

TRAVEL AND POLITICS.

Journeying Across Iowa with a Talkative Ex-Congressman.

The Hon. Milton Saylor on the Political Situation.

Special Correspondence of THE BEE. CHICAGO, July 26, 1881.

Traveling by rail in midsummer is never much of a pleasure. There are always the inconveniences of heat and dust which even the boundless resources of our great corporations seem inadequate to entirely suppress.

along the Northwestern for some distance out from Council Bluffs seem backward. What which is ready for the harvest will fall much below the average. Corn is good in spots, but taken as a whole, is behind the growth usual at this season of the year.

THE CROPS. Beyond Missouri Junction, the stand of corn appears better. A farmer informed me that the crop would be much below expectations, and that the glowing reports printed in some unwise journals would be found to be grossly inaccurate and exaggerated.

I had talked some time with a pleasant white bearded gentleman before I discovered that my fellow traveler was the

HON. MILTON SAYLER, formerly member of congress from Cincinnati, and chairman of the South Carolina election investigating committee under President Hayes.

Mr. Saylor was just returning from Colorado where he has extensive mining interests. An English journalist has remarked that when two Americans meet, the first topic broached is politics and he is, generally speaking, correct. The announcement of Mr. Lapham's election as the successor to ex-Senator Conkling was received with interest by Mr. Saylor.

"I am glad it is over," said the ex-congressman, "though Lapham is not to be compared in ability with Roscoe Conkling. He is

A MAN OF UNDOUBTED ABILITY, however, and in congress showed himself to be an intelligent, positive and upright member of the lower house. Personally he makes many friends. During the South Carolina dispute we were members of the same committee. Mr. Lapham insisted on going to the bottom of everything and proved himself a hard fighter for the minority. There are many senators representing leading and influential states who do not possess one tittle of Mr. Lapham's ability."

"What effect do you think Mr. Conkling's retirement will have on the republican party in New York?" "It is nonsense to talk about Mr. Conkling's retirement. You cannot keep Roscoe Conkling out of public life. He is

A POWER IN POLITICS which cannot be ignored, least of all by New York state. His resignation was a piece of childishness, which was in keeping with his arrogant assumption of superiority, but although defeated now he will be heard from in the future."

"In what then lay Mr. Conkling's power?" queried your correspondent. "Mr. Conkling personally was never popular in Congress, and never could be. He was admired for his persistency, for his ability in debate and for his unwavering fidelity to his friends. I think even his assumption of superiority over the other senators won admiration from many. No one ever doubted his position on any question under discussion nor questioned his motives, but he utterly failed to make many personal friends. Blaine has a magnetism which wins over even the opposition. He is hearty and unreserved. Conkling is frigid and supercilious."

"Do you know

WARNER MILLER? "Mr. Miller has had a considerable amount of congressional experience and is a man of unquestioned ability. It was a great mistake in Tom Platt tagging so closely to Conkling's heels. Mr. Platt is a personal friend of mine. He is a thorough business man and a perfect gentleman. He has killed himself politically and shown great weakness of will. New York will be content to leave him in his retirement."

A DREADED POSSIBILITY. Speaking of the attempt on the president's life, Mr. Saylor expressed the view that Gen. Garfield's death would be no less serious a misfortune to the country than to the republican party. "I have known him in congress," said Mr. Saylor, "and though a political opponent bear witness to his manliness and strong moral and moral force. He is a man among a thousand, and the country can ill afford to spare his services."

THE RACES. During the past week, all Chicago and a large proportion of the adjacent country, has been in daily attendance at the races. On Saturday, when Maud S. trotted against her record, it is estimated that 20,000 people were at the Driving park. Wm. H. Vanderbilt and two of his sons were present to witness the performance of the little mare, and were received with hearty applause as they walked out on the track at the conclusion of the trial. Maud S. has been a lucky investment for Captain Stone, who purchased her a few years ago for \$500 and sold her to Vanderbilt for \$21,000. Her present owner would scarcely part with her for five times that amount.

