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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Time Card of the Burlington, Route

LEAVE OMAHA. ARRIVE AT OMAHA.

Express, 2:30 P. M. 7:30 P. M. 10:30 P. M.

Mail, 3:00 A. M. 10:30 P. M.

Daily Freight, 6:45 A. M. 3:30 A. M.

Chicago, No. 10.

Mail, 5:30 A. M. 10:40 P. M.

Express, 2:30 P. M. 10:30 P. M.

Sundays excepted. 10:30 P. M.

Chicago & Northwestern.

Mail, 5:30 A. M. 10:40 P. M.

Express, 2:30 P. M. 10:30 P. M.

Kansas City, St. Jo. & Council Bluffs

Morning Express, 8:20 A. M. 10:00 A. M.

Evening Express, 7:30 P. M. 6:40 P. M.

Omaha & Northwestern and Sioux City & Pacific.

Mail Express, 8:15 A. M. 2:15 P. M.

Daily Express, 10:30 A. M. 10:00 A. M.

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Personal.

Andrew Rosewater, left for Columbus, on business, yesterday morning.

Chancellor Benton, of the State University, called at the BEE office yesterday morning.

E. G. Dixon, agent of the Empire Fast Freight line, returned from Chicago yesterday morning.

Surveyor General Cunningham, of Plattsmouth, is surveying the Grand Central Hotel. His mark ornaments the register of that house.

Mr. Cutler, representing the paint, oil and varnish house of C. T. Reynolds & Co., of Chicago, is in town.

E. P. Vining, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, returned from Chicago Saturday night.

Judge Lake and District Attorney Council left for York, York county, yesterday, to hold District Court there.

Mr. Thrall, landlord of the Grand Central, is at home, having returned from Chicago Saturday night.

G. A. Gardner, representing a large match manufactory of Detroit, is in the city. He will leave for the West on Wednesday.

Judge Dillon is expected to arrive here this morning to hold the United States Circuit Court in the court room in the court house.

W. M. Bushman left for the East yesterday afternoon to purchase another spring and summer stock of dry goods, he having already disposed of the greater part of the stock which arrived some few weeks ago.

D. W. Hitchcock, the general passenger agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, arrived from Chicago yesterday, accompanied by his wife. They are stopping at the Grand Central hotel, and will remain here three or four days. They have many friends in this city, their former home, all of whom are glad to see them.

George W. Newman, the traveling representative of Sutter Bros., cigars and tobacco, Detroit, is stopping at the Metropolitan. He is one of the jolliest and best commercial travelers that ever visited Omaha. He is full of business and fun, and makes friends wherever he goes. He is well known in Omaha, where he is ever welcomed by a large circle of acquaintances among the business men. He leaves for the West on Wednesday.

The following are the arrivals at the Wyoming Hotel:

R. S. Barber, Wis; John Van

Hord, Polk Co. Neb; John Stephenson, San Francisco; E. P. Snow

Cheyenne; A. C. James, Fontenelle, Neb; Alonzo Perkins, do; C. C.

Parr, do; A. T. Stewart, St. Louis; C. H. Cooper, Chicago; Fred Cramer,

Des Moines; O. Frost, Plattsmouth; E. Whitcomb and lady, New England.

Fancy Stock.

The BEE chronicled the fact not long ago that two fast females—valuable blooded mares—passed through this city, consigned to Gov. Stanford, of California, as a present.

Yesterday a bevy of beauties—ten fast females, fancy stock—went west on the Union Pacific express train for San Francisco. It was not ascertained to whom they were consigned. They were elegantly harnessed, and the paint was spread on rather thick, though artistically.

These frail sisters came from the ranks of the demi-monde of New York. Their passage from New York to San Francisco, for themselves and baggage, amounted in all to \$2,800.

PENSIONS AND BOUNTIES PROCURED BY W. M. FRANCIS, LAW OFFICE, CREIGHTON BLOCK, 4P41f.

