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Considering the way-below-zero temperature, Omaha's clearing house record for the past week is eminently satisfac-

While Ohlo republicans are in factional fight it is gratifying to know that neither side is as yet flirting with the

The czar favors a zemsky zeabor, but czar will be permitted to go.

in time to offer the czar sympathy, the more effectual from experience.

Since the action of Illinois courts in the suits against Iroquois theater man-

Senator Mitchell at least has learned that it is a wise man who can choose a reliable partner, and that senatorial henors do not always carry wisdom with

The president's plea against race suicide must have found response at home -New York City reports 2,506 more births than deaths in the last three months.

Missouri is expressing fear of a flood Nebraska.

Spain and Portugal see an opportunity house. The balance of power logic seems to be disappearing in Europe along with year. the idea of the divine right of kings,

Topeka hotel keepers are the first to suffer by the decision of the legislature to investigate boodling charges, as the lobbyists have all gone to Kansas City. Hotel keepers at Lincoln take warning.

Kansas has no law against a legislator soliciting a bribe, so it is held in a decision of the supreme court. This should at least make Kansas voters more careful in the selection of their

Lincoln democrats are preparing to conduct a vigorous municipal non-parevery stage of the game as a democrat.

Our Civic Federation reformers are passing up a big opportunity. They should file new charges of incompetency at once against Chief Donahue because the police of Omaha have not unearthed a single wife to lay claim to "Bluebeard" Hoch.

From now on, the censured legislative liar will refuse to be reconciled to Speaker Rouse and leave no chance go by to avenge his insulted veracity. We imagine, however, that the speaker will continue to discharge his duty without waiting for the aid or consent of any popocratic newspaper organ.

The Capitol Avenue market house has been a losing investment not because a public market house, or even a market shed, cannot be made self-sustaining, but because the city has adopted a policy in relation to public markets that is designed to foster private market houses at the expense of the city.

In promising to go to Cleveland in response to a subpoena in the Chadwick case Andrew Carnegie is breaking the precedent established by millionaires in refused to answer court calls which are not absolutely mandatory. But Mr. Carnegie has frequently shattered preceGULF PORT COMPETITION.

ern ports and they are organizing to a few days ago in New York of dele- tions, it seems to us that the proper taken concerning the inroads made upon and the South Omaha charter. eastern traffic by the discrimination in freight rates made by the gulf roads. Resolutions were adopted setting forth the serious menace of such discriminarailroads in regard to the situation was

The preamble to the resolutions declares that "the interests vital to the directly even as ports of importation, is names of parties to any contract relating spectors see that they get it. 30,240 gulf ports the business which is natural directors, promoters and incorporators to the middle western markets, thereby for any misrepresentation, either directly spective ports of shipment." It was omission might tend to mislead the puburged that in consequence of this the lic. business with foreign markets of eastern this condition of affairs and if possible they have lost.

It is an exceedingly important and inconcern to the vast interests involved. to the gulf ports has been very marked. been steadily growing for some time and | kind. since the beginning of the current year have been larger than from all the eastquestion, but what is certain that Atlantic export interests are fully are very greatly interested.

THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

The most important and most generally desired amendments to the city to follow a sudden thaw, but even charter are the abolition of the offices headquarters in the new federal buildthoughts of a flood will not repress the of city treasurer and city tax commis- ing, which had ample room for the acintuitive desire for warmer weather in sloner and the transfer of the functions devolving upon them respectively to the county treasurer and county asfor having queens of the British royal expected a saving will be effected aggregating from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a Inasmuch as the proposed measure

contemplates the collection of municipal assessment of all property within the tisan campaign, but if any democrat bent upon the county assessor to make paramount in 1896. The same sort of should be elected to any city office he the assessment for municipal purposes declaration was made by Mr. Bryan four may be depended upon to perform at not only for Omaha, but for South putting an end to wasteful duplication of the constitution. The last great quesand making the assessment and collection of taxes more uniform.

