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THE BALCOMBE-MILLER CONTROVERSY.

As we stated a day or two ago, St. A D. Balcombe threatened an expose of the transfer question unless Dr Miller acknowledged that he had purposely misrepresented the *Republican*. Miller came out with a flat refusal to make any such acknowledgements, and indulged in much personal and abusive language toward Mr. Balcombe such as "long eared ass," "lied," "liar," and other gentlemanly(?) expressions. Mr. Balcombe replies in a column article in a gentlemanly and argumentative style, doing exactly what he said he would do in the event of Dr. Miller's refusal to do him and his paper justice. He gives a copy of the official resolution adopted by the executive committe of the U. P. R. R. as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the President or Vice President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized on the receipt of the $250,000 of Douglas county bonds and the deed in fee for the new depot property in Omaha as agreed with said city to agree in writing on behalf of the Company that it will *make up* its regular freight and passenger trains *Westbound* at Omaha, and that it will expend its improvements, depots and general offices on said property a sum that shall not be less than $100,000 and that the principal shops shall be maintained in Omaha, and that all freight and passenger cars from the Iowa roads which they bridge on the same terms as those of the *Union Pacific Railroad Company* and be returned without discrimination, preference or delay."

This is all the official action taken by the committee on the question, and Mr. Balcombe argues (and we certainly think he has the best of it) that this does not bind the company to anything more than what they had always expressed a willingness to do, and does not in any way effect the "transfer" question, for it does not even mention it. Hence Mr. Balcombe indicates that Dr. Miller is attempting to deceive the people of Omaha by stating that the whole business is settled to the satisfaction of Omaha if they will only give up the $250,000 in bonds and depot grounds. But Miller further claims that there is another agreement which binds the transfer to Omaha Mr. Balcome also gives the memorandum of this agreement, which he says is all right *if* it is carried out, *but* that President Scott did not see fit to have that incorporated in the resolution. It was in an allusion to this memorandum that the *Republican* used the "ifs" and "buts" of which the *Herald* made so much light, and which started the controversy. Balcombe evidently has the facts on his side, even if it does not look so bright for Omaha as the people of that city could wish. The official resolution amounts to nothing, while the other hope seems to be nothing more than a talk between the Omaha men and railroad men, which may mean much by being carried out, or may mean nothing by remaining a dead letter. It certainly looks, from Mr. Balcombe's statement, like he had a right to use the "ifs" and "buts," and that the *Herald* was the one who was doing the real injury to Omaha by deluding them into the belief that they were securing the transfer when they were not, and inducing them to part with their money and lands without securing an equivalent.

An interesting decision to both lawyers and clients at a Cincinnati probate court rules, that an attorney cannot receive compensation for partial or unfinished services; that he must go through with a case once undertaken, or surrender all pecuniary claims against his client. Also, that he cannot, without the consent of the client, transfer to another attorney a case intrusted to him.

Served Him Right.

A sharp story is told of a professor in an Eastern divinity school who was accustomed to criticise the devotional efforts which were required of the student periodically. One morning one of the victims, being proficient in shorthand, was moved to take down the professor's own opening prayer *verbatim*, and, having written it out, he handed it in for criticism. The professor came down on his own work with a vengeance, buffeted it, treated it shamefully, ridiculed its false rhetoric, inveighed against its poor syntax, severely censured its general incongruity, and wound up by declaring substantially that the author thereof was a mighty poor hand at a prayer. Of course the student informed him that he had been mangling his own offspring, and since that day a less sweeping style of criticism has obtained in that particular college.—*New Haven Register.*

A Small Pox Remedy.

The following statement of a correspondent of the Stockton (Cal.) *Herald* has been going the rounds of the papers. An ex-Californian says he has seen it tested with entire success. We reproduce it therefore for what it is worth.

