THE DAILY BEE

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It takes twelve days to elect one senator, how much time will be required for the consideration of five hundred bills.

The British government, having decided that the telephone cannot be operated excepting by the postal department, has given orders for 20,000 Bell telephones, and will shortly add the system to the postal telegraphy department.

General Grant has accepted the permanent presidency of the World's Fair, at New York, in 1883, upon the understanding that the committee is to raise $4,000,000 as a financial basis before proceeding. In all likelihood the general will wait some time.

There are continued rumors of the consolidation of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, and Boston journals are predicting that the combined stock will be watered over 63 per cent.

Many of our citizens greatly overestimate the cost of laying that portion of our sewer system, the immediate construction of which is a public necessity. St. Paul, last year, laid over two miles of sewer at a cost of $40,000.

The people of Omaha are pleased to learn of the substantial improvement which has taken place during the last quarter in the management of the public schools. In every move towards a more thorough administration and improved methods of primary instruction, Superintendent Lane will have the active and unqualified support of our citizens.

Governor Tabor, of Denver, has purchased eight lots in the heart of the city at a cost of $100,000, which he proposes to donate to the government in consideration of the erection of a postoffice building at that point. Other wealthy and influential citizens stand ready to furnish capital for building and manufacturing purposes to the amount of over a million dollars. If Omaha's wealthy citizens, instead of locking up their fortunes in bank vaults and real estate, would follow the example of a few of our public spirited merchants of moderate means, the present year would open an era of development which would place our city on a par with any of her western sisters.

The gas question is to be made an issue in the spring elections at Toledo. It appears that there is a widespread feeling in the community that the price of gas should be lowered, and the man who asks the suffrages of his fellow citizens for the position of mayor is expected to define clearly his sentiments on this important question.—And yet Toledo pays nearly $2.00 a thousand less for gas than Omaha.

The Omaha *Herald* knows that it is stating a falsehood when it says: "Now, the railroads recognize the narrowness of the margin between the price of a marketed commodity and the cost of production. Their tariff is regulated accordingly." The tariffs of railroads, according to their confessions, are regulated solely on the basis of what "the traffic will bear," or, in other words, just how much can be charged without making it totally unprofitable for producers to ship.

The legislature of Kansas is about to take measures to regulate the railroads of the state. A resolution has been introduced requesting the secretaries of all the roads doing business in Kansas to furnish a verified statement of tariff rates for freight and passenger business from all points where the roads enter the state, or from the starting point in the state to all points on the line. Another bill has been introduced in the house establishing a maximum rate of freight and fares, prohibiting discrimination in charges or facilities, and for the appointment of a state commissioner of railroads, and to do away with irresponsible railroad companies.

The basis upon which congress will be asked to regulate or take control of the telegrrph lines of the country is precisely the same as that upon which the right to regulate the railroads is granted under the constitution. The power to regulate commerce among the states gives to the national legislature the right to fix the rates charged by the corporations for transmitting telegrams in order to prevent discrimination and extortion and its power to establish post offices and post roads. Congress may also construct and operate lines of its own, should it be deemed advisable not to purchase the property of the consolidated companies. The best and the safest plan would comtemplate complete government control of the telegraph. The Western Union owns all the telegraphic improvements of any value which have been made within the last quarter of a century. By the extension of their present system of lines, cheap telegraphic communication could be brought within the reach of all. So far as the enormous capitalization of the company is concerned, the government will not be obliged to pay more than a reasonable sum for the purchase of the property. The fictitious could easily be separated by appraisement from the real capital and the stockholders would receive sufficient remuneration if paid on the amount actually invested.

A Big Steal.

Saline County Standard.

The matter of our state printing the past few years has been a big steal on the state and we are glad to note the step the senate has taken to ferret out the matter.

A California young man of 26 years has recently parried a widow of 72.

THE CENSUS COMPLETED.

The superintendent of the census has completed his work of enumeration and places the total population of the United States on the 1st of June last at 50,152,559 inhabitants. Our population in 1870 was 38,558,371. We have, therefore, gained in ten years since then 11,594,188 inhabitants. This is an increase nearly as great as the whole population fifty years ago.

