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The latest evidence of "vitality in Ben Harrison's presidential boom is the publication of his life in the Philadelphia Times.

The circus men are now engaged in painting their elephants white, and strange to say they are doing it with printer's ink.

GENERAL WILLIAM MYERS has obtained a verdict of \$25,000 against Daniel Vermilye, for slander. The verdict was taken by default, as Vermilye did not appear. This is a moral vindication of General Myers, who will not get any money out of his judgment, as Vermilye is not worth a dollar.

The Waring system of sewerage, which is now in successful operation in Omaha, bids fair to come into general use. It is now being introduced at Pawtucket, N. J.; Stamford, Conn.; Passaic, N. J.; Schoenectady, N. Y.; Norfolk, Va.; Charlotte, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala., and at San Antonio, Tex.

SOMEBODY'S pig is under the gate, and pigs generally squeal when in that condition. The Republican seems to think that it is the gate that is squealing instead of the pig. It is not our pig that is under the gate. The reader can judge which is the pig and which is the gate. As Artemus Ward said, "You can easily distinguish Daniel from the lion by the umbrella under his arm."

The statement that Church Howe was voted for by Fred Nye, Thurston, Pat. O. Hawes, Broatch, et al., because he was pledged to Blaine is absurd. They voted for him because he was allied with the monopolists. They would have voted for the devil on the same conditions. Thurston himself was a Grant man four years ago, and claims now that is first choice is Edmunds and his last choice is Blaine. Pat. Hawes is a straight out Logan man, and never was for Blaine.

COL. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, who died suddenly in Chicago, was one of the most prominent citizens of that city. He will be remembered by the people of Omaha as the general superintendent of the Union Pacific in 1860. While a resident of this city he made many friends here. He was a Christian gentleman and a liberal and public-spirited citizen. Col. Hammond was conversing with two ladies in a dry goods store when he was attacked and expired almost instantly. He was over 80 years of age, having celebrated his golden wedding a short time ago. He has for a long time been prominently identified with the leading charitable institutions of Chicago. As president of the board of managers for the Home for the Friendless he was widely known and esteemed. His sudden death was not entirely unexpected, as he had several times been seized with sinking spells and loss of consciousness.

ONE of the very first things that ought to be done by the street commissioner, if he has the authority, is to thoroughly clean the paved streets, which now lie buried under mud from four to six inches deep. They are in a horrible condition, and to make anybody believe that they are really paved the mud must be carted off. If the street commissioner has no authority to proceed the city council ought to take immediate steps in the matter. If we are not mistaken there is a fund provided for street cleaning, and it ought to be utilized. It cannot be done any too soon to suit the people.

CHARLES E. OON, who has been nominated to the assistant secretaryship of the treasury, made vacant by the nomination of John C. New, was a private soldier in a New York regiment throughout the war of the rebellion. Immediately after the fall of Richmond he was discharged, and was given a \$1,200 clerkship in the office of Treasurer Spier. In a few years he was promoted to a clerkship worth \$1,800. When it was desired in 1873 to place the 5 per cent bonds on the European market, Oon was one of the clerks detailed to go to London and represent this country in the transaction. He went first as a subordinate, but several years later he was placed in full charge, and continued to act in that capacity until the "Windons" were successfully floated in 1881, when he returned to America, which he had only visited in the interim. For the last few years he has been assistant chief of the loan division, of which his splendid ability has caused him to be recognized as the practical head. His appointment as assistant secretary is an eminently fit one, and is in strict accordance with the principles of civil service reform.

THE HIGH LICENSE Muddle.

