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DEAR DEAD DAYS BEYOND RECALL

In the Milwaukee City Charter of 1895, Chapter 4, Section 3 (44), (48), we find amusing historical references. It is quoted as follows:

“And for these purposes the common council shall have authority—anything in the general law of the state to the contrary notwithstanding—by ordinances, resolutions, by-laws, rules or regulations.¹

“To regulate the inspection of whiskey and other liquors, to be sold in barrels, hogsheads and other vessels.²

“ . . . also to regulate the running of horse railway cars, the laying down of tracks for the same, the transportation of passengers thereon, and the kind of rail to be used.”³

It is of unique interest that there is not a single reference to automobiles in the entire volume, neither is there any reference to prohibition as we have it today. Times *have* changed.

¹ Chapter 4, Sec., 3.

² Chapter 4, Sec. 3 (44).

³ Chapter 4, Sec. 3 (48).