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All roads will lead to Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon.

It will be pretty hard for the new incumbent lamp trust to keep the people in the dark about its affairs.

When that long distance telescope photograph instrument is perfected no man will ever be able to feed safe.

The successful trip of the battleship Texas from New York to Galveston by water—should send a thrill through every patriotic vein.

We presume the legislature will now proceed again to lock the state treasury stable door after the horse has been stolen out of it for a second time.

And there are overlaps in several state funds for which the responsibility should be located before the inquisitiveness of the legislature settles down.

The fact that there is now only one vacant place in the McKinley cabinet and ten days in which to fill it ought materially to simplify the task of the amateur mechanics.

No bank ought to be considered safe enough to handle state funds that is not perfectly willing to have its deposits of public money known to the taxpayers every day in the year.

With Cuba and Crete on their eager hands there is little prospect that the warlike members of the United States senate will approve any measure so pacific as the arbitration treaty.

There are still a few members of President Cleveland's official family whose services might be had as college presidents or professors if only the colleges speak early enough and loud enough.

Applications for floor space at the exposition are already coming in at a rate which promises well for supreme activity in this respect so soon as the exposition is placed squarely on its feet by proper legislative action.

The chief executive of Galveston, Tex., is regularly introduced to conventions and meetings to which he delivers the welcoming address as Mayor Fly. No wonder candidates who run against him for office cannot touch him.

No German manufacturer would pirate American bicycle trade marks unless American bicycles were vastly superior to his own product. Imitation is always a confession of the superiority of the article imitated.

The United States retains its reputation abroad as a good country for foreign exhibitors to visit in quest of replenishment for exhausted exchequers if the influx of European artists, lecturers and actors is worth anything as a test.

No political party owes anything to men who betray public trusts conferred on them by the people because endorsed with the party name. Rascally knows no political allegiance and no political party can afford to shield rascality.

Alaska has been cultivating blue foxes for a number of years. And now Nebraska boasts a skunk farm among its newly developed agricultural industries. It is only fair that the public should know that this is a pure business venture.

Congress will listen to the reading of Washington's farewell address tomorrow and the example could well be emulated by men and women everywhere who enjoy the fruits of liberty won by the revolutionary heroes under Washington's brave leadership.

A state cannot always avoid an unfortunate reputation bestowed by reason of hard times. It is itself, however, directly and primarily responsible for a bad name acquired through a systematic course of laxity and negligence in dealing with its dishonest public servants.

A PULPIT EDITORIAL.

When a preacher makes a statement which he finds to be untrue, whether made from the pulpit or in private, he should have the courage, the manhood and honor to admit his error. No man is infallible in his judgments. Even the pope restricts his claim of infallibility to matters of creed.

It was perfectly natural for the ministers who sincerely desire social purification and law and order to fall into the trap laid for them by clever politicians interested in the perpetuation of the present police management. But after the disclosures of rottenness and inefficiency made by The Bee at the risk of offending the vicious and lawless classes it is amazing that any preacher should persist in praising and upholding the infamy of the "reform" police board and attempt to palliate its criminal negligence, if not collusion.

The only parallel to this exhibition of ministerial gullibility afforded in the history of Omaha occurred in 1889, when that pious reformer, Paul Vandervoort, appeared with another notorious boss politician before the local Ministerial association, prayerfully and tearfully invoking its aid to defeat the candidacy of George W. Linsinger for mayor because he was alleged to be pledged to the gamblers and dive keepers to run the town wide open. The result was that the credulous Protestant preachers joined with the riff-raff of the city and helped to elect—oh, horror of horrors—an Irish Roman Catholic mayor, who did exactly what Paul the Apostate had made them believe they were preventing.

