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WHAT is the use of a fire limit ordinance if tinder boxes within the fire limits can be raised and enlarged?

WOULD it not be just as well for Mayor Chase to appoint a new marshall? Mr. Guthrie is like his predecessor, and reminds us of the cat that won't catch mice.

OMAHA must have a market, no matter where it is, to bring the producer and consumers together, and to give our working people a chance to live within their income.

THE rumor that Mayor Chase intends to tender his resignation is discredited at the city hall. Councilman Murphy will have to wait a little while longer before he can wear Chase's brogans.

WE don't take much stock in laying granite paving blocks on sand. It may be cheaper for property-owners for the time being, but the city will have to relay it at the general expense. No pavement can be regarded as substantial and enduring without a concrete foundation.

WHAT about the Farnam street grade? Is the enterprise to be abandoned because a few kickers and old moss-backs are against it? If nothing is done this season, nobody will invest a dollar in improvements on the streets, and the kickers will kick themselves before they get through.

THE BEE'S compositors struck for an advance last evening and their demand being refused, they quit work in a body. This will explain any deficiency that may appear in the make-up of the BEE to-day. We ask our patrons to bear with us for a few days, until we can obtain a new force of men.

THE retirement of General Sherman from the general army has not prevented him from adding to his military fame. He has been appointed to the command of the St. Louis militia. With such a commander the St. Louis militia ought to achieve glory on the gory dress parade grounds.

ARBOR DAY in New Jersey, established by the recent legislature, did not prove a success. The schools were ordered to be closed, but many of them remained open. So far as learned but little attention was paid to the day, although the smaller towns and country regions may have observed it.

MR. BURCHARD, director of the mint, has been interviewed upon the subject of the branch mint. Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Louis are the principal contestants for it. Mr. Burchard expresses the opinion that it will not go to St. Louis. This gives Omaha a better chance, one in three, and by a well directed effort she might possibly secure the prize.

EVERY since the passage of the act authorizing the construction of a viaduct in Omaha, questions have from time to time been raised by disgruntled contractors and political schemers, as to the legality of the award of public works. The only point upon which they could base this claim is that the act authorizing the building of a viaduct is supposed to be a repeal of a portion of the city charter, which created the board. Now it is probable that the courts always construe the law according to the intent of law-makers. No intelligent person will contend that the viaduct bill was intended to interfere with the board of works in the least. If this issue is brought into the courts there is no doubt they will respect the wish of the people as well as of the public. The public works was created by law in pursuance to a general demand, through public meetings, and by the mayor and all our public men.

A WORD OF WARNING.

The republican state convention assembles at Lincoln on the 1st day of May, to select four delegates at large to the national convention. Upon the action of this convention depends to a great extent the success of the party in the impending campaign. If the delegates chosen to represent Nebraska republicans are in any way tainted with the blight of monopoly it will be an avowed admission that the party still continues to be dominated over by the railroads, and cannot hope to emancipate itself from their despotic rule. No matter how loyal republican anti-monopolists may be to the cardinal principles of republicanism they will refuse to support its candidates this fall if it is a foregone conclusion that the party in Nebraska merely registers the decree of the railroad bosses. No matter how earnestly we might desire republican success we could not reconcile republican anti-monopolists to a support of republican candidates while railroad attorneys and lobbyists are its most honored representatives in the councils of the nation. As a sincere friend we would warn republicans of Nebraska against committing themselves again to the disastrous policy that has driven more than 12,000 republicans out of the party into the anti-monopoly ranks.

