

Uncle Sam for the transportation of his troops and munitions of war to the land of Monks and monasteries where political favorites have perhaps been monkeying with money belonging to the American people! Who wants to buy the transports?

The Daily Omaha
SLEUTH Bee of the 16th
ROSEWATER. contains, from a

staff correspondent, very startling implications as to the honesty of present Republican State Treasurer Steuffer. The Bee charges that there was "a rake off" of \$3,200 in a sale of \$80,000 of Burt county refunding bonds for the permanent school fund to the State Treasurer.

Speaker Sears, the Bee declares, claims that he tulked over this bond issue with Treasurer Steuffer, who agreed to take them for the school fund at 3½ per cent interest, but when the bids were opened there was none from the State Treasurer, but there was one from W. T. S. Neligh of West Point, who got the bonds, bearing 3¾ per cent interest, and the county supervisors immediately issued to him the following:

"Tekamah, Neb., June 21, 1901:—Above bid accepted and bonds sold to W. T. S. Neligh, upon deposit of certified check for \$1,000."

The check was drawn upon Treasurer Steuffer's bank at West Point, made payable to Neligh, and assigned to W. A. Moyer, clerk of Burt county. Thus

Here Comes
the Gazelle.

far the deal seems to be regular, except as to the neglect of Treasurer Steuffer to redeem his promise by investing permanent school funds in said bonds, drawing 3½ per cent interest. The said bonds were registered and finally Neligh made payment for them to the Deputy State Treasurer in two checks, one for \$10,000 on the Merchants National of Omaha and one for \$70,000 on the First National of Omaha, and both of these checks were signed by Treasurer Steuffer, payable to the order of Neligh. The Bee concludes that they evidently represented the school fund money, that the \$800 premium was paid by a check drawn by Neligh against Steuffer's bank at West Point. The Bee claims further that the checks had been dated ahead, and then publishes a letter from John G. Ashley to the Kountze banking house in New York City, and the reply of that concern to Ashley acknowledging the receipt of his check for \$80,000 which is passed to the credit of the treasurer of Burt county.

Now comes this letter:

"Tekamah, Neb., July 8, 1901.—Mr. W. T. S. Neligh, West Point, Neb.:

Dear Sir—Here-
Finally. with receipt No. 69
for \$80,800, paid to
me for the purpose as therein shown. I

also enclose your check No. 2,161, West Point National bank, for \$1,000, payable to W. T. S. Neligh, and by you made payable to the order of W. A. Moyer, county clerk of Burt county, Nebraska, and by Moyer made payable to John G. Ashley, county treasurer of Burt county. Kindly receipt for these checks.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN G. ASHLEY,
County Treasurer."

The Bee claims that these bonds, sold by Burt county to Neligh for \$80,800, went immediately

A Bee Sting. into the school fund of the state of Nebraska at \$84,000, notwithstanding the fact that the purchase was made with money belonging to the school fund, with the possible exception of the \$800 check drawn on Mr. Steuffer's bank.

When these bonds were delivered to Steuffer, the Bee charges, interest coupons, amounting to the \$4,000, were detached and retained by Neligh as a premium, making the investment for the school fund on the basis of 3¼ per cent.

The Bee declares that Burt county has been chiseled out of \$3,200 and that a committee of W. G. Sears, ex-Treasurer John F. Piper and ex-Senator John F. Nesbitt investigated the records of the state board at Lincoln and returned convinced that the bond sale deal will not look well in the bright light of day.

The Conservative withholds any comment as to the honesty or dishonesty of State Treasurer Steuffer in this matter until further testimony has been advanced. At the present writing The Conservative would prefer not to be in the position occupied by Steuffer. Nor can it conscientiously give any mitigating reasons as to why Steuffer ought not to be immediately indicted for malfeasance in office.

**STATE
TREASURER.**

Since the exposure of the Steuffer style of pinching school funds, by the Omaha Bee, perhaps the republicans would relish Crowe—Pat Crowe—for State Treasurer of Nebraska?

Crowe kidnapped only boys but Steuffer kidnaps bonds and mutilates them, too, if the Rosewater charges are true. Perhaps Pat Crowe would get in onto the republican reservation if guaranteed the whole management of the State Treasury.

TOO GOOD!

When every man and woman on earth is in good health, the doctors will make no wealth. When there are no suits in court, the fee-bill mind attorney will expire. When every soul has religion, preachers will pine and piety prevail. With a world so good, what can the devil do?

The man from
A MISSOURI MAN. Missouri who could and would make a good president, is David R. Francis.

Many years ago
DISINFECTED. a virile, but unlettered democrat

said: "I know where there are a lot of 'disinfected' republicans." And now, in New York, since the smoking out of Croker, we know where there is a "disinfected" democracy.

**PRESIDENT
FAIRCHILD.**

If New York regenerated and demagogued Tammany Democracy furnishes the next candidate for the presidency against the republicans, why may he not be Charles S. Fairchild, formerly Secretary of the Treasury?

LOW.

It is not probable that the recently elected mayor of New York City is any relation to "Lo! the poor Indian, whose untutored mind sees God in clouds and hears Him in the wind." He belonged to Tammany, and was a chief.

GORMAN.

The re-incarnation of Arthur Phew! Gorman recalls the persistency of his adherence to the republican doctrine of a Protective Tariff, when in the Senate of the United States he led four other alleged democrats in the barbaric mutilation of the revenue bill of the late W. L. Wilson. Gorman converted the original bill into a high-tariff measure and all free-traders will remember that outrage.

The Palmyra
PROCESS BUTTER. Items, of November 15, 1901, shows miraculous ignorance as to the philanthropy of the Process butter-makers of the United States. These benevolent gentlemen belong to the American Dairy Association and pass sleepless nights in concocting legislation to repress the manufacture and restrict the sale of oleomargarine and butterine in the United States. These disinterestedly benevolent manipulators, manufacturers and renovators of cow butter have long been in the habit of purchasing all the adult, rancid, antique butter at the various villages, towns and railroad stations in the country for the purposes of chemical resuscitation and treatment in dairies. The paleozoic chunks, hunks and gobs of malodorous butter they pick up at country stores and crossroads, are put through various paces in laboratory training and finally come out with a "June tint" complexion, or a Jersey-Alderney-Guernsey color, and are introduced to the public as the purest, sweetest, dairy butter.