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CITY PRINTING.

The city printing was awarded this paper last night by the City Council. The HERALD bid being almost one half lower than the bid of the Journal upon all classes of printing except city printing—upon this class of work the HERALD bid was twenty cents per square for the first insertion and ten cents per square for each subsequent insertion, being lower than the Journal bid. The HERALD competed for this work expecting if its bid was the lowest it would receive this printing, if not the lowest it did not expect it. The HERALD expected Councilmen Lehmann, Bons and Patterson would treat the interests of the city.

They just exactly as these gentlemen are known to attend to their own private affairs. Yet the voted last evening to let the city printing to the highest bidder, and this in the face of the fact that they as Councilmen had by resolution agreed to give this work to the lowest bidder. The HERALD cares nothing about this matter further than to express its surprise that these gentlemen would pursue this course when the City Council had asked for bids, and in the face of the fact that the lowest bidder could go right into Court and compel the city to let it have this work. The HERALD believes these gentlemen must have been misled in the course they pursued in this matter; otherwise they certainly have a strange conception of their duties as members of the city government. The HERALD's bidding for this work was simply a matter of business, and we certainly had a right to expect the gentlemen selected as guardians of the city interests would treat the matter in the same light.

PUT AWAY YOUR PISTOL.

A peaceable citizen, skilled workman and kind husband and father dead; a wife, a stranger in a strange land, a widow, seven children, the oldest 11 years of age, orphaned and in need; another man, of good reputation, but impulsive and quick tempered, a murderer; a second woman, a murderer's wife; and all because of the damnable pistol habit. This is the story of yesterday morning's killing. If there had been no pistol there would have been no death. Men do not take life in noisy fracas on late streets when they are unarmed. The hot headed person at whose hands another's blood will be required on account of yesterday's affair, killed because he had a pistol handy, just as scores of others have killed before him. The pistol habit is as wicked as it is senseless. No respectable persons, except officers of the law, need to carry pistols habitually. The man who goes armed presumably expects to commit crime, or provoke a quarrel. If, however, he really thinks the weapon necessary for his protection, he is a fool instead of a knave. There are many chances to one that, instead of keeping an assailant at bay, he will wound or kill himself or some innocent person.—Globe Democrat.

This community can appreciate the foregoing.

THE CZAR CROWNED.

The Coronation of the Czar of all the Russians was fully consummated yesterday. The Czar's Crown dates of Emperor Paul the First. Valued at 3,000,000 roubles. The manifesto issued by his Supreme highness on this occasion is indicative of more liberality towards his subjects. Pardon upon certain conditions is granted the Poles, remission of penalties for certain offences, a general tone of clemency pervades the entire manifesto. A tendering of the "olive branch" towards his disaffected subjects, which bespeaks a more liberal government in Russia. The expense of the Coronation is estimated, say the dispatches at 2,000,000 pounds, or \$10,000,000, which will be covered by the issue of the treasury note. Verily, royalty is an expensive luxury for the poor subject.

DAKOTA BONDS.

Dakota may now come into this great and glorious Union with clean hands, so far as some of our down East Republican Statesmen, like Fry, of Maine and Hour, of Massachusetts are concerned—that territory is no longer under bonds. The indebtedness which kept her out of the Union has been satisfactorily arranged between the Eastern Capitalists owning the same and Yankton county. It appears these bonds were litigated in the U. S. Courts, and had to be valid, after which the Territorial Legislature repudiated the debt; for this act of repudiation the whole Territory was punished by a refusal to admit it during the past Session of Congress. This indebtedness being arranged, nothing but

JOSEPH COOK vs. CHICAGO JOURNALS.

The Chicago newspapers are loud in their denunciation of Rev. Joseph Cook, principally because the Rev. Cook sees fit to criticize Chicago Journalism. This is a common failing of the journalism of this day, and age. The average newspaper wants all criticism on its own side of the house. The Chicago News calls Mr. Cook "sensational and improper;" also "nameless" among ministers.

Inter-Ocean: "Wrong headed;" "not unlike a dog sniffling and growling about empty woodchuck holes, and barking furiously at shadows."

Chicago Herald, speaking about Mr. Cook's criticism, says: "It is an unmanly, unfair and unchristianlike way to get even."

Times compares him to Ingersoll, and says, he "goes round the world culling the ravishing dollar, and elevating the human family wherever it will consent to be elevated at Cook's price."

The Tribune calls Rev. Cook "an unblushing fabricator;" and then calculates all the mean things the other Chicago papers say about him, (Cook), and serves the whole thing up on one platter.

If the Rev. Joseph can keep even with the Chicago papers he will do.

NEBRASKA.

