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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications, to secure attention, must be accompanied by the full name of the writer. We reserve the right to reject any manuscript, and cannot agree to return the same.—We desire a correspondent in every school-district of Platte county, one of good judgment, and reliable in every way.—Write plainly, each item separately. Give us facts.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1894.

IN one direction Chicago is sixty miles in length.

A. J. SAWYER of Lincoln has been appointed United States district attorney.

J. D. CALHOUN, the brilliant and independent democratic editor of Lincoln, who did not get appointed postmaster, has shaken the dust of the city from his feet and left for Florida.

F. J. HALE of Madison and John Dern of Dodge have been mentioned as democratic possibilities for congressman from this district. The Howells Journal thinks the candidate should come from a democratic county.

THE Secretary of the Treasury makes a report to the senate showing the payments of sugar bounty from July 1 last, to March 4, aggregating $3,257,055, of which $610,935 was paid on beet sugar; $16,926 on sorghum; $2,513,597 on cane, and $115,597 on maple sugar.

THE Silver Creek Times proposes the name of Henry D. Estabrook of Omaha as the republican candidate for governor. What is the matter with A. E. Cady? He is already in the field, is an able man, has a good record both as citizen and official and will give our great state a first-class administration.

STATE TREASURER BARTLEY is certainly to be commended for not wanting to invest the permanent state school funds in United States bonds drawing but three per cent interest when double this amount can be made for the school fund by investing it in school district bonds of the state which draw from five to seven per cent.—[Schuyler Sun.

NATIONS and sparrows feed from the same hand. Cheaper foods, dollars and men put new premiums on intelligence, conscience and will. New soil under hats and feet is producing more than usurers or idlers desire. The three Americas should co-operate before they compete. A vigorous north and south, east and west can create a new era for the western hemisphere.—[Clapp & Co.

THE Commonweal army is not without music, one of Gen. Coxey's first acts being to appoint a musical director and supply him liberally with war songs for the tramping army. One of these is an adaptation of "After the Ball" and the chorus runs:

"After the march is over,
After the first of May,
After these bills are passed child,
Then we will have fair play;
Many a heart will be happy,
As to their homes they'll away,
For we will have no interest on bonds,
After the first of May."

Another runs to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," and is after this style:

"Come, rally to our standard every man today,
And show the bloated bondholder we mean just what we say;
One hundred thousand unemployed are marching in array,
We are marching to Washington.

CHORUS:

Hurrah, hurrah, our day of jubilee!
Hurrah, hurrah, for the country of the free!
Hurrah for legal tender! No interest bonds for me!
We are marching on to Washington."

The objective point of the moving army is the capitol grounds at Washington, and if they continue to increase and to sing as they go, congress may well consider the propriety of surrendering at once or taking a recess.

THE Mulct law, the new liquor statute of Iowa, is attracting considerable attention. An exchange gives these as its main points: "Every saloon keeper must give a bond to the amount of three thousand dollars and pay for license a tax of $600 a year, which latter amount however may be increased at the option of the town where the saloon is established. Such license however shall not be issued without the consent of every property holder within 50 feet of his building and liquor can not be sold within 300 feet of any church or schoolhouse. No screens must be allowed before the windows, no seats provided in the place where the liquor is sold, neither billiards or any game of that kind. A strange feature of the law is that the old prohibition law is not repealed, and any saloon keeper can be arrested and fined under the old law, whether he pays his license or not. One half of the license fee goes to the town and the other half to the county. Another requirement of the law is that no license can be issued if no petition is presented signed by 65 per cent of the legal voters of the precinct where the saloon is to be established."

Gladstone's Spiritual and Temporal Power.

All of which brings us to the observation that the position which Mr. Gladstone has so long held among us is much more that of an English Pope than merely that of an English Prime Minister. He is the head of the church for practical purposes, much more than the Archbishop of Canterbury, whom he made, or than the Queen, whose ecclesiastical position is strictly ornamental. Mr. Gladstone's temporal power was nothing to his spiritual power. His temporal power, indeed, may be said to rest on his spiritual power. He can divest himself of the former. The latter will cleave to him while life lasts. He is the only man whose opinion on questions of righteousness weighs much with the masses of our people. He is, therefore, in a very real way the keeper of their consciences. That function he will retain in his retreat at Hawarden, and this spiritual power may yet be used as it was in 1876 to the confounding of those to whom he has handed over the responsibilities of temporal administration. —[From W. T. Stead's article, "The Three English Liberal Leaders," in the April Review of Reviews.