Obviously the attempt to effect these changes by amendments of the charter for metropolitan cities is like putting to abolish the city treasurer's and city and county assessor to perform the function of city treasurer and tax commissioner for South Omahs, nor would these amendments provide such additreasurer and county assessor as they tional service to be performed and the

The proposed charter amendments, if they were effective in every respect, would still leave wide open the ratio of expense which the city should bear for are now taking a hand for the proposed the additional clerical force employed in the county freasurer's office for handling the collection of city taxes and dis- fall the Omaha improvement clubs took bursement of city funds, nor does it a hand against the \$500,000 municipal make any provision for additional cleri- electric light bond proposition submitted New York, who have so far resolutely cal force and the ratio of expenses the for ratification to the people. Improvecity is to bear for the preparation of ment clubs are as handy for fabricating municipal assessment lists by the public sentiment in the interest of pub-

county assessor. These essential features must neces- monopolies as republican and demo-

The movement of western products to will apply to the government of Doug- campaign thunder. the ports on the Gulf of Mexico, which las county. Incidentally, the abolition has within a short time assumed large of the city treasurer's office will also proportions and promises to steadily necessarily devolve upon the county grow, is causing alarm to the merchants auditor, functions not heretofore perand transportation interests of the east- formed by him, and would make the creation of an elective county auditor fight this competition. At a meeting held imperative. In view of these condicago and intermediate business centers, be to formulate a charter for Douglas with representatives of the trunk lines county that will dovetail with the charand steamship companies, action was ter for cities of the metropolitan class

STATE CORPORATION CONTROL. A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature, the enactment of which tion to the commercial centers repre- is thought to be probable, providing for railways which was characterized as that state. It is stated that publicity is the acceptance of compensation "under the "unreasonable" and "unjust," and the the keynote of the measure. According timely action taken by the trunk line to its terms, every newly organized corporation, combination or association of corporations that offers its shares for sale to the public shall issue a prospectic seaboard are being jeopardized by of the directors in the organization. The the course of the southwestern railway estimated amount of preliminary exsystems in introducing unreasonably dis- penses, the prices at which the stock is criminative rates of freight from the to be sold, and whether there is to be a territory directly tributary to the points bonus of any kind to any person; the of accumulation and distribution in the names and addresses of persons from tic ports as ports of shipment, and in- sideration to be paid, and the dates and being sapped by this unjust and per- to a corporation must also be set forth. sistent determination to divert to the There is a provision which penalizes causing an alarming decrease in the vol- in the prospectus or indirectly by the ume of business passing through our re- omission of information when such

The bill is upon the line of recommerchants and steamship companies has mendations made by the United States been greatly reduced and it was resolved Industrial commission and its advocates to make a determined effort to correct urge that it would prevent "wildcat" incorporation, of which there have been restore to the eastern ports the trade many examples in the past ten years. Under both English and German law. upon which this measure is said to be to licy. And the people, democrats and repubteresting commercial issue that is thus a large extent based, there are the strictraised and the outcome, which we will est requirements in regard to publicity not venture to forecast, will be of vital in all matters relating to the promotion lie sentiment is expressed by the press of and organization of corporations and the country, by the action of many business The diversion of traffic from the eastern | there appears to be no good reason why such a law cannot be made operative in For example, there was shipped abroad this country, though it must be admitted defy the people. from New Orleans during the week end- that state statutes in regard to the reging February 4 nearly 2,500,000 bushels ulation of corporations have not gen-Russia will await the decision of the of corn, while in the same time the ship- erally had satisfactory results. The bill bureaucrats before knowing how far the ments of that grain from the two ports in the New York legislature is sound in of New York and Baltimore were but purpose and ought to become a law, little more than half that amount. The though of course it will encounter a The dalai lama is said to be on his shipments of corn for January from the vigorous opposition from the interests named. The gulf grain movement has well if every state had a statute of this