BISHOP McMULLEN. The consecration of Bishop McMullen of the diocese of Davenport, which took place on Monday at the Holy Name, was the first consecration of a Chicago priest to the episcopate which has ever taken place in that city. The ceremony was most impressive and attracted a large number of the clergy from abroad. Bishop O'Connor was present and took part in the solemn services. The new bishop is likely to prove both useful to the church and popular

among his people. He has proved himself one of the ablest, most earnest and faithful pastors in Chicago, and his parishioners mourn his departure from their midst.

PERSONAL.

Omaha contributed her share of visitors to the Garden City during the week. At the Palmer were registered W. A. Paxton and wife and Miss Ware, Chas. McCormick, J. S. Wright and Dr. Foster, G. W. Loomis, of the B. & M., was in the city on Sunday. Mr. Percival Lowell, general passenger agent of the Burlington road, was found at the headquarters as courteous as ever and about three times as busy. Mr. Lowell is already recognized as the peer of any of Chicago's general passenger agents and his Omaha friends expect to see him before many years holding a position commensurate with his experience and abilities. Mr. W. C. Kenyon, who left Omaha with Mr. Lowell, occupies the position of private secretary with all his old time energy. Mr. S. J. Ahern, that most genial of Irishmen, met me in the Palmer House and says he wants to have one chance at the man who intimidated that he wasn't an Irishman and a loyal son of the church. Mr. Ahern is on his way to Minnesota to investigate the Catholic colonies of that state.

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CRESTON CULLINGS.

Notes From a Thriving Iowa Town.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

CRESTON, Iowa, July 27th, 1881.—But few items have occurred in our city worthy of note for the past week.

Last Thursday an interesting game of base ball was played here between the Winterset and Creston clubs, the Winterset winning by a score of 7 to 10.

John Conway, who is running a so-called wholesale liquor house, had his liquors seized, and tried by a jury before Justice Kilburn, Thursday. He was found guilty and in the evening the lot, about 60 gallons, was emptied into the street and the kegs bursted up.

Arch Casteel, an old offender, was before Esq. Davis for assault and battery, Thursday, and was fined \$5.85, which he put up.

E. H. Dobbs and wife were badly poisoned last Wednesday by eating cow oysters. They recovered through the aid of emetics. Several other members of the family were more or less affected.

The Creston base ball club played the Corning's, at that place yesterday, and won the game by a score of 9 to 15. A large crowd witnessed the game.

VILLICIA NOTES.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

VILLICIA, Ia., July 27.—The work on the tunnel under the railroad tracks on Third avenue is progressing favorably, and when completed, which will be by September 1st, will thoroughly advertise the enterprise of our little city.

We still have about 300,000 bushels of corn in crib. This vicinity was visited by a light frost Friday night, but did no damage, that we have heard of.

The C. B. & Q. propose to lay heavy steel rails from Villicia east, at once.

THE BEE makes its morning visit with perfect regularity and is becoming a popular paper, for it gives us the western as well as the eastern news, and its complete market reports are reliable.

A Word for Judge McDill.

Audubon Times, July 21.

When the Kirkwood vacancy occurred, Gov. Gear, who is himself an aspirant and a prominent candidate for senator, was charged with the duty of an appointment. Iowa never had a better governor than John H. Gear. No man is better acquainted with the wants and needs of this great state, or the ability and qualifications of its public men. No man was better qualified to select a suitable successor to Senator Kirkwood. In making such selection he was evidently governed somewhat by two important considerations: first, that Mr. McDill was an eminently suitable and competent man for the position; and, second, that western Iowa was justly entitled to furnish said officer. The appointment was a wise and proper one, and was hailed with delight in the eighth district, and heartily indorsed by the people of the whole state.

Now, what good reason can be given why James W. McDill should not be elected by the next legislature to fill, not only the unexpired term, but the next regular term of United States senator. That he is worthy and competent we have the fullest proof. That western Iowa is justly entitled to furnish said officer must be admitted. That it is the plain duty of the people and press, particularly of the eighth district, to elect legislators favorable to a western man for senator, seems to us to be beyond question, and that man, Senator McDill.

