THE DAILY BEE.

E. ROSEWATER: EDITOR.

Omaha's building boom is like a telescope. It lengthens out every day.

The next time Ben Hill stirs up the senatorial animals he will need a more protracted pole.

David Davis to the senator from Virginia—'Wait for me at Heaven's gate, Sweet Bill Mahone.'

Massachusetts is considering a bill reducing the fares on railroads to two cents per passenger per mile.

The total destruction of property in the United States by fire for 1880 amounted to the appalling sum of $70,838,000.

Wayne McVeagh has earnestly protested against Stanley Matthews' renomination. Stanley is likely to take a back seat.

The Des Moines *Register* does not see how Judge McDill will be able to resist the will of his friends as a candidate for re-election.

Gen. Sherman must have had a special spite against Capt. Marsh's perpetual and universal franchise when he proposed that street railroad to Fort Omaha.

Trains are running over the new trans-atlantic route, by way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe roads. It is unnecessary to add that there will be no competition between the two roads.

After Mr. Dillion's road has crowded the Omaha stock yards over the river to Dillonville, it is rather late for his Omaha mouthpiece to call upon the president of the Union Pacific to undo his work and restore the stolen property.

The communists of America are the men who are plundering the producing classes, picking the pockets of honest labor and levying their contributions upon every species of trade and commerce.

Nebraska's senators attained due recognition in the reorganization of the senate committees. Senator Saunders is made chairman of the committee on territories, and obtains a place in the committees on Indian affairs and railroads. Senator Van Wyck is recognized in the committees on agriculture, public lands, improvement of the Mississippi and mines and mining.

The organs of American aristocrats who denounce as red-handed assassins the Russian revolutionists are respectfully referred to the following remarks of Wendell Phillips upon the Russian governmental problem: "At this distance I don't mean to criticise matters. I look at Russia 4,000 miles away, and see what an incubus is resting on her people. I only hope that somebody will lift it off their shoulders. If nothing will do it but the dagger then welcome the dagger." This address was made two weeks before the killing of the czar.

Omaha contributes an annual tax for school purposes amounting to from $60,000 to $80,000. All this money under the new school law will be expended by six members of the board of education, to be selected at the coming city election. It is of the highest importance that the new board be men of intelligence, experience and integrity. The past record of each and every candidate for election to such a position should be carefully examined by our voters. The smallness of the number composing the board of education makes it highly important that no drones or incompetent men shall be given a seat. Of the six members four will make a quorum, and when a quorum is present three will make a majority.

The board of education not only pay teachers, construct new buildings and maintain the old, but they also regulate the course of study and decide upon the text books used. They require, not only executive capacity and a knowledge of the educational needs of the city, but also to a great degree, they should be abreast of the educational progress of the present day in other states and countries, and possess sufficient intelligence to adapt their knowledge to the wants of our own school system. The new board will be called on to erect several new school buildings to modify to some extent the present course of study, to investigate the efficiency of our school system in its practical workings, to undo much of the work of their predecessors, and to carry forward what has already begun. Next year there is no doubt that the Second ward will require a new school building. In the near future several other school houses must be erected in the city, requiring the expenditure of large sums of the public money. The present board of education is in many respects unsatisfactory and inefficient. The Fifth Ward school house is a fair sample of what a school board can do in the way of squandering money. It is a disgrace to our city. Fifteen thousand dollars was expended for a building which need not have cost over $5,000, and which was built on a lot wholly unfitted for the purpose. A repetition of this mistake should be made impossible. The present school board is a close corporation for the employment of superannuated relations. It is public scandal that some of the "sisters, cousins and aunts" of the board of education, now teaching in the public schools of our city, failed to stand the test of an examination and are retained in their places solely by the influence of their relations in the board. It may be that when only six men compose the school board there will be fewer cousins and aunts than when there are twelve. It is to be hoped so.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION.

