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It is suspected that Occidental Bates has charge of the Atkinson department of the Smudge.

Mr. CLEVELAND ought to be made to give \$500 to any helpless babe handicapped for life's race with his name.

COMMERCE abroad is a beautiful thing to dream about, but an increase in commerce at home is the first duty of a statesman.

A CHICAGO church is to have the heaviest chime of bells ever cast in America. They were cast in Baltimore the other day.

THE income tax has been declared unconstitutional. What now will become of that yawning chasm—the national treasury?

THE Amelia Journal plant has been removed to Atkinson, from which place the paper will be issued in the form of a seven-column folio.

THE St. Paul Globe says Harry Hayward's nerve is not weakening. It is reported that he is giving souvenir hangmen's nooses to his friends.

THE democrats are much handier with a surplus than a deficit. They can change the former into the latter in a manner that would cause an oriental magician to blush.

If the Tennessee democrats can afford to endorse the theft of the governorship the republicans can stand it. It ought to result in putting the state into the republican column to stay.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY says the present administration has transferred the burden of taxation from imported goods of foreign countries to the incomes, the investments and the property of our own people.

THE World's Fair medal-winners have been informed by the treasury department that they may get their medals about next August. That's about as near up to date as the administration is on anything.

SECRETARY HERBERT proposes to reduce the pay of painters in the government navy yards; he also proposes to take his usual summer junket in a government vessel and at the expense of the government.

THE question is, does the police judge show a proper concern for the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska, a conservator of which he is supposed to be, when he advocates the tarring and feathering of his competitors?

An awful fear fills the breasts of Holt county populists. They have heard it whispered that the people are disgusted with their spurious reform and may combine for mutual protection and next fall expunge them from the record.

EDITOR SHELDON, of the Chadron Signal, the leading populist organ of North Nebraska, after taking a careful survey of the field in this judicial district, concedes the renomination of the present presiding judges, Messrs. Kincaid and Bartow, and he would not be surprised to see them both elected.—Stuart Ledger.

A MAN before a Maine court was recently held in \$5,000 bond, for simple assault and threat to kill. He should follow the star of empire westward in its flight and locate in Holt county where such innocent diversion would cause him no annoyance. He could murder a man here and be released on a \$300 bond, or even kill a horse and secure his release for \$500.

A WISCONSIN tailor has been arrested for swindling through the mails, on complaint of an Indiana preacher. He advertised to send a receipt to cure drunkenness on receipt of one dollar, and when the Indiana preacher received his document it read: "Sign the pledge and stick to it." We do not see that the preacher had any reason to complain. Certainly the advice was good, as easy to take as medicine, and according to how far he had progressed in the drinking line, it would be no hard task to figure out how soon his dollar would be saved. Lots of men have paid more than a dollar for advice less practical.

COL. CONGER, of Ohio, says ex-President Harrison is as much a candidate for the presidency as McKinley, Reed or Allison. There is certainly a very strong undercurrent throughout the country for Harrison. He made such an excellent president before, his administration was so free from scandal and alliances of all kinds, he was so much of an American throughout and has been so many and dignified as a plain American citizen since he laid down the highest honors of his country that the people feel he is a safe man to lead the country out of the sloughs and quagmires into which it was plunged by the election of 1892. No one has ever heard him complain of his defeat, and every public utterance he has made since then has had the ring of a true American in every sentence.

THE Beacon Light again insolently refers to a mortgage upon this institution and commands the holder thereof to cause us to desist from further exposure of populism, threatening dire disaster if the peremptory mandate is not religiously observed. Seems strange that this fellow should assert and reiterate that this paper never publishes facts, and then make such strenuous efforts to have it gagged. But it will hardly work. We have a record which says that no man or set of men control our course, and we do not believe that our readers will for a moment seriously think to the contrary. The names of the men who edit this journal appear at the head of the first column of this page, and they desire to say that they alone are responsible for its policy. Unfortunately they did find it convenient to mortgage the office, but in so doing they did in no manner whatsoever mortgage their freedom of speech or press. If the time ever comes in the course of our business here that this compiler is denied the privilege of saying what he would, or compelled to say what he would not, he will bury his pen to the hilt in the floor and go out shooting plover. The people who imagine this paper will submit to dictation are sadly mistaken. The people who imagine that anyone has ever tried to influence this paper are just as sadly mistaken. We are not so full of egotism that we will not listen to reason and friendly counsel and take it for what we consider it worth, but when we will we will and that's all there is to it. We have been under pecuniary obligations to different men but none of them has ever over stepped the bounds of business principles so far as to intimate that his power exceeded the plain provision of his bond, nor do we believe that any man will.

WRITING of Grover Cleveland in the State Journal V. V. Annin says: "In his retreat at old Beauvoir on the Woodley Lane road, the president has a home that could not be quieter and safer and be near to the city, a home that is situated on rising ground, commanding a clear view of the surrounding country, over the tree tops and down the road. On bright afternoons the drive out to Woodley is one of the most popular about Washington. Aristocratic carriages are always in sight, and there does not seem to be one chance in a thousand for any person, even if so inclined, to force his way into the mansion with malevolent intent. Mr. Cleveland, however, does not regard his position as a safe one. He does not consider that his life and person are yet safe from the bold attacker, and day and night the blue-coated policemen are guarding Beauvoir the same as they did at the White house, when Mr. Cleveland was in the city. The policemen stand on the outside of the house and patrol up and down in front of the door, and when a carriage or pedestrian approaches up the carriage way, instantly take position at the front steps, and no one, unless satisfactory explanation can be given, is even allowed to ring the doorbell. Mr. Cleveland has dispensed with the private detective guard that used to follow him about whenever he rode, and there is apparently no reason why he should not order the policemen, who have been taken from the force of Washington and placed on guard duty at Beauvoir, to return at once to the city and to no longer disgrace the scenery of the beautiful country home and make himself appear ridiculous to the public."

Mrs. BROADBOD, of Ewing, is making a nuisance of herself by prosecuting the relief business so far beyond the bounds of reason and necessity. Our attention has, during the past winter, been several times called to her methods, but after an investigation we did not feel like placing a straw in her way, as we were informed by excellent authority that she was in fact doing good work in relieving the needy and distressed. One individual told us that she had, to his personal knowledge, cared for at least three hundred deserving families in the vicinity of Ewing. For that reason we permitted her to work in her own way her wondrous to perform, without a dissenting word from us, although we never really believed the ends justified the means she adopted. The pitiful tales of sorrow and woe that she caused to be published in eastern papers were in the main untrue, but that was somewhat palliated by the fact that they brought in numerous donations of merchandise and rhino, with the latter of which it is said she lined the pockets of her jeans. But that is now a matter of the past and as nothing can be done about it it should be allowed to drop and steps taken to cause her to subside. There is now no excuse for her begging and the citizens of Ewing should surround her with a mass convention and implore her to break away. By her persistency she is casting grave suspicion upon her sincerity of purpose; suspicion that her past meritorious acts cannot cover.

EVERYONE agrees that Admiral Meade's criticism of the administration was unwise, but it was not untrue.

THE Rockford Republican says it has been figured out that it costs \$450 to save a Chicago sinner, and that being so, the average kind of a sinner ought to be saved for a great deal less.

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