There seems to be a disposition among many to elect to the senate some man of pre-eminent and towering ability, a sort of an Iowa Conkling, who will at once step to the front and assume a leadership among the greatest men in the nation, and a vigorous search is being made for such an individual. Such talk is all nonsense. We don't want such a man. There is such a thing as a man getting too "smart." We don't want a man so "smart" that he thinks himself right and everybody else wrong. We don't want a man so "smart" that he will either rule or ruin, dictate or destroy. We don't want a man so "smart" that he will get mad and resign and leave the great state of Iowa unrepresented if he cannot dictate the

policy of the administration. Such "smartness" as that has nearly ruined the republican party in one state and sadly crippled its power in the nation.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA.

Ho Denies any Knowledge of the Imported Infernal Machines.

S. Y. Special to Cincinnati Commercial.

Until recently O'Donovan Rossa has shown no hesitation in talking about what the Society of United Irishmen, of which he is a prominent member, is doing, or proposed to do. Letters were opened every day in his office containing money subscribed for the purpose of "bringing England to her knees." The mild measures of the land league, he argued, would not secure Ireland her rights. Open war in Ireland would not do it. It was to be done by stabbing England in the dark.

But since the opening of correspondence between England and the United States relative to the hatching of conspiracies in this country, he has been more guarded. When questioned to-day regarding the report from London that in barrels containing infernal machines, shipped from this country, were found bill heads bearing his name, he disclaimed any knowledge of the affair. "I do not consider the report true," he continued. "It will be denied in a day or two. In my opinion it is a newspaper lie, gotten up to create further prejudice against those who wish Ireland to be given her freedom. If machines were really found, then it is likely that it is simply a plot to secure the same end, especially if there were any papers in the barrels bearing my name. It is not probable that I would make machines with anything that would betray me."

"Should it be proved that the machines were shipped from this country what theory would you then have?" "Well, it is not impossible that they were sent by Irishmen. When I say this I speak from what I know of the spirit that is animating many Irishmen in this country, in Australia, in England and everywhere. There is a wide spread determination among the best of our race to teach England that it would be a wise policy to give up the government of Ireland."

"Is it denied that the Society of United Irishmen is affording substantial aid in carrying on secret attacks against the British government?" "That is a question that would better go unanswered."

"Do you have any fear of being arrested by the English authorities through the medium of the U. S. government?" "No. I know that communications were received at Washington about the time the President received his injuries. As soon as he recovers I propose to go and see him and members of the cabinet."

Political Prohibition in Maine.

A Portland correspondent of the Boston Traveller writes:

"Here, in the home of prohibition, where the Maine liquor law originates, can be had liquor of all kinds, and in any quantity. It is estimated that there are in the limits of the city over 200 places where liquor can be bought in a city of only 40,000 inhabitants. The clubs have it, the hotels keep it, the drug stores sell it, the lunch-couters dispense it, and the grog-shops retail large quantities of it. It is even kept on draught, so bold have the settlers become. A year ago it was with much difficulty that a glass of beer could be obtained. Still the initiated could find it. Now, any one can get any and all he pleases to call for. And how did the change become about? It resulted from the action of the ultra-teetotal men, who were not satisfied with the efficient work of the republican sheriffs, who enforced the law so thoroughly as to virtually stop the traffic. They must have a change, and hence bolted the republican candidate for sheriff, and assisted the democrats and greenbackers to elect theirs. And it was distinctly understood by the supporters of the Fusion candidate that the law, if enforced at all, should be done very sparingly. It has resulted just as it was planned, for it is now free rum, or nearly so, and the coercive teetotalers have themselves to thank for it. It is well known that all those who used liquor applauded the action of the coercionists last fall. To be sure, the present officers occasionally make a seizure, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the ease with which liquor can be obtained, and the number of grog-shops, witness the success of the change.

True to their principles, the ultraists in the second congressional district have bolted the nomination of ex-gov. Dingley, the republican candidate for representative in congress, and one of the staunch temperance men in the state, and have nominated a separate candidate. So much for consistency.

Bradford, Pa.

Thomas Fitch, Bradford, Pa., writes:

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A Lady Correspondent.

MR. EDITOR.—In a recent issue of your paper "Daisy B." writes to know what to do when she has the "blues."

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