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No POLITICS in our public schools.

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THE bottom has dropped out of John Sahler's ticket.

schemes of Mr. Specht must not be allowed to wreck our public school system. JOHNNY MAHONEY is running to keep

up his reputation on the political race

track. He was distanced before he was

THE tax-payers of the First ward cannot afford to allow an honest and faithful man like Mr. Thrane to be beaten by a

contractor's ring. of the public schools are willing to play monkey to pull his chestnuts out of the

fire he is very much mistaken.

If the next council is to be run by sewer and paving cammittees Omaha the unimportant offices of the governtax-payers may as well hold up their ment. All of the places which gave room hands while the robbers pick their pock- for the great abuses were left untouched.

We are always in favor of public im provements, but when contractors form a pool to plunder the tax-payers, we must call on citizens to rally in support of their faithful public servants.

THE discovery that the Cincinnati riots did not occur in the far west has caused a painful shock among professors of moral philosophy who are at the helm of lead ing newspapers on the Atlantic seaboard.

CINCINNATI is a place of varied resour ces in the way of advertising. First came the Ohio flood, then the riots, and the next event there will be the second dramatic festival. Between its river, its me bs and its artistic and musical pretensions, the "Paris of America" is furnished plenty of entertainment.

RECEPTIONS are now in order for Judge Brewer, the new judge of the Eighth United States circuit. The first reception will be given him by the bar of Kansas City at the beginning of the May however, has been of no benefit and of term of the United States circuit court. We suppose the Omaha bar will follow

bill providing penalties for violation of hope of spoils can apply before the next gives many of the causes which have conthe prohibitory law passed earlier in the session. The facetious suggestion of a member, that the legislature lump the whole matter and make the penalty death, was not heeded, but the new crime was put about on a level with burglary, if not with murder. It will be possible, under the new law, to imprison If they could have made it appear by tice in this country, has been the cause of a liquor seller twenty-five years and fine him \$2,500. These severe penalties are likely to defeat the whole law, since it will be difficult to find juries willing either to indict or convict.

MR. BARNUM having secured the valuable endorsement of Mr. Sickles as to the color of his elephant, hastens to inform the listening world of the important fact through the convenient agency of the Associated Press. Mr. Sickles says that the sacred elephant is not white, but light, with reddish spots. Mr. Sickles the sacred elephant is not white, but light, with reddish spots. Mr. Sickles able endorsement of Mr. Sickles as to the light, with reddish spots. Mr. Sickles was once United States consul to Bangkok, Siam, where white elephants are thicker than blackberries, and if he doesn't know about them, Mr. Barnum confidently believes that no one does. It is pleasant to observe that age does not impair Mr. Barnum's familiar faculty for advertising his monstrosities through the medium that reaches the public most effectively.

THE objection is made to the bill ordering a recoinage of the trade dollars that it will immensely benefit speculators who have bought the coins at 80 cents and will now sell them for \$1.00 In this pression to the senators that Mr. Sargent corrupt criminal lawyer, there would be a strong administration of justice and the s profit of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. It is not altogether pleasing to legislate money into the pockets of spires that Mr. Sargent has not only relators, but in this case it seems unavoidable. The coins would probably state department should have removed him from Berlin. It certainly seems serves, finds that the jury which is sit-somewhat strange that Mr. Sargent, who had not heretofore announced any intended and equivalent to the standard dollars. But this would not meet the objection, and would open the door to all the evils arising from two standards of different weight and value. The trade dollar same time it is whispered in the standard of intended and the standard of the converted and the converted and the convertion that the culprit description is a question that the culprit description that the culprit description is a question that the culprit description that the culprit description is a question that the culprit descri

didates which the commission carry on mildness with unmoved composure. are little better than farces. A very small proportion of the examined have been appointed, and many of them have seen unexamined candidates passed over their heads by the aid of congressional influence. The commissioners, who are themselves the creatures of politicians, have often assumed for themselves the patronage which was formerly exercised by congressmen, and the old abuses continue under new names. Congress men are also able to interfere in the filing of even those places covered by the law almost as freely as before it was enacted. All that is required is a little more trouble and exertion. The candidate whom congressional influence favors has now to pass an examination. His name is then handed in by the commission for appointment and the congressman secures his choice, no matter whether his name may be first or last THE grievances of Mr. Bruner and the upon the list, or what claims others may