Mr. Fred. Hedde, of Grand Island, an intelligent, educated German-American, who has resided in this state nearly a quarter of a century, has addressed a note to The Bee, requesting its editor to join hands with the Sons of Liberty, of which order he is president, in opposing Woman Suffrage and Prohibitory Legislation. Our views on these questions are well known. They were most emphatically expressed as far back as 1871, when the constitutional convention sought to engraft woman suffrage and absolute prohibition upon our constitution. Our views have not changed since then. When the time comes for the voters of Nebraska to decide whether the proposed amendment, granting the elective franchise to women shall be adopted as our fundamental law, this paper will take a most decided stand against woman suffrage. Until then, we do not propose to waste our ammunition. We confidently predict, however, that when the objectionable features of this proposed new departure are thoroughly ventilated, more than ninety per cent. of our voters will oppose the adoption of the woman suffrage amendment. Had the legislature voted to submit the iron-clad prohibition amendment, making it criminal to manufacture or sell malt or alcoholic beverages, we should have vigorously opposed its adoption. That question is, however, not before the people of Nebraska, and probably will not be for years to come. The Kansas experiment which is already meeting with insurmountable obstacles and causing many industrious citizens to emigrate, will hardly be proposed again in Nebraska—when the effect of it's operations becomes manifest.

The subject which agitates Mr. Hedde and his associates just now is the encroachment upon personal liberty as embodied in the no treat law and the creation of monopolies in the liquor traffic by the high license law. It is hardly necessary to say that the no-treat law, so sweeping in its character, will prove a dead letter, just as the laws against swearing and other blue laws, are never enforced. It is another matter with the high license law. The thousand dollar license has been in force in Lancaster, York and several other counties in this state for some time. The restrictions of the new law are very severe, and will work hardship and injustice to men of small means, who cannot secure bonds, or cannot command one thousand dollars in ready cash. In almost every town in the state the men affected by this new law are agitating resistence to it's execution. How far this resistence can be legitimately carried is a serious question. The men who deal in liquor have a right to test the legality of the new laws in the courts. They may legitimately make efforts to secure their repeal, but they must remember that the great mass of the people of Nebraska will not countenance lawlessness.

The danger is that respectable and disinterested business men like Mr. Hedde, who oppose sumptuary laws from principle, will be asked to join in a lawless effort to nullify laws by men who have created prejudice against the liquor traffic by keeping disorderly houses where vice and crime are bred. In Omaha, for instance, the keepers of doggeries and dens of the lowest class are attempting to control the course of a more respectable class of dealers. And the fact that the liquor dealers are disposed to spend a good deal of money to prevent the enforcement of the high license law has drawn out a lot of shysters, sharks and gutter snipes who are trying to incite them into acts that are sure to array against them all the elements of society that are not interested in the liquor traffic. The friends of personal liberty and opponents of fanatical laws cannot afford to countenance vile dens of iniquity where the youth of this city is drawn into the company of pick pockets, burglars and low prostitutes.

No reputable citizen can countenance the attempt of that class of outlaws to dictate who shall administer our municipal government and who shall supervise our public schools.

Whenever the issue is made between law-abiding, respectable citizens and drunken loafers and gin-mill bummers this paper will side with the law and order party, even at the risk of losing the patronage of the brewers, distillers and gin-slingers.

One of the most shameful neglects of the late democratic congress was their refusal to pass a bill making arrangements for retiring hopelessly disabled judges of the supreme court. At present the supreme bench has barely able bodied men enough for a quorum.

A cablegram from London indicates that peace will be concluded in the Transvaal before the expiration of the three days' armistice.

The increasing popularity of the co-operative stores in England has furnished the text to Charles Barnard for a brief article in Scribner for April, entitled, "The Shoppers' Rebellion." He points out the effect which this successful English movement has already had on this side of the water, and predicts a more thorough revolution in the present relations of shopper and shop-keeper. The same number will have an account of the new co-operative apartment house system, now meeting with much favor in New York. It will be accompanied by estimates and diagrams.

