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**AN INFAMOUS CANARD.**

A flaming double-headed editorial appeared in Sunday's issue of the Republican under the head of "Attempted Bribery." The following is the text of this most malicious compound of perjury and slander:  
 Rosewater is desperate.  
 Not content with maligning the character of every man who opposes him, not content with calling to his aid MacDonagh, a practical adept in billing-gate, second not even to Rosewater himself in the foulness, meanness, and originality of dirty epithets; not content with descending from what little dignity his title of editor may confer upon him, to personally wire-pull and engineer, he has at last gone to the very extreme of attempted bribery. Mr. Points has announced himself as an independent candidate for superintendent of public instruction. It is well known that this move was suggested by Rosewater, and that he promised Mr. Points an election if he would only give himself wholly up to the management of the arch-intriguer. No possible excuse can be made for the ingratitude, the treachery and the unfairness of Mr. Points. His action is condemned by all men regardless of party, and hosts of those who have hitherto been his supporters and friends are disappointed and disgusted with him. Should he, by any circumstance, secure an election, this would not mitigate the baseness of his act. But the means used by his agent, Rosewater, to obtain the victory, ought to be made public property.  
 A few days ago Mr. Rustin, the Democratic nominee for superintendent of public instruction, who, by the way, is a young man of merit and integrity and against whom the Republican has not one word to say, was approached by Mr. Rosewater on one of the principal streets. Rosewater insidiously drew the young man on to speak of the campaign and finally volunteered his opinion as a friend that Mr. Rustin had no sort of chance of being elected, and that it was a pity to see one so young offered as a sacrifice on the Democratic altar.  
 The upshot of the whole thing was, that Rosewater in so many words requested Mr. Rustin to withdraw and allow Mr. Points to be substituted on the Democratic ticket, and assured him if he would do so, that three hundred dollars would be forthcoming.  
 The young man indignantly resented this insult, and declined to lend himself to any such villany. Indeed, he was so offended at anyone's daring to approach him with such a proposition that he made no secret of the matter, and told several gentlemen of the whole transaction.  
 Mr. Rosewater had mistaken his man, and in promising Mr. Points an election he had reckoned without his host. But he was evidently sincere in his intention, and this extreme and disreputable means of carrying it out shows the reckless depravity of the man. Must we repeat our warning to reading, thinking, honest workmen and Republicans, against this corrupt and dangerous trickster? When a man is a Democrat at heart and a traitor by profession, and gains his only influence by masquerading in Republican feathers, must we pluck his plumage, leaving the innate corruption exposed, before an intelligent public can see through this thin disguise.  
 We invite the perusal of the following affidavit of M. H. Carleton. Mr. Carleton was a prominent candidate for the superintendency of public instruction and is a man of known ability and probity. Although defeated for the nomination for this position, Mr. Carleton has taken it in good part, and shown himself every inch a man, and a Republican whose belief in Republican principles lies deeper than an inordinate desire for office. His oath to the facts set forth in his affidavit may be accepted as the truth, and made without malice:  
 State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.  
 I, M. H. Carleton, of Omaha, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on Friday, November 1, 1883, in the afternoon, I met Mr. M. H. Rustin on the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Farnam streets, who stopped me and said, "I want to see you."  
 He thereupon told me substantially as follows: That Mr. Rosewater had seen him and said, "Rustin, your chances for election don't amount to anything on the Democratic ticket. I say all this to you as a friend. You can have \$300 if you will withdraw and let J. J. Points have your place on the Democratic ticket." Mr. Rustin said, "What do you take me for? Do you take me for a fool? A gentleman whose name affiant does not remember, but who was introduced to me by Mr. Rustin as a school director for McArthur precinct, stepped forward at this moment and said, "What is that, Mr. Rustin, I understand you to say? Did Rosewater offer you \$300 to withdraw?" To which Mr. Rustin replied, "Yes, that is what I did say, and I say it upon and above board."  
 Further affiant saith not.  
 M. H. CARLETON.  
 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of November, 1883.  
 J. R. HYDE,  
 Justice of the Peace.  
 In addition to the affidavit of Mr. Carleton, Mr. W. F. Schmidt, chairman of the Third Ward Republican committee, and one of the most prominent and reputable German Republicans in the city, makes the following explicit and convincing affidavit:  
 State of Nebraska, Douglas county, ss.  
 Wm. F. Schmidt, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on Thursday evening, November 1, 1883, Mr. Rustin, Democratic candidate for county superintendent, asserted to me that he had been offered \$300 by Mr. Ed. Rosewater to withdraw from the Democratic ticket in favor of Mr. J. J. Points.  
 W. F. SCHMIDT.  
 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of November, A. D., 1883.  
 LEYNER R. WAINWRIGHT,  
 Justice of the Peace.  
 And now "this young man of merit and integrity," Mr. Rustin, whom these villains pretend to quote to sustain their stupid canard comes forward with the following affidavit:  
 State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.  
 J. J. D. Rustin, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that I am the Democratic candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction; that I have read the affidavits of M. H. Carleton and Wm. F. Schmidt, published in the Omaha Daily Republican, Sunday, November 4th; that so far as those affidavits purport to represent conversation between myself and said affiants, they are untrue and a misconstruction of my language; that I never said that Mr. Rosewater had offered me \$300 or any particular sum as an inducement to withdraw, but I said I thought I could get money as an inducement to withdraw; that neither Mr. Rosewater or Mr. Points have offered me \$300 or any sum to withdraw; that Mr. Rosewater did try to induce me to withdraw, and intimated that I might be reimbursed for expenses already incurred; that Mr. Points said to me that my withdrawal would be agreeable to him, only when I was convinced I could not be elected. And further this I deponent saith not.  
 J. D. RUSTIN.  
 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of November, 1883.  
 E. M. STEINBERG,  
 Justice of the Peace.  
 Talk about reckless depravity! Talk about extreme, disreputable and desper-

