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COMMODITY AND MAXIMUM RATE

There is serious ground for apprehension that all railroad legislation will be defeated during the present session of the legislature by a division among the friends of railway regulation. The failure of former Nebraska legislatures that have undertaken the same task has in almost every instance been due to a multiplicity of railroad regulation bills that were in many instances pitted against each other through adroit manipulation by the railroad lobby.

The most feasible, if not the most practical measure providing for a reduction of local freight rates is the commodity rate bill, which contemplates a reduction of 10 per cent of present freight rates on the staples and products of the farm and factory, including grain, coal, lumber and live stock.

Instead of antagonizing the commodity rate bill, the friends of the maximum rate bill should fall in with it and harmonize the maximum rates proposed to be established for the transportation of the articles named in the commodity rate bill at the same or nearly the same rate as would be chargeable under the commodity rate bill.

If, as is now asserted by opponents of the commodity rate bill, such a measure would be declared unconstitutional by the courts, no harm can come to the maximum rate bill from its enactment.

JUDGE SWAYNE ACQUITTED

The acquittal of Judge Swayne was expected. It was stated in reports from Washington several days ago that the managers on the part of the house of representatives in the impeachment trial had practically abandoned all hope of having their charges sustained by the senate.

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PHILADELPHIA PRACTICE STOPPED

The United States senate did a commendable act in adopting a resolution to prohibit flowers from being brought into the senate chamber. This will stop the ridiculous practice of office-seekers in load-carrying senators' desks with flowers as a sign of the session.

MISTAKE OF THE RAILROAD LOBBY

Members of the railroad lobby in Washington are reported to be satisfied with their success in smothering the railroad rate bill in the senate. They believe that before another session of congress the agitation in favor of government regulation will have died out and that today's opinion will acquiesce in a policy of non-action.

RETURNING THE BATTLE FLAGS

Time heals wounds and harmonizes the sections. Congress has passed the joint resolution providing for the return to the proper state authorities of the union and confederate battle flags that have been in storage in one of the attic rooms of the War department building since the close of the civil war.

SHIBBLING AT THE PLAG

Congress is contemplating an assault on the Tobacco Trust. The hope that congress won't bite off more than it can chew.

BETWEEN TWO HILLS

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A WORLD-WIDE PULL

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REINCREASING THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY

Washington institutions will not be wrenched from their high pedestal by reason of an increase of the president's salary. The precedent exists in the case of President Grant, who received \$50,000 during his second term.

HALFOUR PLANS A BLOW

Striking back at the Irishmen who irritate the Brits, Premier Balfour carries out his contemplated plan of equalizing the parliamentary districts of the United Kingdom.

PUSHING THE "PORK BARREL"

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A NOTABLE EVENT

Congregational Church Joins the Episcopal Body. A unanimous vote of the Congregational church of East Brookfield, Mass., has united with the Episcopal diocese of western Massachusetts.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. An unusual number of New Yorkers are on the sick list from causes traceable to severe winter weather.

MODISH SHOW

The dog show in Madison Square Garden consisted of sweaters in some form or other, it seems. According to a dog's complexion is the color of his sweater, and the fit of it is as perfect as any ever worn by a sportsman.

YOUR MAJESTY

Wareham Long—if you had to choose between having an "havin" to work for a living, which is a "havin", or a "havin" to be a "havin", which is a "havin", I'd let things take their course—Chicago Tribune.

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Mr. Russell—the doctor says if I don't take a little rest and not work so hard I'll be dead in a year. What a consolation it must be to you to know that your life is insured—Philadelphia Press.

FAITHER, WHAT IS MUTUALIZATION?

Mutualization of the stock market is a plan by which you give the little stockholders the right to vote and then share their this hard-ship by serving as their proxies—New York Herald.

LADY AGENT—CAN'T I TELL YOU SOME OF THESE BEAUTIFUL COMEDIC ARTISTS?

Mrs. De Tule—You can't see that I never paint. —but why on earth don't you?—Cleveland Leader.

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SONG OF THE PLAINS

London Spectator. No harp have I for the singing, nor fingers fashioned for skill. Nor over the strings express it, the song that is in my heart.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. HAS NO SUBSTITUTE. An unusual number of New Yorkers are on the sick list from causes traceable to severe winter weather.

EVERY RETAIL MERCHANT IN THE COUNTRY

will be interested in this close corporation already have grown enormously rich, and there are millions more to be had from this mine of graft.

BREEZY LINES

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