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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. George B. Tschuck, secretary of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily Bee, Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of April, 1894, was as follows:

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 21 day of May, 1894.

NEW EDITIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND ATLAS will now have to be revised so as to make Manchester appear as a seaport.

Those roses consecrated to Bland's presidential boom are already fading and withering. A boom supported by roses will not be a joy forever.

Congressmen may yet escape paying for the time that they are absent from the daily sessions of congress for the purpose of patching their political fences.

Secret sessions of any representative public body are generally repugnant to the spirit of republican government. They are only to be tolerated when absolutely required by the exigencies of the occasion.

If the Board of Health would attend more to business and less to the ventilation of personal grievances of its members it would succeed better in impressing the people with a sense of its importance as a part of the city government.

Just now the Pennsylvania railroads are a little short on coal and long on water. They can operate their roads with a great deal more facility when the water is confined to the stock instead of being spread out over the roadbed.

It transpires that the proposition to buy the vote of Rev. Mr. Kyle in the senate made the minimum price \$14,000 and the maximum price at \$75,000. It is this that makes the story appear all the more absurd.

Haskell's acting city electrician is reported back from Chicago, where he, in three days, has learned everything requisite for an expert electrical engineer.

Two men in a Nebraska town have been convicted and fined for playing cribbage for their own amusement because of an ordinance prohibiting the playing of any game of chance.

Congressman Breckinridge refuses to abdicate in favor of his son before he has tried for just one more term in congress. Breckinridge perhaps views his seat in congress as a piece of personal property, but he may delay making his political will until it is no longer in his power to be disposed of.

Strangely enough, the railroads do not seem to think it necessary to go through the customary ritual proceedings of enjoining the members of the State Board of Transportation from enforcing the transfer switch law.

The Burlington system of railroads recently declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. The dividend might be increased by several quarters of 1 per cent if the B. & M. officials would cut off the supply of paper distributed among the men who are already in the field for the fall campaign.

South Omaha people complain that they have no park within their city to which they can have convenient resort for recreation. In the interval they have been enjoying the privileges of Omaha's park system.

Justice on the top of the court house dome is presumed to be color blind. But justice administered under the dome appears to be run on the color line. When Mr. White was sentenced for keeping a gambling house he was fined \$100 and costs.

A Chicago grand jury is going to punish somebody for giving away secrets of the grand jury to the newspaper reporters. The jury jurors might secure a few valuable pointers from members of the United States senate who have vainly endeavored to probe the methods of reporters who are "dis-courteous" enough to print the secrets of the executive sessions.

The warrant sharks at the state capital are still active. They have instituted another "test case" to prevent the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds from calling in state warrants. The district courts have been appealed to and a temporary order restraining the state treasurer from calling in the warrants has been issued.

Just as it was necessary to some-what increase the appropriations, so it is highly probable that this economy will in the end be found costly. Its tendency is to prolong the work to be accomplished and to put it into the hands of inferior men, when the true course is

REASON FOR RETIREMENT.

The number of announcements recently made by different members of congress of their intention to retire from their present positions is an indication of the fact that the present session has been a disappointment upon the part of many of the members.

One or two of the disappearing congressmen boldly assert that they cannot longer afford to remain in congress on the paltry salary of \$5,000 per year. Their outside business requires their attention and to neglect it for the unremunerative field of public life means a pecuniary sacrifice which they are unwilling to make.

Reasons equally powerful, although less conspicuous, are the fear of defeat and the desire for promotion to some place of greater political preference. Of course no congressman will acknowledge that he is refusing to make another race because the outlook is against his success, but he none the less takes the political forecast into most serious consideration before coming to any conclusion on the subject whatever.

Voluntary retirement comes with much easier grace than to one who has only to stand by and see the result of a contest in which he has put his name to the test. It is not likely that any company will come in and invest a large amount of capital under the Hascall general ordinance.

The political parties in New York are getting ready for what promises to be an exceedingly vigorous and interesting campaign. That state elects a governor this year and there is a feeling that the result of the election will have a more or less decisive influence in determining the next presidential election.

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Under the resolution passed by the city council on May 8, new bids for electric lighting were invited on the strength of a telegram from Chicago to the Excelsior Electric Lighting company giving assurance that it would bid lower than \$112 per year if the contract with Pardee & Co. was repudiated.

For the first time in ten years, we are told, Des Moines opens the abominable spectacle of twenty open drug shops dealing out liquor over the bars, with their doors wide open. It is an open secret, however, that during all these ten years about 100 so-called apothecary shops have been dealing out the vilest of rot-gut whiskey and bottled beer over their counters to men, women and children under the pretext of selling medicine.

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Chicago Herald: Representative Bryan of Nebraska responded to the laudable proposal to keep crazy financial projects under the heel in a style worthy of a wild-eyed populist. He responds by introducing legislation to buy Pacific railroad greenbacks of Nicaragua canal stock by the United States with new greenbacks to be printed and issued for that purpose.

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