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In the Milwaukee City Charter of 1895, Chapter 4, Section 3 (44), (48), we find amusing historical references.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."

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

"... 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."

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.

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1 Chapter 4, Sec., 3.
2 Chapter 4, Sec. 3 (44).
3 Chapter 4, Sec. 3 (48).