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SINGLE COPY POSTAGE RATES.

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The enactment of a ballot reform law will lift New Jersey from the list of rotten boroughs.

The influx of Chinese into Mexico demands increased vigilance on our southwestern border.

CHICAGO is determined to maintain a leading position as a summer resort. Several strikes have already occurred.

The board of education must cast aside speculative ventures and individual schemes, and conform to the wishes of the taxpayers and friends of the public schools.

"Poor old Missouri" is not as poor as it looks on the surface. There is a surplus of nearly a million and a half in the state treasury, notwithstanding Nolan's haul.

An occasional catch of a bunch of imported contract laborers indicates what might be accomplished if the law was vigorously enforced all along the boundary line.

THE only claim Birkhauser has to the chairmanship of the board of public works is the fact that he helped to organize the combine, and kept his partner, Blumer, in line with the gang.

DURING the past month the bank clearings show an average increase of forty-three per cent over the same month last year. The figures are effective evidence of the commercial and financial prosperity of Omaha.

A LOCAL political cipher declares in the political double leads, "For a time the political advisers show on top." Late reliable advisers show that the people are on top of the politicians.

THE endorsement of the school bond proposition by Tammany contributed to its defeat. When mercenaries rally to the support of any financial scheme, the taxpayers are justified in voting it down.

THE Blue Valley association of Congregational ministers pronounce prohibition a success. The members are evidently unacquainted with the geography of the country. How about Iowa and Kansas?

THE manager of the St. Paul annex of the American school book trust pronounces the combine a public blessing, organized for the benefit of the people. It is amazing how generous combines are in the minds of the managers.

REGARDLESS of the wishes of self-esteemed wisemen and mossbacks, business is moving irresistibly up Farnam street. Enterprise and modern accommodations will draw patronage in spite of the prophets and sons of prophets.

ONE-THIRD of the members of each branch of the Louisiana legislature are now pledged against renewing the lottery charter. If they stick together the passage of the bill over the governor's veto is impossible. But the almighty dollar is a potent factor with the average legislator.

GOVERNOR HILL objects to signing a bill authorizing the erection of a memorial arch in Central park. David's respect for the Empire state is such that he would spare it the pain of placing on the statute book proof of Gotham's pledges and poor performances. The governor's head is horizontal on some questions.

THE Farmers' alliance of South Dakota will survey its political field tomorrow and decide the question of placing an independent state ticket in the field. The organization is uncommonly strong in the state, and should it blossom out as a third party, considerable political crockery will be rudely shaken up before snow flies.

BOSTON cult is rudely shocked by the wild orgies of Harvard students. Not satisfied with painting the town a deep vermilion, the students snatched the college buildings and works of art with the genuine stuff. This is the most conspicuous proof Harvard has yet furnished of the inestimable value of physical culture. A chair on decency and discipline would be a much needed, if not a profitable, addition to the college.

POSTAL FACILITIES FOR THE WEST.

It is gratifying to learn that the post-office department is about to give serious attention to the matter of improved postal facilities for the west, and that an investigation of the needs of that section is to be made by the first assistant postmaster general himself, rather than entrusting the duty to subordinates. So far as this portion of the west is concerned there has been comparatively little cause of complaint since the present administration of the postoffice department got fairly to work. Previous to that a very unsatisfactory state of affairs existed. The railway branch of the postal service, under the operation of the policy of replacing capable and experienced clerks for political reasons, had become very badly demoralized, and the two essential conditions of an efficient mail service, promptness and accuracy, were destroyed. In no respect was the failure of the democratic administration more conspicuous than in the management of the postal service, and the west suffered from this more severely than any other station.

The task of reform that had to be undertaken by the present administration was a very large one, but it was entered upon energetically and with a practical understanding of what was necessary, and no one who has anything to do with the mails needs to be told that there has been a very decided improvement. It is not too much to say that the postal service as a whole was never more efficient and thorough than it is at this time. Mistakes and delays will always happen, but it is undoubtedly true that there are fewer now than ever before in the history of the service. In all branches of the service there has been an improvement in the discipline and a reform of methods which have produced the most satisfactory results, and of these the west has secured its share.

