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Now that New York milk dealers have organized, a combined attack on the price of milk may be expected.

It may be all right to be "first in news and enterprise," but it is going it a trifle strong to let enterprise get ahead of the news.

The rate question has become the burning issue of the hour with the United Workmen as well as with the United railroads.

As Captain Hobson is soon to marry a change may be expected in his opinion regarding a heavy tax upon imports to pay for a big navy.

The growth of peace sentiment cannot be denied since the Franco-Russian revelations have produced not even a hint of trouble at London.

Ten bankers are now serving time in the Ohio penitentiary. The only lesson in this is that some states enforce their laws against illegal banking.

The imaginative powers of Shanghai correspondents must be declining since one has been forced to buy a ship in order to report the coming sea fight.

People would not object to "elastic" freight rates if the tendency were not so much in the direction of stretching and with so little opportunity for recoil.

Judging from the argument in the automobile factory case, Omaha had a touch of "frouged finance" before "Tom" Lawson "got wise" to the game.

That President Roosevelt is a very remarkable man has again been demonstrated by his visit to Chicago. Both sides in the strike controversy are satisfied.

New York state is clamoring for farmers. It has not been long since New York imagined that all it needed for its prosperity was lively times on Wall street.

The defeat of State Chairman Burgess in his aspirations to fill the congressional brogans of Elmer J. Burkett only reminds us that republics and republicans are proverbially ungrateful.

No wonder President Roosevelt refuses to be a candidate for re-election. The amount of democratic praise he has received in the last three months would be expected to "hoodoo" any man.

So far Nebraska has fared much better in the general distribution of May cyclones, tornadoes, water-spouts and hail storms than states on the map located above and below hurricane deck.

Chicago strikers were so quiet yesterday as to lead one to believe that they were watching bulletins from the east and west, where wind and dynamite quite overwhelmed the efforts of man to make trouble.

The Kansas state guard is cut off from government supplies until it makes a satisfactory report of those already received. The explanation that the trouble is due to careless looking is as good an excuse as any.

Omaha should not be content merely with the erection of many new buildings, but Omaha should see to it that all the new buildings, and especially all the business blocks, mills, factories and apartment houses, are substantial and safe.

If Fontanelle should undertake to go on record on the question of railroad rate regulation they would find themselves in the dilemma of being compelled to choose between endorsing President Roosevelt and endorsing the president of the Fontanelle club.

MUST OBEY THE LAW.

The utterances of President Roosevelt in the interview with the representatives of the strikers in Chicago ought to have a salutary influence, not only upon those addressed but generally. The president is friendly to organized labor, but he insists that it must obey the law. He told the representatives of labor that if called upon to take any action he should try to do exact justice under the law to every man, so far as he has power.

These declarations were timely and significant and were made with impressive earnestness. They will be heeded, there is good reason to believe, by those for whom they were intended, and they will be heartily approved by all good citizens. The mob spirit that has characterized the Chicago strike the chief executive of the nation unqualifiedly condemns.

It is not to be doubted that the violence and lawlessness which have marked the present strike in Chicago will prove unfortunate for organized labor generally. The inevitable tendency of such manifestations of the mob spirit is to create in the popular mind distrust of organized labor, while the effect is also to repel from the unions workmen who have no sympathy with violent methods.

This is a government of law and all citizens, under whatever circumstances, must be required and compelled to obey the law. Members of corporations or of bodies of organized capital and members of trades unions are equally amenable to this principle, faithful observance of which is absolutely essential to the preservation of our free institutions.

According to statements from Washington the treasury deficit is causing some perplexity and the question of providing for more revenue may disturb the harmony of the republican majority in the next congress. The Washington Post states that men who will have to do with revenue legislation are giving much attention to the question and that there has been extended consultation of figures from the Treasury department to ascertain the recent history of imports and exports.

This is one of the matters to which the president will be called upon to give his attention and there is no intimation as to which view he inclines—whether to tariff revision or to raising more revenue by additional internal taxes. Of course the national treasury is in no immediate danger. The cash balance is still large. But a rising deficit is an unpleasant fact and it is obviously desirable to provide for more revenue or make a decided reduction in the expenses of the government.

NEW RECIPROCITY MOVEMENT. The movement just started in Chicago for promoting trade reciprocity is likely to stimulate public interests in that subject, which promises to command a good deal of attention in the next congress. The movement is under the auspices of the Chicago Commercial association and its purpose is not restricted to bringing about commercial reciprocity with any particular country, but with all countries that may be found disposed to enter into such a treaty.

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The electric flash has been sent round the earth from the bureau of equipment of the Navy department at Washington in the new record time of seven seconds—less time than it takes to tell about it. Puck is once more hopelessly outlashed in globe circling.

Evils of Automobile Speed. Springfield Republican. As the use of the automobile spreads, all the most serious evils which are placed in evidence. Unhappily this is a dangerous stage on which to display them.

THE COMMISSION AS A REGULATOR. While railroad magnates and rebate beneficiaries of railway discrimination have pronounced the Interstate Commerce commission a dismal failure, and in proof of their assertion point to the fact that the United States supreme court has reversed many, if not most, of its findings, the impeachment of the efficiency of the commission is disproved by incontrovertible facts.

For example, the commission is just now in session at Chicago and among the complaints under consideration is a charge brought by Michigan fruit shippers against the private car lines that enjoy a monopoly of the fruit transportation over the Michigan Central and other Michigan roads. To ward off an unfavorable decision, the officials of the Armour car lines are making strenuous efforts to effect a compromise and secure a dismissal of the complaints by agreeing to a voluntary reduction in feeling charges of from 15 to 30 per cent, covering the entire Michigan fruit belt.