Compared with the great nations of Europe, the United States show a greater population than any, except Russia, which contains over 72,000,000 of inhabitants. Against our 50,152,559, Germany shows 42,727,360; Austria-Hungary, 37,331,430; France, 36,905,789; Great Britian and Ireland, 34,160,000; Italy, 27,769,475; Spain, 16,526,511. The total population of Europe is given by the "Almanach de Gotha" as 311,763,713. Hence we have even now only about one-sixth as many inhabitants, though our area and that of Europe as a whole are nearly equal. The eastern states during the past decade have increased only 18 per cent., while the western and southern divisions are credited with a gain of 34 per cent. over the census of 1870.

It is now conceded that the apparent large increase in the southern states is due to the fact that this census was taken there with more regard to exactness than any preceding one, while that of 1870 was done in a slovenly and careless manner, not reaching a large mass of the population. There is but one city in the United States or on the American continent that contains over one million population—New York. There are three others that contain over half a million; three others above 300,000; three others above 200,000, and ten others above 100,000. The following is a carefully revised list of the cities that overgo 30,000 inhabitants each:

New York	1,206,590	Columbus, O.	51,665
Philadelphia	846,984	Paterson	50,887
Brooklyn	555,680	Toledo	50,143
Chicago	503,301	Charleston	49,999
Boston	362,535	Fall Riv r	49,000
St. Lou s	350,52	Minneapolis	46,887
Baltimore	332,19	Scranton	45,850
Cincinnati	255,708	Nashville	43,461
San Francisco	233,956	Reading	43,280
New Orleans	216,140	Hartford	42,553
Cleveland	160,146	Wilmington	42,499
Pittsburg	156,381	Camden	41,659
Buffalo	155,137	St. Paul	41,498
Washington	147,307	Lawrence, Mass	39,178
Newark	136,400	Dayton	38,677
Louisville	123,045	Lynn	38,284
Jersey City	120,722	Denver	35,633
Detroit	116,342	Oakland, Cal	34,555
Milwaukee	115,578	Atlanta	34,388
Providence	104,850	Utica	33,914
Albany	99,993	Portland, Me	33,810
Rochester	89,363	Memphis	33,592
Allegheny, Pa.	78,681	Springfield, Mass	33,340
Indianapolis	75,074	Manchester, N. H	32,630
Richmond	63,8 3	St. Joseph, Mo	32,484
New Haven	62,882	Grand Rapids	32,016
Lowell	59,485	Wheeling	31,860
Worcester	58,295	Mobile, Ala	31,395
Troy	56,747	Hoboken	30,999
Kansas City	55,313	Harrisburg	30,762
Cambridge	52,740	Savannah	30,621
Syracuse	51,791	Omaha	30,518

From this table it will be seen that Omaha is the sixty-fourth city in size in the county. With two exceptions no city in the United can boast of so great a per centage of increase in population, manufactures or taxable wealth. What the next decade will bring to our people depends alone upon the enterprise, public spirit and united efforts of its people.

The published statistics of Oregon show that its area is 95,274 miles, twelve times greater than that of Massachusetts and twice the size of New York. Laboring under heavy disadvantages its progress has still been marked. The territorial government was put in operation in 1849 and ten years later Oregon joined the sisterhood of states. In 1850 it had but 13,294 inhabitants. In 1860 this number had increased to 52,465, 1870 to 90,933, and in 1880 to 176,704. This growth, though rapid in itself, must be regarded as comparatively slow. Since the first settler went to the Pacific Northwest more than forty years have elapsed. In much shorter time, as is well known, the most populous commonwealths have sprung up in other parts of the county.

The distance of Oregon and Washington from railroad communication, and their isolation from the great centres of population, are chiefly responsible for their slow growth. If this portion of the Union, with its admirable climate, rich soil, and varied capabilities, had been as accessible as Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, it is only reasonable to believe that their population, instead of being less than three hundred thousand, would now be counted by millions Within a few months the Northern Pacific road will open up a direct line of communication with the east, and put an end to the isolation which has hitherto been the chief drawback to this portion of the Union. When this is done we may confidently expect to see Oregon taking her place beside the most populous states in the west.

