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ALL we want is to be let alone.--U. P. Mason.

Four cents a mile in Nebraska--only three cents a mile in Texas.

TAKES to be just must be assessed equally on all property according to true valuation.

Now that Omaha has her senator, the next conundrum is, who is the coming man for mayor?

The agony begins again on Tuesday at Lincoln and only fifteen days remain of the legislative session.

A "cast off carpet-bagger from Arkansas" is the manner in which the Philadelphia Record speaks of Senator elect Bowen, of Colorado.

Why can't Judge Lake step down from the supreme bench and let an eminent constitutional expounder like Charles H. Gore take his place?

This is an off year for second term senators. Saunders and Windom have climbed the political golden stair, and Ferry is in fair way to follow.

The \$800 statesman from West Point who colors his nose out of the same decanter with Frank Walters will presently introduce another resolution in favor of more legislative economy.

TOM KIMBALL'S parrot is a very amiable little bird. If Freddy is kept in careful training he may be able to amuse Sidney Dillon some day by scolding THE BEE and repeating his Lord's prayer for another rate. Poor Tom's cold.

PARTY harmony can never be attained by a continuance of the slanderous attacks railroad republican organs directed against every republican who dared to oppose corporate aggression. Oil and water cannot mix.

THREE millions of tons of ice have been harvested upon the Hudson river, but reports of the appearance of the "ice worm" in the country show that the dealers do not propose to allow a heavy crop to cut down prices to customers.

ACCORDING to Mr. Kimball only two passengers out of every hundred that travel over the Union Pacific--including railroad employes--travel on passes. Mr. Kimball evidently doesn't know much about dead head travel on the U. P., or all the conductors are consummate liars.

If the last census is to be a model which is to be copied by its successors the census ought to be taken not oftener than once a century. From present indications its results will be officially communicated about the time when the preparations for the twelfth census will begin. There is no reason why the government should go into the business of publishing encyclopedias of statistics which are so stale before they are given to the public as to be practically valueless.

ATTEMPTS to transfer the revenue marine service to the navy department will fail. One of the worst results of Robeson's naval administration is seen in the profound distrust which congress and the speaker evidence towards our navy and the officials. They do not propose to destroy the efficiency of a well equipped branch of the treasury department by placing it in the hands of men who cannot successfully administer their own department as at present constituted.

One of the causes of Mr. Windom's defeat is said to be the sale of his home in Winona, Minn., last year to help pay for his Washington palace, as it helped foster the feeling that Minnesota people already had to him that he was a citizen of Washington rather than of Minnesota, and only went to Minnesota about election. It is understood that Mr. Windom now bitterly regrets his action. The country has as much reason to regret it as Mr. Windom. It has lost an honest and able statesman of sound views and unswerving integrity, and has gained a man of whom the nation at large has never heard.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL JOURNALISM.

