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HAVE we the next president among us?
Ohio still continues to play a star part in the drama of politics, but the star of Pendleton is on the wane.

JUDGE LOVE, of Iowa, refuses to become the successor of McCrory on the circuit bench. Sour grapes.

THE B. & M. is way ahead of the Union Pacific—just twenty-four minutes. It has adopted central standard time.

THE condition of Mr. Villard's health is not quite so important a matter to the public at present as it was a week ago.

JANUARY has made a bad break in the vaults of the insurance companies, and they are already shouting, "Whoa, January!"

THE Delaware peach crop is badly damaged, but Wilmington oysters are still being served on the half-shell, the usual size at the usual price.

ONE thing is certain, and that is that no railroad will ever ask Judge Dundy to step down to accept a position as attorney. He is too useful where he is.

THE next great combination that is to be formed is a pig-iron pool. After that we shall hear of a pool among the pigpens. The American pig naturally takes to the pool.

JUDGE McCrory resigns a \$5,000 position on the bench for \$35,000 a year at the railroad bar. It was such a tempting offer that even such a good man as George W. McCrory could not decline.

ANOTHER commission is projected by congress which will yield \$5,000 a year to the commissioners, with incidentals thrown in. This time it is a sampling commission to investigate the liquor traffic.

IT is now announced that Mary Anderson, instead of having any idea of matrimony, proposes to work a little longer for her mother's family, and then retire to a convent. In the language of Hamlet, "Get thee to a nunnery."

JUDGE McCrory's resignation does not take effect until March 1st. This will give ample time for the host of his would-be successors to put in their claims. The longest pole will knock down the judicial persimmons.

THE title page of George Francis Train's forthcoming paper will have under its head the following note: "Psycho Museum of facts and ready-made Cyclopedia of red-hot events of the day. Live ideas in dead age from most sane man in mad world."

THERE is a great deal of curiosity manifested as to what Ex-Cadet Whittaker proposes to do with the 11,000 pages of the record of the court which tried him. He probably wants to wrap the record around his ears when the thermometer is ranging below zero.

JANUARY is the month of failures. During the next thirty days the majority of the weak business houses throughout the country will be weeded out, and business will probably start up early in the spring with renewed energy and on a more solid footing.

"Betsy and I are out." Betsy is at Loust Grove, Virginia, anxious to find the whereabouts of Sergeant Mason. The sergeant is having a grand time in Philadelphia. He is on exhibition at the dime museum with snakes, bears, panthers, stuffed alligators and other natural curiosities.

SULLIVAN has lost caste among the college-cultured people of Massachusetts. The Springfield Republican contemptuously remarks: All "tenderfoot" are alike without honor on the wild frontier, but it must be rather humiliating to Boston prides when a Denver landlubber leads Sluggish Sullivan up by the ear, with the aid of pistol persuasion.

MR. WELLER, of Iowa, has struck a lead. He's the man that the soldiers will want for president of the United States. Weller has introduced a bill for the relief of the soldiers and sailors of the late war that knocks Logan's soldier boom higher than Gilderoy's kite. He proposes to issue \$500,000,000 of greenbacks to equalize the difference in value between the money paid to the soldiers during the war and the bondholders after the war. In other words Weller proposes to give each soldier his share of the difference between the money he received in greenbacks and its equivalent in gold with 8 per cent interest from date added. Weller is our man for anything he wants.

COLLEGE GOVERNMENT.

Some of the eastern colleges are adopting the plan of putting the college government, to a certain extent, in the hands of the students. This is not by any means a new system. For many years this plan has worked successfully in some of the English preparatory schools, notably Rugby. In the United States Racine college, at Racine, Wis., has been governed in a great measure by the students for nearly twenty years. At Racine there are a certain number of prefects selected on account of their prominence in their studies and good behavior, whose duty it is to see that certain rules are observed by the students, and in addition to enforcing these rules, the prefects have general charge, and are bound to put down any wrong which may not come under the general rules. No punishments are inflicted by them without a vote of the whole body of prefects. A final appeal on all matters of discipline may be made to the warden of the college. This system has been found to work admirably, and we are surprised that it has not long ago been adopted by every college in the land. Amherst college has recently adopted a somewhat similar plan, and has been followed by Bowdoin college and the Illinois Industrial university. The system has met with success also in Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., where it has been in operation for some time. The effect of the system is to relieve the faculty of passing judgment upon every trivial point of discipline, and leaving to them only matters of the utmost importance. It virtually makes the faculty the supreme or final court of appeal. It is simply a republican form of government for colleges. In Amherst a "senate" of nine students passes upon points in college policy in dispute between faculty and students. In Bowdoin, a jury with a member elected by each class, by each secret society and the non-secretory men, passes on the guilt or innocence of students charged with offenses—willful falsehood being punished with expulsion, and each student being put on his honor when brought to trial. At Bowdoin, as at Amherst, the result has been to take all the alleged fun out of college pranks. Conduct which appeared supremely comical when the faculty were to be evaded becomes silly and somewhat ridiculous when it must be justified before a jury of one's mates. Under the new system the villainous practice of hazing will no doubt be abolished.

