

THE DAILY BEE

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"Grab while you're grabbing" is the motto of the Douglas county quartets of impostors.

SECRETARY SCHURZ has given Tibbles a knock-down blow. The sonneteer of the Boston philanthropists understands that this hero-martyr is a fraud and swindler the better it will be for Boston's reputation for wisdom.

Who is responsible for the tampering with the ballots deposited for safety in the vaults of the county clerk's office? The people of Omaha are entitled to know who broke the seals on those packages which were so reluctantly brought in Justice Riley's court.

CONGRESS busied itself yesterday with discussing the question which party should give the credit for the average of pension bill. It didn't discuss which party was responsible for the necessity of such a bill. There was no room for discussion on that point.

This paper is not now, and never has been, in sympathy with lawlessness, vice and crime, and we cordially approve of the effort of our local contemporary, The Herald, in demanding the enforcement of our city and state laws upon gambling houses and the keepers of low class saloons and places of the great mineral deposit and place in the American market.

The Laramie Sentinel says that the article has been tested by the Pittsburgh glass makers and found chemically pure. Eastern manufacturers offer to take as much of the Laramie soda as the new company can place upon the market and there will probably be an unlimited supply of the article. Says the Sentinel:

A careful estimate of the cost and profit of working and converting this material into carbonate of soda shows that the expense per ton would be \$15.65, and the product is worth \$56.40 per ton, leaving a net profit of \$40.75 per ton. These lakes now contain more than fifty million cubic feet of this salt, and as the form of salt can be possibly removed, there is no exaggeration in saying that the supply is absolutely inexhaustible.

Statistics show that over \$7,000,000 worth of this material is annually imported into the United States for home consumption. From these figures some idea of the extent of the demand may be formed, and one who is a source of revenue it may be to Laramie to have this bill filled, which can easily be done, and within a year or two will be done. No gold or silver mine which has been great has been brought to light of the globe has been such a source of wealth as will this vast deposit, and its effect in building up our city can scarcely be overestimated.

THE OPENING OF THE RESERVATIONS. A bill has been introduced into the senate by Senator Saunders providing for the sale of 50,000 acres of the Omaha reservation in accordance with the request of a recent council of the tribe. The portion of Nebraska in which the Omaha and Winnebago reservations are situated has always been seriously hampered in growth by the barrier which these unoccupied portions of land has thrown out from the settlements. It has out of all Northern Nebraska from its natural wholesale markets, and has directed trade to Sioux City to the detriment of Omaha, and the adjacent country. The entering of the Omaha reservation by the Chicago & Omaha road was the first wedge which opened a way for future development.

The proposed cession of lands by the Omaha Indians to the government is in the line of Secretary Schurz's recommendation that the Indians on reservations be given lands in severalty. Our reservations as at present constituted are pieces of wasteful extravagance unoccupied by the Indians and incapable of being occupied by the whites. Take for instance, the reservations under discussion. The lands of the Omahas and Winnebagoes aggregate 310,000 acres.

By the census taken last June there were 1,121 Omahas, and 1,435 Winnebagoes. Allowing five members to each family, there would be 225 Omaha families and 287 Winnebago families. Allowing half an acre to each family, the two tribes would require about 164,000 acres. The two tribes now have 310,000 acres in their reservations. This would give 145,000 acres for white settlement.

The Omahas, alone have decided to sell fifty thousand acres of their reservation, but the Winnebagoes would doubtless follow their example if the case were properly presented. The western part of the reservations are entirely unoccupied. The land is excellent, the soil rich and deep. The eastern portion of the reservations is occupied by the agencies and the Indian farms. This portion will probably be selected by the Indians for settlement in severalty, while the west of the reservations will be thrown open to the public.

It is to be hoped that congress will pass the necessary measures immediately for bringing about this desirable end. The delinquent Tombs thus addressed the electors of Georgia when they finally met on Wednesday: "I haven't voted since 1868, and not only Georgia, but the whole south ought not to vote. What the hell is the use in our voting? You fellows come here to cast the vote of Georgia, and you don't vote. You are a pretty set. Why the hell didn't you get up a snow-storm which did in Michigan? These republican candidates were nominated with a gravity befitting the funeral occasion.