JEWELRY, WATCHES AND CLOCKS—a large assortment—now invite attention. corner Douglas and 15th streets.

BUTTERFLY & WHIPPLE, may 4, 6t.

I wish to exchange for greenbacks or city property, a valuable farm in Washington county. Good fruit, splendid variety of food, plenty of fine timber and good water. Grand range for stock. Call on me at my law office, which has been removed to Creighton block, may 4 3t W. M. FRANCIS.

ICE CREAM AT LATEY'S.—Families supplied cheap. Leave your orders. H. L. LATEY, april 18f

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Desirable residence property, on 14th street. Enquire of V. BURKLEY, may 11f

A NEBRASKA POET IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Senator Hitchcock makes his Debut as a Poet.

An Impartial Criticism of his "Nice Rhyming Letter."

Poets and Poetry have ever been appreciated in all ages and all countries. Greece had her Homer. Seven cities fought for Homer dead, through which the living Homer begged his bread. Although he had a hard time of it while living his poetry was appreciated, and was the means of making him immortal. He lives forever in the minds of men.

Italy had her poets—Virgil, Horace, and a host of others. She, too, like Greece, owes more to her poets than the poets owe to them. Germany had her Goethe and Schiller; England her Shakespeare, Scott, Byron, and others who have passed in their chips; while among the living she has her Tennyson, the poet laureate.

America has her Longfellow, her Bret Harte, her Walt Whitman, her Joaquin Miller, and others, who have made and are making a reputation for themselves and their country. But whom has Nebraska? She has Phineas W. Hitchcock. Should the honor of poet laureate be established in the United States to-day, there would be no lack of aspirants, and if the people of Omaha and Nebraska had a voice in the selection of a poet to "wear the laurel" they would unhesitatingly choose Phineas W. Hitchcock. He is the only man that would stand any chance of knocking the chip off Tennyson's shoulder, should there ever be an international poetry writing match. We'll wager a copy of "Mother Goose's Melodies" that he can do it.

He is a poet of no mean order, which fact has recently been discovered by his admiring constituents, who read in Sunday's Republican that beautiful poetical contribution dedicated "To Grace Hitchcock—at School in Germany," and signed "P. W. H."

Yes, P. W. H. has written a poem. He has invoked the muse, mounted his Pegasus, and has made himself immortal in rhyme.

Senator Hitchcock, like many other public men, undoubtedly has long had an itching to make himself famous as a poet, and we can unhesitatingly say that his ambition has at last been gratified.

The poem referred to affords abundant proof that the Senator is endowed with a vivid poetical imagination, and that he is but another evidence of the truth of the Latin maxim, "Poeta nascitur, non fit." He is a born poet, as any one capable of judging of the merits of his "nice rhyming letter," will at once conclude.

Having struck his attitude as a poet, and having thrown himself upon the tender mercies of the jury, which in this case is the reading public throughout the whole world, we shall exercise our rights of criticism upon his maiden effort, and shall endeavor to render an impartial verdict in his case. We consider ourselves perfectly capable of criticising his poem, for in our younger days we also wrote poetry. We recollect of having composed, with some considerable effort, a parody on "Excelsior," and "The Raven," and we once copied a long forgotten poem, of some merit, and palmed it off on Harper's magazine, as entirely original with us. We felt as proud of those successful poetical efforts, as does Phineas W. Hitchcock of his "rhyming letter."

But let us proceed with our task—the criticism of the Senator's "poem." The first two lines are:—"My dear little Grace, it will make you feel better, To get from your papa, a nice rhyming letter."

There is much contained in these two lines. They express an affection which only a father can feel, and intimate that a "nice rhyming letter,"—such as he, of course, is writing—will make the recipient feel better; that is, better than if she had received a dry, matter-of-fact prose epistle. No fault can be found with this beautiful and expressive opening.

His description of his senatorial labors is very vivid, and is worthy of careful perusal. He says his "lone life" at Washington, is "ever the

bright, flashing brilliant, of the glittering poetical setting.

