

**WHAT HE WAS THERE FOR.**

During the senate deadlock over the Newberry bill in the last session of the legislature John Manchester, lobbyist-master general for the Union Pacific, sent in by a messenger to T. J. Majors, who was then occupying the chair as lieutenant governor, a note in words as follows:

"Tom, Moan and Strickler and others are on the floor. Why in hell don't you fire them out? What have we got you there for?"

It very soon developed what "we" had Majors there for. Majors promptly gave the sergeant-at-arms orders to clear the chamber and the friends of the Newberry bill were shut out.

The above is the beginning of a long article in the World-Herald, written by Metcalf. This brings to the writer some vivid recollections, for the editor of the ALLIANCE INDEPENDENT was one of the "others" whom Manchester wanted Majors to "fire."

Metcalf then goes on to show how faithfully Majors served the corporations. When the Newberry bill came up in committee of the whole, Coulter, independent, and Shea democrat, were absent from the senate on account of sickness. A call of the house was ordered. Poynter moved that Coulter be excused on account of sickness. This was carried. Then he moved that Shea be excused. The railroads wanted Shea there to vote against the bill. Some enemies of the bill objected to excusing Shea, and Majors ruled that he could not be excused without unanimous consent. Then Poynter moved to reconsider his motion regarding Coulter, but Majors ruled it out of order. Shea was brought from a sickbed, and voted with the enemies of the bill. The vote stood 16 to 16. Tom Majors arose, his face flushed and his eyes gleaming with eagerness to deal the final blow to the people's hopes by casting the deciding vote against the bill. But he was contented to a sad disappointment. Switzer arose and said that inasmuch as his friend Coulter was sick, he would change his vote.

Finally a few days later the bill came up for final passage. It was being read the third time. During the reading, Mattes, a democrat, moved to adjourn, which if carried would kill the bill. Poynter raised the point of order that the motion to adjourn was out of order. Majors ruled the point not well taken and motion in order although the senate rules say: "No motion except a motion to recommit or indefinitely postpone, shall be entertained during the third reading of the bill." Then it was that the independents demanded a call of the house to prevent the adjournment of the senate. The call was ordered. After a time it was discovered that Taylor had fled. Then Poynter moved to suspend further proceedings under the call. Five enemies of the bill objected. And Majors ruled that five objectors could hold the senate there forever. Then began the famous deadlock which lasted for over seventy hours. During all that time Majors stood guard over the interests of the corporations. The independents sought to break the deadlock by various motions all of which a fair presiding officer would have recognized but every motion was promptly ruled out of order. Finally it settled down to a contest of endurance, and in that contest the independents won, because right and public opinion were on their side.

It was not then known that Majors had anything to do with running Taylor out of the state, but only a few weeks ago, Rosewater, member of the national republican committee, openly

charged that "Mr. Majors was indirectly, if not directly, implicated in the conspiracy which resulted in the abduction of Senator Taylor from this state while the legislature was in session in 1891." And no effort has ever been made to dispute the charge.

It has also been proven from the records of the state house, that Walter Secley, Major's private secretary, drew the balance of pay due Taylor, and that Majors approved the voucher after he knew that Taylor had fled from the state.

Majors was put in the lieutenant governor's chair to serve the corporations and he did it to the best of his ability. He was their faithful and devoted tool. Now they want to put him there again. Do the people want him? On the 8th of November they will answer by burying him under an avalanche of ballots, and electing an honest man to that office.

**IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.**

Probably there is no man in Nebraska the corporations would rather see retired to private life than W. H. Dech.

Not long ago the State Journal said "the state of Nebraska could not afford to be represented in congress by W. H. Dech for one million dollars."

And now the signs of the times indicate that a large sum of money is being used to defeat him. A Vifquain boom has been sprung in various parts of the Fourth district with a force and suddenness that plainly indicates boodle behind it. This is purely a corporation boom, and strictly in the interest of Hainer. Nobody who understands the situation in the district expects to see Vifquain elected. He will be 3,000 votes behind either of his competitors. But the object of this boom is to hold democrats to Vifquain and prevent their voting for Dech; also if possible to draw a few independent votes away from Dech. At the same time the word will be passed along the line for corporation democrats to vote for Hainer.

But all the schemes will fail. Dech has a clear plurality, that cannot be overcome by all the boodle that can be put into the district. Besides the free coinage democrats of the district (and four-fifths of them favor free coinage) are not such fools as to throw their votes away on such a bitter enemy of silver as Vifquain is. Every democrat in the district who wants to see the great wrong of 1873 righted ought to go to work for Dech and make Hainer's defeat overwhelming.

**Reasons for the Howl.**

The publication of twenty-five sheriff sales in one Frontier county paper right after two good crops seems to explain, if not to justify, a mild degree of calamity howl. There are 600 foreclosure cases against farmers on the dockets of Webster, Franklin and Phelps counties, and they may account for some more howl. If the matter is probed to the bottom it will be seen why some people howl in the calamity key instead of the hypocritical "stand up for Nebraska" whine. If this wholesale destruction of homes is going on in the midst of the greatest prosperity the state has ever known, what would be the result of another drouthy season?—Lincoln Herald.

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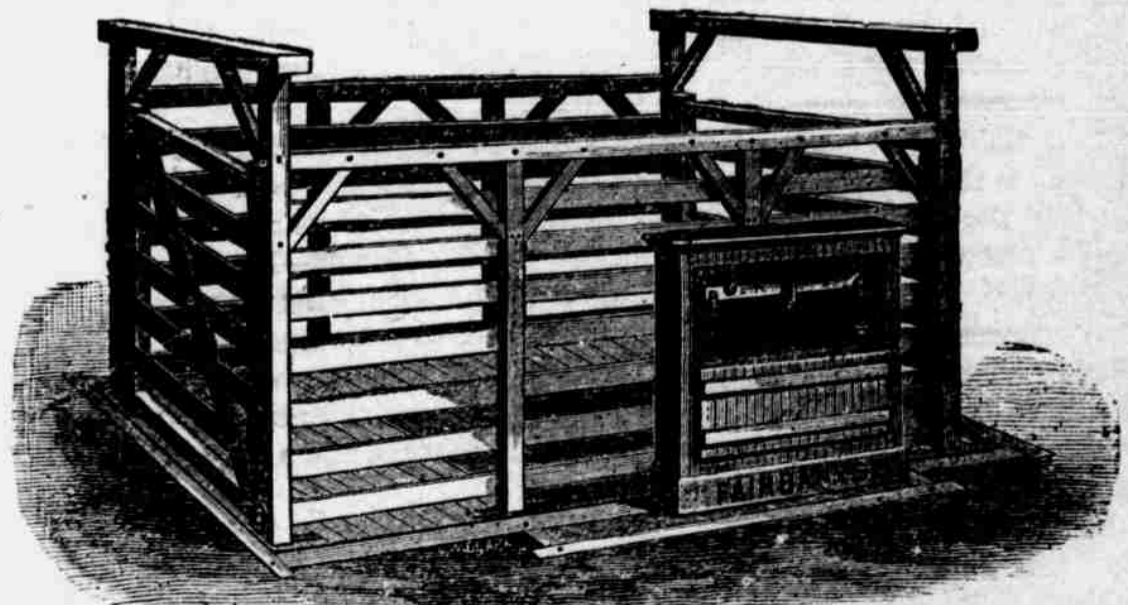
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