The official organ of the Union Pacific railroad asks the republicans of Nebraska to send John M. Thurston as delegate at large to Chicago. Will the party recklessly defy the known sentiment among the masses, by selecting as one of its representatives in the national convention the chief political attorney and lobbyist of the giant monopoly? Are there no men of approved ability and integrity to be found in the republican ranks outside of the corporation employ? Is the party so slavish and degraded that it can only do honor to the men who draw princely salaries from railroad monopolies for packing primaries and conventions, bribing and debauching legislatures, and subverting justice in our courts by venal juries? Will the republicans of Nebraska refuse to profit by the bitter experience of the past two years which was due entirely to the bulldozing and overreaching policy of such railroad bosses as John M. Thurston? Four years ago the republicans of Nebraska could not vote for James A. Garfield without voting for Thurston and Laird, the one chief lobbyist of the Union Pacific and the other the political attorney of the Burlington railroad, who were forced upon the electoral ticket by the monopoly bulldozers. Hasn't this man Thurston been honored enough in being made an elector at the presidential election of 1880. Is the next president again to be laid under tribute by the Union Pacific railroad through Thurston as a delegate to the national convention? Let republican leaders who desire to go before the people next fall calmly reflect before they lend themselves to this brazen attempt to make the party a mere hewer of wood and drawer of water for railroads. Let them remember in the language of VanWyck that the ballot box has its healthy revenges where the mass of the party has been overreached or betrayed.

COLORADO, in order to check the rush of her miners to Cœur d'Alene, in Idaho, sprung a boom of her own in the shape of a great gold discovery in a gulch, which had been abandoned for eighteen years. It was claimed that if the ore was as rich throughout as the assays indicate, $8,000 to $15,000 could be produced per day by every man employed. It was expected that this would hold the miners in Colorado, but unfortunately it now turns out that the story is a fiction, and consequently the boom has fallen by the wayside.

Mortgaging Pre-Emption Claims.

Commissioner McFarland, of the general land office, rules that an agreement made prior to proving up on pre-emption claims, to mortgage the lands, does not invalidate the claimant's right to prove up. The following is the decision:

There being no other objection to proof than agreements for mortgages, the question to be determined is their effect on homestead entries. In that regard, you are informed it was ruled by the honorable secretary of the interior in the case of Larson vs. Weischecker, involving a pre-emption enter (Copp's L. O., vol 9, page 60) that a mortgage issued by a pre-emption entryman prior to final proof, to secure money loaned him to pay the government price of the land, is not such a conveyance or agreement as will invalidate his entry under the law. By analogy the same principle applies to the case of commuted homestead entries, and it is immaterial as affecting entries that a part of the money borrowed is applied in a manner to enable the claimant to comply with the requirements of the law, and for the betterment of the claim, as well as pay the government price for the land. Therefore, the proof of the question submitted in support of the respective applications to commute should be accepted and final certificates issued thereon, and the same is herewith recalled.

[illegible]d Vow of an Ohio Romeo.

[illegible] dearest," pleaded the [illegible] she stood tip-toe to [illegible] young statesman [illegible]ght, "promise me [illegible] nomination for [illegible]ointment [illegible]banish- [illegible]dly:

The Sa[illegible] Brooklyn Eag[illegible] "Promise me, [illegible] fair-haired girl, as [illegible] kiss her lover (a visitor [illegible] from Columbus) good n[illegible] that you will not seek the [illegible] President this year." A shade of pain and disap[illegible] fell upon his Alpine brow, but he [illegible] it by a mighty effort, and said pro[illegible] "[illegible]m an Ohio man. Maz[illegible]rks th[illegible] my love for you is greater [illegible] I promise you—pro[illegible] wants it."

New York [illegible]

[illegible]ay not be the best [illegible] He is the only [illegible] carry the [illegible]

STATE JOTTINGS.

PLATTSMOUTH.

The Plattsmouth base ball club has been re-organized.

The B. & M. shops have turned out one new locomotive, No. 99, and two more are on the stocks. The 99 has been put on the road and works as well as any imported one. It was built for $1,200 less than the estimate.

The suit of Mrs. Rounds against W. J. Warrick, the druggist, for $1,000 damages in being deprived of the support of her husband through liquor, which the defendant sold him, resulted in a verdict of $210 and all costs for her. Warrick will take perscriptions in his'n hereafter.

"Blessings brighten as they take their flight." Deacon Bushnell, from the depths of political oblivion, shouts: "The present editorial management of The Omaha Republican lacks both originality and sense to even get up a fair reputation as an enterprising liar. It is too *thin*."