CONNUBIAL SIPS.

A sixty-year-old Dubuquer has taken unto himself a wife of fifteen.

A. J. Hemstreet and Delilah Stewart were married in Indianapolis a few days ago. He is 78 years old and she is 42.

Some time in February, Litta, the prima donna, will wed Harry L. Cleveland, the tenor of the Slayton concert company.

The coming bride of Governor-elect Plaisted, of Maine, is Miss Mabel Hill, of Exeter, in that state. She is 20 years old, while Mr. Plaisted is 52 years old.

J. W. Kling, of Ringgold county, Illinois, has sued Miss Belle Thorpe for breach of promise of marriage, asking for $31 for money advanced and $2000 for damaged affections.

One of the Austrian Prince Rudolph's wedding gifts is to be the marriage ring of Maria Theresa. It is to be presented to him by the cloister of St. Elizabeth, at Klagenfurt to which it was bequeathed by the great empress' daughter, the Archduchess Maria Anna.

On the 5th Jacob Dhabalt obtained a divorce from his wife in the circuit court at Indianola, Iowa. Lydia C. Banks secured a divorce immediately afterwards from her husband. Then Jacob and Lydia repaired to a hotel near by and were married. The uncoupling and coupling was done in about thirty minutes.

A young fellow, a few days ago applied to a justice of the peace in Iowa City to know how much it would cost to get married. The justice named the price at $2, and because the justice would not knock off fifty cents, the young man concluded to postpone the marriage, and he and his girl, whom he had in waiting, departed together.

POETRY OF THE TIMES.

The Snow Ball.

If the small boy heave a snow-ball,
Seize him, you, no matter how tall;
Ram his head against the side wall;
Throw him high and let him hard fall;
Lift him up and gouge his eye-ball;
Hit him!
Split him!
Closely fit him
To the pavement, though he loud call,
Tell him he has much too much gall.
Shock him;
Knock him;
Even sock him
Down the coal-hole, boots and all!
Never mind his little bawl.

A Sleigh Ride

One sleigh,
One horse,
One moon,
Of course.
One maid, who snuggles to you, nothing loath
One arm
Well placed
Around
One waist,
One robe that's closely tucked around you both!
A race,
A dash,
A Clash,
A crash,
And you and she are sprawling on the way.
A drink,
A bite,
A fond
Good-night,
A groan when you look at your purse next day!

Mary's Socks.

Mary had a little lamb,
Its legs were fat and crooked;
That lamb was carved, and served, and ate—
It had previously been cook-ed.
Its fleece was carded, spun, and knit,
And into socks erected,
With stripes of red, and white, and blue,
And variously complected.
"What makes the socks fit Mary so?"
The watchful young men cry;
"Such limbs fit any sock, you know"
The hosier did reply.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

There is in Paris less prejudice against Wagner's music than formerly existed.

Kellogg is to get $600 per night for a twenty-night engagement at the Grand Opera in Paris.

Camilla Urso has been fiddling in Atlanta. The audience liked Urso she was obliged to repeat.

Miss Clara Morris is renewing her former triumphs in Miss Multon at the Union Square matinee.

Gounod's "Tribut de Zamora" will probably be ready for production at the Grand Opera, Paris, in February.

Mrs. Scott Siddons, the actress, was thrown from a sleigh and seriously injured at Youngstown, Ohio, on Sunday evening.

John McCullough, the tragedian, will sail for Europe April 5, accompanied by Fred B. Wards, to fill an engagement at Drury Lane Theatre, London.

Miss Anna K. Green, whose "Leavenworth case" was so successful, is going to produce "The Sword of Damocles" shortly. It is probably cutting.

Mr. Ystes hears that after "Frou-Frou" Mme. Modjeska is likely to appear in "La Princess Gaorges," a play which was forbidden in London not so very long ago.

Manager Mapleson's London season will begin April 30, and Mme Nilsson will undoubtedly be the prima donna. Mr. Maas, late of Carl Rossa's company, has been engaged.

