow.

When in doubt, amend the revenue law, seems to be the motto of certain members of the Nebraska legislature.

When the winter wheat is being harvested the farmers will forget all the damage done to stock by the present snow storm.

It should not be forgotten that the commercial club is expected to do more than run a restaurant and operate a billiard room.

How Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania must envy the emperor of Germany's ability to enforce laws on the subject of lese majeste.

Russian sailors under Rojestvensky might pass the Suez canal with better feelings if they had assurance that they would return in the same ships.

Many more people would favor the idea of removing the tax from alcohol used in the arts if the terms of the law could be made to cover "nose paint."

Senator Knox shows his unfamiliarity with the Smoot investigation when he intimates that testimony offered should have some bearing upon the point at issue.

If Emperor William really admires President Roosevelt to the point of emulation, the present miners' strike emboldens him to follow a distinguished American precedent.

The bill for direct primary nominations introduced by Representative Dodge provides for direct nominations of all officers except United States senators. Why this exception?

After holding undisputed possession of the court house for five years, it is not to be supposed the democrats will evacuate their appointive places until they are cut off from the base of supplies.

Colonel William J. Bryan will be the commencement orator at the University of Nebraska. If that does not serve as complete antidote to the acceptance of the Rockefeller donation nothing will.

France and Morocco have adjusted their differences. The sultan could not permit Raisulou to try his hand at protecting the foreign inhabitants of Tangier, so they will still have to look out for themselves.

Now that the Mormon mining has opened in the Smoot hearing, the silver lining to the dark cloud raised by the witnesses for the prosecution will be uncovered—if there is a silver lining.

If President Roosevelt will intimate that he will call that proposed extra session in July or August members of the present congress might make such session unnecessary, as few of them would care to stay in Washington at that time.

Richard Croker has had his string of horses barred from Newmarket because he bid for horses against the personal representative of King Edward. One of the royal prerogatives of the British monarch evidently entitles him to freedom from competition.

Lincoln would like to have the projected suburban trolley lines establish and maintain headquarters in that city. Omaha is not so particular about the location of headquarters if the lines will only first be built, equipped and put into commission for train traffic.

THE NAVY PROGRAM.

There is promise of a sharp contest in congress between those who favor the administration program for increasing the navy and those who think that a judicious economy in this direction can very well be observed.

It will probably be found that the number hostile to the large increase for the navy recommended is very strong, perhaps sufficiently so to prevent the carrying out of the administration's policy. There is no doubt, of course, that some addition to the navy will be provided for, but the proposal that three new battleships be authorized is not likely to have the support of a majority in either branch of congress.

PERPETUATING A SINCE.

A bill to perpetuate R. B. Howell and his associates on the Omaha Water board has been introduced in the lower house of the legislature in the shape of amendments to the Howell-Gilbert compulsory purchase act.

In every respect, therefore, the amended water bill is an open confession that every point raised by the Beagahn the Howell Water bill No. 1, when it was pending before the legislature two years ago, was well grounded, but the damage inflicted upon Omaha and its taxpayers by the compulsory water act is irreparable now, and the repeal of the mischievous and unconstitutional provisions of the original bill will afford no relief.

There is less excuse now for the retroactive Howell bill No. 2 than there was for the compulsory purchase Howell bill No. 1. In the first instance there was some plausibility in the pretense that municipal ownership of the water works had become a public necessity and something had to be done to expedite it.

Conceding that Omaha will need a water board when it shall have acquired the water works, there is no need whatever for the maintenance of a board that has no water works to manage. It was an outrage upon this community to levy a special tax for the maintenance of the water board, in addition to the \$91,000 of water rent we are now paying.

Not one of the seventeen license protests filed by Attorney Thomas for the Civic Federation was aimed at a saloon backed by Walter Moise, although Thomas had cited one or two of the Moise saloons as law breakers in his charges against Chief of Police Donahue.

IMMIGRATION FACTS.

There are some interesting facts in the statistics of immigration for the last fiscal year. The total number of aliens who arrived in that year was 812,870, a decrease of 44,170 from the preceding year.

It is noteworthy that among the countries from which immigration increased England stands first, the explanation doubtless being the unfavorable industrial and business conditions there. The immigration from Germany was also increased, but not to so marked an extent, though the whole number of arrivals from that country was considerably larger than from England.

OUR MINING INDUSTRY.