ELI PERKINS ON RECIPROCITY.

How Canadians Chuckled Over the Benefits to Them from the Wilson Bill.

Fresh news from Canada was brought to Chicago over the Grand Trunk limited by Eli Perkins yesterday.

"Yes," said Eli at the Palmer House last night, "I brought what truth I could from Canada on the limited, but to bring it all I would have had to take a freight."

"How do the Canadians feel?" he was asked.

"Well, they feel bad. They expected a boom when the Wilson free-trade-with-Canada bill was to bring, but which has been nipped in the bud by the Senate. Sixty days ago a Toronto editor said to me: 'Now the miserable Yankee annexation sentiment will be strangled. The Wilson bill takes off all tariff against Canada, and our farmers will be as well off as yours. We used to pay the States $10,000,000 a year to get our sheep, horses, hops, barley, wheat, butter, cheese, apples, and farm produce into the American market. We are tired sending our butter and eggs to England. We tried it, but they spoiled on the way, and our farmers had to pay this McKinley tariff to get the stuff into the States. Our products were all just the tariff lower in Canada than they were in the States. Then our poor farmers had to pay a 40 per cent tariff on American machinery to run his Canadian farm with. It has nearly killed us—this McKinley bill. Our farmers have run behind. Many have abandoned their farms and gone to Dakota. Towns began to be deserted. We grew smaller and smaller and the Americans grew large and larger.'

"'What then?' I asked the Canadian.

"'Why, the Wilson bill took the tariff off lime, coal, barley, and everything we send to your market. It threw this $10,000,000 which we had been paying you back to us, and our produce began to advance in Canada.'

"'And you were glad?'

"'Glad! Why Mr. Perkins, we jumped with joy. We could have hugged that blessed Democratic party. We went round and shook hands with each other. We rejoiced with bated breath, because we didn't want the Yankees to know how glad we were. We didn't even print it in the newspapers. Think of it, we had a tariff of 2 cents against your cotton cloth and ours was to go to you Yankees free. Our lime and coal and lumber and farm products and organs could slump down on you, and you couldn't send a single thing to Canada! Wilson, I say, took $10,000,000 which McKinley put in your treasury, and tossed it over to us. Glad? I should say so!'

"'And what now?'

"'Why our farmers are all getting sick. Our expected boom has been side tracked by Brice, Gorman, Hill, and a lot of McKinley Democrats in the Senate. They say they don't want to give $10,000,000 and put an income tax on the Yankees to make it up. And so our people all along the border began to talk about annexation again, for we can't stand the old McKinley tariff much longer. It is bankrupting our farmers and draining our country by emigration. No level-headed farmer will stay in a country where all farm produce is 25 to 40 per cent lower than it is across the line. When we got the Wilson bill we were as expectant and hopeful as the old Yankee was who ran his horse ten miles through a snow storm to court Widow Jenkins.

"'Widder Jenkins,' he said, with a Wilson-bill smile as he brushed off the snow, 'I am a man of business. I'm worth $10,800, and I want you for a wife. I give you three minutes in which to answer.'

"'I don't want ten seconds, old man,' she replied with a McKinley chuckle as she shook out the dish cloth. 'I'm a woman of business, worth $16,000, and I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth. I give you a minute and a half to git.'

"'Yes, Mr. Perkins,' said the tornado editor, 'that's just what that McKinley Senate, backed up by the McKinley Republicans are going to say: "'Git, you Kanucks, git!"'

"'Why don't they help you up at Ottawa?' I asked.

"'Help us up at Ottawa!' he exclaimed. 'Why, they are all Englishmen up there. They love England better than Canada. They would rather have every Canadian farmhouse a poorhouse with an English flag on it than to have it a palace with the stars and stripes waving over prosperity. The fact is we Canadians have got to sit down on the Sir George and Lord Domby aristocrats who stick like barnacles around Ottawa; and the young brains of Toronto have got to make Ontario the forty-eighth State in the American Republic, and make us all as rich as that Republic has made New York or Michigan.'

