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THERE ARE several missing since the battle ended.

FOR A MAN with a game leg, Judge Benke runs well.

FRANK HATTON's pole did not knock the perchman.

THE old mayor's office will now be swept out and a new door knob added.

THE colored troops, as usual, fought nobly, at from fifty cents to \$2 a vote.

WHO is to be city attorney? Is it to be Frank Walters or Walter Bennett?

"THE boys" are happy. They have elected Chase and he will take care of them.

OUR guardian Angell will spread his wings and take his flight up the golden stairs.

INDIANA walks away with the cabinet cake. Those debatable states are always handsomely provided for.

THERE will be three lumbermen in the next senate. Who says that the West has not got plenty of political timber.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is reported to have fallen out with Senator Jones and Raccoe Conkling. Who he has taken to his bosom in their places is not reported.

THE president is trying to do what no politician ever succeeded in accomplishing--to please all factions at the same time.

SINCE the close of the war we have spent over \$200,000,000 on our navy, and the turrets of the Miantonomah will have to be built in Europe.

EVERY new development regarding the condition of the navy department is an argument in favor of a change of administration.

RHODE ISLAND has pronounced against reform as embodied in ex-Governor Sprague. The platform on which Sprague was nominated was sound but the citizens of Rhode Island defeated Mr. Sprague because they did not approve his conduct as a man and were unwilling to disgrace themselves by honoring him with the position of chief executive of their state.

DR. McCOSH, of Princeton College, claims that college enthusiasm runs too much to athletic sports, and right on top of the statement that at Harvard, the other day, the terror of the law school was laid out by a common colored waiter; while at Yale, on Saturday, a gang of riotous students were scattered like chaff by the ignoble "towhee."

IT is evident that Dr. McCosh is mistaken, and that what is needed in our colleges is more rather than less attention to physical development on the part of the students.

THE eagle is screaming loudly in Chicago over Carter Harrison's election and the triumph of bummerism over the better elements of the community. The preachers preached and the papers wrote, but five thousand closed saloons and twenty thousand bar keepers and their friends were too heavy odds to overcome.

SO Chicago is to continue for another two years, the dirtiest and most law-defying city of its population in the country, while the Mike McDonalds and Carter Harrison are glorying in the great vindication of "democratic principles" which was given in Tuesday's election.

IN voting for sewer bonds by such an overwhelming majority, the people of Omaha have declared that public improvements on a comprehensive scale shall at once be begun and carried on in this city. But if the result of the election could have been known beforehand there would have been a much larger opposition vote to the bonds.

HAVING authorized the expenditure of large sums of money, the taxpayers are now anxious that it shall be disbursed effectively and honestly. They have a vivid recollection that Omaha has suffered in times past from a loose supervision of city contracts.

SINCE then it is true that our charter has been amended, but the changes have only increased the power of the mayor and council. On this account there is a good deal of anxiety already expressed over the new deal.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

A slight improvement in trade has been noted during the past week, but the markets generally are still unsatisfactory, when compared with those of the corresponding period of last year.

The lateness of the season and the slow development of the consumptive requirements of trade seem to be chiefly responsible for the situation.

Nevertheless there has been a substantial improvement in the general jobbing trade at Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Kansas City and Omaha, and at other distributing points throughout the west.

Local houses report an easier feeling among country buyers and increased orders from interior points are anticipated during the coming week.

A favorable feature of the general situation is the fact that the enlargement noted in the volume of trade is due to the frequent duplication of small orders, and a gradual widening of the range of distribution, rather than an exceptional activity or speculative feeling in any particular line.

Last week's report of failures show a decrease of 13 over the preceding week, although the number is largely in excess of those recorded in the fourth week of March, last year.

Manufacturers are still greatly depressed. The iron trade has been moderately active, buyers confining their orders to nearest wants.

Competition is depressing prices in all directions and the pay of laborers has been reduced from 10 per cent in the east to 33 per cent in some of our western mills.

There is a good deal of idle machinery among the mills that have been running on low grades of cotton and woollen goods and textile production as a rule is not active.

The stock market is still depressed and all the frantic efforts of the bulls to force an advance in prices have failed to make any substantial rise on the board.

Tuesday's list recorded a fractional advance which was not maintained, and speculative stocks continue weak and drooping.

The money market, which for several weeks past has been unusually stringent, call loans ruling at from fifteen to eighteen per cent, is still tight, offerings being noted yesterday at from eight to fifteen per cent.

The anticipation by the treasury of future interest will help the market.

In the grain trade a slight improvement is noted and prices will undoubtedly rule higher. The foreign demand has been a little better and the visible supply of wheat decreased eleven hundred thousand bushels within the week.