**ate means to gain dishonest ends!** Could anything be more reckless, desperate and disreputable than this stupid and villainous canard?

**BRUNER'S BOOMERANG.**

"Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad." Mr. James B. Bruner and his fool friends will presently discover that the infamous canard with which they sought to kill off J. J. Points has proved a boomerang. The pit they have dug for Mr. Points will be Mr. Bruner's political grave. The assaults on Mr. Points have been cowardly and unprovoked. Mr. Points had as much right to become a candidate for county school superintendent as Mr. Bruner. Mr. Points has certainly better claims to the position than Mr. Bruner. He has filled the office acceptably and ought to be retained in it. The office is not political and should not be dragged into the mire of politics. Mr. Bruner has held a \$1,300 position in the city schools for many years and Mr. Points has never laid a straw in his way. On the other hand, Mr. Bruner has always been a political wire-puller and schemer. He has time and again sought to undermine others that he might profit by their downfall. He has always over-reached himself and in this instance he will fail again, as he ought to. Mr. Bruner has certainly no reason to complain of unfair treatment at the hands of THE BEE, but he does not seem to know when he is well treated, and resorts to methods that would disgrace a bushwhacker. A man who cannot control his temper in a campaign; a man who would concoct and countenance such shameless slanders as have been published concerning Mr. Points, is unfit to superintend a herd of Texas steers, much less the schools of the most populous county in the state.

**ed on railroad passes and been more or less mixed up with railroad politics.**

A MAN by the name of Schmidt, who keeps a saloon in the Third ward has heard some one say that Rosewater said something to him and he straightway rushes to the Republican office to make affidavit. If every one who has heard other people tell what they heard in the streets about Rosewater were to insist upon putting it in affidavits the affidavit mill would be kept grinding pretty steadily.

THE charge that Judge Savage said last spring that he didn't want the votes of workmen is a downright lie. He never made any such statement. What he did say was that he had not asked for anybody's vote. He is not and never has been a ward bummer and certainly is a candidate regards it as beneath his dignity to buttonhole men or solicit votes.

WE cannot possibly please the men who conduct the Omaha Republican. We never have tried hard and we never expect to. They are mad when we don't support Republican candidates, and they howl with rage when we do. One thing is certain. No Republicans have ever been elected in this county without THE BEE'S support.

HOW CAN any honest workman support M. B. Reese for Supreme Judge in the face of the sworn statement of F. M. McDonagh that Reese while living at Plattsmouth ran up a bill of \$27.85 for job work and advertising which he did not pay when he removed to Wahoo and has not paid yet.

MR. EHRENFORTH has been nominated as assessor of the First ward to take the place of Mr. Doll. He is a competent and energetic mechanic who will make an honest and fearless assessor. Mr. Doll ought to be retired.

**WEST OF THE MISSOURI.**

Fremonters are so inflated with high hopes of early greatness resulting from the completion of the Blair Bridge that many of them have gone into training, under the tutelage of The Herald, to familiarize themselves with such expressions as:

"Fremont! Change cars for San Francisco!"  
 "Fremont! Change cars for New York!"  
 They are hugging a vain delusion. The Union Pacific was never known to loosen its grip on through traffic while a mile of road remained and it is not likely it will forego a portion of the pleasures and profits of the bridge toll to tickle the Northwestern forty miles from the Missouri.