The Minden folks were so incensed against the supreme court for granting a stay of execution in the Simmerman hanging bee that they hung the supreme court in effigy.—Globe Democrat.

The foregoing is a fair sample of the manner in which many of our Nebraska newspapers have not only done the Supreme Court of this State if great injury, but the State itself, by advertising it as a safe asylum for the lawless classes.

SPEAKING of ex-Senator Conkling's quickness of mind during a debate, John F. Smyth said recently: "Mr. Conkling was equally swift of mind in replying to those who were rash enough to question him at political meetings. I remember that when he was a young man he was once interrupted during a speech at Utica by a fellow who bawled out: "Do you want me to marry a black wench?" Conkling pretended not to hear the remark distinctly, and said with great politeness of manner: "Will the gentleman who asked me a question have the kindness to come forward and repeat it?" The Republicans who were present cried out: "Turn him out, turn him out." "Oh, no, don't turn him out; I'm sure the gentleman asked some question which deserves a reply; let him come forward," said Conkling. So they pushed the fellow forward to the middle of the hall, where he puffed out his chest and said defiantly: "Do you want me to marry a black woman?" Conkling looked the man all over carefully for about three minutes. It was so silent you could have heard a pin drop. Then he said with a drawl: "Do I want you to marry a black woman? No, I can't say that I do—I have too much compassion for the black woman."—Ex.

APPROPOS of the frenzied demands by Mr. Henri Watterson, of the Courier Journal, that the great national democratic party should declare for "tariff for revenue only," the action of the recent democratic state convention in Kentucky, upon this question, is both instructive and amusing. In the first place, the committee on resolutions tabled a resolution, carefully prepared, which committed that convention squarely to Mr. Watterson's pet hobby, and attempted to placate him and his friends by declaring that it, (the convention) accepted the creeds of the national platforms of 1876 and 1880 on this question, which, of course, means "little or more as the patient can stand it;" but the Evening Post, a democratic newspaper of Louisville, lets "the cat out of the bag," showing the view the committee on resolutions, which framed the platform for this convention to adopt, took of the practicability of a square toed declaration by their party in Kentucky upon this question. The Post says the resolution prepared by Mr. Watterson, was "sat down on" by the committee, although Mr. Watterson had wired the country, through the Associated Press, that the convention would adopt his resolution. In addition to this, the Post says, although the democracy have a clean majority, in the Louisville district of some five or six thousand, and although their congressman is very popular, he would be defeated in that district upon such a platform; that the committee on resolutions well know this, and that this tariff for revenue only" resolution was thrown out for this reason. These are pointers of great significance, and show that men in Kentucky, and at Mr. Watterson's own home, his party dare not expose his pet hobby for fear of defeat.

A KANSAS man, Mr. J. B. Watkins of Lawrence, bought a truck which the

purchase seems to have been from the state, and embraces something over 1,000,000 acres of real estate located in the parishes of Cameron, Calcasieu and Vermilion. It appears that this land is subject to total overflow, and the Kansas man proposes to reclaim it at once from the action of the sea and place it under cultivation. The price he paid for it is not mentioned, but the "dicker" may be put down as a "right smart trade" in real estate.

AN EX-BROKER.

An ex-broker of this city who removed to a town in Indiana received a call from a local pastor with a view of having him join a certain church.

"I take it that you are a professed Christian?" queried the pastor.

"Well, no," was the reply.

"Indeed! What business have you followed in life?"

"I have been a broker,"

"Ah! I see," said the clergyman, as he reached for his hat,

"But they always

me out of every

"I had!" protested the broker.

"Oh, they did eh? Well, that makes a difference, of course!" was the reply, as the good man resumed his seat to continue the conversation.—Wall Street News.

It needs only a casual glance at the republican papers to discover that the differences which one year ago appeared certain to rend the party in twain are rapidly disappearing and that the organization is getting into excellent condition for the national campaign of next year. This does not result from a mere suppression of quarrels for the sake of keeping the party in power, but from a profound conviction among the thinking and intelligent classes that have stood by the party in past time that the country is safer under republican than under democratic rule. The insincerity of democratic promises and all the alliances of the party with the worst elements in the population of the country has been conspicuously shown during the last few months, and it has strengthened sensibly the prejudices against trusting the government to its charge. There has been no disposition in the republican papers to cover up the sins of the party or to suppress criticisms on its errors. The frank confession that it had done wrong and had submitted to unwise leadership has aided largely in reinstating it in the confidence of the people. They want sincerity and not chicanery, and if the republican party can prove that it is sincere it will continue to administer the government. If not, the people will look elsewhere. That is all there is about it.—Chicago Tribune.

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