Edwin Booth is said to possess a portrait of his first wife, which is kept entwined with flowers by his present wife, and under it is written, "From Mary on earth to Mary in heaven." The present Mrs. Booth is the daughter of Mr. J. H. McVicker, of Chicago.

A certain musical critic is so full of music that he eats soup with a tuning fork.—[Boston Globe. We presume it is also natural for him to pause and rest at a bar.—[Somerville Journal. Perhaps it might be added occasionally stikes a flat.

John T. Raymond will bring out his new, and as yet unnamed, play, by A. G. Gunter, at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. The Dramatic News says the plot is based on the marriage of an American to an Egyptian princess. She is adducted, and he goes to look for her in a harem.

Miss Henrietta Beebe has been engaged to sing the solo soprano part of the "Elijah," in Philadelphia on the 28th inst. The other artists will be Miss Winant, Mr. Theodore Toedt, and Mr. George Henschel. Miss Beebe's absence from New York will be regretted in the coming spring season. She has been engaged for an English tour and will leave us in March. Her appearance in England, which cannot fail to be successful, will add to the musical reputation of the United States, from which the most eminent artists are recruited.

It is stated that the advance sale for the short season of opera by Mr. Mapleson's company in Philadelphia is beyond any other that has been previously recorded in that city. "Aida," "Lucia," "Mefistofele," "Marcia," "La Favorita," "La Sonnambula," and "Il Trovatore," are the operas announced for next week. Mr. Mapleson will then take his company to Chicago for two weeks, beginning Jan. 31. After this the company will go to St. Louis for one week, commencing February 14, and will again be heard at the Academy of Music in New York city Feb. 28, when the spring season will be begun.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

A Massachusetts paper says man wants but little here below zero. —[New Orleans Picayune.

Butchers sell porter house steak, but you can't get one of them to admit that he sells boarding house steak.

It is very gratifying to pick up a paper in which there is not an editorial on the congressional trouble in Utah headed "A Spiked Cannon."

"Far from the old fox at home," was what the young fox said when he was chased from his cover and had to run ten miles before he got to his hole.

The present winter has been an unprecedentedly cold one at Niagara Falls, and great hopes are entertained that some hackmen may be frozen to death.

A curiosity is a pig which was born with a trunk, and the Rockland Courier is not surprised, for its editor says it has often seen one in a car with a valise.

The English papers are dishing up Irish stew; the French papers, Cr' isthmus pie; the German papers, jewjew paste; the American papers, Cabinet pudding.

A Philadelphia debating club having decided the question, "Do surprise parties surprise," in the negative, will begin next on the question, "Do donation parties donate?"

"What's your taste?" asked a Boston house painter of a customer. I can give you a harmony in green and white, or a symphony in lavender and brown, or a nocturne in yellow and blue."—[Boston Globe.

If she's got to talk slang, a Boston girl will refine and beautify it. The proper caper becomes the appropriate gyration; bank-up is front hair elevated; tumbling to the racket is falling to the audible disturbance, and a square deal a quadrilaterial distribution. O, refinement is a great thing. O, you wager your existence that it is. —[Boston Post.

In the counting room of a Galveston Irishman the following notice is stuck up in a conspicuous place: "Persons having no business in this office will please get through with it as soon as possible and leave."

An English landlord was returning from a festive New Year's gathering pretty full of boar's head and good old port, when he suddenly fell prone against a lamp post. "Doe sh-sh-oot," he shouted, "I'll leave the country."

"What are our printing-presses doing?" inquires The Cleveland Leader. In Chicago they are removing fingers from small boys who fool around them and also disseminating gems of thought. But this is really an important question, and we should like to see it discussed—in some other paper.

Unique or nothing in Kentucky's motto. The following are some of her town and village names: Pull-tight, Pinchem Slyly, Pluck-'em In, Shirt-tail Bend, Shake-rag, Dog Walk, Lick Skillet, Grab Ali, Ti Wa-pa Ta, Fool's Hollow, Moll's Gut, Lawdon's Hole, Devil's Den, and Hell's Half-acre.