"That's what the Canadian with an immense McKinley intellect said," and then Eli took Perkins and got onto the train. They are going to tell more truths in Farmer City tomorrow night.

Financial Outlook.

Destiny marks those who stand for or against progress. Trusts, tramps and tariffs appear as unequal as Government expenses and benefits. Ethics of financiers and paupers appear as insignificant as profits. Hoarding silver at mints may keep gold at the Custom House. Life waits for law, labor for work. The current of rivers, peoples and events is towards the equator.

America produces through natural resources about $8,000,000,000 each year and adds to natural values an equal amount. Eight manufacturing industries support 1,621,467 employees, and pay out more money each year for wages than the combined cotton, wheat, corn and other grain crops of the country are valued at.—[Clapp & Co.

A Matter of Precedence.

Crossing a field one day, President Lincoln, it is said, was pursued by an angry bull. He made for the fence, says Life's Calender, but soon discovered that the bull was overtaking him. He then began to run around a haystack in the field, and the bull pursued him; but, in making the short circles around the stack, Lincoln was the faster, and, instead of the bull catching him, he caught the bull and grabbed him by the tail. It was a firm grip, and a controlling one. He began to kick the bull, and the bull bellowed with agony and dashed across the field, Lincoln hanging to his tail and kicking him at every jump, and, as they flew along, Lincoln yelled at the bull! "Darn you, who began this fight?"

City Council.

The city council met in special session Thursday evening, all present except Councilman Galley, who was in Omaha, on business.

E. D. Fitzpatrick and Louis Swarz as canvassers assisted the clerk in making the official review of the vote, which was read by the clerk, the president of the council, Mr. Gray, declaring the result in each case, which was as stated in last week's JOURNAL, except for school board; each candidate received ten votes in the suburban portion of the district, making the totals, as returned: Lehman 295; Turner 271; McAllister 240; Welch 231.

A majority of all the votes cast being in favor of the water bonds proposition, it was declared carried.

The council then adjourned.

At the meeting Friday evening, were present Councilmen Galley, Gray, Hoffman, Newman, Spoerry and Welch and Mayor Schupbach. There were also an unusual number of visitors, probably interested to see how the old administration would close and the new one open.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The committee to whom had been referred the application of Peter Schmit for hose, reported that the same could be used at the waterworks plant of the city and therefore is not for sale. Report adopted.

The request of the fire department for a light after midnight, which had been referred to the committee with power to act, was turned back to the council, the committee believing that it would be better for the incoming committee to look after it.

The committee on finances reported the examination of the report of the city treasurer from December 1, '93, to March 1, '94, and they found cash on hands in various funds $127.10; license school fund $2,380. The report was placed on file.

The report of the chief of police for March showed the arrest of 72 "bums," from one to six at a haul; three for theft; one for assault; three for fighting and one for burglary.

The report of Police Judge Hudson showed no fines collected for March. Report referred to committee on police.

H. J. Hudson as justice of the peace filed his supplemental and final report of collections made for occupation tax, which was referred to the committee on police. It gave a detailed statement of claims unpaid.

The supply company that had guaranteed the water meter and then presented a bill for $57 for repairs, sent a communication cancelling the bill. On motion of Spoerry, the cancellation was graciously accepted, and this was done by a unanimous vote.

The committee on waterworks reported the examination of bills for coal, etc., paid by the city treasurer and that they found them correct.

Just as the time came for turning over their stations to officers elect, President Gray of the council asked leave to say a few words. Addressing Mayor Schupbach and gentlemen of the council he said that as the time had come for the parting of the ways, he wished to express thanks to the mayor for the high personal consideration which he had always extended to members of the council and to Mr. Gray himself. He knew of no instance where personal or party interest had been allowed to interfere with the action of the council; the public interest had at no time been allowed to deteriorate. The president of the council then alluded to the war horse of the First ward (Spoerry); to the oleagenous statesman of the Second (Hoffman), and to the statesman of the "silk stocking" ward (Newman), their presence around the council board would be missed, but, as the soldiers after the great war were absorbed without detriment, so likewise they would also be absorbed without detriment to the community or themselves.

