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PAT. O. HAWES has exposed his hand. It was a bob-tail flush.

EASTER eggs have been turning stale since Thurston & Sahler have gone into political partnership. It is safe to say no spring chickens will be hatched from their easter eggs.

Any man who would allow himself to be elected to the national convention by cost per car is comparatively a very small dollars. These places, with others of a the South Carolina method of ballot-box frauds, as practiced by John Sahler, deserves to be rotten egged all the way matic freight car couplers, and they from Omaha to Chicago.

PAT. O. HAWES will probably fold his tent to-night and quietly steal away to the folding room at Washington. He might as well stay there forever, as this county will never send for him again. John Sahler ought togo with him.

CONGRESSMAN REAGAN, of Texas, is to speak at the Iroquois banquet on "The People, not the Monopolies, Must Rule." subject will be unnecessary.

DR. NORVIN GREEN sees the handwrit- ploying a person. This contract, how- the police force almost as bad as anything ing on the wall. He sees a strong prob- ever, really does not amount to anything found in New York. In Philadelphia, ability of the government establishing a and will hold in a court of law, the same things have long been known postal telegraph, and he now says that if Several suits on this point have been to exist. In Chicago, the corrupt dealthe goverment is determined to enter into decided adversely to the railroad com. ings of the police with the criminals is the business it ought to buy out the ex- panies, one of the most recent ones being notorious. By the connivance of the poisting lines and manage the work exclu- in Kansas. An employe, while under a lice, these outlaws manage to defy jussive y in its own way.

HON J. B. THOMAS, of Plattaburg, against the one beneath which he was at to trial. In other words, as long as they Mo., who has just been elected a delegate to work. The accident was the result of "stand in" with the police, they are safe. the republican convention at Chicago, is the negligence of his boss. The railroad It is so in Omaha. There is notoriously one of the leading candidates for the sur- company maintained that it was not lia- collusion between a class of habitual lawveyor-general's office of Wyoming. His ble for injuries sustained by one employe election as a delegate may be the means lowing to the carelessness of another. of his securing the much desired office, if The supreme court of Kansas, however, his presidential preference is all right, decided that the company was liable, and the plaintiff was awarded damages. and it is fair to presume that it is.

THE OMAHA BEE, PROTECTION OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES Its trial took place the other day at Em-Senator Bowen, of Colorado, has intro- poris, Knnsas, in the presence of a large duced a bill providing that railroad com- number of witnesses from different states. panies shall on and after the 1st of Sep- The trial was eminently satisfactory tember, 1884, be required to have all The machine was operated by two men new freight cars equipped with automatic and did its work admirably. Its capacity car couplers, and old cars, when repaired, is 25 acres a day. The total expense of must be equipped in a similar way. The running it is \$10 per day, and its cost is bill also provides that when any employe about \$2,000. This plow is destined to of a railway company sustains personal come into universal use in the prairie and disabling injury by reason of going states of the west, and the day is near at between freight cars for the purpose of hand when the steam plow will go from coupling or uncoupling the same, where farm to farm and do the plowing by conboth or either one of said cars are in use.

the company using such cars shall forfeit to the employe or his heirs, if he should

The committee of the New York legisdie, \$500 as a penalty, this penalty to be lature which is investigating the condition no bar to the recovery of any sum in of the New York city government, has damages of such injury, which a compecome upon some very fragrant disclostent court may award. It provides further, that any contract entered into by ures. The developments in the police

department alone have been of a nature the injured employe prior to the incurring of the injury by which he may agree to make the citizen of New York open his eyes. The city has always been supto waive his right to recover damages for posed to possess "the finest police force in such injury, shall be null and void. the world." Instead of that familiar

This bill is an eminently proper one, boast being true, however, the investigaand in all probability will be passed. There is no reason why freight cars tion has revealed an astonishing amount should not be provided with automatic of rottenness from one end to the other couplers, there being now several differ- of the police. It appears that the gambent kinds which have been practically ling places, policy shops, lottery swindles demonstrated to be a success. The rea- and such forbidden places have systematson that they have not come into general ically purchased protection for several use is that the railroad companies wish years. The sums paid have ranged from to avoid the expense of equipping their \$5 to \$50 a week, and the special bribes cars with improved devices, although the have often amounted to several hundred

ttem. Several railroad companies have still worse character, have been mainalready adopted and put into use auto- tained in the metropolis without molestation. They have been as free to ply the found the device to work very satisfac- most infamous forms of vice as though there were not a law on the statute books. torily in the handling of trains, in the

