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From O'Neill Frontier.

While the trust and railroad freight rate questions are under agitation the people would like some relief from the excessive tolls levied by the coal men. Omaha coal dealers furnish Wyoming coal \$1.60 per ton cheaper than it can be bought for 300 miles nearer the coal mines. In Nebraska, coal is one of the absolute necessities in every household and yet the price of the very poorest varieties are little less than prohibitory. If coal can be transported the whole length of the state and sold for less money than hundreds of miles nearer the mines, somebody is working a graft that ought to be peremptorily stopped.

Against Our Own Selves.

You cannot secure prosperity by destroying the prosperity of the towns around you, even the smallest of them. If you destroy their prosperity, your own prosperity goes with it. The business of building up a country and support it is a mutual matter. We must help each other. We must patronize each other and deal with each other, if we expect to succeed.

When we turn against our own people, when we patronize those whom we do not know, those whom we cannot hold responsible if anything happens, when we patronize those who unload worthless goods upon us, we are working against our own state, our own friends, our own selves.

If we want to build up our own state we must patronize our own towns and our own people.—Fillmore Chronicle.

It has been a custom since the remote past for the railroads to offer and for public officials to accept transportation. It is possible that, under conditions as they formerly existed, no wrong was intended by either party to the transaction. But, judging from the sentiment of the state press, the practice is to be superseded. Most of the talk has been directed against the usage as it applies to members of the legislature, but no reason can be given in the present state of civilization, why any state official should allow himself to occupy a position, which, to say the least, is getting to be regarded as compromising. The member of the state senate who tried to evade the issue when an anti-pass bill was under consideration a few days ago by bringing into the discussion newspaper transportation showed that he was hard up for an argument.—Ainsworth Star-Journal.

Don't Lose Interest.

It is generally accepted by thoughtful men that the railroads and allied interests will with characteristic determination and craft bestir themselves during the year in an effort to create public sentiment against railroad legislation. Already in newspapers conceded to be subservient to railroad influences are appearing adroit articles calculated to lull the public mind and prepare the way for the springing of some new and absorbing issue. The railroads realize that no issue if pressed to a conclusion will prove more menacing to their ironfisted control of

commerce and to their dictatorial attitude toward affairs both private and governmental than the loud demand for reform railroad legislation. The railroads' alarming grasp of the situation has just been demonstrated in their successful effort to prevent enactment of a law which would confer upon the interstate commerce commission power which it was originally supposed to have, of adjusting railroad rates and putting into effect new tariffs where the old were found to be unreasonable and unjust. The railroads fear that the people will sooner or later awake to the fact that government ownership is the only true solution and in fact the only way in which anything along this line will ever be accomplished. There is absolutely nothing to be hoped for from the republican party as they are owned body and bitches by the big corporations.—O'Neill Independent.

Publicity A Foe To Crime.

Under this caption the Rev. John Clarence Lee, of Trenton, New Jersey, delivered an excellent address recently in the above city which was full of praise for the modern newspaper. Among other splendid things he said: "The first function of the newspaper is the gathering and narration of news. The world is made up of both good and evil. The newspaper in performing its function of narrating the history of the day, is obliged to take cognizance of both. However we may regret the existence of evil, it cannot be said that it would be best to exclude the account of it from the public press. Publicity is a foe to crime. It is one of the means by which the way of the transgressor is made hard. It is a part of the retribution of sin. Many a grave wrong has been unearthed by the faithful reporter, and the criminal, therefore, brought to the condemnation he deserved."

There is plenty of good meat in this statement of the revered gentleman. It takes a correct perspective of the situation and sets forth in clear and lucid light. To be sure, there are, and always will be in every community, certain pious souls who almost loathe the prominence given by the newspapers to crimes committed. They say that it seems to be the aim of the newspapers to parade the obnoxious and diabolical things before the world and color them sometimes to distort them; that they are beyond recognition. This they are pleased to call "yellow journalism."

Without vitating in the least the fundamental principle involved in the above quoted remarks from Dr. Lee, it may be admitted that comparatively few newspapers are addicted to this habit, their chief aim being to properly expose the wrong done to society and thus protect society from a recurrence of it.

But the question involved in Dr. Lee's statement is, "Is publicity a foe to crime?" Does it have the tendency to lessen crime? Or does it, as some moralists maintain, tend to educate people to look with complacency upon those things which are heinous in the sight of God and man?