A good many people in this world miss their calling. This is true in journalism, perhaps, more than in any other trade or profession. Every bar-room lounge and corner grocery loafer feels competent to edit a newspaper. Briefless lawyers, half starved doctors, broken-winded preachers, and shiftless printers, often labor under the delusion that they can fill a long-felt want as editors in some village or city. Nine out of ten newspaper ventures have always proved a failure. Success in journalism, especially in daily newspapers, is exceptional. It is achieved either by men who have enjoyed long and careful training, or by a supreme individuality impelled by a sublime moral courage that fearlessly grapples with every living issue, and possesses the rare and happy faculty of striking the popular chord by saying the right thing at the right time in compact plain and vigorous Anglo Saxon. It is this class of journalists that founded the great newspapers of America, and made them famous and influential. And the measure of their influence has always been in ratio to their intense individuality. In the very nature of things the agitator whose pen has torn to shreds the flimsy cloak of political adversaries and driven dishonest public men into political exile--cannot achieve these results without personal attacks. Every political revolution and every great reform in the domain of politics has been fought for and won by personal journalism. It was Tom Paine's personal journalism that fired the hearts of the revolutionary heroes who gave this country its independence. It was Horace Greeley's superb personality that made his Tribune a power in the land and gave abolition its solid footing by educating the masses. Leave Horace Greeley out of the Tribune before the war and what would have become of the paper or the anti-slavery issue? What gives the New York Sun its tremendous power in New York? It is the personality of Chas. A. Dana and his fearless handling of men and measures. What created the New York Herald as a world-wide medium of intelligence? The positive and pugnacious utterances of the elder Bennett, who not only wrote but fought, and was the victim of more personal assaults than any other editor in America. In the southwest, George D. Prentiss, the most caustic paragrapher that ever edited a paper, founded Prentiss' Louisville Journal, which became famous wherever the English language was read, and which after his death became the chief factor of the present Courier-Journal--Forney's Press, of Philadelphia, Murat Halsted's Cincinnati Commercial, Storey's Chicago Times, and on the Pacific coast DeYoung, San Francisco Chronicle, have each loomed like pyramids on the American newspaper desert strewn with wrecks and skeletons. The same is true of journalism in Europe. The Paris Moniteur, founded by Emil Girardin, owes its eminence to personal journalism. LaRepublique Francaise, edited by Leon Gambetta, was pre-eminently personal, and Rochefort's Marsellais-shook Napoleon's empire to its foundation and prepared the way to the present republic. In Germany, Austria and England the founders of great newspapers, and the journals that lead public opinion owe their power to personal journalism, which is exercised as far as it can be under the restriction imposed by law. This is no defense of license and the abuse of press privileges, but merely suggested by the pany and silly utterance of an obscure essayist who delivered himself of an "oration" on personal and political journalism before the recent meeting, of what is known as the Nebraska Press association. This association from being a society for the elevation of Nebraska journalism and the business interests of Nebraska publishers has degenerated into a mere free lunch and free ride concern. Comprising less than one-third of the editors and publishers of Nebraska, its members have never taken the first step towards improving their own condition or that of society, but they are content with an annual essay by some apologetic ass who has not mastered the A. B. C. of journalism, a poem by some man who doesn't know poetic meter from a gas meter and then a free ride to Colorado, Texas, Arkansas or Niagara with free lunches thrown in. The last essay is a compound of ignorance, malice and falsehood, which no respectable journalist could endorse or countenance. It affects deep sympathy for a late politician whom it represents as being hounded to his grave, when, as a matter of fact, for more than six months previous to his death no reference had been made to him by the press, and his personal relations with the "terrible editor" were reasonably friendly, barring difference in political associations. What is more to the point, his death was due to chronic disease.

A striking proof of the utter insincerity of this lofty rebuke to personal journalism is afforded in the wretched sheet published by the essayist. For instance, on Tuesday April 11th, 1882, the Beatrice oracle, enraged over the appointment of Henry M. Teller as secretary of the interior, indulges in

a tirade of abuse of Teller and President Arthur, whom it lampoons as follows:

"This, perhaps, did not occur to President Arthur, who is himself a partner of the land thief Knevats, who is trying to rob our settlers in the name of the St. Joe and Western railroad company of homes and farms that they have peacefully held for half a generation, and had it occurred to the president we do not apprehend it would have made any difference.

It is much easier to extract the mote from the eye of your neighbor than to remove the beam that obstructs your own.

ATTACKING SILVER.

At every session of congress renewed attacks are made on the great silver interests of our country for the benefit of Wall street banking houses and monopolist cranks. Senator Morrill's late resolution prohibiting further coinage and purchases of bullion was introduced in this object, and Secretary Folger's letter complaining lack of storage room for the accumulating silver in the treasury vaults, is in the same line. Just as long as Wall street controls our national financial policy, these bushwhacking raids will be continued, and they will fail of their aim just as long as common sense rather than selfish interests rules on the discussion of the subject in congress.

The coinage law compels the government to purchase \$24,000,000 of silver bullion annually. Since its passage the treasury department has paid out to the people \$101,004,236 in silver, and is now receiving the benefits of the sum thus used. In order to make transfers more easy, the silver certificates were issued, of which there are now outstanding \$65,620,450. The advocates of a single standard insist that silver cannot be forced in circulation. They claim that \$93,000,000 are now lying idle in the treasury vaults, and the accumulations of this year's coinage will increase the amount by \$27,000,000 additional. One of the leading eastern papers states what it calls "a significant fact" that on November 1, 1882, there were only \$35,000,000 of silver in circulation.