The reintroduction of the quartermasagers, the prospect is brighter for owners of "firetrap" excursion boats in New this movement can be maintained is a was unceremoniously rejected in both cause it carried with it a \$50,000 ap- existence when it was holding up the farmconvinced that the time has arrived for propriation is not likely to make Omaha a determined effort to check, if possible, a quartermaster's supply purchasing the competition of the gulf ports. With station this winter or next summer. this in view those interests are organiz- The bill that passed the senate in 1901 ing and are assured of the earnest sup- and was smothered by "Our Dave" in port of the eastern trunk railroads. It the house could readily have passed the is a contest in which western producers ordeal because it carried no appropriation and simply dedicated the old Omaha postoffice building, now occupied for army headquarters, to the quartermaster's department and provided for the permanent location of the army commodation of all the departments when that structure was completed. Such a measure appealed for support sessor. By this proposed change it is on the ground of economy, while a bill carrying an appropriation repels support because it entails additional, unknown and unknowable expenditure.

In his remarks on the subject of railtaxes and the disbursement of municipal road rate regulation when the bill was funds by the county treasurer and the up in the house, Congressman Sibley of Pennsylvania incidentally declared "To city for municipal purposes by the my mind it is the greatest subject, incounty assessor, the economic revolu- volving more of weal or woe to the tion would naturally also include the American people, than any since the civil collection of all municipal taxes in war." That it is a great subject no one South Omaha and every incorporated will deny, but we surmise that a declatown and village in Douglas county, and ration very similar in import was made the disbursement of all municipal funds by the same congressman from Pennsylfor South Omaha and the towns and vania about free silver when he was villages in Douglas county by the championing the cause of 16 to 1 as repcounty treasurer; and by the same resented in the candidacy of William process of reasoning it will be incum- Jennings Bryan when free silver was years later when militarism had sup-Omaha and the towns and villages planted the other paramount issue, and within Douglas county with a view to by Judge Parker recently as the saviour tion is always the greatest of all.

The State Historical society is said to be eager to relieve all the counties, the cart before the horse. Amendments care and custody of their public records after they have attained to the age tax commissioner's offices of Omaha of twenty years. Whether these musty would not enable the county treasurer documents have any except a historical value, however, depends upon their nature and character. It may happen that they would be needed occasionally tional compensation for the county tation of records of long ago, and while they would doubtless be as safe in the would justly be entitled to for the addi. Historical society's keeping as anywhere else, the right of access and use additional responsibility placed upon of them without cost should by all means be preserved for their real own-

> The South Omaha improvement clubs \$250,000 sewer bond issue without sublic works contractors and public utility

sarily be engrafted into a statute that cratic ward clubs are for fabricating

If the legislature at Lincoln is to prescribe the rules and regulations for firemen serving in the fire department at Omaha, why should it stop there? Why not fix the working hours for the policemen, too? Why not relieve the Board the inauguration of an American presiof Education of its function of regula- | dent. gates from the grain exchanges of the thing for the committees engaged in ting school teachers and school janitors? principal eastern cities and from Chi- formulating charter amendments would One is no more properly a matter of local government than the other.

> It Just Happened. Chicago Tribune It seems that the persons really respon-

not been discovered yet.

Expert Definition. The Missouri house of representatives has passed a bill which classifies bribery as a sented by the action of the southwestern a stringent control of corporations lu shady business. The bill specifies as bribery

Unnecessary Egotism.

San Francisco Chronicle. The managers of the railroad systems of the United States display an unnecessary amount of egotism when they assume that middle western markets and the Atlan- pensation and the extent of the interest pienty of successfully government managed railroads in the world.

Regulation that Regulates.

Cleveland Leader During the year 1904 only 11,824 packages of imported tea were refused admission to this country. In 1893 the rejected packages numbered 31,397, and the proof seems to be west" and that "the very life of the in- whom the property is to be acquired; a good that the tea inspection law has done, terior markets and the life of the Atlan- description of the property and the con- and is doing, what it was meant to accomplish. In other words, importers of ten demand unadulterated goods and the tea in-

Chicago Chronicle. The Chicago school principals who de cided by a vote of two to one to recom mend the abolition of the vertical writing fad have followed somewhat reluctantly the business men of Chicago who, a good while ago, abolished the boys who were afflicted with that style of penmanship. It is a pity that practical men of affairs cannot reach some of the other hobbies of the public schools with equal directness.

Up to the Senate.