Almost all classes of officials connected saving of time and labor, and what is most important the sav- with the department have shared in the ing of limb and life. Although plunder. Sham raids have sometimes the passage of the bill will make a boom been made for the purpose of extorting for the automatic freight car coupler, its blackmail. New York is a great deal suradvantrges are so apparent that it ought prised at these revelations. Viewed in the light of the experience of other great to be carried unanimously.

Another most excellent feature of the cities, there is nothing very surbill is the provision declaring null and prising about these disclosures, void any contract between the employe There is scarcely a city in the country in If Mr. Reagan will simply divulge the and the railroad company, waiving the which a condition of affairs, more or less true inwardness of the election of Stan- employe's right to recover damages for similar, does not exist. When the new dard oil Payne, other remarks on his injury. It has become a common prac- city government of Boston came into

tice with railroad companies to require the signing of such a contract before em-ploying a person. This contract, how-

car, working under the direction of a tice. Defective laws and ignorant juries boss, was injured by another car running give them every advantage when brought

his trunk-roping and brokerage business for several years, but it kept growing poorer each year after the first rush of through travel was to ver, and finally he gave it up and went to work for Markel & Swobe. John's best friend now is his dog, a son of old Dan. You re-member Dan, which Billy Shull owned. Dan was the semartest dog ever in Omaha. One evening, three or four years ago, before going to Denver, John was walking down Tenth street and overtaking a young gil who was carrying one of old Dan's pupp, he offered he took the dog. That was the same dog that foi-lows him all over the country, and it would take a big sum of money to induce John to part with him. Coupon John has been ru-ning a ticket scalping office in Denver, but the scalping business there is about played out owing to the \$1,000 license required by the city. He was one of the principal scalpers, and fought the license. He has won one suit against the city and has another pending But the trouble is that under the license suit against the city and has another pending But the trouble is that under the license suit against the city and has another pending But the trouble is that under the license with a tickeet hav the scalperscan't do business with a ticket hav ing on it a man's name without forfeiting thei license, and the Union Pacific and other the count of the scalpers, and the union Pacific and other the money. That was consid-reat the champion lie. The scory illustrates the opinion that people generally have of awyers." —"I see that Arthur Mapleson, son of ing on it a man's name without forfeiting their license, and the Union Pacific and other

Western roads now require everybody to sign tickets, whether limited or straight first-class. This has about wound up the scalpers in Den-ver, and John is looking for a new location. He is known from the Atlantic to the

---- "Talking about scalping reminds me that there are now five or six regularly established scalping offices or ticket brokers' offices in Omaha, and it was only three or four years ago that there was but one," remarked another railroad man, "and they all seem to be doing a land-office business. There used to be plenty of ticket scalping done in Omaha during the years from 1869 to 1875, but the scalpers did years from 1909 to 1975, but the scalpers did not have offices nor any system about their business, such as the scalpers now have. The old-time scalpers used to hang around the railroad ticket offices and the depots, and it was not an unusual thing for them to 'stand in' with some of the ticket agents and depotemployes. A traveler didn't have to look around very long to find a purchaser for the unused portion of his ticket going either east or west, and if he wanted to buy a sec-ond-hand ticket at a slight reduction all he

had to do was to make his wishes known around the depot and he would be accommo-dated in a very short time. The biggest money was made on through tickets from New York to San Francisco. Upon arriving year. Spring is an awfully hard subject to get any poetry out of. But we suppose some thing is expected, and hence the following is