The postal service, however, is of continual growth and expansion, and as the development of the west is more rapid than that of any other section of the country, the increase of mail facilities has not for a number of years kept pace with its growth. There are portions of the far west not as well provided for in this very important matter as it is desirable they should be, and the vigorously growing communities of Washington, Montana and Wyoming are justly entitled to more liberal consideration in respect to mail facilities than they are now receiving. The department is doubtless doing all it can, and it will depend upon congress to provide for the enlarging demands of these western communities, but an official investigation is necessary to enable the department to intelligently advise congress of what is required. The thoroughly practical ideas which control in the administration of the postoffice department promise, if liberally sustained by congress, to give the country the most complete, thorough and efficient postal system, in all its branches, in the world.

APPORTIONING PUBLIC BUILDINGS. The house of representatives devoted most of last Thursday to the consideration of public building bills in committee of the whole, and from the character of the proceedings it would seem to be pretty safe to say that of the more than two hundred measures for public buildings in the house the larger number will fail. Many members found the result of the proceedings decidedly discouraging to their hopes, and there were expressions of opinion that not another public building bill will be passed at this session, owing to the bad blood that was stirred up by the discussion and action, the bones of contention being the bill to erect a public building at Bar Harbor, Me.

But the most interesting feature in the proceedings was the disclosure of the method adopted by the committee on public buildings for apportioning them. The republicans, quite in the natural order of things, have as the majority in the house introduced more bills than the democrats, and in order to give both parties a fair representation in this legislature it was decided that the chairman of the committee should report two republican bills and then one democratic bill, continuing this process to the end of the calendar. This appears from the debate to be a wholly novel plan, it never before having occurred to any statesman in congress to consider public building bills according to the politics of the members interested and apportion them according to the political proclivities of the members introducing them in the ratio of two to one. This novel arrangement may be defensible on the ground of being fair to both parties, but without reference to the politics of the vicinity or its representative in congress, and any other policy must result in injustice, not alone to localities, but to the whole people. What congress ought to do is to pass a general law for the erection of postoffices that will distribute them impartially as the population, postal receipts, and needs of the government in a given locality may show to be necessary. Some of the reforms in the methods of procedure effected by the present congress are wise, but the plan of apportioning public buildings according to the politics of the members interested is not one of them.

MAYOR CUSHING AND THE COMBINE. Twelve members of the city council have for nearly six months been banded together for the control of municipal patronage. They were brought together under a compact, dictated by an oath-bound political club, that has for its sole object the division of political spoils among its members, and the elevation of its infamous founder, W. J. Brouette, to the commanding position of governor of Nebraska. It has been publicly charged that a large sum of money was paid by boudling contractors to certain members of the council as a bonus to join the combine that elected

Clarence L. Chaffee president of the council and has dominated our city government ever since the present council was organized. This combine has dictated appointments to the mayor, created new offices and foisted upon the city a gang of tax-eating roustabouts, held in office supernumeraries and hangers-on at enormous salaries, and raised salaries of its favorites contrary to the provisions of the charter.

Instead of carrying on the business of the city in broad daylight, the members of the combine have discussed and determined all important measures pending in the council in dark-lantern star-chamber meetings in which the contractors and the Twenty-eight club have been all-potent.

In utter defiance of the charter, which forbids city officers and members of the council to have any interest, directly or indirectly, in contracts with the city or with parties who have contracts with the city, members of the combine have done work for the city, voted themselves money out of the treasury, and have performed lucrative jobs directly and indirectly for franchise corporations who have contracts with this city.

In other words the combine has become a dangerous conspiracy and its leading members are guilty of high misdemeanors and should be impeached and removed from office. The question is, will Mayor Cushing do his duty and break up the combine? Will he continue to do the bidding of conspirators and play into the hands of political desperadoes who have banded together to plunder the taxpayers? In the face of the exposure THE BEE has already made, will Mayor Cushing obey the mandates of the combine in the appointment of a chairman of the board of public works? Under the charter it is the duty of the mayor to prefer charges in the district court against all officers and councilmen guilty of malfeasance. Will Mayor Cushing prefer such charges when proofs as conclusive as those we have published against Councilman Davis are placed within his reach? Will Mayor Cushing continue to consult the combine in the face of the damaging testimony which we shall presently be in position to make public?