Kansas City Times. There is no question as to the govern ment's authority to intervene in behalf of the people. It is merely a question of pollicans, are for the policy of intervention been fooled, and they cannot be fooled. Puborganizations not controlled by railway interests, and by the legislatures of half the states. This is no time for the senate to

A Combine that Failed.

Philadelphia Record. Further particulars of the embarrassment dozen years ago. Then it was cornering the hemp market and holding binding twine at state penitentiaries. Since that time the birthday. manufacturers of reaping machines have penitentlary factories which came into ers of the wheat states.

ORIENTAL CITY SCHEME. Move to Transfer and Reform Sar Francisco's Chinatown.

San Francisco Chronicle. The promoters of the plan for the ere tion of a model oriental city on the southern outskirts of San Francisco as a means of abolishing the present Chinatown report that their scheme is progressing. Their plan contemplates the building of a strictly oriental city, with all of the best occidental sanitary improvements and publiutilities, such as a modern sewerage system, refuse incinerating plant, electric lighting plant, street railways, theaters, hospitals and schools, on the southern bay shore. It is also intended to provide docking facilities for the largest ocean freight the most economical handling of freight and passenger traffic. The company organized to build up this new oriental city hopes to make one so attractive that the Chinese will voluntarily migrate there from their present quarters.

The present Chinatown covers sixteen blocks and is owned by 550 different persons. It is at present appraised at \$4,000 -The owners are making no effort to improve it, drawing the high rents they obtain from the Chinese without attempting to keep the property in repair. The oters of the oriental city scheme expect to persuade the owners to accept their preferred stock for the property in Chinatown, which they will afterward modernize by widening the thoroughfares, razing all the present buildings, and erecting in their place modern structures which will be an ornament to the city and immensely increase the value of the district.

A FOOLISH THREAT.

Railroad Literary Bureaus Working Pittsburg Dispatch.

A pamphlet entitled "Legal and Commer-Views as to Conferring the Rate Making Power on the Interstate Commerce Commission," bearing unmistakable evidence of its corporate origin, is now being rate regulation policy. Passing the willful misstatement of the title that anyone proposes to confer the rate making power on the Interstate Commerce commission, when to confer the power to fix a reasonable rate in case of dispute, it is interesting to turn to the quoted views of President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad, answering a statement attributed to Commissioner Prouty, that unless the government exercises supervision the people of the United States will be forced to pay \$40,000,000 in rates more than they need to during the coming year, says the railroads will make good by cutting operating expenses and that in no direction will the knife be applied more vigorously than on the biggest item of expense-the payrolls

of employes. Mr. Tuttle is foolish. In the first place, no one needs to be told that the railroads are today operating their roads upon the closest possible economy. Cutting the operating expenses \$40,000,000 would mean the reduction of the earnings a great deal more than the \$40,000,000 of excessive rates, because it would mean inability to handle the business offered. In the second place, the assumption that the people of the country can be scared into perpetual submission to corporate robbery by the threat of a cut in wages is an insult to the intelligence and independence of the country. If President Tuttle and his associates wish make the issue whether the railroad or the government is to be supreme the people are ready to vote on that proposiBITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Arrangements for the inauguration

President Roosevelt are well advanced. There will be a big parade, a brilliant spectacle on the east front of the capitol, when the president takes the oath of office, and the most magnificent that ever marked An inauguration is properly divided into

five parts, as the incoming official makes five separate appearances before the public. He first shows himself when he leaves the White House or, if he be not already an inmate of the White House, his apartcapitol. He drives in an open carriage sible for the Iroquois theater horror have and disappears into the capitol to emerge on the east front, where he takes the oath of office and delivers his inaugural address.

He then disappears into the capitol again and reappears accompanied by the congressional committee and rides down Pennsylvania avenue again, followed by soldiers White House the president usually enters for a few minutes and then takes his position on the reviewing stand and the paraders pass in review.

night at the inaugural ball, and this is the passes. tus which shall show the names and the the people in their collective capacity could function that attracts pretty women from existence of the grain business in the addresses of the promoters, their com- not do what they are doing. There are all over the United States in their finest gowns.