I herewith append a recipe which has been used, to my knowledge, in hundreds of cases. It will prevent or cure the small pox though the pittings are filling. When Jenner discovered the cowpox in England the world of science hurled an avalanche of fame upon his head; but when the most scientific school of medicine in the world—that of Paris—published this recipe as a panacea for small-pox, it passed unheeded. It is as unfailing as fate, and conquers in every instance. It is harmless when taken by a well person. It will also cure scarlet fever. Here is the recipe as I have used it, and cured my children of the scarlet fever; here it is as I have used it to cure the small-pox; when learned physicians said the patient must die, it cured: Sulphate of zinc, one grain; foxglove (digitalis), one grain; half a teaspoonful of sugar; mix with two tablespoonfuls of water. When thoroughly mixed, add four ounces of water. Take a spoonful every hour. Either disease will disappear in twelve hours. For a child, smaller doses, according to age. If counties would compel their physicians to use this there would be no need of pest houses. If you value advice and experience, use this for that terrible disease.

A young man who was crossed in love attempted suicide recently by taking a dose of yeast powder. He immediately rose above his troubles.

A Ritualistic Row in New York.

Eli Perkins writes to the New York *Commercial Advertiser*:

"The expected trouble has come.—Ritualism and High Churchism, which have been exciting the minds of Dr. Ewer and his Episcopal parishioners, smelted to a white heat last night.—Vestrymen were excited. A meeting was speedily improvised. Charges were made, supported by affidavits, that Dr. Ewer had established the confessional. Dr. Ewer indignantly sent in his resignation, with a twelve page letter defending his course, and the church was in a religious convulsion. I have it from the highest authority that it has been proved and admitted by Dr. Ewer, that eight ladies have been accustomed to come to daily confessional. This has been kept a secret. An ex-vestryman first made his affidavit that his wife, a beautiful woman, had been in the habit of making a daily confession to Dr. Ewer, and one of the names of the other ladies came out. Many laymen were fearfully indignant, and in fact, the whole church was thrown into a state of consternation and alarm. Dr. Ewer is openly charged with the secret intention of quietly carrying his entire church over, first to High Church Ritualism, and then to Catholicism. Dr. Morgan's Dr. Potter's, Dr. Montgomery's, Dr. Howland's and Dr. Sabine's churches are deeply agitated at Dr. Ewer's confessional developments, and the entire Episcopacy of the city await with feverish anxiety the final result.

The Perils of Teaching Grammar.

"I have been sendin' my darter Nancy to skool to a skoolmaster in this neighborhood. Last Friday I went over to skool to see how Nancy was gittin' along, and I seed things I didn't like by her. The skoolmaster was lapping her ears with compliments, and, as I think, improper. I set awhile in the skool house, an' heered one class say their lesson. They was a spellin', and I thought spelled quite exceedinly. Then cum Nancy's turn to say her lesson. She said it very spry. I was shok'd, and determined she would leave that skool. I hered that grammer was an uncommon fine study, but I don't want any more grammer about my house. The lesson that Nancy sed was nuthin but the foolishest kind of talk; the rediclist word she sed was, 'I love.' I looked rite at her hard for being so improper, but she went right on and sed 'thou lovest and he loves.' And I reckon you never herd such a rigermarole in your life—love, love, love, love, and nuthin but love? She sed at one time, 'I did love.' Sez I, 'who did you love?' The scholars laffed, but I wasn't to be put off, and sed, 'who did you love, Nancy?' The skoolmaster, Mr. McQuillister, put in, he sed he would explain when Nancy finished the lesson. This sorter pacyfied me, and Nancy went on with her awful love talk. It got wus and wus every word. She sed 'I might could or would love.' I stopped her again, and told her I would see about that, and told her to walk out of the house. The schoolmaster tried to interfere, but I would not let him say a word. He said I was a fool, and I tok'd him down and made him holler in short order. I talkt the strate thing to him. I told him I would show him how to learn my darter grammer. I got the nabors together and we sent Mr. McQuillister off in a hurry, and I reckon thar be no more grammer teachin in these parts soon. If you know of any other oldish man in your region that dont teach grammer, we would be glad if you would send him up. But in future we will be careful how we employ men. Young schoolmasters wont do, especially if they teach grammer. It is a bad thing for morals.