As usual the Republican can see no higher motive in our position in the circuit judge than political factionism and personal revenge. It is the old story, says the astute organist of the Union Pacific. "Judge Dundy has never been a Rosewater man. He has always hated the editor and his paper, and so far as his political influence could be exerted, has worked against him. He has received small courtesies from the railroads, but has never solicited them." As usual it is the old story of bungling and falsehood. Judge Dundy was the first officer who gave federal patronage to THE BEE by ordering it placed on the official list for advertising. His kindness has been remembered and appreciated, but this paper has never been financed by patronage, whether it came from Uncle Sam or the Omaha city council. There is not patronage enough among all the office-holders in Nebraska to swerve THE BEE a hair's breadth from what it believes to be its duty in defense of public interests. There has been no personal quarrel between Judge Dundy and the editor of this paper, nor have they crossed swords in any political contest. So much for the insinuation that our opposition to Mr. Dundy's promotion is inspired by political differences or personal hatred.

A BOTTOMLESS POOL.

When the great tripartite pool was formed a few days ago, it was regarded as the most powerful and irresistible combination of railway capital that had ever been organized. It was stipulated in the compact that its life should be at least twenty-five years, and by the end of that time it was expected that it would absorb all the railroads on the continent. The ink has scarcely had time to dry on the paper on which the compact was written, and already the pool has become like a rope of sand, ready to fall to pieces. The flat refusal of the Burlington to enter the new pool has almost knocked the bottom out of it. It seems that Mr. Hughtt, president of the Chicago & Northwestern system, was only authorized to append the name of that corporation to the compact upon the presumption that all the roads in the old Iowa pool would join.

It now becomes very questionable whether the Chicago & Northwestern directors will ratify Mr. Hughtt's action or order their road to withdraw. There appears to be no clause in the tripartite agreement which imposes a penalty upon any road that sees fit to withdraw, even if it should do so on a day's notice. The men who planned this colossal combination have evidently overshot the mark. With all the profound legal talent employed and all the cunning which they are capable of, they may find their fabric falling to pieces and in the end their work all for naught. Such is life.

SENATOR HARRISON.

Omaha takes pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to General Ben. Harrison, the foremost republican in Indiana and the representative of that state in the national senate. His mission here is a happy one. He has come to witness the union of his illustrious family with that of ex-Senator Alvin Saunders. Indiana and Nebraska may congratulate each other upon the impending marriage of Russell Benjamin Harrison and Miss Mary Saunders, one of Nebraska's fairest daughters. Senator Harrison is the grandson of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, member of the first American congress, and governor of Virginia just one hundred years ago. His father, William Henry Harrison, was the ninth president of the United States. Senator Harrison himself has already made a brilliant record both as a soldier and statesman. He is still comparatively a young man, with a future that is full of great promise. He will find Omaha a growing and prosperous city, with an intelligent, enterprising and hospitable population, and Nebraska a state that will at no distant day rival his own state, Indiana.

MR. BISMARCK will presently begin to respect the American hog. Bills have been introduced in congress to prohibit the importation of products from countries unjustly discriminating against the United States, and to empower the president to retaliate on countries which unjustly prohibit the importation of American live stock and meats. A NUMBER of Kansas papers mention Senator Ingalls as a proper man to take

the place of Judge McCrory on the circuit bench. Mr. Ingalls is the brilliant senator of whom Huntington speaks, in his Colton correspondence, as "always your friend." President Arthur may feel clever towards Mr. Ingalls, but he can hardly afford to elevate a man to the bench who has been smirched by his connection with the Pacific railroad rings.

THE CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP.

When it was announced that Hon. George McCrory had resigned his seat on the circuit bench to accept the position of general attorney of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, we expressed the opinion that this was a change which the people of this section would deeply deplore. While paying a just tribute to Judge McCrory, whose career in congress, in the cabinet, and on the bench had been free from every taint of corruption, THE BEE took occasion to review the methods by which the great corporations secure the services of judges and congressmen. Our comments have been reproduced by some of the leading papers of the east, which would indicate that we have struck a key note to one of the great problems of the day.