THE present high license muddle which threatens to seriously cripple our public school system is the legitimate outgrowth of the peculiar India rubber opinion which city Attorney Manderson gave to Mayor Boyd when the high license first law went into effect. The Bee protested against this fast and loose construction of the law when it was first made, and we are not at all surprised at the outcome. We maintained then that the license board created by the city ordinance, under the Slocumb law, was in duty bound to reject the application of every party that was known to keep a disorderly house. It was not necessary as Mr. Manderson then maintained that charges must be made and sustained before the board could reject an application. It was the duty of the board to ascertain through the city marshal and police the character of the house for which license was asked by its proprietor, and it was entirely optional with the board to grant or refuse the license. Had the board acted in conformity with the spirit and letter of the law and exercised this power in the interest of good order and the low dens and dives would all have to be closed, and the more reputable class of dealers would have been able to pay their \$1,000 in one installment. The number of licensed saloons would doubtless have been less, and the income from the licenses somewhat smaller. The number of those who kept orderly houses would have kept pace with the growth of the city, and there would have been less fluctuation in the amount of money realized for school purposes. Having started out contrary to law our license board soon became a mere farce. The board held no sessions to examine the petitions and bonds of the applicants, and no attention whatever was paid to the laws and ordinances regulating the issue of licenses. Some few paid their \$1,000 in advance, others paid \$500, some paid \$250, and others paid by the month. We are told that a number of saloons have been allowed to run merely for the free drinks to certain city officials. It is but natural that those who paid regularly would resent this as an imposition upon themselves. And now we have reached the stage where nobody pays, because a temporary injunction restrains the board from issuing a license for less than \$1,000. The school board is embarrassed, proposed school houses that are needed for the increased population are abandoned, and it is even possible that the schools may have to be closed. Meantime our mayor and marshal stand around with folded hands, awaiting a decision of the courts, that can in no way justify the failure to compel the sellers of liquor to take out license. In other words, even if the court should dissolve the injunction and allow the board to issue a license for \$1,000 payable in installments, the court cannot and will not decree that the saloons may be allowed to run without taking out a license. What is the plain duty of the mayor and marshal in the premises? Is it not their duty to enforce the law until the courts say that it is null and void? It is true that the board is enjoined from issuing a license for less than \$1,000, but it is also plain that it can and should grant license to anybody who conforms to the law and pays his \$1,000. Suppose the liquor dealers refuse to take out a license, which they do, since the injunction. Are not the mayor and marshal bound to enforce the penalties provided for violations of the law? It is said that our police judge regards the ordinance under which the board is acting as deficient. If that is true, why should the council hesitate about passing a new ordinance that will stand the test and can be enforced. It may take two years before these cases are decided in the supreme court. Are we to have free trade in liquor in Omaha until then? Are the public schools to be closed or are we to abandon needed public improvements and levy a school tax to meet the deficiency? This is a serious matter and requires prompt, fearless and energetic treatment.

The Slocumb law has been declared constitutional, and is in full force to-day. There are only a few saloons in Omaha whose license has not expired. Any liquor dealer whose license is not renewed is a violator of the law, and lays himself liable to severe penalties. No responsible lawyer will advise liquor dealers to run without license as most of them are now doing.

The action of the house committee on coinage in deciding against any reduction of the issue of silver dollars is a very bad piece of work. There is no room to doubt that it is directly contrary to the overwhelming opinion of the country, and to a wise financial policy as well. There is now only one belief on the part of the general public on this matter, and that is that the silver coinage has been carried far enough. Even the most pronounced advocates of a double standard have come to share in this belief. There has been no expression of any other opinion, except on the part of the mine owners. The leading organizations representing the business interests of the country have petitioned in the strongest terms for a cessation of the coinage. A good many representative conventions have followed them. The immense piles of silver dollars accumulating in the treasury are an unanswerable argument in the same direction. In spite of all this, however, the committee insist that this useless process shall be continued indefinitely. This decision comes at a particularly bad time. As noted in THE BEE a few days ago, gold is beginning to flow to Europe in very large quantities. It is not at all certain that enough will

go at this time to bring out the silver dollars from their hiding places. If this does happen, however, the result is likely to be of a very serious nature. The substitution of a standard of 85 cents for one worth 100 will work great injury to all business interests.

STEARING THE DELEGATION. Four years ago the Omaha Republican opposed James G. Blaine, and supported General Grant for a third term. Its followers were ignominiously beaten, and a delegation was sent to Chicago that supported Blaine for seven days, and finally helped to nominate Garfield. Now the Republican veers around, and attempts to capture the delegation to Chicago under the magic banner of James G. Blaine and the leadership of John M. Thurston, commander-in-chief of the Grant forces in Nebraska in 1880. The Republicans of Nebraska have not lost their enthusiasm for Blaine, and if the "plumed knight" stands a fair show to be nominated at Chicago her delegation, as of yore, will cast its full vote for him. But the Republicans of Nebraska who do not wear the brass collar cannot be dragged or decoyed to the support of Thurston by the over-zealous appeals of the Omaha Republican.

