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THE TRIBUNE is personally well acquainted with not a few people, businessmen and others, in McCook and Red Willow county, who pray and vote for tariff, but who fail to practice the virtue at home.

Now that the packers have "acknowledged the corn" and been fined \$25,000 for accepting rebates, it is reasonable to expect that the federal courts will have smooth sailing in soaking the railroad fellows who paid the rebates.

THE pass question is but one phase of the graft business, and is but one of the obstacles to a square deal. In the railroad world it is in the same class as the rebate proposition. Cut out the pass, expunge the rebate, give all men a fairly even, honest, honorable opportunity, and there would be a leveling down and a leveling up in America which would disturb present ideas of the cleverness of the few financiers, who by graft, by the use of the money of others, by the assumption of the law making and law-enforcing powers have quite succeeded in dominating the country and making all others pay tribute to them. Here's success to the fight for a fair deal, and confusion to graftersall.

It may be as some intimate that Senator Burkett has seized the psychologic moment for his break with the railroads whom they claim have raised him from a lowly barrister to the United States senate. I say it may be, but that the senator is on the right track is admitted by many more, perhaps, than his opponents will be willing to credit. THE TRIBUNE entertains no doubt of the correctness of Burkett's action in the late state convention, while not entering into the local Lancaster county situation, which is on the side of the main issue entirely. The people will honor any man who has the courage to stand for something against the corporate and political bosses, who are making the people of Nebraska and of all America tired.

THE decease of the Alliance Grip, with last week's issue, was a rather pathetic incident in its particulars. It is another instance of the fact that successful newspaper business is a business by itself, not a plaything or side-issue or side incident. It requires money and skill and labor and the most persistent pertinacity to make a weekly newspaper nowadays that will meet the demands of the people. It requires lots of money, much work, no end of practically and skillfully directed effort to produce a satisfactory weekly paper, and this will account for the decease of many weeklies in Nebraska during the past few years, and the trend will likely continue, and doubtless with good results to the craft and the people.

It is reassuring to think that out of all this investigation of the great New York insurance companies will come some gain to the honest policy holders of the companies. "When thieves fall out honest men get their dues." Sometimes that is about the only way such corruption comes to light. After reading of the wild and rotten manner in which the officials of the companies involved in the disgraceful disclosures have piled up unearned millions, it seems but just that the policy-holders of those companies should come in for an inning, and that laws should be enacted to make the accumulation of such stupendous surpluses impossible. The manner in which those officials have misused the funds of the people would put to shame a tin-horn gambler or the boldest monte-bank. And this right at the seat of America's financial clearing house, where financial honesty should be proverbial.

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L. W. McConnell's.

All will not be serious exhibition of horses at the Omaha horse show which will be held during the week of October 9th, at the immense auditorium in Omaha. Many interesting features have been added which will add life and fun to the whole show. One of these features is a gymkhana afternoon and evening which will be filled with fun and frolic. One of the events on gymkhana evening will be a cigarette race. Riders will race from one end of the arena to the other end. The cowboy race is also an interesting number. The entries for this event come from the cattlemen of South Omaha, and also the eastern horse owners who enter for the very sport itself. The race is in the nature of a potato race. Each contestant is provided with a sharpened lath and the one that can carry the most potatoes from one end of the arena to the other in a stated time wins. The unhorsing of the riders and the falling of the ponies make the event full of life.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

Books must not be brought to the library and left not during library hours; they are liable to be destroyed.

The library board have ordered new books which we expect in a week or two. We would be very glad if people wanting new books ordered for the library would come to the librarian and give her the name of the book and the author. The following is the list of books in our new traveling library.

Short stories.....Bunner
Children of the sea.....Conrad
Wire cutters.....Davis
Pratt Portraits.....Fuller
Golden age.....Grahame
Aunt Serena.....Howard
Uncle of an angel.....Janvier
Soldiers three.....Kipling
With edged tools.....Merriman
Court of Boyville.....White

MISCELLANEOUS.
Story of the 19th century.....Brooks
Yellowstone national park.....Chittenden
The child.....Drummond
True religion.....Farrar
Little book of Tribune verse.....Field
Inexpensive country homes.....Seelye
Story of the earth in past ages.....Smith
Gondola days.....Trent
Robert E. Lee.....Wiggin
Penelope's progress.....Wiggin

FICTION.
Books for young people and children:
Sweet William.....Bonvet
Gunnar.....Boyesen
Two little pilgrims progress.....Burnett
Little Sunshine's holiday.....Craik
Legend of Sleepy Hollow.....Irving
Big brother.....Johnston
History of Whittington cope 2.....Lang
Mr. Stubb's brother.....Otis
Brave coward.....Plympton
Laurie Vane.....Seawell

MISCELLANEOUS.
Fifty famous stories retold cop. 2.....Baldwin
In brook and bayou.....Baylis
Chatty readings 'A elementary science book 1 Read in physical geography.....Dodge
Brave little Lollaund.....Griffith
Young folks history of the United States.....Higginson
Sundown songs.....Richards
Letters to a daughter.....Starrett
All the year round: Winter Vol. 2.....Strong
Stories of the American revolution Vol. 1.....Tomlinson.

