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Good Bye.

THE PLATTSMOUTH HERALD has been sold to Knott's Bros. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the hearty support accorded us by the business men of this community and herewith return our thanks; also to correspondents, whose letters have added materially to the character of the HERALD as a newspaper, and to all friends whose kindly criticism has encouraged us in our work. To your favorable notice we commend the new proprietors, who are young men of practical experience, fully equipped to make the HERALD a first-class paper in all respects.

Salutatory.

In taking charge of the HERALD we have only to say, that we are Republican from the core. The HERALD will be devoted to the best interests of the county, city and ourselves, and we will do our best to give general satisfaction. We ask all correspondents to continue just as they have been. We also want a correspondent in every precinct that there is not one already. As we are strangers among you, we ask you to give us your assistance and bear with us for a little while. KNOTT'S BROS.

BLAINE contemplates a trip to Europe in June.

THE defence in the Arensdorf trial at Sioux City is endeavoring to show that Leavitt fired the fatal shot, but the witnesses for Arensdorf are somewhat mixed.

PUBLIC sentiment in Plattsmouth was never so favorably inclined towards the building of public improvements as at the present. There are few grumblers, and their complaints are of little force.

WITH Blaine as the Republican candidate and David Hill as the Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1888, what will become of the mugwumps? asks an inquisitive exchange. Ask something easy.

WE commend the action of the Republicans of the New York legislature in their strong fight for High License. High license is not so good as a complete wiping out of all saloons, but it is much better than free rum or low license. If we can not knock out all the saloons then the next best thing is to knock out as many as possible.

ITALIAN immigrants are seldom capitalists, and are but too often paupers. The condition of the 519 steerage passengers who came over on the Scotia is a striking instance of the latter fact. Owning to the stranding of the ship and subsequent delay in landing they were turned loose at Castle Garden in the condition of wolves after a long and severe winter. A raid on the lunch counters satisfied their immediate cravings, but many of the unfortunate creatures are still without food and almost without clothes. The wholesale shipping of paupers and tramps from one country to another ought to be regarded as an offense against international law, and dealt with accordingly.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BABYHOOD for April is particularly interesting and valuable to young mothers and to parents generally. Its leading article, on "Habitual Constipation and its Domestic Management," by Louis Starr, Professor of the diseases of Children in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, is a practical discourse on the causes, relief and prevention of this distressing condition so common among children. It contains several lists of diet adapted to the powers of digestion of different ages of babies, the peculiar value of each article of food being pointed out. "Sore Throats" is discussed by Dr. Jerome Walker, who gives the methods of examining the throat, and its appearance in the several diseases affecting it, as well as the course of treatment to be pursued. Dr. Charles H. May tells graphically all about "Cross-Eyes or Squint" in young children. In the department of "Nursery Problems," careful advice is given upon "Late Teething," "Excessive Nose-Bleeding," "Colic Accompanying Nursing," "Grinding the Teeth," etc; and in "The Mothers' Parliament," such matters as "Circumcision," "Temper in Babies," "Caring for the Finger-Nails," "Arsenic in Wall-Paper," "Flour Balls," etc., are discussed by the mothers themselves. 15 cen's a number; \$1.50 a year. Babyhood Publishing Co., 5 Beekman Street, New York.

GEN. DUDLEY, of Indiana, former U. S. Commissioner of Patents and a gentleman thoroughly posted on politics, thus comments on the next election:

"Indiana will be solid for any Republican for President in 1888. We can carry it next year with Lieutenant Governor Robinson as a candidate for governor by 30,000 majority. As far as Presidential candidates are concerned, it is not to be forgotten that we also have a young man who is to be considered in the list. We think 'Ben' Harrison can make a run equal to the best. If the Republicans in the country had understood and appreciated the situation in Indiana last fall and had given us the help we needed for our campaign, we would have re-elected Harrison to the Senate. As it was we lost the trick."