They want more trustworthy leadership than a railway lobbyist, and more honorable methods than were pursued last week in the primaries and convention of this county. They will not allow themselves to be hoodwinked by a false alarm of a terrible conspiracy on the part of the officeholders to steal Nebraska from Blaine. It is not the fear that Arthur will secure a delegation from this state that animates the Republican, but the desire to dictate a delegation of men who train in politics with its great patron, the Union Pacific railroad. This was shown in the Douglas county convention as well as at Nebraska City. The question whether a delegate was for Blaine, Logan, Edmunds or Arthur, was made secondary to the question whether he could be handled by Thurston and the Union Pacific strikers.

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Omaha Republican is making a desperate but vain effort to make the people of Nebraska believe that the two delegates elected at the first congressional district convention at Nebraska City are anti-Arthur men. The Republican, however, will not succeed in its attempt to hoodwink the republicans of this state. The convention at Nebraska City signified its preference in no uncertain manner. Ex-Senator Paddock is a warm friend of Arthur, and advocates his nomination. There was a contest from his county (Gage) and the delegation in which Mr. Paddock was interested was understood to be for Arthur. The convention admitted that delegation by a majority of 10, and after being admitted there was a majority of 73 to 52.

The Douglas delegation presented Broatch as a Blaine candidate for delegate, and he was beaten by Postmaster Reed, of Weeping Water, Cass county. Mr. Reed is an Arthur man.

Church Howe, who was elected as the other delegate, had given assurances to the friends of Arthur, and he does not now deny it. Only yesterday afternoon he authorized the statement that Arthur would have no firmer friend in the Chicago convention than Church Howe. He was elected by the vote of the delegations from Otoe and Saunders counties, both of whom are favorable to Arthur, and are known as Arthur men.

It is true Mr. Reed, after he was elected declared in his speech that he would vote for Blaine if that was the sentiment of the convention, but since the convention refused to pass the resolutions instructing for Blaine, Mr. Reed is at liberty to vote for the candidate he prefers. This is substantially Church Howe's position.

OLD Uncle Solon Chase has come out of the Maine woods and left "them steers" long enough to declare his unalterable opposition to all fusion of the orthodox greenbackers with the democrats. Uncle Solon would be grieved to learn how sadly the Iowa brethren have fallen from the faith.

The great enthusiasm which the nomination of the eloquent, fiery and able old "Dick" Oglesby has aroused among the Illinois republicans is one of the signs of the times. There will be no uncertain sound from Illinois this year.

The firm of Broatch, Walters & Hawes has been dissolved by mutual consent. The assets will go to Mr. Broatch in the shape of a back seat among the alternates.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Street hawkers are becoming a nuisance in Lincoln.

Ponca will do a large and varied building business this year.

The Republicans of Plattsmouth got their Weeping Water right in the neck.

The Congregationalists of Fremont have raised nearly \$16,000 to build a church.

Burglars carried off about \$300 worth of hardware from the store of Burger Bros. of Lincoln.

The fire apparatus of Fremont is valued at \$8,045. Six fire cisterns have a capacity of 50,000 gallons.

Henry Nelson, a farmer near Seward, is the victim of a riot. He lived three hours after the gun went off.

A steam ferry is being put in on the Missouri river between Blanco, Iowa, and Tokamah, Nebraska, near Burger's mill.

The Hartington Herald declares that in all Nebraska there is no county as to its land, water, purity of climate and health, which can bear comparison with Cedar.

Mrs. James Sturgis, of Antelope county, recently suicided by shooting herself in the breast and the neck, leaving a mother, and had been ill since that event.

The telegraph operator named Church, who has held forth at Oregopolis for some months past, has absconded for parts unknown, leaving several to mourn his unexpected departure.

A drummer let a "pop" go off in a Norfolk billiard-room the other evening. It caused some little excitement for a time, but as the bullet lodged in the fellow's boot strap and did no harm, the flurry was soon over.

The new Presbyterian church to be built at Lincoln will comfortably seat 500. It is to be supplied with all the conveniences, including a parlor, bible classroom, vestry, choir-room, kitchen, dining-room, etc.

Plattsmouth has another defective sidewalk damaged out on her hands. The plaintiff is Mitchell, whose pains are valued at \$1,000. At that rate there are millions in the sidewalks of the town. Wonder the reporters don't stumble on to some.

NEBRASKA CITY.

Putting on Metropolitan Aids—Big Robbery in Broad Daylight—Improvements, New Enterprises and "Such."