While it may be eminently proper for the politician to use the preacher as his catspaw, there is nothing in the bible that requires a minister to stand up for a political parishioner who has deceived him or whose conduct is indefensible. Nobody contends that the modern newspaper is perfect or above all criticism. It is doubtless true that statements published in the newspaper are sometimes contradicted. The press of today may be too prone to sensationalism, as Mr. Foster's pastor charges, but that fact does not condone the police scandals which have been exposed through the columns of this paper. When specific charges of corruption, immorality and lawlessness are published in a responsible paper and cannot be successfully contradicted, it will hardly do for a preacher who has any self-respect to brush away the imputation of inefficiency and neglect of duty on the part of superiors by tambling the newspapers with sensationalism or impugning their motives by cowardly intimations that they are actuated by mercenary purposes.

Mr. Foster's pastor tries to exculpate Chief Sigward by suggesting that charges of misconduct have been maliciously trumped up against him at this day to force the removal of the present "reform" police board. Mr. Foster's pastor knows, or ought to know, that charges of disreputable conduct were made against Sigward by The Bee when as a sergeant of police he scandalized the service by the orgies at the notorious Blair police picnic. That happened over three years ago, under the first police board. He was dismissed later for the good of the service, but reinstated and promoted by the present board, which thereby endorsed the Blair performance. Mr. Foster's pastor may not know either that this exemplary chief, while attending the convention of the state organization of police chiefs at Hastings, took part in a disgraceful escapade that came to the notice of the police commissioners, who at that time declared their intention to remove him. Why is he retained in spite of such a record? Perhaps some one of his admirers can tell.

The most glib defense that is made for the present "reform" board is that The Bee is incompetent and therefore untrue. While denouncing the local police for not suppressing prize fighting in Omaha, its columns are filled with reports about a coming prize fight in Nevada. The Bee is a newspaper first of all. It prints all the news. It is true it gives space to reports of brutal prize fights, just as it does of lynchings, suicides and burglaries. At the same time it denounces the collusion of officers with crime and endeavors to correct the abuses and evils with which the people are afflicted.

Whatever may be said of the degeneracy of the American press in recent years by its sensational features, The Bee can safely challenge comparison with the most conservative and cleanest of the great metropolitan dailies. The charge that The Bee is working for revenue in making police exposures is contemptible. The Bee can truthfully assert that it has sacrificed more money in fighting the battles of true reform than would pay the salaries of all the preachers in Omaha for ten years. It has labored incessantly, in season and out of season, for good government, and has always advocated all rational reforms. In this mission The Bee has been earnestly engaged for more than a quarter of a century, while generations of preachers have come to Omaha and gone again. It is identified with the city and state and shares their prosperity and adversity. It enjoys good government and suffers from misgovernment. It is always glad to have the co-operation of the pulpit, but cannot be diverted from the path of honesty and justice by the misguided opposition of any minister, or all the ministers.

SYMPATHY WITH GREECE.

The United States senate has agreed to a resolution expressing sympathy with Greece in her efforts to release the Christians of Crete from Turkish domination and persecution. A few days ago the Grecian minister of foreign affairs acknowledged in most cordial terms "the expressions of sympathy from the great American people" and undoubtedly the action of the senate will be most highly regarded by the Hellenic government and people. On the other hand it may be expected to cause a feeling of resentment on the part of the Turkish government, as did the expression of congressional sympathy with the Armenians. It will be remembered that that action was very distasteful to Turkey, although it was not officially communicated to that government, the president exercising his discretion in withholding it. None the less it expressed the sentiment of the American people, as does the senate resolution now. The Cretan matter still awaits settlement. It is yet possible that the courageous and honorable purpose of Greece may be thwarted, at least in part, by the powers. But the hope of the American people, in common with all civilized mankind, is that the brave stand of the little kingdom will be maintained and that Crete will be fully and finally delivered from the domination of the brutal Turk.

Greece has felt the inspiring influence of American sympathy before. She and it in her war of independence against Turkey seventy-five years ago. One of the most eloquent speeches ever made by Daniel Webster in congress was delivered in the house of representatives January, 1824, in support of a resolution to provide for the expense of sending an agent or commissioner to Greece. The struggle for Grecian independence was still going on, but this fact did not deter the great orator from urging that the United States should extend to Greece "some cheering sound, some look of sympathy, some token of compassionate regard." As Greece was then, so practically Crete is today and if American sympathy can do aught to help her deliverance from Turkish oppression and persecution it should be freely extended.