Now the facts of the case are that our entire silver currency amounts only to \$128,329,880. Of this sum \$31,000,000 in silver dollars is stored in the treasury vaults, and \$65,620,450 additional are represented by silver certificates in circulation. Now it is the sheepest nonsense to say that these certificates are not silver in circulation. Added to the amount of coin in the hands of the people we find that \$101,004,236 is daily used for purposes of trade while a balance of a little over thirty millions for purposes of reserve is retained by the treasury department.

No western congressman will join hands with the Wall street bushwhackers. The coinage of silver has proved both profitable to the government and to the people. It has been profitable to the government in the revenue derived from the difference between the face and intrinsic value of the coinage. It has been profitable to the people in supplying a steady market for bullion and in furnishing a constantly expanding volume of currency based on actual value and not on national credit alone.

The people ought to understand that the reports of the great accumulation of silver coin in the treasury vaults are misleading and for a large proportion of the dollars there deposited, certificates have been issued and are in circulation as currency, performing every function of the coin itself in trade with less inconvenience than the actual transfer of the metal itself. That is all the basis there is for those constant attacks upon silver and silver coinage in congress.

There are rings and rings at Washington and all are preparing to make a desperate charge upon the treasury before congress closes. The naval ring is jubilant over the prospect of the passage of the bill completing the costly and useless hulks at League Island. The railroad land-grabber ring are using every effort to prevent action looking to the forfeiture of the land grants and are confident of success. Then there is the whiskey ring, the tobacco manufacturers' ring, and half a hundred different lobbies in the interests of special industries who are opposing any reduction in the tariff and urging special protection for their pampered monopolies. And this does not take into consideration the private bill brigades who are mustering to rash through hundreds of bogus claims in the closing hours of the session. Many of the present congressmen and senators who will be retired to private life after March 4, are anxiously waiting to insert their hands in the national grab bag. Says the New York Sun: One-half of the present house of representatives will go out on the 4th of March. Most of these members will go into private life permanently. Not a few of them will be annexed to the stationary lobby at Washington, in which some of their predecessors are now established. They have no responsibility to confront, and this is their last chance to convert votes into cash. A rally will be made in those closing weeks for bills with "money in them." The rings are mustered in full force,

and they will join hands for a general raid on legislation.

EVERY little while, somebody who conceives the idea of being a reformer proposes to regulate party proceedings, in the matter of naming candidates for office, by legislative enactment. There has been an opinion, which may not yet be quite obsolete, that popular political institutions rest on voluntary powers of the people, which it is not the office of government to meddle with in any way. Among such voluntary powers is the exercise of the electoral office. It is optional with every elector in a free state to vote or to abstain from voting; to vote for the candidate named by a party machine, or for some other man; to participate with the machine in candidate-making or to abstain from doing so, according to his free personal volition. It probably will not be questioned that the state which should deprive electors of their voluntary powers would cease to be entitled to the name of a free state, and be entitled to that of a despotic state. So, when a legislature assumes to enact regulations of any kind that tend to restrict men in the exercise of their voluntary political powers, such enactments, though they may not be per se despotic, unquestionably tend in the direction of despotism. Of this character are all projects of law for the regulation of party proceedings by governmental agency.--Chicago Times.

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Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Peck, Mrs. Lavi Carter, Mrs. Ella Beal, the Messrs. Notewares, Rich, Comstock, Cray, Tompkins, Chambers, Richardson, Wilbur, Little Congdon and Carrie Congdon, Shears, Dunlap, Bishop, Morgan, Dottie and Woodie McCormick, Wakely, McConnell, Sharp, Barley, Somers, Lehmer, Collins, and the Misses Wilson; Messrs. McGuire, Cray, Lehmer, Paterson, Wilbur, Avins, Berlin, Sharp, McMillan, Beal, Morgan, Saxe, Ringwalt, Raff, Beach, Barke, Bradford, Hamilton, Patrick, Brock, Morris, Ogden, Barkalow and Newell.

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