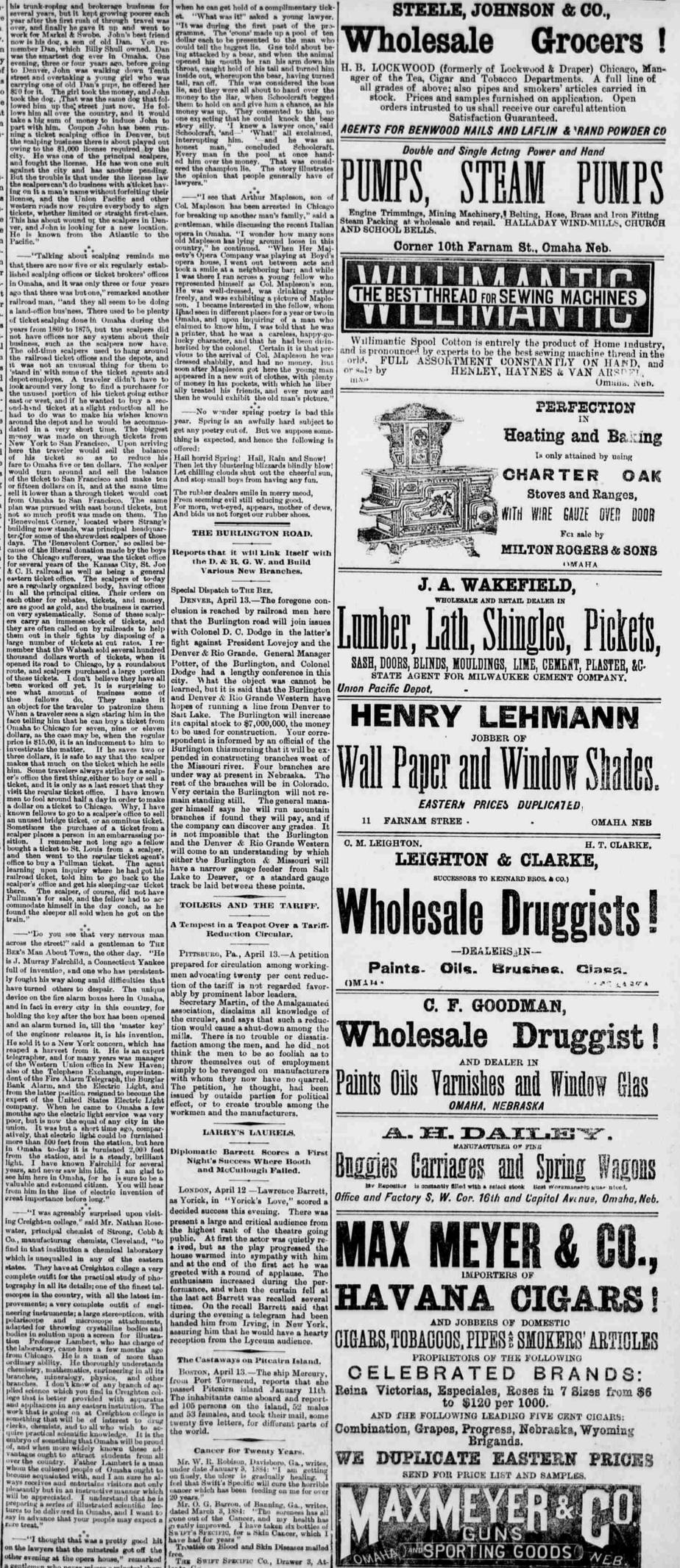
And stop small boys from having any fun. or fifteen dollars on it, and at the same time sell it lower than a through ticket would cost from Omaha to San Francisco. The same plan was pursued with east bound tickets, but The rubber dealers smile in merry mood,

From seeming evil still educing good. For morn, wet-eyed, appears, mother of dews And bids us not forget our rubber shoes. plan was pursued with east bound tickets, but not so much profit was made on them. The 'Benevolent Corner,' located where Strang's building now stands, was principal headquar-ters for some of the shrewdest scalpers of those days. The 'Benevolent Corner,' so called be-cause of the liberal donation made by the boys to the Chicago sufferers, was the ticket office for several years of the Kansas City, St. Joe & C. B. rallroad as well as being a general eastern ticket office. The scalpers of to-day are a regularly organized body, having offices