THE NORTHWESTERN NEXT.

There is a well grounded feeling in Omaha that the Transmississippi Exposition has not received the substantial encouragement from the great railway corporations, which of all others will derive the largest pecuniary benefit from the enterprise. With the commendable exception of the Burlington railroad, which subscribed \$20,000 toward the exposition and exerted potent and invaluable influence in its behalf, all the railroads centering in Omaha have put off the exposition managers with promises.

But fine words butter no parsnips and expositions cannot be built on promises. There is, of course, reasonable excuse for the Union Pacific, which is in the hands of the courts, and the Rock Island and Milwaukee roads, whose directors are not to meet until March. With the Northwestern, however, it is entirely another matter. That railroad, through its president, has made the promise of a liberal appropriation in support of the exposition at the earliest day after its annual meeting. That meeting was held several weeks ago, but the promise has not yet materialized. Meantime the exposition has been located at Miller park, which gives the Northwestern a practical monopoly of railroad facilities to the exposition grounds.

The question naturally suggests itself, Why should the Northwestern road still hold back its subscription? Why should it not at least match the Burlington in public spirit, after it has been given special advantages over all other roads that enter into Omaha? It is certainly not asking too much of the managers of that corporation to reciprocate the favor conferred upon their company by the exposition directors, even to the detriment of competitors who have come to its support without exacting any concessions. In so doing they would be engaging in no uncertain venture. Their pro rata of exposition funds is certain to be returned with multiple interest in the increased traffic of the exposition year, to say nothing of the permanent development of the western country, in which the Northwestern system has so great an interest.

The example set by the great railroads that have their terminals in Nashville in donating \$25,000 apiece in cash and an equal sum in transportation toward the Tennessee Centennial Exposition can and should be emulated by the railroads covering in Omaha, which have much greater resources and have more at stake. Let the Northwestern follow the lead of the Burlington and others will follow its lead.

WHERE OUR FLAG IS NOT SEEN.

The American consul at Cairo, in a report of the traffic of the Suez canal, states that "not a single ship bearing the United States flag passed through the canal last year." The flags of all the other great commercial nations are seen in that highway of commerce, but the stars and stripes do not appear through the canal, but they go in foreign ships. And this is not the only place where the flag of the United States is rarely or never seen. In November, 1895, the American consul general at Bangkok, in a report on the foreign trade of Siam, said: "The lack of American shipping everywhere is so noticeable as to give the impression among Asiatics that we are not a commercial nation. Of over 500 merchant steamers and ships that entered the port of Bangkok in 1894 not one was American. Of over 1,700 vessels that entered the ports of Japan in the same year only thirty-two carried our flag." In 1895 only fifty-one American ships entered the port of Rio de Janeiro out of a total of 1,400. Only two American steamers entered the port of Shanghai in 1895, while in the same year the port of Canton was visited by only one American sailing vessel. The flags of England, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and other countries which have a merchant marine can be seen constantly in these ports, but the American at any of them rarely is gladdened by the sight of his country's flag flying from a masthead.

In this respect our position among the nations of the world is humiliating. Americans in foreign lands realize this far more than those at home can appreciate. They feel that it is a reproach to their country, with its vaunted energy and enterprise, to be placed at such a disadvantage. And so it is. The flag of this great commercial nation ought to wave over American ships carrying American products on every sea and in every port of the world. We should have a merchant marine unsurpassed by that of any other nation and which would render our people independent of foreign ship owners and keep at home the vast sum that annually goes abroad to pay for the transportation of our products.

How shall this be secured is a question that the next administration and congress will be called upon to seriously consider. Having provided for revenue and reasonable protection, they will find no more important subject for consideration than that of providing for a merchant marine. The republican party is pledged to do this and the people expect it to do so and the people expect it to do so and the people expect it to do so.