Designs have been made to make the interior of the ball room the most magnificent spectacle that has ever been presented indoors. There will be a scheme of decoration in electric lights, the colors being green, crimson and gold. These will blaze on almost every foot of space on the wals and ceilings. There will also be elaboraté floral and flag decorations. The bunting will be fireproofed.

Tickets to the ball will be \$5 for each person, and free tickets will be sent only to the president and his family, to the vice president and his family, to the members of the cabinet and to the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries. Dipiomats of rank lower than that of ambassador or minister will have to buy their tickets like the rest of the public. No carriage can be had the night of the ball for less than \$10.

One of the most interesting events of the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington on the 22d inst., will be the presentation by M. Jusserand, the French ambassador at this capital, on behalf of the people of France, to the congress of the United States, of a brenze bust of George Washington mounted upon a beautiful marble pedestal.

This bust is a replica of the original bust made by the famous sculptor, David d'Angers, in the year 1823. All the expenses were defrayed by public subscriptions and the bust was presented to the United States in the name of the people of France. The sculptor was aided in his work by General Lafayette, who, besides being an intimate friend of General Washington, was a personal friend of the artist. That bust was placed in the capitol at Washington and was destroyed in the fire of 1851.

Recently it was ascertained that the clay of the Cordage trust show it to have been model from which the original bust was ticed into this mill. due to the convict competition it aroused a cast was still intact at Angers, the native town of Sculptor David. A popular fund was raised, a fresh cast of the bust made way to St. Petersburg. He may arrive guif port were considerably in excess of that thrive by the methods which such a loans to enable it to carry its stocks of ma- They have been forwarded to Washington fancy prices; when it could no longer get and a marble pedestal provided for it. those from both the eastern ports above law would do away with. It would be terial and goods it succumbed. But the in the care of the French ambassador, and farmers of the northwest had forced the will be formally presented to the congress equally liable for their failure to do as manufacture of binding twine in their of the United States on Washington's

the market as it used to have, and at the Army and Navy club of Washington the and newspapers are contributing their same time it had to face the competition of other night. "Between highballs," he conto whether this or that officer in the two services wasn't threatened with or wasn't even then actually troubled with jaundice, nutmeg liver, aguecake, cirrhosis of the liver, anasarca and a dozen similar diseases which would eventually compel general or captain or admiral or commander or Muck-I-Muck So and So to seek retirement from active service or the cemetery. All the chatter and gabble was made up of just so many speculations in illness and death. Promotion! Promotion! Promotion! was the subdued chant of all the army and navy officers present."

> "The decision of the supreme court against the Beef trust was hailed with delight out n my country," said Mr. C. M. Lott of Omaha, quoted by the Washington Post. Though we are right in the heart of the beef-producing section, and ought to be able to get our steaks and roasts at a most reasonable figure, we are forced to pay the same high prices that the combine exacts of the public in the most remote parts of the United States. Not only this, but we are forced to put up with the most inferior cuts; all the choicer portions are shipped away to eastern markets. Our people are enthusiastic over the attitude of President Roosevelt in this matter, and hope that there will be no turning back in the fight until this most oppressive and un-American monopoly has been forced to abandon its unfair methods. Washington men are noted for their po-

iteness, especially in the street cars. The women who enter a crowded car are almost certain to find a seat, for the men would rather stand up themselves than woman passenger hanging onto a strap. But a young senator, no less a peron than Beveridge of Indiana, received lesson which even to that polite statesman proved a shock, and may cause him to hesitate long before he relinquishes his seat to a woman in a street car again. It was a stormy day and Senator Beveridge was on his way to the capitol. The car was crowded. Going down the avenue, a young woman carrying an immense muff boarded the car and made her way up the aisle until she stood directly in front of the Indiana senator. Instantly he jumped circulated in opposition to the president's to his feet and in his most exquisite smile offered his seat to the young woman. She thanked him, but made no move to take ft. Instead, she put her hand in her muff and drew forth a little toy terrier, and, as a matter of fact it is only proposed placing it in the seat vacated by the senator, turned and smiled sweetly on him saying: "Fido is so tired of being in my muff

that he is so much obliged to you for giving him a chance to rest himself in the open air. Senator Beveridge left the car at the

A man went into the general reading room of the Congressional library the other day to get some specific data for a paper he was writing. He told an attendant he wanted to find out something about some papal bulls, and asked if they had any record of anything of the kind. He had never been in the reading room before. and he did not know the limitations of some of its attendants. He selected desk and sat down. At the end of half an hour the attendant returned. "I think, sir." he said, "you may find

what you want here," and he laid before him an Agricultural department report, opened at an article on cattle.