These questions cannot be answered categorically, but largely

hypothetically. From the standpoint of the reader, purely, they would seem to admit of but one answer. But from the standpoint of the trained reporter they convey a different answer. For he knows full well how even the demimonde hate to be exposed in the newspapers. Crime seeks to hide itself and those who are constantly engaged in its propagation are loath to be brought out in the clear lime light of truth and exposed.

There is no doubt in the mind of a newspaper man that the aggregate of mankind do not seek unfavorable criticism. This is something they don't want. The moral element in every community will thereafter know them and spot them. They are branded from the moment the newspaper makes the expose.

However much the moralist and purists may lament this wholesale and, as they term it, needless exposure of crime it transpires that after all it works out for the betterment of society. Crime dare not flaunt itself brazenly before the public without getting coruscatingly into print.

Could all moral and religious teachers view this matter from the standpoint of the public press, they would be led to radically change their views as to the publicity of crime and they would see that exposure is one of the greatest foes to its repetition, even as the sunlight and oxygen are to the nefarious work of the deadly bacillus.—Sioux City Tribune.

Not Used to Nudity

Stray members of the bunch of cowboys which cut into the inaugural parade in Washington are riding homeward, stopping at way stations on the road to "God's Country" and giving their impressions to reporters on the look out for "good stuff," says an Omaha paper. Skinner Humphrey of Broken Timber, Mont., Long Thompson of Garryowen, Fred Avery of Crow Hills and Slider Avery of White Creek stopped to graze in Chicago and talked about the inaugural ball.

"Talk about dressing! We do some dog in clothes in Broken Timber, but we were laid out cold at the ball," said Humphrey.

"We gets into the ball and the first thing we see was a stunning woman cavorting across the floor with a fellow in a swell uniform. But the girl didn't appear to have any clothes on—she looked cold and lost. Long Thompson turned his head away and blushed something he hasn't done since he was a calf on the range of life. He whispers to us, especially to Slider Avery, who was staring until his eyes began to bulge.

"For God's sake fellers, don't look! That poor heifer's broke loose without knowing how she looks. Give her a chance to duck."

"So we all shut our eyes, but Avery—he never was respectable, anyway. After a time, when it got tiresome, we open our eyes, and there's a hundred or more women skating around, dressed like the first—nothing on but a lariat and a saddle blanket.

"I'm going to bed," says Maxey, 'for if I ever talk in my sleep after I get home, and my old woman gets on to what sinful things I've seen here, it's all day."

"So we backed out, rejoicing that we don't have to live where clothes are so scarce. Otherwise we had a bully good time."

Sparks Quills.

A. Haley was hunting ducks Sunday.

Wm. Stillwell is working for Roy Kuskie.

Mr. Rosa, of Norden, was in this locality recently.

A niece of Mr. Swain's is here to spend the summer.

Mesdames Burdick and Hower were in Sparks Monday.

John Shelbourn drove a car load of steers to town Saturday.

Mr. Callen has been on the sick,

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list the past week but is improving.

Sparks has been run over with horse hunters looking for stray horses.

Etna Breechbill's hired man was breaking horses for Jake Breechbill Sunday.

Preaching at the church every two weeks by Rev. Bassett at 11, Sunday School at 10.

The ducks and geese have been here and gone, still there is a few web footed ones left yet.

Dave Hamar had his hand badly cut while stretching wire last week by the wire breaking.

Chas. Hudson passed through Sparks Tuesday morning enroute for the canyons after a load of posts.

The box social at Kewanee, given by Miss Tillson of Penbrook and Miss Ashburn of Sparks, was a glowing success. \$29.55 was taken in to buy a new organ for the school. A good program was carried out and everybody had a good time.

The Porcupine got a wireless dispatch Sunday from Kuropatkin announcing the capture of a mule near Tie Pass the next morning after our mule's disappearance. If he had announced that he had him tied fast methinks I would have been over after him before the capture.

A big crowd at Sparks Sunday: John Brindia, Wm. Grooms, Etna Breechbill, John Todd, Roy Kuskie, Fred Grooms, Tom Jones, A. Haley, Dick Allen, Walter Johnson, John Jaquains, Joe Lawrence, Dave Green, Chas. Hudson, Jr., Thad Jelly, Will Stillwell, Frank Grooms, Jake Breechbill, Guy Polen and one of his uncles, John Grooms and Deacon Shatzthauer.

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