THERE is now and has been for a long time, a tendency on the part of enthusiastic partisans to select some one man as the only person qualified to lead the party to success. Certain statesmen achieve renown by reason of their brilliant parts and upon assuming the leadership are too often recognized as the only individual competent to lead their party to success. Even today many people in discussing this and that candidate for the presidency in the firm belief that their favorite and not the favorite of somebody else, is just the man to bring success to the party. But we have no apprehension that such fears are well founded. The Republican party is fortunate in having such men as Blaine, Sherman, Hawley and there is no probability that the choice, fall upon whom it may, will fall upon unworthy shoulders.

IT was a difficult matter to secure inter-State commerce legislation, and now that such a bill has become a law it will still be a difficult matter to enforce all its provisions. But it is a difficult matter to enforce all the provisions of any law of such wide scope and upon which there is so great a variety of opinions, and the new law should be judged not so much by the number of failures it experiences as the degree of success it attains in enforcing any of the provisions of the new bill. The law is generally acknowledged to be a crude one, but it is something in the direction of federal control over the great monopolies of the country, and however crude it may be, the people are satisfied with the beginning; it is a considerable better than no beginning at all. Some of the perplexities which will come up for solution and the embarrassments which will crowd themselves upon the commission, may be acquired from a glance at the vast interests which this law endeavors to regulate. There are now in operation over 125,000 miles of road, representing seven billion five hundred million dollars, and giving employment to over half a million persons. The members of the commission, however, are recognized as competent and honest, and with their qualifications on their part and patience on the part of the people, it is probable that much good will yet come out of this attempt to regulate inter-State commerce.

THE tyranny of the majority has often been shown the equal of the most despotic rulers, and in this country where we pride ourselves that the majority rules, there are instances of oppression that are more like the governments of the old world than the new. Labor organizations not only have absolute control of individual members, but they attempt to dictate to prevent men outside their orders from enjoying their personal liberty. These men who will not join their secret labor organizations are called "scabs," and are subject to much ridicule and inconvenience. But George William Curtis stands up for the privileges and rights of this class of laborers in the following strong language:

And why is an honest, hard working laborer derided as a "scab"? What offense has he committed? What wrong has he done? Whom has he injured? He has a wife and family to support by his daily toil, and he has undertaken honest work at wages which he chooses to accept. How long since that has been an offense in America? An offense! It is that very thing which has made America. That is essential Americanism. It is the personal liberty, the right of the individual, which governments are justly constituted to protect. It is consonant with the most complete and effective organization for securing just objects in that which respect perfectly the rights of individuals. This government is a government of party. But political parties become mere despotisms and tyrannies to be resisted and overthrown when they attack that individual independence. There is no blinder or more stupid tyranny than a majority may be. Within its proper range its authority is fair and legitimate. But because it is expedient that the majority of voices shall decide whether a necessary tax shall be one per cent. or one-and-a-half per cent., it does not follow that the cry, "Crucify him! crucify him!" was a wise cry, or a cry to be obeyed, because it was the cry of a majority.

How Working Men Live.

One of the most interesting questions now being discussed by social reformers is that of the cost of living, especially as applied to the workmen of this and other countries. It is a question which in importance is commensurate with the matter of wages, for the truth is generally recognized that economy in living is money saved, as extravagance in dress is money wasted. It was for the purpose of ascertaining how working men lived in Italy that a writer in Harper's donned the blouse and assumed the occupation of a day laborer. His observations are thus related in his own words:

"The cost of living is greater in America than in any state in Europe. It is ten to twenty per cent. higher than in England; it is twice as high as in France; it is three times as in Italy. Is this difference in the cost of living commensurate with the difference in wages? Possibly say, decidedly, the low cost of living does not fully compensate for the low wages received. The European working-man manages to exist by reducing the standard of living, and buying only such articles as are absolutely necessary. There are men in Italy who earn but seven cents for a day's work of fourteen hours—one-half a cent an hour. Very few skilled mechanics earn as much as a dollar a day; the average does not exceed fifty cents. The Italian mechanic manages to get through on this sum, partly because of the cheapness of living, but principally because of his wonderful economy, and happy disposition, that enables him to be satisfied and contented with conditions at which even an American beggar would rebel.