The metal mining industry of the country is steadily growing and its annual contribution to the national wealth is large. In its review of the industry for the last year the New York Commercial presents many interesting statistics. In the United States and Alaska last year the gold production of about \$80,000,000 was an increase of over 10 per cent compared with that of 1903.

It is stated that the number of mills, smelters and reduction plants erected during the past twelve months is unprecedented and a rough calculation would show that about 3,000 stamps were installed in various parts of the country, with a proportionate number of specially constructed ore-treating machinery. The Commercial says that slowly but surely the mining industry is coming into greater favor.

BACK TO THE COUNTRY.

The draining of the rural population into the cities has been regarded for many years as one of the most deplorable of American tendencies, as an evil the consequences of which must be felt through many generations. Now it is discovered that the tide has turned; that each year a decreasing percentage of the people seeks the suburbs or the farm.

Beneficial Effect of Modern Transit on American Home Life.

There is an expectation of a great debate between Senators Beveridge and Bailey. The statehood bill is under consideration and is in charge of Beveridge, while it is expected that Senator Bailey will be the principal opponent of the bill.

MINOR SCENES AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED ON THE SPOT.

T. J. Grier, U. S. D., for twenty-seven years superintendent of the famous Homestead mine, was in Washington recently and warbled merrily about the Black Hills into the receptive ear of the Washington Post.

A Short-Arm Thrust.

The surgeon general of Nebraska has reported that the state capitol is the abiding place for germs. These attacks on the legislature ought to cease.

Humor of the Times.

The beef trust claims to be getting a small profit owing to the keen competition in the business. There is nothing so striking about American character as its keen sense of humor, though this statement is not directly meant as a contribution to the gaiety of nations.

Building and Burning.

We build more rapidly than any other nation on earth, and most certainly we burn more largely than any other. Our \$15,000,000 national ash heap for 1901 is not an accomplishment to which we can point with any special pride, but it is one of the financial wonders, nevertheless.

Praise for the President.

Prize from Mr. Bryan may not delight the president, but he may try to grin and bear it. The great democratic radio lecturer in a speech at Memphis this week that Mr. Roosevelt had the sympathy of the democrats in his railroad projects, and that he would be regarded as the greatest president in American history if he could carry out his program.

Pathos of a Tragedy.

We hate to believe that Hon. Thomas MacDonald Patterson, a senator in congress from Colorado, tried to assault with force and fists the attorney of the Honest Elections league in the court room of the Colorado supreme court Saturday. He who for six long years has protested against imperialism can be no friend of physical warfare.

CONVERSION OF J. J. HILL.

Mr. James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company (in liquidation) and owner of stocks in many important roads, a figure in the forefront of Wall street and a multi-millionaire of sorts, has been interviewed by a New York paper in regard to the Colorado system. Mr. Hill supported Judge Parker, but believes that Mr. Roosevelt has become conservative and will not damage the business interests of the country.

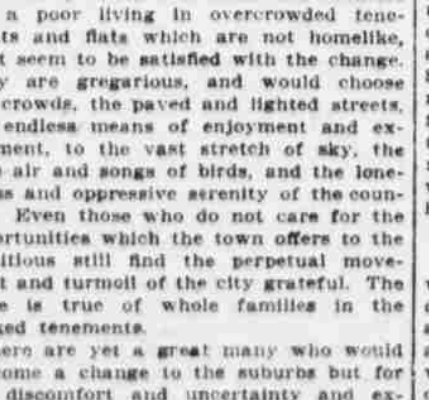
WHY OUR SOLDIERS DESERT.

About 10 per cent of the enlisted men in the United States army deserted last year. Why? Our soldiers have nothing to complain of in the matter of pay or fare and in this time of peace they are not subjected to as great hardships as the workers in civil life must endure. They have higher wages than the enlisted men of any other army, and their duties are generally easier.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

When Representative "Bridle" Adams of Pennsylvania was making his impassioned plea in a speech on the subject of the whiplash power for wets heaters in the District of Columbia and thereby seeking to acquire merit with the president, because the president recommended some such form of punishment in his message, a group of members discussed the orator.

PERSONAL NOTES.

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Admirers of Mark Twain will recall his famous letter to Queen Victoria. According to his own account he once wrote: "I don't know you personally, but I have met your son. He was at the head of a procession in the Strand and I was on a bus."

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