"Your visits remind me of the growth of a successful newspaper," said Uncle Jabez, leaning his chin on his cane, and glancing at William Henry, who was sweet on Angelica. "Why so?" inquired William Henry. "Well, they commenced on a weekly, grew to be a tri-weekly, and have now become daily, with a Sunday supplement."

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Scotch plaid hosiery is stylish for children.

New tablecloths and napkins are in bright colors.

Jacqueminot roses are still scarce and expensive.

The balayeuse is fuller and more conspicuous this season.

The princess style of dress is still preferred for evening dresses.

New fichus are very large, and are worn with the immense corsage bow.

Very fine linen handkerchiefs have the initial in hemstitch in one corner.

New ornaments for the hair are silver fans, arrows, daggers and pendants.

The colored Sevres glass is used for toilet articles and for small pieces on dinner tables.

White plush hoods, bordered with swan's down, are worn by ladies when sleighing on the park.

Vermont women can now hold the office of town clerk, if they can secure enough votes to elect 'em.

Handsome fichus for street wear are of the new striped mull, scolloped and embroidered on the edge.

Brunettes are fashionable this season. The girl who is so recklessly unfortunate as to insist on remaining a blonde might as well be out of the world.

Sets comprising fichu, handkerchief and scarf are of silk mull, with applique of flowers in natural colors, cut from foulard and chain-stitched with fine gold thread.

Pretty collars are made of fine embroidered handkerchiefs, two corners of which form the turn over collar, and the other two are knotted to form the bow on the throat.

Philadelphia girls are quick travelers. One of them who went sleighing the other night made twelve miles in one lap.—Philadelphia Chronicle. It was the go-as-you-please style.

Some of the New York girls must look like small hussars in their red jackets braided with gold. Collar, cuffs and jackets fairly glitter with metal, and the effect is decidedly military.

Lockets of a rich, heavy style, in plain gold or enamel, with initials or motto engraved in pearls or diamonds, are worn, and there are brooches in lighter style for fastening on the lace or tulle bows now so fashionable in the way of cravats.

Gold-dusted and powdered locks have appeared in American ball-rooms; and towering puffs and curls, adorned with glittering stars, crescents and bandeaux of brilliants or jets, effectually complete the antique styles of dress now the rage in Paris.

Crinoline, when worn at all, is very small. The bustle, however, continues in favor. Those made of fine steel and lace net or pique are most desirable, as they are light, and really form a support for the skirts worn. For wearing with long trained evening dresses they are an absolute necessity.

A correspondent tells a story about a Baltimore girl whose mother transferred her from a brunette to a blonde in order to marry her to a young man, only to see her die within a year after her wedding, of an eruption brought on by the substances used in coloring her hair.

"Unhappily married! I should think I was," cried the burlesque actress. "Why, here's this miserable apology of a man—doesn't beat me; doesn't come home drunk; doesn't even squander my earnings! I haven't the slightest excuse for a divorce, and I'm afraid I never shall make a name in the world."

On New Year's day, in New York, a young woman, magnificently arrayed in white satin, white eight-buttoned gloves, diamonds, etc., having imbibed too much wine while entertaining her guests, wandered into the street in a state of intoxication. She was followed by hooting boys, and was finally arrested by a policeman and consigned to a cell in a station house, where she was found by her friends.

Ladies who cannot afford to spend a great deal of money on bed-room curtains can make very inexpensive and beautiful ones of chocolate-colored canton flannel, lined with light blue cambric or silesia. They should be hung on gilded poles. Unbleached cotton makes tasteful curtains, bordered with Turkey red or French blue silesia.

Many additions have been made to the little envelope muffs, now so popular, in the shape of card-cases, reticule tops, handkerchiefs, vinaigrette, opera glass and bouquet holders, etc. These attachments are now supplemented by a very ingenious contrivance called a "hand-warmer," being a combination of flask and purse. It is made in electro silver, and is to be filled with hot water. A little chain is attached, which is to be fastened to the muff suspender, and thus extraneous heat is obtained. The shape is that of an ordinary pocket-flask of miniature size, and touching a concealed spring, a tiny purse reveals itself. Other "hand-warmers" are made like cylinders and covered with plush or fur.