When our special correspondent at Washington telegraphed that the Nebraska delegation were about to unite on Judge Dundy for the vacant circuit judgeship, we very promptly entered an earnest protest on behalf of the people of this state. We were impelled to this step by the sole desire to prevent our delegation from making a serious mistake in urging for this appointment a man who had shown his partiality to the great railroad monopolies on various occasions in rulings and decisions as district judge. The Union Pacific organ very naturally rushes to the defense of Judge Dundy and extols him to the skies. Not content with denying what is notorious, it goes out of its way to lampoon Senator Van Wyck and belittle Judge McCrory. We are told by that corporation mouth-piece that "Judge Dundy has done some things which have made his name memorable—and which will be remembered with gratitude long after Judge McCrory is dead and buried, and his legal record has become part of the forgotten past." This, says the Union Pacific mouth-piece, is said with no spirit of undue partiality. Indeed! This will astonish the natives, who have never known what a great man Mr. Dundy was until he was placed by the side of Judge McCrory.

Specimens of Railroad Robbery. Fairmont Signal. Canyon City coal sells for \$9 a ton in Fairmont. The same kind of coal is hauled through Fairmont, 50 miles further to Lincoln, sold at retail, delivered in any part of the city, for \$7.75 a ton. This is a sample outrage perpetrated upon the people by a railroad which has a monopoly of the coal trade of this section. It is an evil that may in time be remedied by congressional legislation. In our present helpless condition we can only feel the injury and wait for a chance to get even.

When the Union Pacific road had a monopoly of the carrying trade to and from the mountains the treatment of non-competitive points was exactly the same as is that of the B. & M. When other roads were completed, so as to make competition possible, people remembered the injustice that had been practiced upon them when they could not help themselves, and threw every thing possible to the other roads—even at the same rates.

On the same principal, our people would welcome with open arms any railroad that would relieve us from our dependence upon the B. & M. If the Union Pacific would build a branch to this point, it would deliver nine-tenths of the traffic of all kinds from the B. & M. We have in this office two receipts for freight paid within the past two weeks upon goods of a similar character. One is for 100 lbs., \$1.15; the other for 6020 lbs., \$69.30. In the case of the small bill the shipper had been thoughtful enough to secure a bill of lading whereby the road agreed to deliver the goods at 45 cents; in the other case we had no bill of lading. When we asked to have the matter made right, we were coolly informed that they would rectify the mistake which wronged us to the extent of 50 cents, but the \$30 overcharge could not be refunded.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REGULAR MEETING LAST NIGHT. A meeting of the board of education took place last night. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting consumed about twenty-five minutes of the time of the members. The president then called on the various committees. CLAIMS. The committee on claims read their account for December expenses, which on motion was approved. Also reported in favor of paying Miss Villa H. Case \$45.97 salary due her under verbal contract made by Superintendent James. Approved after discussion, and the treasurer instructed to draw a warrant for the amount in Miss Case's favor. Bill from A. P. Nicholas and others for services rendered as judges, &c., was, on motion, returned for the appendation of affidavit. Carried. Committee on teachers and text books reported in favor of fixing the salaries of Misses Harris and Street at \$1,000 per year, which was approved by the board. Mr. Conroy moved that the salary of Miss McCague be placed at \$70 per month, which was approved. Committee on estimates reported, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Death of an Old Settler of Omaha. On Sunday Mr. O. P. Ingalls died in Washington, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Gannett. Mrs. Fleming Drake, who is his daughter, left Omaha for Washington on Saturday in hopes of

MISSOURI republicans have already called a convention to elect delegates-at-large to the national republican convention. It is the early bird that catches

the worm. General Sherman lives in Missouri.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

Senatorial contests are already actively in progress in a number of states. Senators to be chosen in Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland and Iowa. The Ohio legislature has begun to wrestle with the senatorship, and the contest attracts more attention than in any other. The choice seems to have narrowed down between Pendleton and Payne. Both are struggling desperately, but Payne enters the race with a decided advantage. Pendleton comes handicapped because the delegation from Hamilton county, where he resides, is solid against him. Few men have ever been re-elected to the senate when their home delegations have opposed them. There are so many ins and outs, feuds and factions, in Ohio democratic politics that no man knows what the day may bring forth, but experience shows that in fights of this kind, with two leading candidates somewhere nearly evenly balanced, victory is likely to perch on the banners of the dark horse. Several of these animals already express a hope, among them Durbin Ward and Congressman Converse, Geldes and Seney. Governor Hoadley is also reckoned a possibility, as is ex-Senator Thurman.