Mayor Schupbach responded by saying that the office of mayor is a very hard one to fill, and that, while during his term, he had seen some very dark days, there were also some light ones. He said he had made mistakes, but not intentional ones. He said that he had especially tried to take charge of the poor, the needy and the sick, and with the aid of the council and appointed officers, to do all to the best of his ability. The press, or at least a part of it, he said, had kept the people informed of the doings of the mayor and council, for which he was thankful. He said that the incoming administration of the city's affairs had been entrusted to safe hands, and he felt sure that it would be successful, wise and all that.

Councilman Spoerry said that in retiring from the very lucrative office which he had held two years, he wanted to thank his worthy co-councilmen for their uniformly courteous treatment. What he had had to say on questions arising before the council had not always been in choice American language, but he thought he had succeeded in making himself understood. Reference having been made to his religious turn of mind, he said that he had reason for feeling strongly on that subject, and he was gratified to know that the supreme court of the state of Nebraska held the same opinion that he did as to the taxation of property not wholly used for religious purposes. One other thing he wished to say and that was that he had been called a coward for not pushing the collection of $250 of occupation tax due from saloon keepers. He submitted it to the members of the council to say whether he had showed the white feather on that subject. As to his successor in office, he (Spoerry) had been twitted with being defeated by an ex-Confederate soldier; he would say that many a time the present council had been at a loss to find money to pay claims with. If the coming council find any difficulty in that line, they can call upon my successor for some Confederate script.

[Mr. Wells smiled graciously and said nothing.]

At 9:15 Mayor-elect G. W. Phillips, took the gavel, E. O. Wells succeeding H. T. Spoerry; J. S. Murdock succeeding C. A. Newman; J. E. Hoffman continued to serve, Arnold Oehlrich not having qualified. Mr. Phillips, in assuming the chair as presiding officer, desired to say that his acquaintance with the members of the council was an assurance to him that any shortcomings on his part would be generously overlooked by them. He would endeavor to be governed at all times, by what he regarded his duty under the laws which govern all of us. He hoped that when he should retire from office he would be free from any charge of favoritism, and that he might be credited with the same respect and expressions of good feeling as have characterized the council just closed. He then spoke of some matters of importance to the city, which he had noticed the council had had under discussion for some time, viz: the increase of the water supply. He had often thought that it would be well for the city to consider the advisability of sinking a well for artesian water. He thought that there should be prepared an accurate and full statement of the financial standing of the city.

Galley, Welch and Wells were appointed a committee to whom was referred the applications for liquor licenses.

During an informal discussion of the occupation tax, and how it should be paid the council learned that two saloon keepers, viz: Brandt and McTeggart had not yet paid their occupation tax for the past year.

Galley, Murdock and Wells were appointed a committee to provide suitable place for council meetings.

The usual salary bills were allowed besides, the bills of judges and clerks of election, etc.,—these last amounted to $81.

Adjourned to Monday evening.

At the meeting Monday evening all were present, including Councilman Oehlrich who qualified and took his seat.

There was a halting between opinions as to how the record should be made, whether the "old" council should be recorded as adjourning *sine die*, or simply the officers elect taking the places vacated and the session continuing, the latter being the fact, it was ordered that the record so read.

Councilman Galley of the committee to whom had been referred the applications for license, said they had no written report to make. Some of the applications did not yet have the receipts required, and as to sureties they thought best to refer to the council.

Those applications which were accompanied by receipts were then taken up in order, and license granted as follows:

V. A. Macken, with S. F. Marty, Eugene Macken, Wm. Callahan and Henry Engel as sureties.

Samuel Gass with John Bredehoft, Louis Held, A. Runge, Henry Ragatz and Henry Gass as sureties.

S. J. Ryan, with J. B. Delsman, J. W. Byrnes, John Powers, James Haney and C. E. Hartley as sureties.

J. P. Abts, with Albert Klug, Theo. Bernarsch and Otto Merz as sureties.

Paul Hoppen with John Wurdeman, G. G. Leusche, Henry Wilke and Henry Backenhus as sureties.

Fred. Luchsinger and F. Musselman with M. Jenny, F. Luchsinger, Jacob Adams and Adam Smith as sureties.

Wm. Hagel with Paul Hagel, Fred. Gottschalk and Wm. Gerhold as sureties.