These books may be taken out the same as other books and magazines.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The foot ball boys are out evenings practicing and getting in shape for a game soon.

The time has passed when beginners can enter the baby classes. No new classes will be organized till spring.

Mrs. Margaret E. West, a former McCook seventh grade teacher, is a candidate for county superintendent of Hayes county.

Mr. W. K. Fowler, formerly state superintendent of public instruction, was a business visitor in McCook, Wednesday night.

Rev. A. B. Carson entertained and stimulated the pupils at the high school assembly, on Monday morning of this week, by a wholesome talk.

Rev. G. B. Hawkes addressed the high school pupils at the assembly, last Wednesday morning. His theme was fidelity to duty. It was an interesting and profitable occasion.

There are a number of boys attending the high school who desire work whereby they can defray a part of their expenses. Information as to what kind of employment citizens have to give will be gladly received at the superintendent's office.

Word has been received that the McCook junior state normal school was awarded second prize for good work in school gardening at the Nebraska state fair this fall. The prize is a five dollar library. It will be cared for and used by the city schools.

An interesting music program, the first of the year, was rendered at the high school assembly exercises, last Friday morning. Misses Clair McKenna and Alice Benjamin each acceptably played piano solos, and Miss Ruth Wiehe sweetly sang a ballad.

The total enrollment at the close of school, last Friday night, the end of the second week, was 805. This represents an increase of 19 over the same period one year ago. 38 pupils entered the school last week. The indications are that this year will witness the largest attendance in the history of the public schools.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Lafayette Roshong, Mrs. Roshong, wife of Lafayette Roshong, first name unknown to plaintiff, Edward C. Ballew, Mrs. Ballew, his wife, first name unknown to plaintiff, defendants, will take notice that Henry C. Goodenberger, plaintiff, has filed his petition in the District Court of Red Willow County, Nebraska, against said defendants the object and prayer of which are to quiet title in the plaintiff to the following described real estate situated in Red Willow County, Nebraska, to-wit: The northwest quarter of section twenty-eight, township one, north, range twenty-nine, west of 9th P. M. and to remove certain clouds from plaintiff's title to said premises existing by reason of a certain warranty deed executed by William H. Gerver to Lafayette Roshong recorded in book 13 at page 53 of the deed records of said county and a warranty deed from the defendant Lafayette Roshong to the defendant Edward C. Ballew, recorded in book 19 at page 315 of the deed records of said county, each of which instruments purports to convey some interest in said premises above described. Plaintiff prays that each and all of said instruments be set aside, canceled and declared to be null and void.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, November 6, 1906.

HENRY C. GOODENBERGER, Plaintiff.
By J. E. Kelley, his attorney. 9-29-06.

High Salaried Insurance Men

Careers of Presidents McCall, McCurdy and Hegeman, Each of Whom Receives \$100,000 a Year—Purpose of New York State's Investigation

THE investigation which a special committee of the New York legislature is conducting into the operations of life insurance companies has brought into the public eye the men at the head of the big insurance concerns of the country. It will be the duty of the committee to report back to the legislature recommendations as to needed legislation for the better control of insurance companies chartered in the state of New York or doing business under its laws. The investigation aims at discovering where there has been unwise management or extravagance in administration of such companies or lack of safeguards in the interests of policy holders. There has been much talk about the large salaries paid to men high up in these institutions, and the testimony adduced by the committee has confirmed the popular impression that princely sums are given such officers for their services. The first witness before the committee, Robert A. Grannis, vice president of the Mutual Life, testified that he receives \$50,000 a year. Another insurance official who appeared before the committee was John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, who receives a salary of \$100,000 a year. Two other insurance presidents who draw \$100,000 salaries are John Rogers Hegeman of the Metropolitan Life and Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life. Mr. McCall is one of the best known men in the world of insurance, and it would be hard to say whether he himself or his magnificent country seat at Long Branch enjoys the most fame. He has amassed large wealth in the course of his forty years' career as an insurance man, and over \$1,000,000 of his fortune went into the building and furnishing of this palatial home, which is known as Shadow Lawn and is one of the show places of the New Jersey coast, a region containing not a few homes of millionaires. One of the features of the residence is the social hall, measuring 70 by 80 feet and 60 feet in height to the great glass dome sur-



PRESIDENT JOHN R. HEGEMAN, WHO RECEIVES \$100,000 A YEAR.

mounting the court. Lofty fluted columns, arches, decorated beam ceilings, rich colorings and sumptuous furnishings make this a superb apartment, surpassing anything of the kind in the homes of rich Americans. Shadow Lawn has a roof garden for open air entertainments and refreshments on summer nights and a roof promenade hundreds of feet in length, giving a fine view of the whole splendid estate.

Mr. McCall was one of the wealthy men who led in subscribing to the popular loan of ex-President Cleveland's second administration. He is fifty-six years old, and his father kept a tavern in Albany, N. Y. When John was sixteen years of age he began his business career in a humble clerkship. Before long he obtained a position in the state insurance department of New York. He was deputy superintendent of insurance during two administrations of differing politics, and Grover Cleveland when governor of New York made him superintendent. He became president of the New York Life in 1902. It was while he was deputy superintendent of insurance that he was active in investigating insurance frauds. As a result of his work several men went to prison.