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FOUR KNAYVES

Never in the political history of Nebraska has there been an instance where such a shameful attempt has been made to deprive legally elected representatives to the legislature of their seats by downright fraud as is now attempted by the four knaves who are contesting the seats of Messrs. Doane, Howe, Paxton and McShane. Here are four elements to satisfy in the legislature who have the audacity to continue a contest after it has been shown in open court that the packages containing the ballots had been tampered with since they came into possession of the county clerk. Everybody that viewed these packages when they were delivered by the deputy clerk saw that the seals on two packages had been broken and these two packages, singularly enough, contain the returns from the First ward and Valley precinct, in which the contestants set up the preposterous claim that they had been counted out. Why were these packages alone tampered with, and none others? Does it not show on its face that an infamous gang of conspirators have hired some scoundrel who has procured access to the ballots and manipulated them to suit their purpose? The Omaha Republican, the organ of the four knaves, in its last issue prints the testimony of deputy County Clerk, H. T. Levitt, who admits that the seals on two packages have been broken, and offers as a flimsy excuse for the criminal negligence in that office to scarcely guard these packages, that they might have been broken by being knocked around. It is as strange that Clerk Manchester has absented himself so much since this contest was broached, as it is to any party who call at his office on any pretext have had access to the packages and might have tampered with them without the knowledge of the clerk and his deputy. It is admitted that Hanlon who is very much interested in the contest as an outsider has been within the reach of these packages, and while no evidence has been adduced to connect him with this fraud, it shows clearly that there was a design in leaving those packages where they might be reached by parties sent there to tamper with them.

In the face of this exposure, no honorable man who had been declared defeated by the board of canvassers, could stand up before this community, and before the people of this state, and set up a claim for a seat in the legislature. But the knaves who have set up this bogus claim have the audacity to come before the legislature with a plea which, in itself, brands them as rogues. They set up the claim that in the First ward about 150 bogus democratic tickets were polled, upon which their names were printed, and they charge that these votes were not counted for them. Was there ever such a cheeky quartette. They and their capers caused a bogus ticket to be printed and circulated at the polls, whereby scores of ignorant voters who desired and intended to vote against them were deceived by a fraudulent device into giving their ballots to the bogus democratic ticket, and after perpetrating such a fraud, which in some states would have sent them or their capers to the penitentiary, they boldly admit the fraud and base their claims for seats in the legislature upon it. The truth, however, is that these votes on the bogus democratic ticket were counted for them, and the knaves know it. The official canvass of this county, as published in all the papers of this city shows that the average vote received by the republican electors in the First ward was three hundred and sixty-four and the average vote for democratic electors was four hundred and twenty-five, giving a democratic majority of sixty-one. The vote credited to John Bloom, who was the only republican on the anti-monopoly ticket, whose name was not on any other ticket, was one hundred and nine. At least ninety of the votes cast for John Bloom were cast by republicans who voted against Contant, Locke, Fox and Barber. It is safe to say that fully fifty republicans who voted the republican ticket scratched the defeated quartette. Add fifty to the ninety votes cast for Bloom and the anti-monopoly ticket, and deduct the one hundred votes of the First Ward as cast for Garfield and you have two hundred and twenty-four votes, which is exactly what Contant and the other three of the quartette would have had without those bogus democratic tickets. The canvass of the First Ward gives Contant 363, Locke 356, Barber 349, Fox 369, which is an average of the vote cast for Garfield in that ward and is an offset of the one hundred and forty republican votes cast against these parties by the one hundred and thirty-five bogus democratic votes that were counted for them. The returns of the First Ward, as canvassed officially, give Doane 452 votes; Howe, 440; Paxton, 436; McShane, 427; while the presidential electors got an average of four hundred and twenty-five. What became of the one hundred and forty republican votes that were given to these successful candidates? They were offset by bogus democratic tickets, and yet this brace of knaves who had these bogus tickets counted for them have the sublime cheek to claim a foul in the First ward, where their own judges superintended the count and re-count. The fact is if they continue this investigation much further they will succeed in sending some one to the penitentiary, but they will never succeed in stealing themselves into the legislature on such evidence.

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Nevada. The Comstock mines are making light shipments. Times are dull in Nye county and many miners are leaving for Arizona. There are 8000 acres agriculture land in Grimsby and only 1,164 irrigated. Two men were killed and nine injured by a blast last week in the Fortman mine at Virginia City. Considerable work has of late been done at Mineral Hill, Eureka, and some important developments are being made. The electric lights at the Alice works are regularly burning with great power and brilliancy. They give abundant satisfaction. An important strike is to be recorded from the famous Bell near Butte. Some exceedingly rich free ore has been uncovered. Developments in the lower workings of the mine is progressing favorably.

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