The commissioners themselves, by their conduct, are bringing discredit upon the law. Instead of performing the duties which the people are paying heavily to have performed, they are junketing about the country at the public expense. They are paying more attention to good dinners and pleasant trips than to the purity of the civil service. They have once or twice displayed an inclination to make their position a mere subterfuge for going about the country to attend public IF Mr. Lane thinks that the patrons shows. In fact, there is reason to believe that the commissioners are almost as much in need of reformation as the civil service itself.

> The law which created this body was designed to cover only a small number of When it is considered that even in respect to those offices sought to be provided for, the law is very largely a failure, the condition of the civil service appears about as bad as it ever did. Civil service reform, however, is still within reach. What is needed is to put every office in the entire service beyond the reach of political influence by a radical and ironclad law. To play with the matter by them entirely out of politics." This half-way measures, which can be broken as easily as pipe-stems, is a childish proceeding which this country has evidently occupied itself with long enough.

THE defeat of the whisky extension

bill is immediately branded by the Ran-

great victory, but it is hard to see how people having already paid out something it has helped the party at large out of its like \$80,000 to find out what a useless, perilous position. In fact it is hard to see how anything can now save the party from the wreck which the Morrison bill like \$80,000 to find out what a useless, worthless and altogether ridiculous thing a tariff commission is, are not likely to Crossed the Potomac." This indefation is bringing upon it. That bill was designed merely for partisan effect, to os- and it is not likely that they will let tensibly follow the popular demand for a reduction of the tariff. The result, however has been of no honest and of the tariff. The result, work upon the convenient shoulders of brilliantly written as usual, and no higher great damage to the designers. In the first place the two factions into which it has split the party can scarcely be To the Editor of THE BEE. THE Iowa legislature has passed the healed by any balm which even the election. In the next place even if the tributed to the outbreak in Cincinnati. Morrison democrats should prove strong The effects of the riot will be felt throughenough to pass the bill, which seems enough to pass the bill, which seems enough to pass the bill, which seems entirely unlikely, all of its intended effect by violence what most of the citizens of against the republicans will be lost. As the country have thought and felt for a a matter of fact the democrats have number of years past. There is no doubt already sinned away their day of grace. that the administration of criminal juspassing early in the session a tariff re-much criticism on the part of all good vision bill which the senate would have citizens, nevertheless, the root and basis defeated, that they were the champions, of all this evil lies in the society itself. and the republicans the opponents of tax The age in which we live is so prone to reduction they might have gained a con- money making and is so essentially selsiderable advantage. But so much time fish that hardly any citizen out of a thouhas already been wasted, that the senate, sand understands and appreciates his reeven if it desired to pass the bill, would lations to society at large, he thinks he tion, it will be no fault of the republicans not serving, that nine-tenths arise and that the bill will not pass. In this way that the bill will not pass. In this way
the democrats have only succeeded in
throwing a boomerang which has flown
around the heads of their opponents, and finally lighted upon themselves. The two

Sargent seems very hard to discover. Secretary Frelinghuysen gave the impacker would be lost as well as that of the Petersburg, because he was weary of the contest with Bismarck. It now transpires that Mr. Sargent has not only refused to go to St. Petersburg, but according to one dispatch is angered that the state department should have removed secure the conviction that the culprit deattracted at all unless par value state department should have removed

HIGH RENTS.