THAT CANADIAN COMPETITION. It may be some time before congress reaches the question of what shall be done, if anything, for restraining or regulating the competition of Canadian with American railroads, but there are indications that the influences which favor restrictive legislation are active and are not laboring ineffectively. Last week Senator Cullom introduced a resolution designed to bring out information concerning the trans-shipment of freight from Vancouver, which is construed to be the beginning of the grand raid of the American lines on the Canadian roads. The plan proposed is said to be to unite the Pennsylvania, the Vanderbilt, the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, and all other purely American lines in an attack on the Canadian roads, the battle to begin at about the same time in the two houses of congress. Operating in conjunction with the railroads are the elevator men on the northern border, who have submitted to the secretary of the treasury and the interstate commerce committee of the senate a plan which they think will be effectual in restoring to American elevators and railroads the large proportion of the transportation and elevator trade which has been captured by their Canadian rivals.

These facts clearly indicate that there is to be a very sharp and interesting struggle in congress over this question whenever it shall be reached, the contestants being the representatives of the people of the northwest and New England on the one hand and those who regard with favor the demands of the American roads on the other. It is not possible to predict with any degree of certainty which side will be successful. Senator Washburn of Minnesota said in a late interview that it is of the utmost importance to the northwest that the present relations with the Canadian roads be kept up. He stated that the northwest and New England would be found together in solid opposition to any change and would fight against it to the last. This was simply shown by the testimony taken in those sections by the interstate commerce committee of the senate, and the sentiment is quite as strong now as then. The very general feeling among the merchants and manufacturers of New England is that if any are cut out from the privilege of using Canadian lines and compelled to pay higher rates of transportation to American roads the consequences would be disastrous to them, and a like feeling is general among the producers of the northwest.

Political as well as practical considerations are likely to have a bearing upon the determination of this question. It will be very hazardous for the party in power to ignore the demand of the vast majority of the people of New England and the northwest for a continuance of the advantages which Canadian railroad competition affords them, and for this reason the chances would seem to be against the combination of railroads, if one exists, in the interest of restrictive legislation. On the other hand it must be granted that there are some strong reasons why American railroads that are subjected to the regulation and restraints of law should not be compelled to fight a competition that knows no law. It is not an unreasonable demand of these corporations that they be given an equal chance in the contest for American trade. How to accomplish this without injustice or injury to any interest of our own people is a problem which congress is very sure to find great difficulty in solving.

OCCASIONALLY a minister of the gospel, disgusted with the hypercriticisms of prohibition, presents a peculiarly frank picture of the internal workings of the party of one idea. In a recent lecture Rev. W. M. Satterlee of Minneapolis uttered several warm truths on "political prohibition, or, rather, prohibition for revenue only." "Look at the party leaders," he exclaimed, "from St. John down to the privates. They are mounted on a hobby on which they hope to ride into national, state, county and

town offices." The reverend orator pointed out that those paid agitators ignored the worst feature of the drinking vice—liquor drinking at home. They were after the saloons—to drive them into secret places, where they could be effectively bled by the constables and spies fattening on the fees of prohibition. "But," said the speaker, confidentially, "it was the republican party they proposed doing up."

THE destruction of the rookeries on the new postoffice site would materially improve the appearance of the Broadway of Omaha. Away with the tinder boxes.

IN THE matter of bank clearings, Omaha congratulates St. Paul, Minneapolis and Denver on their success in keeping up with the pace set by the metropolis of Nebraska.

MEN are known by the company they keep. If decent councilmen are smirched by the exposure of the operations of the combine, they will have only themselves to blame.

POLITICAL combines are the natural resort of repudiated desperadoes. The Tammanyites are diligently digging their own graves.

EVENTS strengthened the general belief that the hospital claims will outrun a building.