Especially to be admired is this passage:—"You are no 'butterfly,' floating in air; For the present in labor, the future no care; But the BEE, that while sipping from every flower, All that dower's precious sweetness, in each sunny hour."

Here, it will be noticed, he gives the gaudily attired butterfly a deserved censure, for passing its time in lazily floating through the air, with the greatest of ease, doing no work, enjoying the present, and all letting the future take care of itself; while, on the other hand, by way of contrast, he pays a merited compliment to that industrious "insect," the "BEE," who doesn't fool away any time, but sucks the sweet life out of every flower, and stores it way for some unlucky hour, or a rainy day. The poet, when he drew on his fertile imagination for these ideas, must have had in mind that exquisite little poem:—"How dath the little busy BEE, Improve each shining hour, It gathers honey all the day, From every fragrant flower."

or, as we appropriately improved it just after last fall's election:—"How doth the little busy BEE, Improve each shining hour; It gathers daisies all the day, By some mysterious power."

The composition of Senator Phineas W. Hitchcock is beyond criticism; his ideas are beautiful, and are finely expressed; the rhyme is excellent, every two lines "jingling" in harmony, as it were. The author, in several instances, has availed himself, it is true, of the license allowed to poets, but he has done it in such a finished manner, that no one can consistently find fault with it.

We cannot pay a higher compliment to Senator Hitchcock than by comparing his production with those of the author of—"Hey diddle, the cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon; The little dog laughed to see his sport, While the dish ran away with the spoon."

A great similarity between the two will at once be observed by the careful peruser, and we are led therefore, to believe that their "poetry machines" were constructed on the same plan, and that the only thing requisite for Phineas to do, in case he wants to become recognized as the leading poet of the day, is to "turn the little handle."

It is hoped that he will not be content with this his first public effort. The lovers of poetry would be greatly disappointed at any such determination on the part of the Senator.

If there are any faults to be found with his "poem," they may safely be ascribed to the fact that he had to write it after midnight, when he had a terrible headache, and an aching heart, as he himself says. He is advised hereafter to write at a more reasonable hour, when he is in better trim. Although the poem may go down to posterity along with the efforts of Tennyson, and other rhymerists, it is hoped that this will not be his only attempt. He is a public man, and he should cultivate his literary talent. Don't all public men and Statesmen do it? Didn't D'Israeli do it? Didn't Bulwer do it? Didn't Gladstone do it? And didn't Napoleon Bonaparte do it? Of course, they did; and they gave to the world the results of their labors. Senator Hitchcock must follow suit, if he wishes to live in the memory of men long after he has been reduced to ashes by the process of cremation; he must find time, aside from his arduous labors, to favor the public with "some more of the same kind."

There are some critics, we know, who would not agree with us in our criticism of Senator Hitchcock's poem. They belong to the fault-finding class of critics—persons who are not aware that it is an easier task to criticise a literary production than it is to write it.

They have no word of encouragement; their chief delight is to dash cold water on the maiden efforts of writers. They do not take into consideration the painful heart-achings caused by their cutting criticisms. There are persons among this class, who would, after cruelly dissecting Mr. Hitchcock's poem, deliberately advise him

"So more to poetical creation, But straightway don his spial termination, And join as follows in the forest cool, Utter'd taught better by Dame Nature's rule."

We suppose that the daughter has ere this answered her father's letter, and should not be surprised to see it appear in the Republican next Sunday morning. It will probably be as follows:—"Father, dear father, come home to us now, For you've got how long you have stayed!

UNITED STATES COURTS.

Judge Dandy, Presiding.

The May Term of the United States District Court began yesterday morning at ten o'clock, at the court room in Redick's Opera House, Judge Dandy presiding.

The court calendar was called and cases assigned for trial.

In the case of the United States vs. W. H. Dickson, indicted for passing counterfeit money, a *notte prosequi* was entered, and the defendant discharged.

Frank Sibbal was admitted to citizenship.