Richard A. McCurdy is a very hard worker even at seventy years of age. He graduated from Harvard and began business life as a lawyer. He was at one time a partner of Lucius Robinson, who was afterward governor of New York. His connection with life insurance began when he was appointed attorney for the Mutual Life. This was in 1890. He was chosen vice president of the company in 1895 and its president twenty years later. Mr. McCurdy is noted for his modesty, but is as aggressive in business as he is retiring in private life. He lives very simply, and it is said that he spends upon himself would not be extravagant expenditure for many of his clerks.

John R. Hegeman has been president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company since 1891. He was born in New York in 1844 and at twenty-two became accountant for the Manhattan Life Insurance company. Four years later he was appointed secretary of the Metropolitan and the same year became vice president. He is a director in about a dozen financial and industrial concerns.

The Black Mountain. A visitor to the Black Mountain more forcibly than the perfect security of a country where every man is a warrior and goes about his daily business with his revolver in his belt. The traveler is sacred to the Montenegrins, whose manners prove the truth of the saying that they are the aristocracy of the Servian race. Dressed in their picturesque national garb of blue knickerbockers, white garters and crimson jackets, with pork pie caps of scarlet and black on their heads, the mountaineers look the beau ideal of a nation of fighters, such as the old Greeks must have been in the days when they all carried arms. Their whole history during the five centuries of Montenegrin independence has been one long series of frontier feuds, and even now guerrilla warfare on the Albanian border is not extinct. But to the stranger within their gates, whatever be his nationality, the mountaineers are friendly and hospitable.—Westminster Review.

The Stars and Stripes.

A German periodical has the following story as to the origin of the stars and stripes: The idea originated with a Dane named Marker. He was born on the island of St. Crok of the Danish West Indies, where his father and grandfather had lived. In 1795 he left his native island and proceeded to Philadelphia. He was among the first to join a company of volunteers for American liberty and independence. For valor shown at Oriskany he was elected captain, and to show his gratitude he designed a flag in whose upper corner he applied the thirteen stars emblematic of the thirteen original states of the Union. This was the first occasion upon which the "star spangled banner" was unfurled. The original flag of Captain Marker is supposed to be in existence in some national collection of relics of the war of the Revolution.

Hats in Parliament.

During the reign of King John (1199) the king agreed to settle the difficulty with Philip II. of France respecting the Duchy of Normandy by single combat. John, earl of Ulster, was the English champion, and as soon as he appeared on the field of combat his adversary put spurs to his horse and fled, leaving the earl master of the field. King John asked the earl what his reward should be. "Titles and land I want not," he replied, "but in remembrance of this day I beg the boon, for myself and my successors, to remain covered in the presence of your majesty and all other sovereigns of this realm." This request was granted and never revoked, and it is said to account for the custom in parliament of members wearing their hats.—London Standard.

Webster as a Farmer.

Webster was a scientific farmer. He believed thoroughly in the value of blooded stock. At Marshfield he had a herd of sixty or eighty head of cattle composed entirely of thoroughbred animals—of Alderneys, Ayrshires and Devons. He had several yokes of Devon oxen, which were his particular pride. Besides, there were blooded sheep and swine. All in all, Webster was considered by his neighbors the best farmer of the country. He was, moreover, a friend generous and considerate. There used to be a saying down Plymouth way that a stranger could always tell when Webster was at home by the cheerful looks of the people for ten miles around.—Oliver Bronson Capen in Country Life in America.

Roman Lamps.

Roman lamps were of many sizes, but most of them very closely resembled what is at present denominated a sauce or gravy boat. At one end there was a ring, through which the finger was passed when the light was carried. The body of the vessel was filled with oil, and at the other end there was a small tube, through which a rag wick was passed. When this was lighted the smoke and odor of the rancid fat employed were extremely offensive. Many Roman poets mention the abominable effluvia sent out by the lamps at the feasts.

A South African Name.

The hardy Boer voortrekkers had a fine sense of poetry in naming places in South Africa. In the Transvaal there is a place which rejoices in the name of Waachteenbeltjebeldebasschfontein. "It is a name," says a Cape Town exchange, "which speaks of leisure, whose gentle invitation to the thirsty traveler to rest a little by the brook beneath the cool shade of the tree calls up at once the thought of a green oasis in a dry and barren land."

Mme. de Maintenon.

Once when Mme. de Maintenon, who had risen from the gutter to grandeur, was looking pensively in the golden pool at Versailles her companion, noting the fish in the crystal water, observed, "How languid the carp are." "Yes," replied the famous beauty, with a sigh, "they are like me; they miss their mud."

Man's Helpmeet.

She was not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved.—Matthew Henry.

Not Traveling Incognito.

"Miss Smiley is going to travel under an assumed name." "You surprise me!" "Yes; she is going to be married next week and start on her honeymoon."

To be sure that you are right is proper, certainly, but also be sure when you are right to go ahead.—Kansas City Star.

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