Nebraska is still doing considerable land office business. The Western half of the State is yet a powerful magnet to the enterprising homeseeker and speculator. The tide of emigration the present year turned mainly toward the virgin prairies north of the Platte, the fertility of which had in years past been neglected for attractions further south. The new Hitchcock district is paying the maximum allowed, while in Niobrara district men camp about the office to await their chance to enter lands. At the Grand Island office, which has been opened for fourteen years and which was supposed to have seen its days, the total acreage of all entries for the last three months amount to 149,920 acres. In the North Platte district where agricultural land is supposed to be scarce, the entries for the last three months are greater than ever before, and land once thought totally unfit for cultivation is being eagerly taken. In many Western as well as Eastern countries, it is impossible to longer procure railroad land. Yet in view of this, and the rush there has been for the past fifteen years, scarcely half of Nebraska is settled. There is yet room for hundreds of thousands to find homes and subsistence upon her broad prairies.

THE Soldier's Colony Town Site association of Nebraska have mapped out a new town in the northwestern part of the State, which they have christened Logan, after the warrior and statesman of Illinois. It is expected the new town will be the county seat of the county which will be organized in due time. The streets of the town are 120 feet wide, with two rows of trees on each side of the streets. The alleys are twenty feet wide and cross each block. Residence lots are 50x150 feet, and business lots 25x150 feet. Blocks are 320 feet square including alleys. One-half of all blocks facing on the court house square and one-quarter of blocks cornering on the same are laid out as business lots.

A reservation is made of one block for court house, one block for market, four blocks for schools, thirty-six blocks for churches, three lots each for the following benevolent associations: Masons, Odd Fellows, Grand Army, Young Men's Christian association and temperance organization; four blocks for a city park. One block for a flouring mill, twenty acres for a county agricultural association and two acres for railroad depot grounds. The colony expects to have a public sale of lots on the ground early in the spring of 1884.

Geologist Bailey, of Wyoming, is publishing an important series of papers in the press of Cheyenne and Laramie on the wealth of the Territory above and under ground. The coal deposits are justly ranked first in the list. The quality of the coal is well known to the people of the West as a first-class article when properly prepared for the market and cleansed from the clay, sand, slate and slack. While no cooking or gas coals have as yet been discovered, yet it is not unlikely that they will yet be found in favored localities, as has been the case in similar fields in Colorado, where even true anthracite is being worked.

The several known formations are thus classified:  
 The Laramie group, containing from 7 to 27 feet of coal from 1 to 48 feet thick.  
 At Evanston, Uinta county the vein worked by the Union Pacific company is 20 feet thick, and has been worked to a depth down the mine of over 1,500 feet.  
 At Vermilion creek there are numerous seams exposed, one being 25 feet thick.  
 At Rock Creek Station an arctian boring