This is due more to the general falling off in domestic receipts than to any marked increase in foreign clearances. The season is backward and farmers are becoming more indifferent about selling until they can be assured of something like an average yield in the coming harvest.

Corn is moving rapidly toward the seaboard and a large gain is noted at interior receiving points. There is a continued complaint throughout our state of the difficulty experienced in procuring cars and the railroads are pressed to their utmost to supply facilities for transportation.

MR. JOHN McELROY contributes an article to the last Popular Science Monthly upon the value of vice to society. He argues that vice serves the same purpose among human beings that natural selection does among animals and plants.

It insures the survival of the fittest and weeds out from society the elements which if permitted to exist would be its greatest weakness. The weak moral specimens of humanity fall victims to it and die much sooner in consequence than those who are strong enough to resist it.

The result is that the progeny of the former are less in number than those of the latter. Vice, according to the writer, exerts an eliminating influence on what ought to be eliminated and thus drains mankind of its bad blood.

He says the policeman on the next corner will bear decided testimony that the number of scoundrels who survive their 30th year is astonishingly small, and he can point out any number of very troublesome members of the community who are ending their lives in the penitentiary or poor house hospitals at an age when well behaved men are just entering upon the serious business of life.

M. McElroy scolds the idea that intemperance is the prime cause of the deaths which are said to result from drinking. He calls "supreme nonsense" the cry of the temperance reformer that the "demon alcohol is yearly dragging down to dishonorable graves hundreds and thousands of the brightest and fairest of the land."

With rare exceptions every one who goes to ruin through alcohol would go there eventually if there were no alcohol in existence. In his view the scientific proposition is that alcohol renders the world a valuable service by hurrying its victims out of the way; that it is a species of buzzard that removes carrion; and the same argument holds good with prostitution, gluttony, idleness, luxury and other things of a like nature.

This is a startling theory but a vast amount of confirmatory statistics could be produced to prove it.

THE New York Sun has this to say about the rumor that Robeson has been offered the postmaster generalship: "Secor Robeson has been a

THE ELECTION.

The result of the election is just what might have been expected. The party machine as it was run by packed primaries and conventions failed in the main to voice the sentiment of the best elements of both parties.

The democrats nominated a solid ticket for the city offices which was weighted down by very inferior selections for the council. The republicans held their nominations back until the last minute. No man outside of politics could be found to run against Judge Savage. That gave the unanimous nomination to Colonel Chase.

The contest for police judges in the convention degenerated into a fight between Rodney Datcher and Pat Hayes with the latter two lengths ahead. The rest of the ticket varied from good to indifferent and bad. At the last minute conventions were held purporting to represent workmen. The prime movers were idlers who make a business at every election of bleeding candidates and trading in votes, which they can't deliver.

The outcome is satisfactory mainly to those who were chosen. Colonel Chase is elected mayor by less than 100 majority, while the democrats re-elected Buck and Benke by majorities ranging from 600 to 1,500. The new council as predicted by THE BEE will be republican by more than two-thirds. The board of education will be made up of as fair representation as the system of partisan nominations will allow.

The most remarkable feature of this election was that the republican vote went heavily for the democratic ticket, and the democratic wards gave majorities for the republican mayor. This only shows that party principles had nothing whatever to do with the election.

The liquor element conceived the idea that Judge Savage would enforce the high license law. The gambling fraternity had grave doubts as to how their business would flourish under Colonel Savage's rule. These two lines went heavily for the democratic ticket for the republican candidate. On the other hand, a majority of the republicans, who live in the Fourth and the Sixth Wards, were afraid that Chase would not enforce the laws, and had misgivings whether the police regulations would be as loose as they are now if the republicans elected their mayor.

Mr. Esch was supported by a large number of republicans who wanted to endorse his administration. Judge Benke had a walk away.

Mr. Hascall returns to his old stamping grounds in the city council. He was all right with the liquor element and the First and Second ward, where he has made big improvements were bound to put him where he could do them the most good.

THE gallant Blue Horse sends a message to the great father to remind him that he once was a heep big Indian.

STATE JOYNTINGS.

A new hotel will soon be opened at Fairmont.

A new flouring mill will soon be built at Stella.

Wahoo will have a soda water factory this year.

There is some talk of organizing a brass band at Stella.

Burglars are making it lively for the residents of Cass county.

The land office at Grand Island sold \$4,000 worth of land last Monday.

The Nebraska county teachers' association will meet at Neligh on the 14th of the month.

The subject of water works and a fire engine are the topics of public interest at Weeping Water.

A new bank has been started at North Platte, which is said to be backed by the solid men of the place.

It is estimated there will be 150,000 to 175,000 sheep brought from the west by Dodge county men this season.

Quite a number of Saunders county farmers are disposing of their farms preparatory to emigrating to other business.