One of the oldest churches on the American continent is the Tumacacori church, near Tubac, Arizona. It was built by the Franciscans in 1554, and and has consequently reached the age of 327 years. Fifty-six years ago the Indians murdered seven priests within its walls, and twenty-five years ago several priests came from Rome and dug from a sepulcher on the right side of the altar $80,000 in coin and jewels.

POETRY OF THE TIMES.

Under the Snow.

Under the snow, the beautiful snow,
Wrapping the earth like an ermine mat,
Silent and rigid it lies below—
The frozen form of my neighbor's cat.

Never again from the moonlit fence
Shall its sad note call to "Maria—O;"
For its soul has fled to the unknown Hence,
And its voice is hushed in the beautiful snow.

—Andrews' Bazar.

Springtime.

Now down the hillsides muddy waters gush,
And through the pebbly gutter roaring rush,
And mingling with the melting snow, makes slush,
Which, as my boots can show, is soft as mush.
But from this scene so beauteous I'll away;
I cannot chant sweet Nature's praise to-day;
For the bootblack, I regret to say,
I had exactly double rates to pay.

—Yonkers Gazette.

Happiness.

A youth sat on a sofa wide,
Within the parlor dim;
The maid who lingered by his side
Was all the world to him.

What brought that glad light to his eye—
That cadence to his tone?
Why burns the lamp of love so high,
Though midnight's hour hath flown?

The clock above the glowing grate
Has stopped at half-past ten;
And, long as that young man may wait,
It will not strike again.

The artful maiden knows full well
What makes the clock act so,
And why no earthly power can tell
The time for him to go.

Although the deep-toned village chimes
Have long ago struck two,
And sundry cocks at divers times
Are making loud ado.

But time stands still, with gracious mien,
Nor seems to think to meet
That cruel fate should intervene
To break their vigil sweet.

Too soon the streaks of opening day
Light up the Eastern sky,
As tenderly he steals away.
And whispers, "Love, good-by?"

"The ancients sought for earthly bliss
On sacred mountain-tops;
But the secret of true happiness
Lies in a clock that—*stops*."

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Fans are larger than ever.

Strings of bonnets are short and wide.

New styles of dress uncover the throat.

Pugs give place to pigs on parasol sticks.

Short, full aprons are seen on the new dresses.

Cinnamon brown is revived for matronly toilets.

Red and yellow hold their place in spring millinery.

Spanish lace is used for trimming woollen costumes.

Steel lace bonnet strings are edged with pleated pink silk.

Small ostrich tips trim the new spring hats and bonnets.

New furniture for halls and dining-rooms is of white holly or ash.

There is a threatened revival of heelless slippers for dancing.

Ombre silk shaded from very dark to light gray is very beautiful.

Steel crescents are used to hold the drapery of new spring costumes.

Slippers for evening wear are cut down very low, so as to show as much of the stocking as possible.

Semi-precious and imitation jewels and gems play an important part in spring and summer dress effects.

New fichus for spring are of white mull and have wide hems of blue or black lawn with large polka dots.

Among new spring bonnets, sixteen full blown poppies are seen on one and nine ostrich feathers on another.

Stockings must match the dress in both the color of the ground and in the flower or figure embroideries on the instep, when the dress is composed even in part of flowered or figured materials.

The Burlington Hawkeye says "the Ute women buy garters to wear around their necks." We suppose, then, that they buy necklaces to wear—we pause because we dare not pursue that course of reasoning further.

They had a grand ball at Leadville to celebrate Washington's birthday. Over four hundred were present, six barrels of liquor were consumed, and seven men killed in a free fight, which was excellently managed. The whole affair was very recherche, and will be remembered as one of the most delightful social affairs that ever was enjoyed by the best society of Leadville.

A sad case: Two loving beings that had plighted their troth several years ago, and were about to be married, are separated forever. They were sitting together one evening, going on about as usual, when she observed to him rather petulantly: "Charley, you can't understand anything at all about hugging; you haven't got the knack of it." "Indeed," he replied in a disheartened tone, "that's very strange, for I have been practising on two or three other girls for several months."