Within the last two months half a dozen trusts have collapsed. All of these were associated with the iron and steel industry. The first to break down was the Nail trust, followed by the Bolt and Nut trust, the Steel Bolt trust, the Steel Beam trust, the Steel Rail trust and the Machine Bolt trust. The conditions which brought about these collapses were practically the same in each case. The combinations had made and held up prices beyond what the market would stand and at last there was revolt against a policy which was restricting trade and dissolution ensued. The result demonstrated how flagrant had been the exercise of trust power in exacting excessive prices. Every one of these combinations was acting the part of a public robber. The Nail trust and the Steel Rail trust were particularly rapacious, but the others were very little better. With anything like a normal business they would have made enormous profits.

The fate of these combinations suggests that there are limitations to the powers of this form of monopoly; that the trusts, however well organized, cannot persistently combat the laws of trade without having sooner or later to surrender. This would seem to be shown by recent experience. But this does not furnish a valid reason for not legislating against these combinations and leaving them to pursue their way subject only to the laws of trade, for they are in any case, even when they do not distinctly defy those laws, mischievous and dangerous. The vast power they wield in controlling the course of commercial development, the restraint they are able to exercise over enterprise, the despoils of their policy in regard to dealers and the influence they exert in various directions, are all against the public interest and the general welfare. It is asserted in behalf of some of the trusts that prices of their products have been reduced since they came into existence, but everybody knows that this was not their primary purpose and where prices have been lowered it is due to conditions which would have been operative to the same end under free competition. Another claim set up for the trusts is that they have not been a detriment to labor, yet it is unquestionable that in the suppression of competition thousands of people have been thrown out of employment and very generally the wages of those employed have been reduced. The statements to the contrary of some of the trust officials who have appeared before the joint committee of the New York legislature can easily be shown to be false. The interests of labor are subserved by free industrial competition, which enlarges the demand for and thereby maintains the price of labor. It is obviously absurd to say that the suppression of competition does not injure labor.

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In the management of the police, but giving him one place out of five should not disturb the non-partisan character of the board.

Now it is proposed to reduce the price of supreme court reports to a mere nominal sum per volume. The state might, if it desired, furnish every practicing lawyer with a library free of charge, but there is really no good reason why attorneys should not pay full price for copies of the state reports just as they do for other law books.

Ex-Treasurer Bartley says that his shortage is only a little over a half million dollars and that there is no necessity of making a mountain out of a molehill. Mr. Bartley's last proposition is eminently sound. There is no molehill to be swelled into a mountain. The actual shortage is quite large enough without exaggeration.

The possession of the championship belt does not count so much with the big bruisers who are training for the Nevada fight as the possession of the cash hung up as a purse. The "manly art of self-defense" is involved in this pugilistic contest only so far as it serves to rake in the shining dollars.

Dr. Nansen is going to find the south pole on his next voyage of exploration, because he thinks the location of the north pole is now so easy a task that almost any one can accomplish it. One thing at a time might possibly be a good rule in Arctic expeditions as in other lines of business.

If the fall in the price of steel rails starts the work of railroad construction and betterment early in the spring and thus give employment to idle laborers in various parts of the country its beneficial effects will be much more far-reaching than was apparent on the first announcement.

We have an anti-trust law on the Nebraska statute book. It is likely to have the company of several other dead letter measures if some of the unpractical bills pending at Lincoln succeed in weathering all the stages of legislation.

Try It on the Dog. Cleveland Leader. If Senator Morgan finds it impossible to pick a fight with any foreign nation he might do so by attacking the dog of his own country. A Point in Omaha's Favor. Chicago Tribune. If Dion Geraldine has undertaken to build an exposition for the Omaha people that the exhibition will be built on time unless some great convulsion like the end of the world supervenes.

Hitting the Bull's Eye. London Truth. Somebody sends me the following anecdote having a curious bearing on our occupation of Egypt, not to mention any other recent territorial acquisitions: "Great Britain—Grab, retain it."