The tower of the Catholic church at Fairmont has been completed and the building will soon be ready for occupancy.

The docket for the April term of court in Oloo county has 126 cases.

The original part of it is light and not important.

Arthropods needs more dwellings, and some enterprising man can do well by erecting a number of tenement houses there.

The people of Doniphan have a station keeper who has become a nuisance. They are trying to get rid of him by refusing a license.

Several Brownville men have expressed a desire to build a flouring mill at the place. The work will probably soon be commenced.

The little town of Louisville is in a prosperous condition. A number of substantial improvements are contemplated for this season.

The state papers are cautioning the farmers against the itinerant vendors of patent articles who are now thick as bees throughout the country.

The First National Bank at Central City received its national currency last week from Washington. The amount was \$50,000 and is all in \$5 bills.

The merchants of Nebraska are all doing a good trade this spring, and on the authority of the local paper the town is said to be improving rapidly.

MORNING OPTIC.

has made its appearance at Lincoln. The manager is a young and industrious man.

The citizens of Neligh met last week for the purpose of organizing a hook and ladder company. They failed, however, to accomplish the purpose for which they met.

Already \$1,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of aiding the Sisters of Mercy to build a hospital at Grand Island. The building will probably be elected without delay.

The grain elevator at Clark's was burned last Thursday night. A quantity of grain was all destroyed. There was no insurance and the origin of the fire is unknown.

The water works at Grand Island for some time past have been out of working order. They are all right again and the citizens are receiving their regular supply.

Young ladies of Falls City flirt with the commercial drummers who visit that town. The practice may prove a bitter experience for the young ladies for the average drummer is a very bad sort.

The boys of Sheldon have organized a post after the fashion of the G. A. R. Instead of relating to each other wonderful war records, the youngsters brag about their powers as pugilists.

Otoe is building more farm houses this spring than at any time before in its history. Some of it is being done by new settlers, and some of it the improvement of old residents.

Tom Remhart, a friendless and homeless vagabond of Syracuse, was found dead in a hay loft in the rear of a saloon which he had frequented in the city. Death resulted from exposure at night.

The Grand Island Anti-Monopolist is writing up Seth Mobely's record. Aside from his hair, which some one cut for him a year or two ago, the opposition paper cannot find much to write about.

The real estate agents at Wahoo are having a very heavy business this spring. Land in Saunders county is selling as high as \$35 per acre, and one agent sold \$30,000 worth of farm lands during the month of March.

The Wallace Windmill company of Otoe county has incorporated, and is now ready to place orders. The directors are J. C. Ogden, Levi Kime, W. C. Slosson, E. G. Day and D. T. Cornell. The company will manufacture and sell the Wallace windmill.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL.

A JUDGE TALKING VERY FREELY. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.--One of the judges of one of the Washington courts to day expressed the opinion that there would be no verdict in the star-route cases, and that if there was a verdict it would not be guilty of conspiracy.

"They have proved," he said, "unquestionably a crime--gross maladministration and the corrupt use of money--and they have been for a year trying to fit that crime into a conspiracy. They do not seem to have been successful. The star-route knavery was unquestionably a piece of thieving without any deliberate concert of action, but there was no organized conspiracy--each man stole on his own account."

"Why," the question was asked of the judge, "did not the Government, if it had evidence of crime, proceed then against the guilty persons individually for malfeasance, or bribery, or embezzlement, and not attempt to make out a conspiracy?"

"That is what would have been the wiser course unquestionably, and I understand some of the later indictments are on that basis. Probably some of those will hold, but the conspiracy in the present case does not seem to be made out."

WHAT THE LAYMAN SAYS OF KELLOGG. A gentleman who has had interviews with Attorney-General Brewster and Star Route Counsel Merrick and Ker gives the following as an authorized statement of the circumstances which led to the recent presentment. The only testimony placed before the former grand jury did not think this evidence sufficient, and asked for the additional testimony just now given, which the government at that time was unable to furnish. Price was a fugitive from justice, secreting himself in Canada, and refused to appear. Since that time arrangements were made by which his presence was secured. He appeared before the grand jury, corroborated the statements of Walsh, and personally identified the drafts upon which the charges against Kellogg were based. With this evidence before them the grand jury had no difficulty in finding a bill, and had it been accessible the former grand jury would, it is believed, have found a bill. The statement that these new indictments are in the nature of a political move, in which Merrick personally interested himself is equally incorrect and unjustifiable. Merrick has never been before the grand jury, and has never taken the least personal interest in the case whatever. At a consultation with the Attorney-General, in which B. B. Merrick and Ker were present, the Attorney-General himself positively directed that the case be again laid before the grand jury, and Ker by his direction appeared before that body. B. B. Merrick and Ker were in the court-room where Brady and Dorsey were to be on the witness stand during the whole time of the grand jury deliberations. It is utterly absurd to give the indictment of Kellogg any political significance. It was asked for because the Attorney-General thought the evidence sufficient to prove that a crime had been committed and it was not delayed until after Kellogg's term as senator had expired, but only because the government did not, within a few weeks, obtain the requisite evidence. Kellogg may have been dealt unjustly with, as he says, but his own political and party friend, the Attorney-General, is alone responsible for the indictment.