Bright Business Prospects. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Business failures in the United States for January showed a falling off of \$8,000,000 in comparison with the same month last year. Small failures especially are few. The prospect for continued prosperity was

STATE PRESS OPINION.

Hastings Observer: One good hen b loing more just now to enrich the state than that whole bewildering push down at

Beatrice Express: Wipe out the bridge graft and the state of Nebraska could build several hundred miles of permanent roads every year.

Norfolk Press: If the railroads have had no lobby at Lincoln, let them prepare to send one now. The passes of the statesmen and the liberties of the people are assalled Kearney Hub: How tame the Nebraska legislature would be if Joe Burns should in an absent minded moment go away back ments in Washington to be escorted to the and sit down! But that is not one of the things that will come to pass.

> Grand Island Independent: The house of representatives at Lincoln has killed the liquor dealers' measure to compel a remonstrator to a saloon license to put up a bond for the costs of the proceeding. It is well. Now let it put the Shreck bill in the same grave. Beatrice Sun: We notice that Senator

and other organizations. Arriving at the Jackson of this county is one of those who declined railroad passes and paid their railroad fare from their place of residence to Lincoln. While mayor of Beatrice Mr. Jackson declined to place himself under obliga-The president's final appearance is at tions to the railroads by the acceptance of Wakefield Republican: The Republican

doesn't believe the new bill providing for county option introduced in the legislature will be a good measure if enacted into law. Local option seems to work very well for all concerned and should be left strictly alone. The county option bill should be killed instanter.

Norfolk Press: It does one good to see a railroad regulation measure driven under whip and spur, without even the privsiege of amending it. Nothing could indicate better the effort of public sentiment, and nothing could demonstrate the more clearly that the corporations are powerless to control a lawmaker when he knows that to obey them means the loss of his

Stockville Republican-Faber: Wilsey has introduced a bill for the relief of railroad men and shippers. The present system of holding cars until full loads are secured is very inconvenient for shippers and is the cause of train crews being kept on duty an unreasonable length of time. Senator Wilsey proposes in his bill to remedy this. The bill should pass.

York Republican: A twine factory at the penitentiary is a proper thing, pro- him charged with striking his wife a violent vided the business is carried on by the blow in the face. His honor remarked state. Anything that takes the labor of mildly: "For a man to do as you have the prisoners out of the hands of condone in my judgment is un-American." tractors is proper. Better that they should Then he sentenced the fellow to sixty days be put to building stone piles and tearing on the rock pile. them down again than that individuals should be allowed to find profit in their work.

Nebraska City Tribune: Advices from Nemaha county are to the effect that Hon Church Howe is coming home to enter the congressional race in the First district. We thought the Hon. Church had We thought the Hon. Church had declared his voice to be for "peace and quiet." The First district fight promises to be strenuous enough to suit the ha dest scrapper and our neighbor must have renewed his youth in foreign lands to be en-

requiring companies offering medicines "guaranteed" to effect certain cures to put up a bond with the state to make that guarantee good. ,The law should also make newspapers advertising these remedies of the United States on Washington's birthday.

