

It is nearly time for Mr. Thurber to be denounced as "a socialist and a communist" by the railroad organs.

The Bee apologizes to its readers for having so much of its space to railroad matters. Mr. Thurber's article on the "Railroads and the People" presents the views entertained by THE BEE in an admirable manner...

Dr. Miller is still for railroad managers and job printing. Dr. Miller knows which side his bread is buttered on. The Herald on a basis of legitimate journalism wouldn't pay for the composition of "Home Gossip."

TAMMANY HALL'S committee have discovered marks of republican fraud in the late election. Tammany Hall should pull out of its own eye the \$10,000,000 beam which it stole from the city of New York by bribing judges and packing ballot-boxes...

At the coming session of congress provision must be made for refunding \$20,000,000 of the loan of 1853, bearing 3 per cent interest. Several bills are now pending before congress for this purpose...

The coming winter will be a peculiarly favorable time to float such a loan. The plethora of uninvested money on the market is unprecedented. In New York, railroad shares are selling at 7 per cent...

Some of the most blunders which have been made by the railroads in the past have been made in the management of their capital. The railroads have never and will never employ the legitimate use of capital in building up the interests of the state...

It will not make itself a favoring element to wealth and power over other capital in the hope of enriching itself. It sees in the heavy machinery of our laboring men and mechanics, in our hard working merchants and tradesmen, fully as important elements in building up the prosperity of the state...

That CARBINE POSITION. Blanche, Tray and all the other birds of a feather with the Omaha Republicans are assisting the Hitchcock bureau in organizing the claims of Senator Blanche for the position of Secretary of the Interior under Gen. Garfield's administration...

The republican press and people of Nebraska are once more being misled by the "Hitchcock" position. The "Hitchcock" position is a position in the cabinet which is not a position in the cabinet...

THURBER'S THUNDERBOLT

A Scathing Review of the Railroad Monopolies of the County.

Their Power to Oppress the Producing Classes Constantly Augmenting.

Colossal Organizations Daily Becoming Stronger and More Impetuous.

The Supreme Issue Forcing Itself to the Front.

E. P. Thurber in Scribner's Monthly for December.

In approaching the problem of the relations of the railroads of this country to the people, it must, first of all, be borne in mind that transportation is a service which has developed under radically different principles. The ocean being free to all and open to any individual who chooses to place his ship thereon, a vessel could go wherever its owner chose to send it...

In 1874, the senate of the United States, in response to a general demand, appointed a special committee on transportation. The committee was composed of Senators William Windom, of Minnesota; John Sherman, of Ohio; David C. Brewer, of New York; H. G. Davis, of West Virginia; T. M. Norwell, of Georgia; John H. Mitchell, of Oregon; and S. B. Chandler, of Florida...

The committee occupied the entire summer of 1874 in making an exhaustive examination of the subject, and in their report we find the following (Page 158): "In the matter of taxation, there are two classes of men representing the great trunk lines between Chicago and St. Louis, who possess, and who are not unfrequently exercising, powers which the congress of the United States would not venture to exert...

"The man has no alternative, and pays the money to all the ore, but he becomes a discouraged miner. Thus the railroad company is forcing the question as to whether the public interest as a common carrier, and whether the mere carrier can be despised with the people, arbitrary in its rates, and to what extent it exercises every election on the line."

"Now, as to the necessity for some regulation to protect the public interest, the testimony of Mr. Butler, page 433 A, where he testifies that he serves the stockholders only, and not the public interest, to make it obligatory on the railroad to serve the public interest, and to the interest of the stockholders."

collected privileges from the state to construct railroads on the same principle which has governed the construction of improved turnpike roads. The first idea was to allow any citizen to put his own vehicle on the new road, but this was found to be impracticable, and the corporations owning the road became the sole carriers over it...

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them, and defies the authorities to collect. He claims that there is no one of the right class to propose to be elected to the office of mayor, and that he will fight it to the end. He claims that the law will bear the people out in refusing to pay these bonds, and that he will fight it to the end...

"The Chicago Journal in discussing the problem of railroad control, concludes that the only way to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion is through a permanent commission. This idea is given very rapidly, and this is the great agricultural states at the proper time, unless something is done to quiet the clamor by proper action on the part of the railroads...

"The following opinion was given by Dr. Joseph Meyer, State Senator, Michigan, in 1874. The Hamburg Dispatch recommends it to be recommended. I have prescribed it for irregularities of the liver, disorders of the stomach and bowels, and all other ailments of the digestive system...

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