

## THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

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### Pen and Picture Pointers

It is only within the last few days that the juvenile members of society have had an opportunity to enjoy real winter sports, such as coasting, sleighing and skating. The frontispiece this week, a snapshot by the staff photographer of The Bee, is one that will not only delight the boys and girls but will bring up pleasant memories in the minds of the older members of the household. It is a characteristic winter scene. It would be difficult to find a happier, jollier crowd anywhere. What statesman realizes the responsibilities of his position more than the young man at the wheel?

C. S. Hayward, the newly-elected president of the Board of Education, was born in West Acton, Mass., in 1858, and located in Omaha fifteen years ago. He engaged in



C. S. HAYWARD—NEW PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA BOARD OF EDUCATION—Photo by Heyn.

the retail shoe business at once, which he continued until seven years ago, when he embarked in the wholesale branch of the trade. He has always taken a marked pride in maintaining the high standard of the Omaha public schools.

Charles H. Pickens, the newly elected president of the Commercial club, was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1856, and came to Omaha with his parents ten years later. He attended the Omaha public schools and the first money he earned was as a carrier for The Omaha Bee. In 1874 he went to work for the Harris, Taft & Woodman Linseed Oil company, in whose employ he



CHARLES PICKENS—NEW PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB—Photo by Rinehart.

remained until 1879, and then engaged as a clerk for the Paxton & Gallagher company. Since the firm was incorporated in 1895 he has been its secretary, treasurer and general manager.

In conformity with the supreme law of the land, the men who have been selected to cast the electoral vote gathered in the capitals of the several states on Monday, January 14, to officially vote for president and vice president of the United States. These proceedings were purely formal, as all the documents, certificates and so forth had been carefully prepared in advance. We print pictures of the electoral colleges of Nebraska and Iowa. John L. Kennedy of Omaha was chosen chairman by the Nebraska electors and John F. Nesbit of Tekamah, secretary. W. R. Barton of Tecumseh was chosen as messenger to carry the returns to Washington. The Iowa electoral college selected John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs as chairman and Ole O. Roe of Des Moines as secretary. Ezra T. Tucker of Wappello was chosen messenger.

There were six candidates for messenger and after they had been named the motion to decide who should be messenger by lot was carried. The choice fell upon Mr. Tucker.

Frank G. Carpenter, the special correspondent for The Bee in the Orient, furnishes an interesting letter on the richest man in East Asia. He recently paid a visit to Lan Wing Hong, the multi-millionaire of Kwan Tung, who owns a walled city and drinks tea worth \$24 a pound. In his wonderful palace he has an opium sanctum and tropical gardens. Ching Chang, who began as a boatman, has just died worth \$3,000,000. His funeral cost \$50,000. In China the rich men are supposed to provide for all their poor relatives.

### About Noted People

A number of letters written by Jenny Lind to a friend in Italy between the years 1845 and 1874 have recently come to light. They are full of information about the music and musicians of her time and contain much frank comment on the prima donna's contemporaries. An Italian publisher has purchased the collection and will shortly give it to the world in book form.

Edmund Barton, who is at the head of the first federal government of the Australian commonwealth, is a native of Sydney, is 51 years old and has for many years been an able lawyer in New South Wales. He has been not unjustly styled the father of the new commonwealth. In the first federal convention, which was held in 1897, he was the senior representative of New South Wales and he was one of the framers of the original commonwealth bill.

The death of Representative Clark of New Hampshire is the last in the longest mortality list that has ever been known in any congress—fourteen in all—including Eppes and Wise of Virginia, Ermentrout and Harmer of Pennsylvania, Settle of Kentucky, Hofferer of Delaware, Daley of New Jersey, Chickering of New York, Green of Nebraska, Baird of Louisiana, Bland of Missouri, Dingley of Maine and Danford of Ohio.

The king of Italy, himself a very early riser, walked into the office of administration of the royal household the other morning at 8 and found only a scrubwoman at work. He asked the first clerk, who arrived at 8:30, when the other clerks were due. "We are all due at 8, your majesty." "Ah, and it is now 8:30," remarked the king quietly. Since then there has not been a case of tardiness.