The city council has passed an ordinance taxing all business houses in the city from $5 to $25 per year (the latter for wholesale houses) as a license for doing business, including every branch engaged in the mercantile trade. Nonresident auctioneers, peddlers, dollar store concerns, concerts and other exhibitions, are each assessed $10 per day. Circuses $50 per day. The tax on the new opera house, $5 for every night opened, is a breach of faith on the part of the authorities, the council having agreed to exempt it for a term of years.

President Smith of the State Sportsman's association publishes a card in which he states that "the Great Western shooting tournament to be held at Lincoln, May 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 next, is entirely separated and apart from the State Tournament, and has nothing to do with it whatever, as the state association meets at Plattsmouth, June 10, and will last four days. Besides the usual routine of business by the association, there will be 5,000 live pigeons, glass balls, clay pigeons, and every arrangement made for a grand time."

FREMONT.

Sheriff Curran was pulled into court last week and fined $1 and costs for starting a row in a saloon.

Peter Peterson, son of a farmer near Hooper, is dead. He attempted to pull his gun, muzzle foremost, from his boat, and was shot full of holes. He lived long enough to tell how it went off.

Anton Bartoch, living near Dodge postoffice, in Webster precinct, was victimized the other day by a man Gore, who pretended to give a quit claim deed for a piece of school land, getting $600, when the land was disposed of a few days previously to a Mrs. Bush, and he had no interest in it.

A vendor of "spring" chickens here selected a fine appearing bird from a large consignment the other day, and laid it aside for a family feast. A huge hawk soon pounced upon it and carried it off. Two hours after the hawk returned with a broken bill and four claws gone, put down the spring chicken and made off with an old rubber boot.

An Iowa man named Wallence, travelling through Dodge county to Central City in search of land for a home, is another victim to the shotgun policy. He pulled the gun, muzzle foremost, from his wagon and it went off, the entire charge passing through his arm just below the shoulder, inflicting a horrible wound. The wound is a very severe one. Wallence was brought to Fremont for treatment.

LINCOLN.

The expenses of the district court for a term runs close on $5,000.

The insane asylum is pretty well crowded just now, 307 patients being cared for, with new arrivals every day.

A canning factory is the latest scheme to boom the city. It is estimated that $40,000 would put an institution of this kind on a paying basis.

Mr. S. J. Roberts was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain, the gift of appreciative friends, on his retirement from Wells, Fargo & Co's. express office.

Deputy Secretary of State Peter Karberg has handed in his resignation, to take effect July 1, in order that he may give his undivided attention to his duties as editor and publisher of the Nebraska Staats Anzeiger. Capt. G. P. Winnesteen, of Geneva, has been appointed his successor.

A story is told of an Englishman who lost a roll of £800 at the B. & M. depot here. The money was found by a couple of men who did not know an English bank note from a wafer and they threw it on the floor, where Harry Ware found it and gave it to Mr. Geo. Bonnell. He telegraphed the conductor and the gentleman who lost the pocket-book got off at Greenwood and came back to claim property and reward the finder. He did not succeed in finding him, however, but he handed Mr. Bonnell four of the queen's shillings to be given Mr. Ware as a reward for his honesty. The generous "bloke" from Britain was hurried out of the state by special train lest he should die of enlargement of the heart.

GRAND ISLAND.

Mayor Murphy, on his retirement from office, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane.

Capt. A. H. Johnson, of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, is talking up a street car railway in this city. Some of the business men look favorably on the scheme.

Fifty-six foreigners took out of the Hall county district court their first naturalization papers during the months of January, February and March.

One of the buildings being moved from the B. & M. grounds, collapsed and seriously injured Herman Spring. One of the timbers struck across the abdomen and pinned him to the ground.

THE STATE IN GENERAL.

The Beatrice treasury contains $5,200 of available funds.

The Stanton county creamery expects to start up about the 15th of May.

General Hollman, of Dakota county, is for the "old ticket" and democratic victory.

The Bank of North Bend will soon be added to the institutions of that lively little city.

The crack shots of Papillion have organized a gun club, with James Campbell at the head.

Ex-Governor Butler, of Pawnee county, shipped a car load of stock to Chicago last week, valued at $28,000.

Hastings boasts of fifty street lamps that are lighted every night, but it would take a large chunk of daylight to find them.