In Kentucky Senator Williams appears to have a fair chance of re-election, notwithstanding the fact that Congressman Blackburn and a number of other democratic leaders are bitterly opposed to him. Down in Maryland there is a scattering but formidable opposition to the re-election of Senator Groome. It is very much such a fight as we had in Nebraska last winter, with a large number of candidates, some of whom had any great strength to start with. The balloting will begin next Tuesday, and the plan is to try a fight in the open field in joint convention, and then if no decision is reached to fight it out in a democratic caucus.

In Iowa Senator Allison appears to have as much of a walk-away as he had six years ago. This will be Mr. Allison's third term in the senate, and he is the first Iowa senator upon whom such an honor will be bestowed. It is very singular that Iowa, with so many strong men within the republican party, allows one man to remain in the senate for eighteen years without even a struggle for the place.

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Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record in the county clerk's office January 6, reported for THE BEE by Ames' real estate agency: Ezra Millard and wife to School District, No. 17, w. d. lots 10, 11, 12, block 8, Millard, \$90. Henry O. Jones and wife to John Reimer and John Greggerson, w. d. s. 22 feet lot 3, block 5, Elkhorn, \$50. George W. Smith to William Mergell and Herman Rosenweiz, lease, e. s. of lot 3, block 113, Omaha, \$225. Augustus Kountze and wife et al to Henry Nelson, w. d. lot 30, A. Kountze's add. Omaha, \$1,100. Adeline B. Slaughter, widow, to Ambrose H. Lee, w. d. lot 2, block 2, West Omaha, \$1,500. James Neill and wife to John A. McShane, w. d. part lot 9, Capitol addition, \$6,000. John H. Sullivan and wife to Bell H. Black, w. d. part lots 19 and 3, Capitol addition, \$3,500.

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reaching there in time to see her father before he died.

Mr. Ingalls had been in failing health for about two years. He was in Omaha six weeks ago on a visit, and left here for Washington in hopes that a warmer climate would prove beneficial. His wife was with him at the time of his death. The deceased was an old citizen of Omaha, and for many years was engaged in the boot and shoe business on Douglas street. He will be remembered by many of our citizens. From Omaha he moved to St. Joe.

The City Detective.

One of those bitter cold days of last week, a number of the members of the police force were congregated around Jailer Gorman's red hot stove in the station house, thawing out after a trip over their beats. City Detective Knight had been out the greater part of the previous night and was fast asleep upon the bed in an adjoining room. The sonorous tones which came from his nasal organ, filled the place to overflowing. His feet, and while speaking of feet Knight has them, protruded from under the blanket, simply because there has never been a blanket made large enough to cover them. To pass away the time the boys determined to hold a little mock funeral over Knight, and accordingly passed in, one at a time, and gazed upon his calm and placid features. As they looked upon him each one gave vent to some little expression of sympathy. Officer Ruane, the wild Irishman, was the last man to express an opinion, and after looking at him steadily for a few minutes he remarked, "The looks a natural, but he smells bad." That act of indignity and the detective arose from his comatose condition and the atmosphere in that room assumed a blueish hue.

THE CITY POOR.

A Large Number of Poor People in This City Deserving of Help.

There are in this city probably one hundred families who have suffered to a greater or less extent during the extreme cold weather of the past week. Many of them are deserving of better things, but cruel fate has decreed that they must thus struggle through life, met upon every hand by the jeers and sneers of a cold and heartless world.

On Friday last the office of the poor commissioner was a queer study and one could not but feel touched to see some of the applicants for help. Most of them are women, and while there is no doubt that some of them are not really worthy of assistance, yet it is very certain that the large majority are unfortunate and are entitled to all the help they receive.

While the poor commissioners do what they can to alleviate the sufferings and distress of the poor people of this city, yet they cannot do all, and if it is left alone to them, large numbers of human beings in our midst will suffer. How many people there are in this city, who, like the father of the prodigal son, "have bread enough and to spare," while many a poor woman and child almost under the very droppings of their caves are in nearly a starving condition. If all who are abundantly able to do something toward helping the needy ones through this severe winter weather, would do their part there would be no suffering in Omaha, on the contrary, many a heart, now sad would be made to leap for very joy, and they would rise up to bless their benefactors. Remember the good book says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Exercise a little charity, just at this time. You may not have to go far, for "charity begins at home," and you may find an opportunity just at your door.

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