A gushing young lady who purchased a bottle of Dr. Quaque's Health Bitters—none genuine unless the doctor's name is blown on the wrapper—sent him the following testimonial: "Dear Doctor: "I think your bitters are too awfully lovely! After taking half a bottle I could sleep until nine o'clock in the morning while ma was getting breakfast ready. My health is just too sweet for anything, and your delightful medicines are just too supremely nice," etc.—[Norristown Herald.

The Baltimore American discovers that Baltimore girls are the prettiest because of the climate and the food they eat. Ohio girls, it says, eat pork and sauerkraut. Massachusetts girls eat codfish balls, Virginia girls eat bacon and greens, the gulf states girls eat gumbo, New Hampshire girls eat pies and doughnuts and Kentucky girls eat blue grass bee', and yet all these are prettier than the girls of Europe. But the Baltimore girls eat oysters, terrapin, canvas-back duck, bay mackerel and soft shell crabs, all productive of beauty.

The Boston girls hold still until they are well kissed, when they flare up and say, "I think you ought to be ashamed." When a young chap steals a kiss from a New Haven girl, she says, "I reckon its my turn now," and gives him a box on the ear that he don't forget for a week. When a clever fellow steals a kiss from a Yonkers girl she smiles, blushes deeply, and says nothing. When a female is saluted with a kiss in Philadelphia, she answereth thus: 'I am astonished at thy assurance, Jedediah; for this indignity I will sew thee up," and when a man is smart enough to steal the divine luxury from one of our city ladies they are perfectly satisfied and receive the salute with Christian meekness—when smit on one cheek, they turn the other also.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Whitelaw Reid will marry $300,000. Her other name is Mills. An Ohio man for luck, anyway.

A man at South Coventry, Conn., has buried two wives and been married twice within eleven months.

Philetus Sawyer, the new Wisconsin senator, gave his two daughters $100,000 each when they were married.

Truth says: "Another marriage is arranged between a London lady of mature age and much wealth, acquired by brewing, who is well known for her charities, and a young gentleman only a little above twenty years of age."

A wedding assembly at Columbus, Ohio, after waiting half an hour beyond the appointed time for the ceremony, was astounded by the entrance of the bridegroom with the bride's sister on his arm and their announcement that they had just been married by a clergyman around the corner. This trick threw the outraged girl into brain fever, from which she is likely to die, but the wedded couple have gone on a bridal tour.

A curious matrimonial agency flourishes in Paris, which not only arranges marriages, but undertakes to make all the necessary visits for the contracting parties. Among its staff are a number of "highly correct gentlemen," who are got up with beard, whiskers, or mustache, to represent as closely as possible the intending bridegroom, and these pay visits, leave cards, and transact all the needful social business of the wedding.

Among the superstitions about brides is one that is generally believed and acted upon in the south of England, and which decrees that a bride in removing her bridal robe and veil must take especial care to throw away every pin worn on the eventful day. Misfortune, it is said, will inevitably overtake the bride who keeps even one pin used in the wedding toilet. Woe to the bridemaids also if they keep any of them. Their chances of matrimony will be materially lessened thereby, and at any rate they must give up all hope of marriage until Whitauntide of the following year.

Spring, Gentle Annie

The bed-bug bugs his buggy eye,
The cricket cricks his crick;
The bullfrog sings a lullaby
The gnats and flies grow thick.

The fisherman fishes all the day
And doesn't get a bite;
The garter snake and bumble bee
Give many a woman fright.

The farmer farms his fertile farm,
The merchant buys his stock;
The small boy gathers marbles up
And puts them in his sock.

The cowslip slips above the earth,
The cornstalk stalks a stalk;
The circus gathers up its traps,
The lovers take a walk.

The iceman smiles a sunny smile,
The coal men frowns a frown;
The preacher takes a recess then
And leaves the dusty town.

The rich man wishes it was cold,
The poor man's glad it's hot;
The patent peddler richer grows,
The purchasers do not.

The cow-bell jingles jowfully,
The organ man breaks loose;
The chicken chirps quite cheerfully,
As does the festive goose.