When "Golden Rule" Jones, mayor of Toledo, went to Chicago he registered at the Grand Pacific as Sam M. Jones, N. P. When asked what N. P. stood for he said: "That is my title. It stands for nonpartisan in politics. With the twentieth century I have thought of adding two more letters to the title, making it N. P. A. T., meaning nonpartisan in all things. You see, I had very little education when I was a boy—not more than six months in all—and wanting a title I founded the degree of N. P."

William H. Markham, a veteran insurance man of St. Louis, died on Tuesday morning. A peculiar accident led Mr. Markham to locate in St. Louis. He left his home in the east in 1849, intending to go to California to engage in gold mining, but the boat on which he made the trip down the Ohio river grounded on a bar and was not released for two weeks, too late for Mr. Markham to join other California travelers on a boat bound up the Missouri. Forced to remain in St. Louis until the departure of another boat, he formed business connections and decided to remain.

Prof. Charles Villiers Stanford, who succeeds the late Sir Arthur Sullivan as the conductor of the Leeds musical festival, is a native of Dublin and has held the chair of music in the University of Cambridge since 1887. In 1883 he received his doctorate of music from Oxford and was afterward professor of composition in the Royal College of Music and conductor of the Bach choir. Among Dr. Stanford's works are an opera, "The Veiled Prophet," the libretto of which is drawn from Moore's "Lalla Rookh"; "An Irish Symphony," "The Voyage of Maeldune," "Fifty Irish Melodies" and old songs.

A vote was recently taken by The Electrical World and Engineer on the twenty-five greatest names in electrical science during the last century. The participants in the ballot were 277 members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, who were requested to arrange the names in the order of supposed excellence. The following list, therefore, shows not only the men who were chosen, but also their standing in the esteem of the institute: Faraday, Kelvin, Edison, Bell, Morse, Henry, Tesla, Elihu Thomson, Maxwell, Ampere, Siemens, Ohm, Hertz, Davy, Brush, Wheatstone, Helmholtz, Gramme, Steinmetz, Roentgen, Sprague, Plante, Marconi, Oersted and Joule. However, two other ballots were taken for comparison with the one just mentioned. The opinions of twenty-five eminent members of the institute were embodied in one and those of twenty-five professors of electricity in colleges in another. The former group placed Maxwell second and Henry fourth, showed an equal preference for Bell and Edison for fifth, and gave Tesla the fifteenth. The college professors put Maxwell third and Edison fourth, were equally divided between Hertz, Henry and Elihu Thomson for



GOVERNOR DIETRICH DELIVERING COMMISSION TO NEBRASKA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

fifth, accorded Bell and Morse equal honor and ranked Tesla fifteenth.

### Told Out of Court

The recent case of Skipwith against Hurt, a legal publication records, "was an action by a county judge on a county treasurer's bond. The county treasurer was Skipwith, who skipped with the funds, and the county judge, who was Hurt, brought the action."

A decorator employed to fresco the county court room in a certain western courthouse printed in bold gilt letters over the judge's chair the words "Ignorantia juris non excusat." This legal maxim, so peculiarly appropriate to a temple of justice, was very pleasing to the members of the bar, but for some reason the judge caused it to be obliterated and replaced by the words "Flat justitia, ruat coelum."

A man who may or may not have been a tramp, but who was arraigned recently in a Minnesota police court on a charge of vagrancy, tried to disprove the charge by proving by "two competent witnesses" that he had taken a bath "at no very remote date." Something, possibly the suspiciously uncertain "no very remote date" made the judge persistent, and after reflecting he decided that the defendant would have to prove also that he had worked, "whereupon," it is recorded, "the defense at once collapsed."

The following verdict was recently rendered in a Florida case of replevin for a house that had been removed from the plaintiff's land: "We, the jury, do find in said case of M. against B. that the defendant shall pay the plaintiff \$50 for the house taken and that the defendant retain the house, but, if the defendant does not pay the \$50, he shall return the house to the plaintiff and pay costs, but no damages."