IMPIETIES.

We do not know what church he belongs to, or whether any, but he threw ashes upon his icy sidewalk, and for this act of christian benevolence deserves honorable mention.

It is mighty embarrassing to a man who has some religious friends staying with him to have his dog, which has been very quiet during the week days, begin after breakfast Sunday to run to the gun in the corner and then to his master and wag his tail, and then run back to the gun again.—[New York Post.

An exchange notes that there are 15,000 families in Alabama without a Bible. Maybe it's best they should be so. Col. Ingersoll has a Bible and has read it carefully. See the result.

Few, O few are the ministers
Who have girt on the gospel sword.
That reckon a call to a smaller church
And pay, as a call from the Lord.
We've noticed this fact quite often,
With feeling of keenest pain,
And we ask just now for some preacher
To please arise and explain.

The best church-goers of Yuba are addicted to the habit of walking out of the sacred edifice while services are progressing; and the way a local paper refers to the matter intimates that the "worst" church-goes there play poker during the sermon, and call "keno" instead of "amen."

A man in British Columbia recently substituted a greasy looking copy of "Gulliver's Travels" for the Bible in one of the provincial courts, and many witnesses were sworn upon it before its character was discovered. A Jew opened the book to swear upon the Old Testament part, when a lndicrous engraving revealed the trick. It is thought that the substitution may give rise to some nice points as to the legality of the testimony.

When Col. Tom Scott and his party were in Galveston they were standing on the pavement in front of the Cotton Exchange, when a gentleman on the opposite side of the street asked a friend who they were. The friend didn't know, but one of the party having a white cravat, he jumped at a rash conclusion, saying: "They are preachers." "What are they doing here?" "Oh, they meet regularly once a year to swap sermons," said the poorly-informed friend.

EDUCATIONAL.

There are 66,000 schools and colleges in India, with an attendance of 1,900,000 boys and girls. The intellectual portion of the instruction given is extended to literature, history, and all included under the general term of "humanities." The natives prove themselves very proficient in languages—indeed, Lord Northbrook once said that very few European foreigners could speak English as well as it is spoken by the natives of India.

The Ragged School Union, of London, England, expends about $130,000 a year in endeavoring to elevate the lowest and poorest classes. It has 30,500 children in Sunday schools, 5489 in day schools and 9267 in night schools. It maintains seventy-five ragged churches, manages eighty-two lending libraries and seventy-five penny banks, besides superintending mothers' meetings, men's clubs, bands of hope and a variety of children's meetings.

The annual reports of the president and treasurer of Harvard college for the year ending Sept. 30, 1880, show that the institution is in its usual flourishing condition. The number of students from outside New England has increased, except in the law school, where the extension of the time required for a degree and the raising of the examinations have temporarily reduced the number. The divinity school has been further endowed with $140,000, and the medical school is doing well and is to have a new building.

At the recent meeting of the Massachusetts teachers it was apparently agreed that not enough attention was given to the study of history in American schools. In Worcester, however, the study has recently been taken up with great fervor—teachers, pupils and the librarian of the public library working in harmony. Mr. Walton, state agent of the board of education, declared that in teaching arithmetic the elementary and the scientific should be kept separate, and children thoroughly taught first the fundamental facts. Mr. Walton might have added that arithmetic can hardly be taught successfully by any one who has not a positive gift for it. The mechanical hammering of certain mysteriously worded rules and combinations of numbers into the brain of the small boy is not teaching arithmetic. There is too much saying of "That is so" by teachers, and not enough clear and intelligent explanation of "Why it is so." Mr. Comins, of Worcester, advocates dispensing with obsolete tables of clothmeasure.—[New York Tribune.

Mr. Fred Barr, Mansfield, Ohio, writes as follows: After suffering with rheumatism for six months and applying a number of remedies wiihout benefit, I procured a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil from my druggist, Mr. C. W. Wagner, and am happy to state that after using one bottle, I can now dress myself which I had not been able to do for some time.

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