The poet peels his ulster off,
And grasps his trenchant pen,
Then coughs a cold, consumptive cough,
And starts a poem when—

(To be continued next spring.)

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

You can tell a merciful farmer as soon as he stops his team at a post. He takes the blanket off his wife's lap and spreads it over the poor horses.

Pashence iz a good thing for a man to hav, but when he haz got so much ov it that he kan fish all day over the side ov a boat, without eny bait on his hook lazziness iz what's the matter. —[Josh Billings.

A young woman applied at the relief bureau in Galveston the other day with a paper containing the following: "This unfortunate woman is the only daughter of an old and childless father, and supports several young brothers by her work."

"Necessity is the mother of invention." The high price of eggs this winter drove a cute Yankee to invent a nest in the bottom of which is a trap-door, through which the egg, when laid, immediately drops, and the hen, looking around and perceiving none, immediately goes to work and lays another.

When Hermann was in Kentucky he did his card tricks, and after the show tried in vain to find somebody to play poker with him. But one man said to him, "If I knew as much about cards as you do, I wouldn't waste much time in the show business."

Edward Payson Weston, the tramp, is making inquiries concerning Miss Bird's "Unbeaten Tracks in Japan." He thinks he can beat Bird in a go-as-you please over saw dust, eight laps to a mile, for the gate money and a champion sarcingle.—[New Orleans Picayune.

A little 5 year old boy astonished his mother one day by urging her to see if his chin whiskers had not commenced to sprout. Another time, standing before her and looking up into her face, he inquired, "Ma, what's the reason I ain't a man now? I've got a jack-knife and a pocket-book."

A few days ago a youthful Zaim of about twelve summers, named Pea Blossom, was convicted of stealing in a Galveston court and sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail. "He is rather young to steal, I should suppose," remarked a by-stander to Uncle Mose. "No, sah, he is not too young to steal, but he is cooked a little earlier den de rest ob 'em, dat's all."—[Galveston News.

A Belvidere man called in at his market as he came down town yesterday noon and said to the butcher: "Send me up something for to-morrow's breakfast, will you?" "What, liver?" queried the man of slaughter. "Well, hardly liver!" answered the Belvidere man. But he couldn't dodge the cleaver. They had to skewer up his head, and send on a veal cutlet at a venture.

The last Montana yarn is to the effect that the cold was so intense last week in Madison valley that the wind was unable to blow, and ducks, prairie chickens and other feathered game, in endeavoring to reach the Geyser basin, were frozen solid in the air, where they will be compelled to remain until the spring thaw.—[Virginia City Enterprise.

A Hudson, New York, citizen said to the young man who visited his daughter that he couldn't afford to have so much wood burned in the parlor stove evenings; the young man must come less often or quit earlier, or furnish his own wood. Next day two cords of nice hard wood were purchased by the young man and piled in the citizen's yard, with a big sign over the pile reading "For nights only."

On Wednesday night, says The Rochester Democrat, an inebriated man was observed holding himself up by means of a lamp-post on a prominent street. This lamp-post had on it a mail box, and the man had apparently stood there for some time. A reporter passing by remarked: "Hello there: what's the matter?" "Well," said the man, "I—hic—put five cents in the box here half an hour ago, and this car ain't started yet."

The wild storm still raged furiously. Ever and anon the vivid lightning, in fantastic shapes, illumined the darksome and angry heavens. At last our young hero, making a sudden strategic movement, surrounded the band of fifteen howling red demons, and with no other weapon than a seven-shooter a cavalry sword, a dime novel, a Remington rifle, deck of cards, a bowie-knife, and a pair of brass knuckles, he mowed down his pursuers like grain before the scythe of the reaper; then seizing the fair Ethelluda around the waist with one arm, and plunging a bayonet into the breast of a lusty Indian who exhibited signs of returning consciousness, he vaulted into the saddle of the swiftest horse in the territory, and cried in a delirium of triumphant joy—"To be continued in our next."—Norristown Herald.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

There is a society in Berlin for the propagation of the Jewish faith, which is a new thing in Israel's history.