What is "a reasonable state of intoxication" apparently just missed precise definition by a coroner's jury in Mississippi, which stated in its verdict that "We, the jury, find that deceased came to his death by a stroke of an eastbound train, No. 204, on I. C. R. R., at Fentress, Miss., in Choctaw county, on the 27th day of November, 1898, he being in a reasonable state of intoxication." A somewhat similar indefiniteness of legal conclusion mars a recent verdict of a neighboring Georgia jury, to the effect that "We, the jury, find the defendant almost guilty." Equally as uncertain and ambiguous as these statements by laymen is the opinion in an early Maryland case, which "acknowledges the corn" by saying that the occurrence referred to took place "at a former sitting when the court was full."

"There is said to be a lawyer in Philadelphia," says the Philadelphia Record, "who possesses a trick of the voice to which a certain measure of his success in United States supreme court practice is due. The trick consists in waking a judge. Whether it is a common practice for the high dignitaries of the federal supreme bench to indulge in a nap in the course of a long and tedious argument, such happenings are not unknown and it is well for an able logician of the bar to be prepared for it. The trick of waking a sleepy judge would seem to be something in the nature of slamming a law book under his nose or connecting his personality with the current of an electric battery. But the trick is explained as purely a matter of sound involved in the skilful control of the voice. It is said that a barrister practised in the art and rhetoric of addressing the bench can gather all the waves of sound from his throat into a focus and deposit it in the orifice of the judge's ear with the general effect of a bomb."

The Inquisitive Young Man sat next to the Self-Reserved Lawyer in the limited express, relates the New York Sun. The Inquisitive Young Man tired of looking out the car window soon after the train

left Albany, and he turned to the Self-Reserved Lawyer for amusement.

"Pleasant day?" said the Young Man by way of striking up a conversation. "I am not much of a judge of the weather," was the reply from his seat companion. The Inquisitive Young Man was quiet for some moments. Then he broke loose again. "Goin' far?" he asked again.

"Far enough," answered the Man of Self-Reserve.

"Far as Buffalo?" was the third question of the Irrepressible.

"Perhaps so. Perhaps not," was the reply.

For a long time the young man was silent. He spent the flying moments tracing his full name with his little finger on the window pane. Suddenly the Self-Reserved Lawyer spoke to him.

"I'm finding business good after election," said he.

The Inquisitive Young Man was much flattered by the condescension and the remark of the lawyer. His last question came easily.

"What is your line?" he asked. "Biting holes out of porous plasters," was the reply, and two or three thoughtless persons who sat nearby in the car smiled.

### Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: Some society women are works of art.

They who misjudge are apt to be misjudged.

Some cooks manage to get fat while wasting away.

A woman's face is a poem it should be a lineless one.

One way to become round is to eat plenty of square meals.

Ability is the art of doing only what we are capable of doing.

If a man is able to stand abuse he is able to stand prosperity.

The man who owes his shoemaker cannot call his sole his own.

It takes a good artist or a good actor to draw a good house.

Silence may be golden, but it won't pay the expenses of the drummer.

A man may be able to argue with a woman, but it never does any good.

Marrying a man to reform him is like drinking whisky to destroy it.

The five great powers—love, money, revenge, ambition and a good dinner.

Some people have been on the stage all their lives and still long to be actors.

Nine times out of ten when the unexpected happens we bring it on ourselves.

Never attempt to bully a judge or jury unless you have previously bribed them.

The inventor of a salt cellar that will always have salt in it will supply a long-felt want.

A west side phrenologist claims he can tell what a barrel contains by examining its head.

The wagon tongue says never a word, but it gets there ahead of the rest of the outfit. It might be well for some people to make a note of this.

### Error

Detroit Journal: "While error," we repeated, ominously, "writhes in pain—"

Here Error interposed with a derisive laugh.

"Some gazaboos," she observed, sarcastically, "don't seem to recognize the genuine danse du ventre when they see it!"

She guessed she knew enough, she would have us particularly to understand, not to depend for her popularity upon any archaic stunt, and this we took to be an oblique thrust at Truth, who still merely rose again, and then only when crushed to earth.



FLASHLIGHT OF CONTESTANTS IN BASKET BALL GAME BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AND OMAHA Y. M. C. A. TEAMS AT OMAHA—Photo by Louis R. Bostwick.