Like most garments, like most carpets, every thing in life has a right side and a wrong side. You can take any joy, and by turning it around, find troubles on the other side; or you may take the greatest trouble and by turning it around find joys on the other side. The gloomiest mountain never casts a shadow on both sides at once, nor does the greatest of life's calamities.

A Chicago girl wrote to her lover in Springfield, Mass., just after the fire, saying: "Our wedding day was set for next week, and if you will stand up with a woman dressed in a cotton shirt and her father's overcoat, come on."—The brave youth telegraphed in reply: "Get ready, I will be with you."

It is reported that Brigham Young is having a hard time among his wives in the southern part of the territory. The trouble is he hadn't seen any of them for a year, and they all of course, had much to say to their loved husband. It is stated that five of them came upon him one day, and after chasing him twice around a forty-acre lot finally cornered him in a corn crib. Here the unhappy man was kept a prisoner until he had listened to all their wants, and divided every cent in his pocket among them, when he was allowed to betake himself to a neighboring haystack, where he passed the night in pence.

A French woman of spirit, who has been the victim of "interviews," writes that in America "there are two kinds of mosquitoes, that which prevents you from sleeping at night—*la bete enfin*—and that which troubles your repose at all hours, day as well as night. This last musquito is the reporter. To my mind, and I mean no offence to the liberty of the press, the second is infinitely more disagreeable than the first."

A folding match between two newspaper folders took place recently in the mailing room of Boston Journal. The winner folded 1,501 paper in an hour's time there being four folds to each. The loser folded 1,460 in the same time.

A few days ago Decatur county, Iowa, had a Democratic county Treasurer.—She is now minus that officer and thirty thousand dollars in money. The old habits of Democrats are not "passive," whatever may be said of their political principles.

It is now a serious question whether the women's rights women will not, when they get power, put a stop to the mails.

A retired governess says: "I am one of those whose lot in life has been to go out into an unfriendly world at an early age; and of nearly twenty families in which I made my home in the course of thirty years, there were only three that could be designated happy families. The source of trouble was not so much the lack of love as *the lack of care to manifest it.*" The closing words of this sentence gives us the fruitful source of family alienation, of heartaches innumerable, of sad faces and gloomy home circles.

Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, after half a century's incessant legal warfare, with varying success, met with a crushing defeat the other day at New Orleans when the court decided her an illegitimate child.

A Swedish goverment steamer has recently been engaged in a survey of the Baltic sea. Its greatest depth was found to be 729 feet and not 1,100 feet as was formerly supposed.

Gov. James has issued a proclamation calling a special election in Otoe County to elect a member of the House of Representatives to fill the vacancy caused by J. E. Doom's removal, also to elect a Senator in place of Robert Hawke, resigned. The *Chronicle* thinks they will be able to elect two Republicans, thus making a gain in the Republican strength of the Legislature.

A minister asked a little boy who had been converted, "Does not the devil tell you that you are not a christian?" "Yes, sometimes." "Well, what do you say to him?" "I tell him," replied the boy, with something of Luther's spirit, "that whether a christian or not, it is none of his business."

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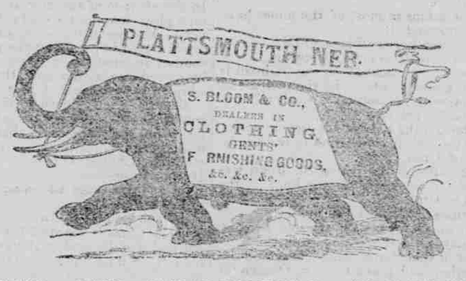

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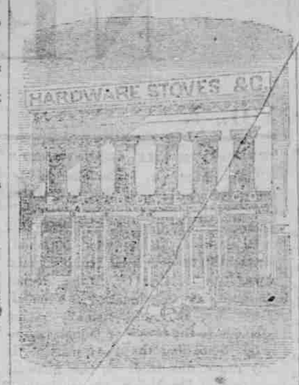

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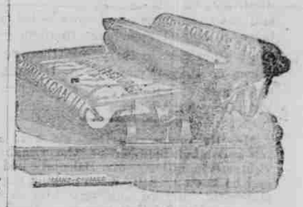

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