showed 17 beds within 700 feet of the surface, varying from 1 to 11 feet in thickness. At Point of Rocks 7 veins are exposed from 1 to 7 feet thick.  
 Between Black Buttes and Hallville there are numerous exposures from 1 1/2 to 6 feet in thickness.  
 At Salt Wells Station are 20 veins in a section of 1,000 feet in depth.  
 At Carbon are 4 beds, 1 foot, 4 feet, 9 feet and 4 feet respectively in thickness, while a deposit on Hans Fork is reported containing 27 veins of coal in a strata 315 feet thick, varying from 1 foot to 48 feet in thickness.  
 The total coal area known in over 7,500 square miles. In comparing this with other coal fields it must be remembered that there is still a large portion of the Territory which has never been explored by any scientific surveys; and that instead of having two or three veins from three to five feet six there are many veins of unexceptionable thickness, which will multiply the quantity to be produced many times.  
 There is a bitter rivalry between the new town of Caldwell and the capital of Idaho, though thirty miles apart. The Oregon Short Line created the former and its location is such that at present it is paralyzing the older town by its enterprise and godsendativeness. The citizens are struggling hard to stem the business decline and have raised a bonus of about \$60,000 to induce the Short Line to build a branch line from Kuna, fifteen miles distant. Passengers for Boise do leave the cars at Kuna, but the freight goes on to Caldwell and is there distributed by immense trains of eight, ten or twelve horses to the wagon. Boise is within two miles of the head of the valley, and everything below it will now work away from it. Down the river the feeling of satisfaction at the discomfiture of Boise is very manifest. The wealthy farmers and stockmen say that the rule has been to oppose them when they could not help themselves, and now that they can help themselves they are turning a cold shoulder toward Boise, and are glad to do it. This is why they hail the growth of Caldwell with delight. The feeling of bitterness, however, is altogether mutual.  
 There is great excitement at and about Lisbon, Ransom county, Dakota, over reported gold discoveries in the valley of the Sheyenne river. Lisbon is located in the geographical center of Ransom county, on the Sheyenne, about fifty miles Southwest from Fargo. It is just now the center of attraction for Northern Dakota, and promises to boom as a mining camp. Gold is found in the sand and gravel in a quartz formation which creeps out from the bluffs of the Sheyenne. A hundred and fifty assays of the rock and gravel have been made with results varying from \$2.50 to \$43.00 of gold per ton, and some silver. If this should prove to be a genuine gold field it will overturn some well established theories regarding mineral finds. The region is far from the mountains, and the Sheyenne in its tortuous course does not traverse any known gold field. The people up there have faith in their find, and are forming companies to work up the rock and deprive it of its wealth.  
 Now that Washington Territory is brought into close communication with the rest of the world, a few facts concerning the growth and prospects of the northwest corner of the nation will prove interesting. In extent Washington Territory is just about 1,600,000 acres more than twice the area of the State of Indiana. Of this area perhaps two-fifths, or 18,000,000 acres, are mountain, lake, salt water and uncultivated land. The remainder, 27,000,000 acres, or 1,600,000 more than Ohio contains, is land of the very best quality found on this continent for wheat, barley, rye, oats and most of the temperate zone fruits and vegetables. The latitude is higher than New England, but the climate of the valleys of Virginia prevails. The total assessed value of property in the year 1882 was \$32,568,901; the taxes collected thereon, \$81,415.78. The assessments for 1883 are wanting from four counties to be complete. As far as is returned they foot up \$35,674,123. The four lagging counties were assessed last year at \$5,388,359. Add this and we have a total for the current year of \$41,063,388. The Territory now contains all the civil and political paraphernalia of an enlightened State. Its asylum for the insane supports 112 inmates, at a cost of \$28,000 a year. For the support of convicts it requires \$25,000 a year. It has a university and an excellent system of public schools, 700 schoolhouses, 650 regularly employed teachers, 24,000 pupils enrolled, and all at a cost of \$177,000 for the year ended August 1, 1883. The number of reservation Indians is 43,000, all ages and both sexes, and these occupy, as hunting and fishing grounds, 7,000,000 acres of the best land on the Pacific coast. The average to each fair man, woman and child is 158 1/2 Indian man, woman and child is 158 1/2. The representative population of Washington Territory in 1880 was returned at 75,120. That it has nearly if not quite doubled since that time there is every reason to believe. It has enough of representative population now to entitle it to one Representative in Congress. It has all the natural resources to insure a steady and rapid increase in wealth. Even its mountains are not wanting in such resources. They are covered with the most valuable timber forest on the continent and seeded with veins of coal, iron and gold-bearing quartz.  
 The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the general association of Congregational churches of Nebraska, which was held at York last week, Rev. Mr. Morrill, superintendent of mission churches, made a report showing that the denomination has now 150 church organizations and 70 church buildings, and these are spreading through the principal cities and towns and advancing on the frontier.

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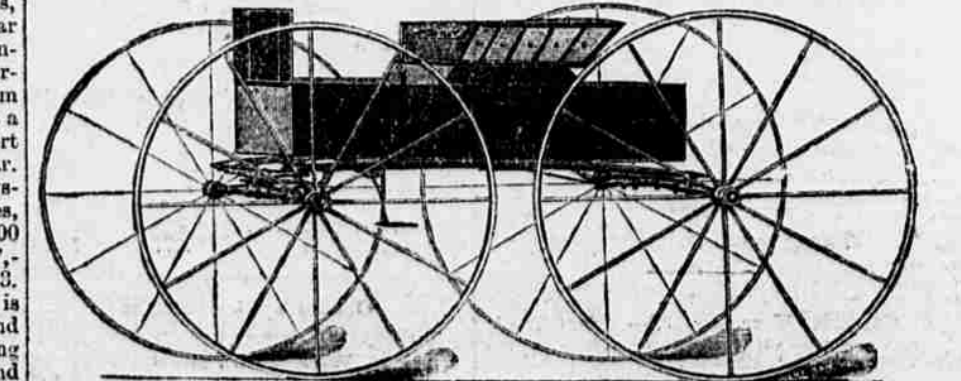
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