Reports that it will Link Itself with the D. & R. G. W. and Build

Various New Branches.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE. DENVER, April 13 .- The foregone conclusion is reached by railroad men here on very systematically. Some of these scalp ers carry an immense stock of tickets, and they are often called on by railroads to help that the Burlington road will join issues with Colonel D. C. Dodge in the latter's them out in their fights by disposing of a large number of tickets at cut rates. I refight against President Lovejoy and the member that the Wabash sold several hundred thousand dollars worth of tickets, when it opened its road to Chicago, by a roundabout route, and scalpers purchased a large portion of these tickets. I don't believe they have all Denver & Rio Grande. General Manager Potter, of the Burlington, and Colonel lice, these outlaws manage to defy jus-tice. Defective laws and ignorant juries give them every advantage when brought to trial. In other words, as long as they "stand in" with the police, they are safe. It is so in Omaha. There is notoriously collusion between a class of habitual law-breakers and the police. A searching in-quiry would bring out some startling facts. It Broatch and Thurston can get an honest election from honestly elected delegates, we are content, but if they Dodge had a lengthy conference in this



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tract, just as the thresher now does. POLICE ABUSES.

MR. BROATCH has a perfect right to be a candidate for the national convention. Outrageous frauds at primary elections But if Mr. Broatch proposes to secure in Douglas county have been the rule, his election by such high-handed and and not the exception, but by all odds infamous frauds as was attempted by the most high-handed and villainous at-John Sahler, his ambition has overleaped tempt to pack a convention with men itself. No man who is not devoid of all who were overwhelmingly defeated, was sense of honor or common decency, would made in the Third ward by John Sahler countenance such outrageous frauds, on Saturday at the republican primary much less attempt to reap an advantage election. Although a candidate himself by them. on one of the delegate tickets, John

Sahler took charge of the ballot box as HAVING now put the destructive liquor judge, and when the polls were closed habit out of the way by legislation, some and the ballots spread upon the table of the Iowa papers are addressing them. showed three to one against John selves to the next burning question of Sahler's ticket, that notorious political reform. In their opinion that is the trickster, deliberately upset the table. "filthy tobacco habit." Perhaps in a scattered the ballots without even atfew years that will also be neatly destroy. tempting to count them, and certified ed by law, and the citizens of Iowa will himself and associates as elected. be reduced to licorice and arrow-root for That this audacious trick was a the purposes of mastication, or as they part of a concerted plan be-

would express it. for ' chawin'."

THE American national game of poker, not a shadow of a doubt. They knew "Who's Coupon John?" asked a bystander, which Minister Schenck so successfully ala.ost from the start that their only who had been listening to the brief conversaintroduced in England, has now invaded chance would be in stuffing the ballot tion. "Coupon John is a well-known charthe Dominion of Canada. Several mem- box or counting out their opponents by acter," replied another railroader. "His right bers of the Canadian parliament, who fraud, and when they found themselves name is John Parker. Soon after the comhave evidently mastered all the intricacies balked by the vigilance of one of the have evidently mastered all the intricacies of the game, are, as we are informed by the telegraph. "supplementing their ses. sional indemnity to a very large extent by sional indemnity to a very large extent by roping their uninitiated colleagues and outside victims into a game of poker, in which they always win." One of their victims has "made a kick," to use an Americanism, and now the game is to be investigated by parliament to find out whether it was on the square. The Indians of the Lac Court O'Reille reservation, in the northern pine lands of Wisconsin, furnish pretty good evi-

of Wisconsin, furnish pretty good evi- San Francisco hoodlum to the blush. dence that the red man is capable of But political shysters like Sahler and civilization if he is only afforded the Hawes will stop at nothing. They are same opp stunities as the white man, capable of any thing to gain their ends. During the past winter these Indians cut It remains to be seen, however, whether and disposed of logs to the value of the respectable republicans, who com-\$180,000, and each one engaged in the prise a large body of the convention, will business realized between \$2,000 and allow such outrages to go unrebuked. If

business realized between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Notwithstanding their flux condition, they received the other day as usual, their government allows and three pounds of pork each in addition to the flour and pork, there were distributed among them a lot of agricultural and mechanical implements, and house trimmings. They all courty the work of the farmer was and house trimmings. They all courty the work of the farmer was and house trimmings. They all courty the work of the farmer was and house trimmings in good clother and invested, and we should not be surprised to hear of some of them spending the summer at the fashicastic summer re-what there is hardly a tribe of Indians in the west that would not be some as civilia. Indians if they had the same oppor-tunities.

SAHLER'S LATEST INFAMY.

attempt to force their election by such roguery and fraud, as exemplified in the Third ward by kicking over the ballotbox scattering the ballots, and counting in delegates who were overwhelmingly defeated, they will not only disrupt the party but forever damn themselves.