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

To have a bad habit is to have a bad master. The man whose cause is wrong is sure to be the loser if he gains it. Parting little thoughts is big words don't make them weigh any more. There is a flaw in the pie that looks dismal at a prayer meeting and happy at a circus.

One difference between a fool and a wise man is that the fool talks most when he has least to say. Trying to use grand language often turns out about as it did with the men who sat on a limb and sawed it off. You can tell a child that fire will burn, but it cannot understand what you mean until you have set it on fire. Many a church member is content with being a nickel-in-the-slot machine, who might be an electric motor.

HARMLESS GREEK FIRE. Chicago Record. Those Greeks may dress like halcyon dancers, but they have the nerve of a prima donna. Minneapolis Journal. The sultan will never cease to feel that Greece has been a terrible little thought's ultimatum. Chicago Journal. So many spruence "Macedonian" have been raised that it will be a relief to hear the real thing in case Turkey goes to war. Globe-Democrat. The one significant fact that looms up in the news from Crete is that the Turks have not been permitted to send troops there to hold their own territory.

Minneapolis Times. Now that Prince Greece has sailed forth with his saber between his teeth and a big run in his eye, the emir of Nupe is not half as interesting a personage as he was week before last. Chicago Tribune. Would it not be a picturesque historical spectacle if some of the Greeks should prove to be the avenger of outraged civilization after all the big powers had solemnly permitted the sultan free rein for his atrocities?

METHODISM AND THE BIBLE. Minneapolis Journal. Rev. Dr. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, has stirred up a terrible tempest in New York Methodism by denying the absolute infallibility of the English version of the scriptures. It reminds one of the story of Mrs. Noah looking out of the ark at the ark and remarking to her husband, "Why, it has been raining, hasn't it?" Kansas City Journal. When Dr. Buckley announced to a company of New York Methodist ministers that the story about the whole swallowing Jonah was too much for him to swallow, it would have been appropriate for some one to suggest the singing of the hymn: "The morning light is breaking, The darkness is departing."

Springfield (Ill.) Republican. Rev. Dr. Buckley of New York said to some brother clergymen Monday: "I do not believe that there are four men present who believe absolutely in the infallibility of the English version of the bible. If there are, and they are looking for a fifth, they can count me out." Just then his time expired and he was permitted to explain his attitude further. But the next issue of the doctor's religious pick a fight with any foreign nation he might do so by attacking the dog of his own country.

Kansas City Star. Rev. W. James Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, is reported to have said at a meeting of Methodist preachers at the Methodist convention on Monday that he did not believe that the bible was the English bible, and that he did not believe that over 90 per cent of our present day. This utterance twenty-five years ago would have necessitated a new edition for the New York Christian Advocate and would have created a vacancy in the Methodist ministry about the size of Rev. W. James Buckley's head.

Somerville Journal. No church congregation has any business to find fault with its minister unless his salary is paid clear up to date. Washington Post. Three or four preachers of the several thousand in New York City are of such a nature that they are constantly before the gaze of the nation and at the same time wondering what will come next. They have not attained to this notoriety by "faithful continuance in well doing" according to the standard of the scriptures, but by sensational methods, violative of the plain rules that the average preacher's good sense lays down for his guidance.

New York Outlook. The unveiling of a life-sized portrait, in an Episcopal church in Philadelphia of St. Charles the Martyr is one of the most curious things that have happened in the history of the Episcopal church since the death of Charles I. in the "noble army of martyrs" was a piece of folly so ideally complete that the satiric temper of our kind are likely to occur now shows that times have changed.

SHINING TRUTHS.

"The world with calumny abounds, The blindest write the blindest words. There are those whose joy is, Night and day, to talk a character away." "When a man is wrong and won't admit it he always gets angry." "To have the power to forgive is God's gift to man. And 'tis in crowns a noble gem. To grant a pardon, then condemn."

"Gratitude is the crossroad that leads quickly to love." "Discretion is more necessary to women than to men. Let a woman speak less, and she will speak more wisely." "A truth that one does not understand becomes an error."