THE Imported Liquor Bill. Philadelphia Record. In its effort to cater to prohibition fanaticism the senate of the United States has only added to the complications of the liquor laws. The bill relating to interstate commerce in liquors, which was finally passed the senate on Thursday last, was offered by Senator Wilson of Iowa as a substitute for a bill drawn by Senator Gray which had already been approved as an amendment and which was itself a substitute for an amendment to the original bill reported by the judiciary committee. What bothered the senators was the difficulty of permitting the respective states to regulate the liquor traffic without at the same time assuming to delegate to the states a power—the regulation of interstate commerce—which by the constitution is vested solely in congress. To avoid this they propose to turn the liquors imported or transported for "use, consumption, sale or storage" absolutely over to the police power of the state. An enactment of this sort would open up anew the question of constitutional rights recently decided by the supreme court. In Iowa, for instance, a citizen might import liquors for his own "use," while a constable, armed with the authority of the state, might enter his house, seize the liquors, and dump them into the gutter. It is scarcely conceivable that the United States supreme court would sanction such an invasion of the constitutional right of property.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Nebraska. Cedar Rapids dogs are now assessed \$3 a head. Adams county ranks third in the United States in the production of corn. Cut worms have been bothering Butler county farmers since the cold rains. The real estate transfers in Antelope county last week amounted to \$84,900. The collector of the Grand Blizard will cultivate 100 pounds of sugar beet seed. A jockey club has been organized at Long Pine and races will be held in June. L. P. Beaman of Stoeckham was fined \$25 and costs for treating a mare by putting the Central Nebraska Veterinary association will hold its annual reunion at Ansley next fall. A Fairbury man sheared one of his sheep the other day and the fleece of which weighed twenty-six pounds. Rev. John Thomas has resigned as pastor of the Methodist church at Bloomington and will remove to Salem, Mo. Long Pine has sold \$5,000 in bonds to grade a wagon road to the Niobrara river and build a bridge across the stream. Charley Roth, while driving a horse power plow, was killed by a cow on the farm right hand in the cops of the power, crushing it so badly that amputation was necessary. An Indian named Male Above, while camped at Valentine, bought a revolver and gave it to his pal to play with. The little one lusted after his white sisters and is now laid up with a broken neck. Arthur Kavanaugh, living near Toombs, has passed examination for the United States army and will at once go on board the U. S. S. Albatross. The candidates who have passed the best examination. A. G. Hazard of Curtis is the possessor of three pigs with perfectly solid feet, resembling the hind feet of a man. A specimen of common stock and the singular shape of their feet has been transmitted to them by their sire, he also having solid feet. St. James, who has been holding a night at Boston, went to Grand Island Saturday night and put up at the Pacific Hotel. He forgot to turn off the gas, and when found Sunday morning he was dead. The other half of the party, however, succeeded in snatching him back into the present. Says the Imperial Republican: One of Peter Smith's children picked up a fine gold watch on the prairie near town. The case was somewhat battered and it had apparently lain where it was found several years, yet on being cleaned and polished it was as good as new. Two doctors, however, succeeded in snatching him back into the present. A young lady living near Leaside, in Bancroft county, has had a half dozen prominent ministers in New York and Brooklyn stating she was a Christian and was greatly in need of dresses, and was too poor to buy and they would confer a favor and present what they would supply the much needed wearing apparel. She gave the measurements and directions for making a suit. It is reported that she has been received. The black stable which has been giving the ranchmen of northwest Nebraska so much trouble for a number of years, was destroyed by a fire on the prairie, southeast of Alliance. The animal was by no means a phantom and was the handsomest piece of property that the owner had. It was very heavy and dragged on the ground and his mane fell below his knees. The old fellow had never been branded and was probably twenty years old.

IOWA ITEMS. The Fond du Lac creamery receives 6,000 pounds of milk daily. The Iowa ex-prisoners of war association has a membership of 900. The building of a new \$50,000 court house is being advanced by means of retaining all. For the first two weeks a mill near Northwood creamery turned out 10,000 pounds of butter. Colonel Joseph Elback, the well-known German editor, has received his commission as one of the alternate commissioners from the State to the World's fair. The People's opera house at Burlington, which was once occupied successively by a church, skating rink and theater, is now being remodelled into a lively stage. A new Democratic weekly styled the Shaw, ex-editor of the Leader and a well-known newspaper correspondent, was started at Des Moines this week by Henry C. Shaw, ex-editor of the Leader and a well-known newspaper correspondent.