The bailiffs appointed are J. W. Majors, John Orchard, G. Anderson and Wright.

Among the prominent attorneys in attendance from different parts of the State are B. I. Hinman, North Platte; M. H. Sessions, Lincoln; V. Bierbower, Nebraska City; E. S. Towle, Falls City; Judge Church, North Platte; T. F. Gantt, North Platte; F. W. Lehman, Nebraska City.

Silver Wedding.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Bishop and Mrs. Clark, nee Meliora McPherson, will take place next Thursday evening, May 7th, at the Grand Central hotel, where a reception has been tendered them by the churchmen of Omaha. The invitations have been issued, and are most elegantly gotten up. The committee is composed of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, Gen. Perry, Dr. Peabody, H. W. Yates, Hon. John J. Redick, Judge Wakely, Mayor Chase, Dr. E. A. Allen, Judge Doane, and Mr. H. G. Clark.

Douglas County Bible Society.

The nineteenth anniversary of the Douglas County Bible Society embracing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran churches, was held Sunday evening at the Congregational Church. Statistical reports were made by the Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendent, showing the work done, number of bibles sold and given away, the financial condition of the society, etc. Chancellor Benton delivered an interesting sermon on the history of the Bible, style of composition, its influence, importance, etc.

Considerable business was transacted, and a contribution taken up. The Bible Society is in a very flourishing condition, is constantly increasing in membership, and is doing a vast amount of good.

"Old John Bunyan."

The Baptist Sunday School children are preparing to present next Wednesday and Friday evenings some of the principal scenes in Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress," which will be illustrated by tableaux, songs and readings. The tableau will be taken from Cassel's celebrated illustrated edition of Bunyan's works, published in London. The entertainment will be a novel and instructive one, and arrangements are being made to render it a success.

[Communicated.]

OUR ELKHORN LETTER.

ELKHORN, May 2, 1874.

EDITOR OMAHA BEE:

Our town was unusually lively yesterday. The farmers and mechanics in and around this place came in town to witness the organization of a Council of Industry. Mr. Harrison Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. W. Wright, who stated the object of the order, which was received with enthusiasm. Col. Smythe was introduced by Mr. Johnson. He spoke of the financial depression of the country, and the cause of it. Geo. U. Crawford was called on. He made a few timely remarks showing that he was in sympathy with the order. Mr. J. Rush was then called for, and amid loud applause took the stand. He spoke in some length on the aristocracy and its influence on the working class. Dr. Chas. Howcroft made a few remarks in favor of the order. He was followed by Messrs. Goff and Smiley. The objects of the order were so well explained by the speakers that thirty-six gentlemen signed the roll book, and the following gentlemen were elected to fill the different offices: Geo. N. Crawford, president; Eli Johnson, farmer; P. H. Kean, mechanic; J. W. Stewart, chaplain; Dr. Chas. Howcroft, secretary; J. McArthur, senior escort; George

THE "SEANCE" AGAIN.

Effects of Modern Spiritualism.

OMAHA, May 4, 1874.

EDITOR BEE:

Just at this time, when the friends of the mysterious are on tip-toe, and "Seance" finds a place in one of our dailies; when the visible yet invisible hand and collar-box performance is warm in the minds of some of our people, it may be interesting to your readers to take a view of "Seance," as witnessed last night by a number of unwilling witnesses, and performed by the same medium as in the former case.

This medium, Mr. A. C. Abbott from Tekamah, was induced to visit Omaha by certain parties well known in this city, under promise that they would procure him a situation in some business. Soon after his arrival, about the middle of last week, he was induced to give sittings, at different places where the mysteries of the spirit land are sought for, and the results of one such was published as above stated.