"Women prefer to say a little evil of their rather than say nothing of them at all." "Recollection is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven." "How many people would be mute if they were forbidden to speak well of themselves and evil of others?" "He is the happiest who renders the greatest number happy."

"We instinctively abhor calumny as we do a snake for fear of its venom, but is our aversion to it so great when it attacks others?" "There is no more agreeable companion than the woman who loves us."

APHORISMS. (Clarence Patrick McDonald.) "Dey ain't no shoe like de ol' one." "Dey ain't no use ob fallin' off ob de mule before it stops." "Dey ain't no use ob kickin' er mole because de mole kick you." "Moah dan half ob de young men nowadays pass befoah dey look at dah han'."

"De dah's pickahawk ain't no long, but he am a-makin' it reach er great ways." "Dey ain't no use ob tryin' to take de whole family to heaben on you own merit." "Dey ain't no use ob list'nin' to er person dat tries to tell you ob youh past history." "Nine times out ob ten er man nehah meeta de woman wif whom he can compete." "Dey ain't no use ob sayin' 'I can't' when de means ob obahamin' de difficulty am befoah you."

"Some women eahn't talk wifout makin' de sharpness ob dah tongue into de feelin' ob a sound." "Some girls am foolish 'nough to wink at de man in de moon, den git mad because he don't wink back." "Dey ain't no use ob gettin' mad wif youh-erf because you can't josh ab er moun't'n; de dea' way am to climb."

THE JOY OF LIFE. Written for The Bee. Life hath joy in the morning time For every living thing. Glad bells serenade a merry chime And nature's voices sing. Life's hopes are bounding in the blood, Earth's beauties stretch away in view. The world is fresh and fair and good In the dawning of the day.

The joy that comes with the high noon hour 'Tis the light in the fading west. The consciousness of strength and power O'er the threads in life's swift loom. Possession dims our fondlest dreams, Earth's sorrows pass us by. Laces fall and something like streams When the hour of noon is nigh. Sweet is the joy of evening, Loveliest memories of the past; By silent shores still waters glide And the light is fading fast. The joy of one who has run his race, The blessing of a peaceful sleep. Oh, the joys of the day are full of grace But the evening joys are best. Winnsie, Neb. —MILLIE WILLEY GUE.

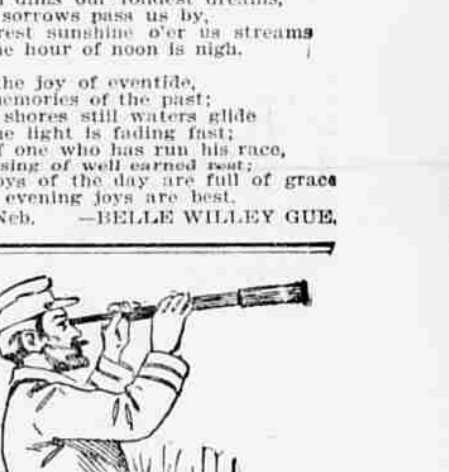
A LONG LOOK AHEAD.

It takes a steady hand and a clear eye to see into the future with any certainty with the spy-glass of experience. It isn't always easy to know just what may be wanted. That is why we have been talking in our advertisements of things we have to sell and of things we ought to have sold long ago.

It is getting pretty late to sell winter goods now, so if there is anything in our present offerings that you want you may be sure of getting it at rather less than anywhere else, and—more than that—of getting something better.

Our Hat Man is ready for you with all the spring blocks.

BROWNING, KING & CO., S. W. Cor. 15th and Douglas Sts.



PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Some admirer of Senator Morran has applied for the job of counting the knots on the lion's tail.

It cost an even dollar to expropriate on the floor of the Kansas City police court. Civilization is not a failure.

A bill is pending in the New York legislature making train wrecking, resulting in the loss of life, murder in the first degree.

With unanimity that is admirable paragraders have given the telegraph editors a monopoly of the job of associating Greece with Turkey.

The increased use of tobacco in France was notable last year. The government has a monopoly of the business, and its revenue was \$29,000,000 francs, or 12,000,000 more than in 1895.