Private Secretary Hassford, who served through Governor Larrabee's two terms and so far under Governor Hoke's, retired Saturday night to the direction of D. H. Hain, son of Editor Hain of the Dubuque Herald. The state board of agriculture has recommended J. H. Sage, the well-known newspaper editor, as a member of the new weather crop bureau established by the last

legislature. He was the author of the bill and will be appointed by the governor. St. James, who has been holding a night at Boston, went to Grand Island Saturday night and put up at the Pacific Hotel. He forgot to turn off the gas, and when found Sunday morning he was dead. The other half of the party, however, succeeded in snatching him back into the present. A young lady living near Leaside, in Bancroft county, has had a half dozen prominent ministers in New York and Brooklyn stating she was a Christian and was greatly in need of dresses, and was too poor to buy and they would confer a favor and present what they would supply the much needed wearing apparel. She gave the measurements and directions for making a suit. It is reported that she has been received. The black stable which has been giving the ranchmen of northwest Nebraska so much trouble for a number of years, was destroyed by a fire on the prairie, southeast of Alliance. The animal was by no means a phantom and was the handsomest piece of property that the owner had. It was very heavy and dragged on the ground and his mane fell below his knees. The old fellow had never been branded and was probably twenty years old.

THE Two Dakotas. There are 100 prisoners in the Sioux Falls penitentiary. The recent encampment of the South Dakota Sons of Veterans will be held at Pierre. About five thousand men are employed in the gold and silver mines of South Dakota. Ralph Beaumont, the well known labor leader, will address the Knights of Labor at Aberdeen June 23. The date of the fourth annual meeting of the Lake Madison Veterans association has been fixed for July 4 and 5. An English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of all the property of the North Dakota Millers' association and expects to take possession of it in a few days. The Farmers' Anti-monopoly association of the North Dakota has decided to incorporate and to build warehouses at every railroad station where enough farmers can be induced to join the association. The object is to control the local market and ship direct to English buyers in London and Liverpool. At the mouth of the Chocoma creek, on the north side of the Cheyenne river in Sterling county, is the camp of the hostile Sioux, the 1,200 that came from British Columbia with Sitting Bull, now under Hump, their head chief. The savages are all on the north side of the river, on the land not thrown open to settlement. The Indians will not permit settlers to cross the river and visit their camps. Scouts patrol the river bank day and night to prevent bad men and whisky from going over. An enormous deposit of red hematite, or specular iron ore, has been discovered in Nebraska, about one hundred miles east of Rapid City, by a party of prospectors from that city. It is estimated that there is an immense deposit of 3,000,000 tons of ore in sight. Specimens of hematite have been seen in the possession of Indians at various times since the settlement of the Hills, but this is the first authentic information as to the existence of the mineral in such large quantities. The ore, it is claimed, will assay from 70 to 80 per cent.

PROHIBITION FALLACY. COUNCIL BLUFFS, May 30.—To the Editor of THE BEE: Prohibition is probably the most unfortunate and demoralizing dogma of the century. It has been evolved as it were from conditions favorable. It has been sustained by force of circumstances; its alliance to truth and the peculiar fascinations about it has made it in a sense popular. In an evil hour the advocates of temperance became as it were frenzied, and being dissatisfied with the slow work of reform in true lines, thought to inspire strength by resorting to law, or force. But meeting the question of sumptuary laws, it was found that the dictation could not be applied to the drunkard with any effect, therefore fierce adherents thought they would call on the legislature to enact laws which would take to it. Daily millions like it because the espousal of it secured a corps of earnest strikers. Its highly moral, semi-religious and political character renders it very attractive to the religious and the patriotic who find in it a charming relief from the political and social ills which short-sighted party men find prohibition as an expedient. As a matter of fact, it is foreign to all really Christian truth, and as a political question it is an open question. The assumption that a religious matter is wholly unamenable. It does not follow as a logical conclusion that because drunkenness is an evil and its consequences awful, that prohibition is good as claimed. The question of how to reduce drunkenness is a religious one, but does it fall throughout the state; this and one or two other points are but dirty spots on an otherwise very clean face, and happy in its cleanliness. God bless you over in Nebraska. We are praying for you and have faith for the victory. Very truly yours, A. S. EMBREE. Trusting that you may be willing to publish this and correct any misimpression as readily as in this matter you are on any other, I remain, yours truly, H. A. CRANE.