The report of the Pan-Presbyterian council, just issued, gives the number of Presbyterians in the world as 5,000,000.

There are in New York 238 Congregational churches, and ten in Pennsylvania, with an aggregate membership of 34,360, and 247 ministers, of whom only fifty-three are pastors. There were 970 received last year on confession.

The earliest printed bible known was sold on February 10th in London for £790 ($3,950.) It contained the old testament only, and was printed at Metz by Gutenburg in 1452, being believed to be the first book ever printed on movable types.

In Illinois there are 247 Congregational ministers, 241 churches, with 23,306 church members, and 30,617 children in the Sunday schools. The amount raised for benevolent purposes was $61,953. The additions to the church last year were 1,432.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Stamford, Conn., dedicated a few days since the beautiful new chapel erected during the past year at a cost of $36,000. On the way of dedication Messrs. William and Oliver Hoyt, merchants of that city, who reside in Stamford, contributed $30,000 of this cost, the other members of the church making up the balance.

Bishop Paddock is to leave Brooklyn in a few days for the diocese of Washington territory. No bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church has ever left the east for a missionary diocese financially so well equipped for his work as he now is. The Brooklyn churches have responded generously to his appeals for aid, and liberal contributions have been made by churches in New England, New York and Pennsylvania.

FALL FROM A HORSE.

Waxahachie, (Texas), Enterprise: Rev. S S. Yarbrough, whose wife, by a fall from a horse received a severe bruising and had a bone broken, and who used St. Jacobs Oil with splendid effect,—in a communication upon the subject, observes: It would have done one good to hear her eulogizing the oil. This good lady's experience is simply that of multitudes throughout the entire country, whose absolute faith in the efficacy of St. Jacob's Oil is rewarded by never a disappointment.

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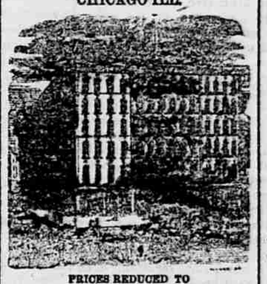

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Headquarters Department of the Platte, Office of Chief Quartermaster, Fort Omaha, Neb., March 11, 1881.

Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, April 9, 1881, or at the same hour (allowing for the difference in time) at the offices of the quartermaster's at the following named stations, at which places and time they will be opened in presence of bidders, for furnishing and delivery of Military Supplies during the year commencing July 1st, 1881, and ending June 30th, 1882, as follows: Wood, hay and charcoal, or such of said supplies as may be required at Omaha Depot, Fort Omaha, Fort Niobrara, Fort Sidney, Cheyenne Depot, Fort Russell, Fort Sanders, Fort Steele, Fort Hall, Fort Douglas, Fort Cameron, Fort Robinson, Fort Bridger, Fort Laramie, Fort Fetterman, Fort McKinney and Fort Washakie.

Proposals will also be received at this office to the day and hour above name, for the delivery on the cars at the point nearest to the mines on the line of the Union Pacific, of eight thousand tons of coal, of 2240 pounds to the ton. Also for the delivery at the Omaha Depot, or at stations on the Union Pacific Railroad, east from Kearney Junction, of two million pounds corn, and one million pounds oats. Bids for grain should state the rate per 100 pounds—not per bushel.

Proposals for either class of the stores mentioned, or for quantities less than the whole required, will be received. Each proposal should be in triplicate, *separate for each article at each station*, and must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, ($1000), executed strictly in accordance with the printed instructions, and upon the blank form furnished under this advertisement, guaranteeing that the party making the proposal shall not withdraw the same within sixty days from the date announced for opening them; and that if any proposal be accepted and a contract for the supplies bid for, awarded thereunder, he will, within ten days after being notified of the award, (provided such notification be made within the sixty days above mentioned), accept the same and furnish good and sufficient sureties, at once, for the faithful performance of the contract.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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