The BEE has received a communication upon the subject of rents in Omaha, in which the writer justly complains that rents are altogether too high. In this that there is a healthy demand for houses, are a little too avaricious. They are not satisfied with ten per cent interest, clear of taxes and insurance, but want twenty or thirty per cent. These exorbitant demands will certainly react upon the landlords and upon the city. Many people coming here to locate will find Omaha too expensive a place to live in if they have to pay such high rents. The result will be that Cmaha will be more or less retarded in her growth. What we want and must have is at least one thousand new houses at moderate rent for people of limited means. Those of our capitalists, who have the interest of the city at heart, and are satisfied with ten or twelve per cent interest on their investment, ought to supply the demand for small houses at a reasonable rent. Thousands of people are coming to Omaha this year, and they must be provided for. They must not be allowed to feel that have come here simply to work for greedy landlords who take advantage of the situation, and who will not supply the demand for dwellings by building new ones simply because they want to maintain the high rents upon the houses that they now have.

MR. BUCKNER, of Missouri, is again at to the foreground is the tariff dissensions. He thinks he hasfound a panacea for these which is safe and sure. "Let us have a commission to settle all these matters," says Mr. Buckner, "and take would be so easy and so delightful a way periodical. The illustrations are so many and his friends should favor it. There their representatives shift off any more

expensive commissions. A Demand for Jury Reform. The editorial in THE BEE of to-day, urge their personal interests and their least, honorable, in order to escape servfinally lighted upon themselves. The two factions of the democrats will continue to squabble over their lost cause, while the republicans are getting ready to elect the next president.

The exact meaning of the action of the state department in regard to Minister Sargent seems very hard to discover. ice on a jury. The consequence is that to-day it is up-hill work for a prosecuting

failure was predicted by many on the buke" to Bismarck seems refreshing. If selfish personal interests. The trouble there is any one thing to which Bismarck seems refreshing. If there is any one thing to which Bismarck seems the thinking men in this country think; it will make the thinking men in this country think; it will make the thinking men in this country think; it will make the thinking men think; because it will make the thinking men think; because floods. Prof. C. A. Eggert of the business men think, because it strikes at the higher education; and Julian Hawtotally useless, but it is so easy fer the any form. It looks as though the prime mate of North America, with special reference to the inclination of the business men think; it will make the thinking men think; and it will ma ligations which we owe to society. We see it to-day even in politics. It is impossible at any of the primary elections, especially in cities, to have the reputable citizen exercise his obligations at those polls. He totally disregards them; and after everything has been done and a bad man has been installed in office he is one rents are altogether too high. In this we agree with him. Rents should be governed by the law of supply and demand, but we do not believe that they which his own negligence has caused, and First, that a policy of life insurance is mand, but we do not believe that they are so governed in this city. It is true that there is a healthy demand for houses, but the demand does not justify the high rents that are asked in many cases. It strikes us that the majority of landlords complaint, deserving to themselves, upon the corporation at and since the time has the heads of others. The Cincinnati done business, and as required by the riots will find a responsive cord from the statutes of that state, has an agent on judiciary and from the better element through is said before, it expresses in an illegal and violent manner which every good man has thought and felt like expresses more than once. We must have a better system of enforcing the juror to serve his community and the society to which he belongs. He should not be allowed to reasons; after his responsibility to his God comes his responsibility to his country; and that of the family and his own come only after the two former have been supplied. With that class of men on juries the evils of the kind in question will disappear and our jails will be freed from numberless criminals and A. LAWYER.

Literary Notes. The feature of the Continent monthly ing man" for the presidency. The signed Kidneys do not act properly this article is by William H. Busbey, of the matter is returned, the whole sys-Chicago Inter-Ocean, but an a company-iug article on "Presidential Possibilities," tem becomes disordered and the folby the editor of the Continent, indicates that the announcement is a political forecast of Judge Tourgee's. An evidence of the sincerity of this announcement appears in the handsomely engraved full-page portrait of Mr. Lincoln, which forms the frontispiece to the number.