Wm. Bucher with Peter Zyback, Jacob Lewis, A. Matthis, Fred. Stenger, I. Gluck and H. Groteluschen as sureties.

Columbia Brewing Co. (Kersenbrock & Mack), with I. Sibbernsen and George Berney as sureties.

It was ordered that as applications are completed they be referred to the same committee for investigation.

Druggist's permits were then granted as follows: To C. B. Stillman, with C. E. Morse, C. F. Gleason and C. A. Speice as sureties.

C. E. Pollock and C. D. Evans with J. H. Galley and Gus. G. Becher as sureties.

A. Heintz, with Jacob Greisen, E. W. Ellis, E. J. Ernst and E. Pohl as sureties.

The committee to whom had been referred the finding of a suitable place for holding the meetings of the council recommended that a contract be entered into with the Commercial Bank for the use of the present quarters at $100 a year, payable quarterly. Adopted.

The official bond of Joseph F. Berney, city treasurer elect, in the penal sum of $8,000 to the city, was then approved, with Eva Berney, George Berney and O. T. Roen as sureties. This was done after considerable discussion as to whether $8,000 was sufficient to cover the amount coming into the city treasurer's hands as treasurer of the school board also. This, again, involved several questions which doubtless will form a nucleus for some interesting discussions before long.

As for instance: Has the city or any of its officials the right to use school funds in any business sense? Is not the city, by its treasurer, the mere custodian of the school fund, answerable for its keeping? Has the city council any right to regard it is a city fund proper at any time, for any purpose whatever? When the treasurer reports that he has, by order of the school board, transferred any sum to the school fund, how can this be made to tally with the law? The city treasurer, being by virtue of his office, treasurer of the school board, has not the council a supervisory control over him as such treasurer?

Mayor Phillips remarked that it seemed to him that the council should take some steps to make the settlement with the former city treasurer. It was ordered that this work be done by the finance committee to be appointed.

Council then adjourned subject to the call of the mayor.

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Our Neighbors.

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B. A. Roberts, proprietor of the Boone County Nurseries, has offered $1,000 for a half interest in an orchard on the farm of Mrs. Kinney on Clay Ridge. This is about $300 per acre for the ground it occupies. Mr. Roberts is an experienced nurseryman and fruit grower and knows the value of a good orchard. This would lead any one to think that a good orchard is what every farmer should have. We don't see why any real estate owner should hesitate in setting out a few acres to fruit, as it is fully demonstrated that fruit does well in this section.—[Elgin Advance.

About six o'clock Saturday evening someone noticed fire in one of the rear windows in Janecek's opera house. An alarm was given, but before the firemen arrived, the fire had been put out. The fire originated from an electric light wire which passed along the window casing. A piece of iron had been laid, either by accident or design, one end resting on the wire, the other on the woodwork of the window. When the circuit was turned on, the fire resulted. Loss nothing. A lucky escape, because seen at once.—[Schuyler Herald.

From the Schuyler Herald we summarize particulars of the fire to which THE JOURNAL alluded last week: It occurred Tuesday morning at 7 and was the largest hay barn in the city, owned by Thos. Shaw and Mrs. Wm. Walker. The building was 80x100 feet, and filled with baled hay belonging to the Union Stock Yards Co. of South Omaha. The barn was valued at $3,000 and that and the 1,200 tons of hay, costing $6,500 was a total loss. The insurance on building was $2,000, and on hay $7,500. The Herald says that incendiarism seems likely, and that if set afire, it was done by means of a slow-burning fuse. Three years ago a barn was burned on the same site.

Clara, the little three-year-old daughter of Henry Maurer, that was so badly burned last week by her sister spilling hot water upon her, mention of which was made in these columns, died last Friday and was buried Saturday in the Green Garden cemetery. The family has the sympathy of a large number of friends.... Miss Clemmie Dawson was severely burned about the hands and arms Sunday evening. She had attempted to start a fire with coal oil, and the combustion not taking place as soon as she expected, she opened the stove to see what was the matter, when the accumulated gas exploded, with the above result.... L. G. Bley's mare and calf got hold of some Rough on Rats. The calf died, the mare was saved after heroic treatment.—[Madison Chronicle.

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