> Hawes and Sahler are a poor pair to draw to. They are the lowest cards in

the political poker deck.

CITY WALKS AND TALKS. -"'Hello, Coupon John!" exclaimed a wellknown railroader, as he shook hands with a red-faced man beneath the electric light on the Wabash corner the other evening. "Where did you drop in from?" "Denver, "What have you been doing out there?" "Running a scalping shop. Same old business you know." "What are you doing here?

"Looking around." "Where are you going?" "I am going to take a drink. Come along." tween Sahler, Pat O. Hawes, and that fragrant lawyer, Bennett, there is other end of the block to take a smile.

of a broker. He had the runot the trains as he used to carry the baggage checks for the checkmen. To the west-bound passengers he sold gold at a premium of about 10 cents on the dollar. At that time paper money was at a discount in California, where coin was the circulating medium. After working the west-bound train, he would jump on the cast-bound train and huy gold from the passenges who bosed of logs to the value of the respectable republicans, who com-based of logs to the value of the respectable republicans, who com-based on engaged in the prise a large body of the convention, will allow such outrages to go unrebuked. If Notwithstanding their flush they do they will give the party in this bolding a ticket over the Chicago & North-holding a ticket over the Chicago & North-

men to fool around half a day in order to make a dollar on a ticket to Chicago. Why, I have known fellows to go to a scalper's office to sell an unused bridge ticket, or an omnibus ticket. Sometimes the purchase of a ticket from a scalper places a person in an embarrassing po-sition. I remember not long ago a fellow bought a ticket to St. Louis from a scalper, and then went to the regular ticket agent's office to buy a Pullman ticket. The agent learning upon inquiry where he had got his railroad ticket, told him to go back to the scalper's office and get his sleeping car ticket there. The scalper, of course, did not have Pullman's for sale, and the fellow had to ac-commodate himself in the day coach, as he

commodate himself in the day coach, as he found the sleeper all sold when he got on the

---- "Do you see that very nervous man across the street?" said a gentleman to THE

BEE's Man About Town, the other day. "He is J. Murray Fairchild, a Connecticut Yankee full of invention, and one who has persistent ly fought his way along amid difficulties that have turned others to despair. The unique device on the fire alarm boxes here in Omaha, and in fact in every city in this country, for holding the key after the box has been opened the circular, and says that such a reducand an alarm turned in, till the 'master key' of the engineer releases it, is his invention. He sold it to a New York concern, which has reaped a harvest from it. He is an expert telegrapher, and for many years was manager of the Western Union office in New Haven; also of the Telephene Exchange, superinten-dent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, the Burglar Bank Alarm, and the Electric Light, and from the latter position resigned to become the expert of the United States Electric Light company. When he came to Omaha a few months ago the electric light service was very poor, but is now the equal of any city in the union. It was but a short time ago, compar-atively, that electric light could be furnished more than 500 feet from the station, but here in Omaha to-day it is furnished 2,000 feet from the station, and is a steady, brilliant light. I have known Fairchild for several years, and never saw him idle. I am glad to f the engineer releases it, is his invention, years, and never saw him idle. I am glad to see him here in Omaha, for he is sure to be a valuable and estenemed citizen. You will hear from him in the line of electric invention of vreat importance before long."

---- "I was agreeably surprised upon visit ing Creightan college," said Mr. Nathan Rosewater, principal chemist of Strong, Cobb & water, principal chemist of Strong, Cobb & the inguest that of the theatre going Co., manufacturing chemists, Cleveland, "to find in that institution a chemical laboratory which is unequalled in any of the eastern states. They have at Creichton college a very states. They have at Creighton college a very complete outfit for the practical study of photography in all its details; one of the finest telescopes in the country, with all the latest improvements; a very complete outfit of engi- times. On the recall Barrett said that eering instruments; a large stereopticon, with polariscope and microscope attachments, adapted for throwing crystalline bodies and

will be appreciated. I understand that he is preparing a series of illustrated scientific leo-tures to be delivered in Omahs, and I want to say in advance that your people may expect a "----"I thought that was a pretty good hit on the lawyers that the minstrels got off the other evening at the opera house," remarked a gentleman who never misses a minstrel show

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