During this time he has complained to his friend with whom he is stopping of feeling unwell. Yesterday he was followed up by the parties above alluded to, who insisted that he should meet them in the evening for another performance, in answer to which he sent a note stating that he was sick and could not attend, after which he was visited by the parties and informed that he was expected and must come; that to-morrow night would not do. Immediately after his persecutor left him, he was seized with cramps by which he was drawn into unseemly shapes and lay in convulsions on the floor. This continued for some minutes, when the muscles relaxed and he was left easy; but again these spasms returned, and during the entire night he suffered a thousand deaths, and twice was given up for dead. During these spasms the most powerful stimulants were administered with some good effect, yet at this writing there is but little chance for the better.

Mr. Abbot claims not to be a Spiritualist, but an unbeliever, and that he has only followed this thing for investigation, and in all probability this will be his last seance. But for these good (?) friends who had been so anxious for his welfare, Oh where were they? Not with him to be sure, but doubtless with their familiar spirits, with whom they held sweet converse. Did the spirits tell them of his terrible state, and advise them to hasten to him? No, we think not, for skeptics were there, and unbelievers did what they could for his relief. He is in the hands of good friends, but not of the spiritualistic faith, from which, good God, deliver us.

ONE OF HIS ATTENDANTS.

Mysterious Disappearance.

On Tuesday of last week Charles Ruehburg, for some months past employed as book-keeper at the grocery house of Pundt, Meyer & Raapke, mysteriously disappeared, and has not since been seen or heard of. On Monday he informed his employers that he intended to leave on the 1st of May. On Tuesday morning he came to the store, and instructed his successor for a few minutes in his system of book-keeping; he then left. His clothes and trunk remain in his room in the second story of the building, and he has not since been to his meals at Mr. Thiele's on Tenth street. His former employers cannot account for his disappearance, and are inclined to the opinion that something strange has happened to him.

DR. A. S. BILLINGS, DENTIST, 234 Farnham St., Bet. 16th and 17th, up stairs. Teeth extracted without pain, by use of Nitrous Oxide Gas. Office open all hours.

PHYSICIANS.

Surgical Rooms I. VAN CAMP, M. D. Dispenses his own medicines, and besides regular practice, makes specialties of Derangements and Diseases Peculiar to Women, Piles and Hemorrhoids, Corner Farnham and 14th Streets, first door to the right, up stairs Omaha, Neb. Address Lock Box 964.

DENTISTRY.

L. W. JONES, -DEALER IN- MOST EVERYTHING

DRS. CHARLES & PAUL, DENTISTS,

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.—Advertisements to Let, For Sale, Lot, Wants, Found, Boarding, Ac., will be inserted in these columns once for FIVE CENTS per line, and will be inserted FIVE CENTS per line. The first insertion never less than TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

FOR SALE—6 square Pennsylvania blue slate, 2418, left from High School roof, also a quantity of 18 inch cement pipe for street sewers and gutters. P. BICKNELL, 569 16th st.

WANTED—A LIVE MAN—One experienced in advertising preferred. The method is new, novel and attractive. For particulars call on O. F. TIFFANY, Metropolitan Hotel, before 10 a. m. to-morrow. my 4 1/2

ONE OF THE BUG-Y AND HANNESS, also a most new for sale cheap, at 225 California st., bet. 13th and 14th sts. my 4 1/2

WANTED—A good girl can find steady employment in a small family, by applying at second house north of alley on west side of 17th st., between California and Webster. ap 21f

PLANTS—Cabbage, Cauliflower, Tomato, Pepper, etc. (4341) TOWSLEY.

FOR SALE—A desirable residence property, two lots and house, well located, good improvements, such as shade and fruit trees and grape vines. Terms easy. Inquire of Mrs. J. P. BEE, office. ap 29f

FOR EXCHANGE—I will exchange my house and lots in Dakota county, Ill., for stock, merchandise and property in Nebraska. Address J. A. W., care of Col. E. F. Smythe. ap 29f

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY FOR RENT.—One of the finest galleries in the State, well fitted to do all kinds of photography, in terms, at Lone Tree, county seat of Morrill county, in a fine, highly settled region. Address MORRIS L. WRIGHT, Lone Tree, Neb. ap 29f

WANTED—A situation for a modest girl of 18 years of age in a