The Popular Science Monthly for MR. BUCKNER, of Missouri, is again at the front. Mr. Buckner, it may be remarked, likes to be at the front. It is a position which he admires. The special occasion which now brings Mr. Buckner to the foreground is the tariff dissent to the foreground is the tariff dissent. Defence of Modern Thought," by W. D. Le Sueur, a reply to the bishop of Ontario on "Agnosticism"-a statement of the position of modern thinkers.

The April number of Harper's Monthly is as rich a treat as any of the previous numbers of this more than excellent of taking the question out of sight for a them would be required to adequately time and of saving the democratic party describe them. Among the literary arfrom its disagreeable position between ticles are a poem by H. H., entitled "A the devil and the deep sea that it is not at all strange that Mr. Buckner Charles Reade's story, "A Picture;"

"The Hohenzollerns," by Hubert Tutdall wing of the democratic party as a is, however, one objection to it. The the Frazer to the Columbia," by Ernest Ingersoll.

submit to any further instruction of that ble worker has unearthed some informakind. The lesson still sticks by them, and it is not likely that they will let their representatives shift of the past twenty years. The other articles in the praise can be bestowed. E. V. Smally contributes an article upon "The White House," and Edward S. Wilde describes the New York city hall.

The first of a unique series of humorous stories by "Ivory Black" will appear in the May Century. These stories are about artists, and the names of the characters are adopted from the pigments with which painters are familiar. The name of the first story in the series is

Rose Madder." St. Nicholas for April, with its varied table of contents, reminds us, like the month itself, both of the winter that is past, and of the summer that is to come. An account of the first ice palace, that built by the Empress Anna Ivanovna of Russia, with a picture by Blum, is offset by Mary A. Lathbury's pleasant summer sketch, called "Fairy Lodge," which the author has charmingly illustrated. The important "Historic Boys" series is continued with the interesting story of the boyhood of Henry V. of England, in which the author, E. S. Brooks, takes occasion to differ with the Shaksperean estimate of the Boy General's character wheel Story" tells of the devotion and Spartan heroism of a young Indian boy, from captivity the Louisa M. Alcott's third "Spinningwho rescues from captivity the children of his benefactor. A bright, breezy, wholesome-toned sea story is the Rev. Charles R. Talbot's "How Bright Benson Got His Appointment to the Naval Academy"; while John R. Coryell relates in "Tsang Tsan and the Mancater" the amazing adventure that really happened to a young China boy. Of the serials, "Girl Noblesse," Mrs. Adeline D. T. Whitney's clever study of boy and girl character, and "Winter Fun," Stoddard's entertaining account of boy and girl sport and frolic, are concluded; and Mayne Reid's "Land of Fire" is continued in an installment of absorbing interest. There are poems by Celia Thaxter, Elizabeth C. Kinney, Margaret Johnson, and others, and pictures by Birch, Blum, Ellen Oakford, M. J. Burns. Jessie McDermott, Rose Mueller. Henry Sandham, F. Bellew, jr., and others; among whom must be me the prize-winners in The St. Nicholas art contest, in which over nine hundred drawings were entered by young draughtsmen and women. A full and interesting report and the successful il-

Whether the United States are to reweight and value. The trade dollar same time it is whispered in abould never have been could, but since it is with us we may thank our stars if we can get rid of the awkward and inconvenient coin by paying a slight tax to speculators.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM FAILOf the state department to leave the ministry to Germany vacant as a mild reWhen the civil service reform law was passed at the last session of congress its passed mate of North America," with specia Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton and the Rev. A. G. Mortimer.

> Important Supreme Court Decision. Washington, March 31.—In the decision rendered by the supreme court in the case of the New England Mutual Life Insurrace company, plaintiff, in er-ror, against Stephen E. Woodworth, adout the United States; and, as Second, that under section 18, chapter 3,

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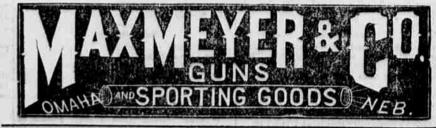
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