WHAT KELLOGG SAYS. Senator Kellogg does not seem greatly disturbed over his indictment, but maintains a confidential air, and says that he will have no difficulty in refuting the crime laid to him when the case reaches a trial. He enters no doubt but that back of the transaction is a scheme concocted by some of his political enemies to break him down. He insists that his case is a clear one, and that he will have nothing to fear by a trial. The only bad feature about it to him are that his reputation will for a time suffer, and he will be forced to considerable expense to pay lawyers' fees.

A Big scheme. Special to The Daily Republican. MEXICAN VALLEY DRAINAGE COMPANY. WASHINGTON, March 31.--Some months ago what is called the Mexican Valley Drainage company was organized here. It has obtained possession of a concession granted by the Mexican government for the drainage of the Valley of Mexico. The concession carries a subsidy of \$5,000,000 to be paid in instalments of \$25,000 per month and running 30 years, and also the grant of a large part of the lands redeemed by drainage. The president of the American company is Dr. L. R. King, commissioner of agriculture, and some of the stockholders and directors are Senators Jones of Louisiana, Call of Florida, Harris of Tennessee, Butler of South Carolina, Sabin of Minnesota (Windom's successor), ex-Congressman Ames, Townsend of Ohio and Mr. Lowry, a Minnesota capitalist. One of the terms of the concession required the deposit of \$200,000 last February as forfeit in case of a non-fulfillment of the contract. The company, as thus constituted, were unable to raise the forfeit fund, and secured.

AN EXTENSION OF TIME. to the 26th of April. In the meantime they have admitted to the company Senators Sabin and Lowry, of Minnesota, who, it is understood, will furnish most of the capital in the enterprise.

A meeting of some of the gentlemen concerned was held here to-day, at which it was concluded to confer with Gen. Diaz and some members of his party, who reached here this morning. The conference took place this afternoon and two propositions were discussed. The first was whether the terms of the concession would admit of the deposit of the forfeit fund of \$200,000 in some national bank in this country rather than in a bank in the City of Mexico. It is understood that Gen. Diaz expressed the opinion the deposit should be made in this country. The second proposition was, whether, if the drainage of the valley could be completed within two years, the company would be able to obtain the nine millions subsidy and the land grant. Gen. Diaz was unable to make any assurances on this point. Members of the company say they feel confident of being able to make the deposit of forfeit money and to proceed with the enterprise.

Benefit Opera in New York. Special Dispatch to THE BEE. NEW YORK, March 4.--The academy of music contained a large audience at the concert given for the benefit of the endowment of the Washington and Lee university by the Mapleson company. The third act of "Il Trovatore" was given with Schachtel, Kavelin and Galeed and Leonora from the chorus. The first scene of "Norma" (with Signor Monti) gave Alban an opportunity for singing "Casta Diva" in admirable style. Schachtel, as the goatherd, in which character her appearance action and vocalism were equally charming. Patti, in the Shadow song, was, of course, irresistible and aroused tremendous enthusiasm. In response to persistent applause she at last answered with two verses of "Home, Sweet Home," sung in front of the curtain. Madame Cavallazzi appeared in an entirely new Hungarian ballad, composed by Signor Francesca, which is extremely graceful and pretty in costumes and figures.

THE IRVING CENTENARY. Nature smiled on the hills of Tarrytown as its inhabitants revived the memories of "the pioneer of American literature." It was the centennial of the birth of Washington Irving, who was born on William street in this city and who spent the last years of his life at Sunnyside near Tarrytown where he died November 28th, 1859. The house at that place, celebrated in his story, still retains the same appearance as it did twenty four years ago. One Wallhouse, built in 1656, being part of the well known Warner Block. In the library are writing table, arm chair, books and pictures remaining as they have been for nearly quarter century.

There was a memorial meeting in the evening at the Tarrytown Second Reformed church, which was handsomely decorated. At the left of the platform was an oil painting of Washington Irving, painted when he was 24 years of age, by Jarvis, set in a perfect nest of variegated foliage, plants and ferns. There were many prominent persons present. Justice Noah Davis, President. Letters of regret were read from John G. Whittier, Governor Cleveland, T. B. Aldrich, George William Curtis, President Barne of Columbia College.

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