"There is no waste in Italian kitchens, not even in kitchens of the rich. The refuse of the rich man's kitchen is carefully stored by the cook, and sold to dealers in 'second hand' food, who in turn retail it to the poor. The average rent paid by the Italian working-man for his room, his home and workshop combined, is twelve to fifteen dollars a year.

"In the large American cities, as New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, etc., wages appear to be slightly higher than in the small towns, though not sufficiently so to compensate for the greatly increased cost of living. In New York it is simply impossible for the average working man to live in anything like comfort. Rents are high, provisions are high, everything is high. Few workmen get off with less than ten dollars a month rent, and it may safely be said that any habitation in New York City would be at that figure of the most miserable and squalid condition."

What They Say of Us.

Mr. A. B. Knott, who has been connected with the Herald during the past three years, succeeded in getting his business entirely settled up and severed all relations with the paper on Saturday, December 4th. He immediately left for his home in the Bluffs, from which he goes to Dallas, Texas, where he will probably remain during the winter. For Mr. Knott we can only speak in words of highest recommendation. The better we became acquainted with him the more we were impressed with his many good qualities of head and heart. Honorable and industrious we predict for him a successful future. We regret to lose such young men from our town. Abbie will always be a welcome visitor to Indianola.—Indianola Herald.

A. B. Knott, formerly of the Herald, and who made a host of warm friends during his three years' residence among us, has severed all his business relations here and has gone to Dallas, Texas, to at least spend the winter. He was not altogether decided when he left here as to where he would locate, but we can assure him that wherever his lot may be cast he has the well wishes of his many friends here. We have been quite intimately associated with him in the last year or two, in business matters especially, and we found him to be thoroughly honest and fair in all his dealings, and a true gentleman. The News will be interested in learning of his success wherever he may go.—Warren Co. (Iowa) News.

Dramatic Notes.

Mrs. James Brown Potter, whose recital of 'Ostler Joe' so shocked the modesty of Washington society, made her debut upon the stage in London a few nights since. The audience contained more of the rank and nobility of fashionable society than is usually seen in a theatre. The Prince of Wales, the Rothschilds, Ellen Terry, the U. S. Charge d'Affaires, innumerable Dukes and writers were out in full array, and quite generous in their applause.

OMAHA congratulates herself upon the speedy construction of a grand Union depot. This is the same depot, we believe, which was used to boom real estate a year or more ago, and is again brought to the front as a relief to the coal discovery.

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Stray Chips.

An editor never finds out just how little he knows until he sells out his paper and goes to farming. Rols were called frequently in the army during the war, but hard tack was usually served. "You are growing old, I see a gray hair in your head." "Pull it out, please. Thanks; I am young again." "Who Pays Our Taxes?" excitedly asks the New York Times. The question surprises us. Don't you pay them yourself. "Well; but if you can't bear her, whatever made you propose?" "Well, we had danced three dances, and I couldn't think of anything else to say." Way out in Kansas they say there is a travelling dramatic company playing a local sketch entitled "Ten Nights in a Drug Store." He (a Boston musicale)—"What a glorious interpretation!" She (a Chicago young woman)—"Yes, Mr. Waldo, I call that good fiddling." Miss De Collette—"Do you approve of the nude in art, Mr. Fitz-Jones?" Mr. Fitz-Jones—"Well, I don't know. I think it better there than in society." A western man, after losing all his money, put up his wife as a stake in a game of poker. But his run of bad luck continued. He failed to lose her. The following correspondence between a Harlan county threshing machine man and an agricultural implement dealer has found its way into print: "Dear Sir, I broke a kog wheel in my threshin masheen, and I want another won sent immediately at wunst." The dealer wrote back: "Which wheel do you want?" The farmer replied: "The wheel on the north side of the masheen. Enny darn fool order no that much. Send it quick."

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