"That army and navy game is worse than politics," remarked a visitor as he left the Army and Navy club of Washington the state of the patient who is induced by such advertisement to take the medicine. The people are being systematically robbed by the medicine companies and newspapers are contributing their

> Sherlock Holmes and the keen deduction Star. of his detective work. The public likes to read such things. Detective stories have always been attractive and found many readers. And there is nothing harmful in the bright works of Conan Doyle. It is a more than 100 merchants and 100 merchants are considered as an occupation. of his detective work. The public likes to has been written. Collier's Weekly in an- cess. nouncing the last of Sherlock Holmes' adventures, joyfully informs the reading public that it has secured the return of "Raffles," the gentlemanly housebreaker, and the first installment appears in the same number. The literature is a disgrace to Collier's Weekly, with its excellent editorlal pages and its comprehensive treattorial pages and its comprehensive treatment of the great questions and events that move the world. The creation of a housebreaker into a literary hero is dangerous to the young readers of the country and disgraceful alike to the mind that does the work and the medium through which it is circulated to the reading public.
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> Columbus Jeurnal: Representative Foster of Douglas has introduced a resolution ask. of Douglas has introduced a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee of three to investigate freight rates in Nebraska and to report a bill to replace the
> present dead "maximum freight rate" law.
> The resolution was unanimously adopted
> and the committee appointed. We believe
> that we voiced the sentiment of a large mathree to investigate freight rates in Nejority of taxpayers when we said a few lt's nice to be quite independent weeks ago that action along this line was the most important that could be taken by tastes are the tastes of rafinement lists. It isn't my nature to save. the present legislature. There are many other important subjects for legislation perhaps, but the question of freight rates is fundamental. It goes to the pocketbook of fundamental. It goes to the pocketbook of every citizen. If rates in Nebraska are too high, and most people believe they are, the state should provide the remedy. If they are not to high high, the investigation can do no harm. And the committee to whom is intrusted this important matter should

treat the railroads as partners in business with the shippers of Nebraska. Many of the railread abuses are due to the fact that legislatures have treated them either as masters or as enemies. It is to be hoped that the press of the state will unite in a demand that the Poster resolution half be carried out to the letter.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Admiral Togo has rejoined his fleet and there is a prospect of more work ahead for Russian shipbuilders.

A New Jersey young woman is clearing about \$2,500 a year raising frogs in a twentyacre swamp. She can hardly croak at that. The latest South American revolution was confined to one city and lasted a couple of days. If Argentina were a little less Latin American the affair would probably have

been called a riot. Agitation for the better protection of motormen has begun in New York, which advertises the fact that they are still exposed to the weather. As usual, the metropolis, where horse cars still linger in cross streets, is several laps behind.

Paderewski is taking advantage of the popular demand for his autograph by charging a fee, the proceeds going to a fund to erect a monument for Chopin. One dollar buys a plain signature and a few bars of music are added for another dollar,

The appointment of a tamer of "bad men" as a peace promoter in New York City comes none too soon for a community where posters were stuck on house fronts offering \$3,000 for the assassination of Tom Lee, "mayor" of Chinatown. The western buttinsky is sure of a busy time. No one ever knows in advance how Sen-

ater Spooner means to vote on any measure which is before the senate. The Wisconsin statesman is the bardest man in the senate to poll. Wise newspaper correspondents long ago learned to give him a wide berth when making polls. It was time wasted. Miss Laura Perkins of Beloit, Wis., has sent a cold chill down the spine of many fellow taxpayer in that city. While many

are asking rebates for one cause or another, she has written the city clerk stating that she observes that the assessors failed to tax her on a few hundred dollars she has in the savings bank and that if an error is made she desires to pay her full share of

Judge McMichael of Philadelphia is a man of conservative speech, though at times his utterances on the bench do not seem to be quite in harmony with the sentences he imposes. One day recently a man was before

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The Mother-So you and Jack have quar-eled, have you? Young Bride-Yes, m-mamma, and he -called me hard n-names! The Mother (trying to soothe her)—Never mind, dear. He didn't mean it.

Young Bride—Y-yes, he did! He s-said I was a reg-regular icicle!—Chicago Tribuns.

"Do you think that your boy Josh will

"Well," answer Into the hands of the grafters.

York Republican: The reading public will regret that it has heard the last of there will be no beating him."—Washington

unfortunate that the same cannot be said as an occupation.

Uncle Josh—Well, that kind of looks as of much of the detective literature that if they'd learned a good deal about it.—Suc-

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