If this compromise is effected there will be no appeal to the courts and consequently no record of any good accomplished by the commission. But, nevertheless, the fruit shippers of Michigan will secure a most substantial reduction in rates, and that reduction eventually will go to the fruit growers, and that means an increase of the profits from the farm and orchard.

The fact that 90 per cent of all the complaints preferred before the commission have been amicably adjusted between the complainants and the railroads, while only 10 per cent have been appealed to the courts, affords striking proof within itself that even with its limited powers the commission is accomplishing a great deal of good in rectifying abuses and unjust exactions by transportation companies.

According to a well defined rumor, a consolidation of the Chicago Great Western and Kansas City Southern roads has been planned and will take place in the not distant future. The consolidated lines are to be operated in conjunction with the Hill system as a competitive outlet for grain to the gulf ports. Another motive that is said to have impelled Mr. Hill to obtain control of the Chicago Great Western system is that he wants to see it removed from the situation as a rate disturber, and, lastly, that it would afford him a short line between St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City. It would seem, therefore, that in all the new railroad combinations Omaha is not to be left out in the cold.

The Iowa State Grocers' association wants more strenuous pure food laws to prevent the sale of adulterated food products. A more effective and more speedy way to accomplish this result would be for Iowa grocers to agree not to handle any adulterated food products, no matter what profits there may be in their sale.

Dr. George L. Miller has registered his protest against railroad regulation before the senate interstate commerce committee. Such protests have been registered regularly, consistently and persistently by the good doctor ever since he conducted an exclusive railroad job office as an annex to the Omaha Herald.

If these turbulent atmospheric conditions continue the next legislature may have to act on the recommendation of Astronomer Test by enacting a law requiring householders to invest in cyclone shutters as well as fire escape ladders. A pound of prevention is worth an ounce of cure.

The month of May, 1905, promises to show Nebraska more kinds of disagreeable weather in fewer days than any May of history, and even though variety is the spice of life, many of us will still object to such high seasoning.

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MINOR SCENES AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED.

Nearly fifty years ago an investigation disclosed the huge profits of the congressional printer, James Russell Lowell penned "The Pious Editor's Creed" amid the scandal.

When Courtesy Pays. Saturday Evening Post. The thing which Americans are most backward in learning about courtesy is the one which, if they deserve their reputation as a people, they should be first to appreciate, namely, that it pays.

WORK IN WOMEN'S CLUBS. No Agency Doing More for the Home Than They. St. Louis Globe Democrat. There is some prejudice, as well as lack of information, in articles occasionally seen on the subject of women's clubs and the intelligent, the general federation, with which the state federations are in close touch, maintains standing committees, on the labor of children, household economics, education, pure food, civics, library extension and forestry.

EMPHATIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. The President and Secretary Taft on the Railway Rate Proposition. Kansas City Star. The President and Secretary Taft have informed the country that the administration has not changed its position on the rate proposition, the railroads, the true interests of the country have been so busy circulating confusing arguments against the extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission that some of the agitators have suggested that they mislead themselves as to a "change of sentiment."

Anticipations Rudely Jarred. New York Commercial. There is a strong suspicion that the senate committee on interstate commerce got a most laxer conception of law than its chairman (Elihu) had anticipated or had in mind when he asked for an opinion on these matters from the president's constitutional legal adviser.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The most delicate compliment to the novel, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," thus far accorded is the naming of a clear, "La Flor de Sionora Wiggs."

The town of Manhattan, Kan., advertises as among its attractions the literary feasts and intellectual entertainments afforded the resident by the State Agricultural college there. This winter the feast has consisted of a series of lectures on "The Diseases of the Sweet Potato."

Investigation in Minnesota has disclosed the fact that the excessive prices for eastern coal in the cities and towns of that state were not due to excessive freight rates, but to the fact that the coal dealers who were exacting from their customers profits ranging from 25 to 45 per cent.

Passion and Prejudice Displayed by Prosecuting Attorneys. New York Sun. A question arises as to the wisdom of the methods of a prosecuting officer in such a case as this, and it involves philosophical and psychological considerations.

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TOO MUCH ZEAL DEFEATS JUSTICE.

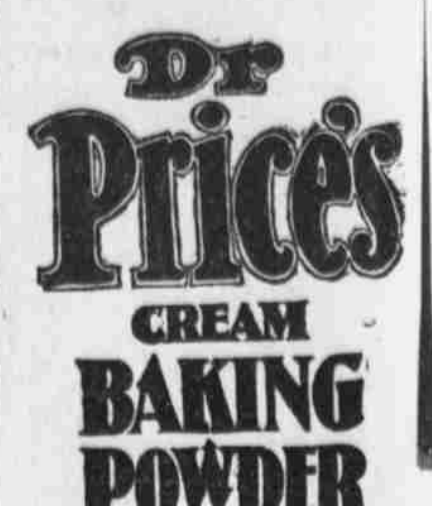
The habit of the district attorney or the assistant to whom he delegates the prosecution of a case of prime public interest like that of the Patterson woman is to pursue it with an order and a zeal intensified by pride of opinion and the ambition to win a professional victory with the consequent gain in reputation. This is far from an unmitigated evil, if, indeed, it is actually an evil. If the prosecuting officer should be luke-warm in his efforts for conviction, should exhibit to a jury any indifference as to it, the interests of justice would suffer fatally.

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Pinks CREAM BAKING POWDER. Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "I see," said Mr. Henneck, "that a New York man killed himself the other day to make his wife happy." "Oh, well," answered, "what's the use of bringing up such a disagreeable subject as that? Your policy has a suicide clause."

"Do you believe that the public will approve of government ownership?" "With government ownership or any other system I'm always a reformer."—Washington Star. "Not much in this life for me," growled the chronic kicker. "Everybody else seems to get along, but I'm left out in the cold."

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