Special Correspondence of The Bee. NEBRASKA CITY, April 16.—Last Wednesday evening while Alex Calmelet, the down town jeweler, was at his supper in the Morton House a thief or thieves broke into his establishment and a result of his pains secured gold and silver watches, jewelry, etc., to the amount of nearly \$1,500, for which Alex mourns and the police are keeping their eyes peeled therefor. No clue to the thieves as yet.

The maker of the school census has just completed his job and finds that there are 1555 of "schoolable" age in Nebraska City. This is an increase of about 100 over last year's report, which indicated a healthy increase in the population of our city in a year.

The Nebraska City Barb Wire company started on their new building last week. It will be built of brick, 50x100 feet, two stories high, with an ell for engine room. The company has bought four lots in the southeastern part of the city.

Articles of incorporation of the "Farmer's Bank" were filed in the county clerk's office last week. The capital stock is \$50,000. The incorporators are Messrs. J. H. Cron, S. A. Weimer, R. Hawke, W. T. Sloan, W. F. N. Houser, L. Enyart, G. W. Harshman, D. Straub and H. F. Taylor. The company has purchased a fine business lot on Main street, and are now making preparations for erecting an elegant banking house thereon.

Mayor Cady has just completed his elegant \$20,000 residence and moved therein. This is the finest residence in the city and we opine it would be hard to beat it in Omaha or elsewhere.

Messrs. L. H. Burnwood & Son, of Plattsmouth, have opened a manufactory of locomotive, tubular and upright boilers also of tank and jail work of various kinds. As soon as they can secure suitable grounds they will erect a building especially for their manufacturing business.

Messrs. Swab & Co., is a new firm which have recently purchased L. Lloyd's large grocery store in this city.

Rev. A. P. Graves, the celebrated evangelist, will begin a series of revival meetings in the opera house in this city, commencing Tuesday evening, April 22. The various pastors of the city will combine their congregations and hold "union meetings" with Mr. Graves.

L. Lloyd, jr. & Co. and Van Horn & Browne are two new grocery firms who have secured buildings and will launch out in the grocery line the first of May.

C. B. Bickel & Sons are preparing to erect an elegant two story brick business house on their Main street lot at an early day.

Prof. Le Roy, the rope walker, has been here, gave his exhibition, collected the shekels and left for fairer fields.

A committee, consisting of eleven of our best business men, has been formed, whose duty is to consist of working up a "county fair boom" for Nebraska City this coming fall.

A free trade league was organized a few nights ago. It numbers among its members many of our most prominent business men, and is apparently in a booming condition.

General Swain's Troubles. WASHINGTON, April 17.—Judge Advocate General Swain said to-day he intends to say nothing at present about the charges preferred against him by Mr. Bateman. He added that the matter was one for the civil court to decide; that the contractors to whom he had given the due bill had sued Bateman for the amount it calls for, and in the trial everything in connection with the matter would become known and he was willing to stand by what came out then. As to the court-martial being ordered, he said he hardly thought that a court-martial would try what evidently belonged to civil courts. When questioned further, General Swain said he was sure the whole trouble would be found to have originated from a mistake and misunderstanding on the part of Bateman. The secretary of war has as yet taken no action in the matter, and it is stated that a settlement is being arranged which will result in the withdrawal of the charges against General Swain.

A Vigorous Foreign Policy. WASHINGTON, April 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs to-day directed Representative Lamb to report to the house following: Resolved, That the president be directed to bring the attention of the government of Venezuela to the claim of Jno. R. Wheelock, a citizen of the United States, for indemnity for gross outrages for losses incurred upon him by the officers of the Venezuelan government, and to demand and enforce in such manner as he may deem best an immediate settlement of said claim.

The report accompanying the resolution says: "Your committee is of opinion more vigorous measures than diplomatic correspondence is necessary to secure justice to the citizens of the United States thus grievously wronged." Wheelock's claim is for \$500,000.

NEBRASKA CITY.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—The republican state convention to-day selected the following delegates at large to Chicago: Senators Benjamin Harrison and Richard W. Thompson, by acclamation; Hon. Jno. H. Baker, of Graham, and Morris McDonald, of New Albany. The delegation is unopposed and without expressed preferences. The alternates are Edwin T. Horn, Marion, colored; B. H. Rohrer, of Vandyke; Moses Fowler, of Tippecanoe; Captain Gregory, of Delaware.

Delaware Republicans. DOVER, Del., April 17.—The republican state convention opened to-day. The leaders of the delegates have had frequent conferences by their side, so nearly divided that they have not been able to agree on anything. There is practically no fight over national questions.

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