Tickets at lowest rates and superior accommodations via the great Rock Island land route. Ticket from Omaha to Chicago and return via the Rock Island and Farnam streets, Omaha. A Double Christening. At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swift, West 4th street, in the presence of a large number of invited friends, Rev. Father D. W. Moriarty, assisted by Rev. Father Mullan, christened Miss Jane, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty, and Mrs. Swift, and Rose Maria, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McMahon. A dozen carriage loads met at St. Agnes church and drove thence to Mr. Swift's residence, where a lavish spread had been made on tables under the trees. Addresses were made and remarks were delivered by Messrs. Richard Swift, John G. Russell, Maurice J. Barron and Robert R. Russell.

While Charles Putnam was attempting to drive a span of mules out of an excavation a man named T. J. Doyle happened along and offered to help. He asked for Putnam's knife, and opening it plunged it to the hilt into the belly of one of the mules, injuring the animal so badly that it is unfit for service and may die. Putnam was very indignant over the matter and caused the arrest of Doyle on the charge of malicious destruction of property. CITY NOTES. Mrs. Parmelee will contest the will of her late husband, Oliver Parmelee.

PEACE REIGNS AT LINCOLN.

Church Howe Got Up in the Morning and Silently Slid.

THE REVOCATION IS POPULAR.

Thayer Considered to Have Strengthened Himself—Prospective Glucose Factory—A New Railroad—Stabbed a Mule.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 2.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The calm that has settled down over the city since the governor revoked the call for the special session of the legislature is universally remarked. Excited politicians no longer crowd the corridors of the hotels discussing the situation, the state house officials and their employes have settled back to their routine duties without any further annoyance or distractions, and everything is as peaceful as the calm after a storm. The air seems purer after its purging by the lightnings of discussion. Every body seems to have expected the revocation of the call, and now that it has come they are satisfied. The politicians are gone, the first to leave this morning being Church Howe. The state house officials have nothing much to say except that they expected the recall. There are no expressions of disapproval and the tendency is more to the discussion of whether Thayer is not a stronger man than he was before the original call. The majority believe that he is. One friend of the chief executive says: "The governor has shown his honesty and sincerity in the declaration that he wished to follow the wishes of the majority of the people. He also has shown his wisdom in being willing to rectify a mistake. It is the fool that obstinately refuses to change his mind."

A NEW RAILROAD. Certificates of incorporation of the Pueblo & Duluth railroad of Nebraska were filed with the secretary of state this morning. The trunk line of said railroad to commence at a point on the southern boundary line of the state of Nebraska near the center of Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Gosport, Dawson, Buffalo, Custer, Sherman, Howard, Valley, Greeley, Wheeler, Boone, Antelope, Madison, Pierce, Wayne, Cedar, Dixon, Kearney and Lincoln counties, thence extending in a northeasterly direction by the most practical route through the counties of Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Gosport, Dawson, Buffalo, Custer, Sherman, Howard, Valley, Greeley, Wheeler, Boone, Antelope, Madison, Pierce, Wayne, Cedar, Dixon, Kearney and Lincoln counties, thence extending in a northeasterly direction by the most practical route through the counties of Hitchcock, Red Willow, Frontier, Gosport, Dawson, Buffalo, Custer, Sherman, Howard, Valley, Greeley, Wheeler, Boone, Antelope, Madison, Pierce, Wayne, Cedar, Dixon, Kearney and Lincoln counties, thence extending in a northeasterly direction by the most practical route through the 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