Sneak thieves and burglars raided several residences and stores in Crete last week. The plunder secured did not amount to much.

It is estimated that the Sioux City & Pacific road has distributed from 7,000 to 10,000 settlers this season along its line from Norfolk to Valentine.

A farmer named Andrew Backland, living near Stromsburg, had his barn struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The total loss was $2,500.

The U. P. surveyors are engaged in running a line from Valparaiso to Red Cloud, striking Seward, Exeter, Geneva, and Edgar, leaving Fairmont about six miles to the west.

The suit of Mrs. Spellman against the town of York for $5,000, for damages sustained in being thrown from a buggy while crossing a defective walk, resulted in a verdict of $2,500 in her favor.

The explosion of a gun in the hands of Fritz Drescher, of Falls City, last week, blew the boy's left hand entirely off. The gun was old and rusty, and had long waited a favorable opportunity to go off.

Maude A., the 14 year old daughter of J. W. Maynard, of Falls City, died suddenly last week. She was a great favorite in that city, and had a large circle of friends in Omaha, whom she visited several times.

The burglar who raided Calmelet's jewelry [illegible] in Nebraska City and carried off a large [illegible] of goods, was captured in Chicago, and [illegible] plunder recovered. The burglar [illegible] John McLain, an ex-convict.

[illegible] laid out by the railroad com[illegible] in course of construction be[illegible] and Grand Island, has been [illegible]. This is the only station that [illegible] between the two places. The [illegible] twelve miles distant from both.

[illegible] contributes one to the list of acci[illegible] handling "unloaded" revolvers. [illegible]ged four and seven, sons of P. U. [illegible]ving near town, were fooling with [illegible] at a neighbor's, when the thing [illegible] usual, and the bullet plowed a hole through the bowels of the younger. The wound is not fatal.

INSIDE A BASE BALL.

How the Popular Toy is Made First to Bounce and Then Not to Bounce too Much.

New York Sun.

In all the toy, game and sporting goods stores the new supply of balls for the game of base ball has been laid in, and the balls, lying in pasteboard compartments and rolled up in tinfoil, or having their coverings colored red or blue, are as pretty as so many Easter eggs. The first-class regulation ball for this year is not different from that in use last year. It costs $1 50 and sells at wholesale at the rate of $15 a dozen. It weighs about five ounces, and when thrown on a board floor sounds like a young paving stone. It is just about as solid and as heavy as a turnip of the same size, and, though it is perfectly round and smooth and the stitches are almost even with the leather, it stings the uncalloused hand of its catcher as if it were red hot or covered with prickers.

Base balls are dear because they are made by hand, and they are made by hand because they must be wound very tightly, carefully and evenly. The basis of each one is a little lump of Para rubber, round and weighing an ounce. Wound around this in every direction is worsted yarn. In some balls, after a thick layer of yarn is wound on, the ball is dipped in rubber, then more yarn is wound on; then it is dipped again, and finally yet more is wound on, and then the cover is fitted over it. One ball affected by many professionals has a thin skin of concrete midway between the cover and the rubber. Girls make all the balls. The process is something like that of making certain mixed drinks, wherein the bar-tender puts in lemon to made them sour and sugar to make them sweet. Players want what is called a dead ball, that is, one that won't bounce much. A stone will bounce more than a base ball ought to. So the rubber is put in to make it bounce just a litte, and the yarn is wound tight and concrete is added to stop it bouncing at all. Thus the happy medium is reached. Sometimes moulded vulcanized rubber is used.

The best balls are covered with horse-skin because it is strong and tough. Many of these are sewed with catgut, but in damp weather the catgut loosens, and therefore at such times those balls are used which are stitched with flax.

Professionals have agreed upon the best form of ball and have ruled that it shall accord with those specifications:

The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois. It must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumfererence. It must be composed of woollen yarn, and shall not contain more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form and shall be covered with leather.

Base balls can be purchased for 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 cents. Many of these are machine made. They are stuffed with odds and ends of leather, would up with cord, pressed into shape and covered with common leather. The second time one is hit with a bat it assumes the shape of an egg. A little later it still resembles an egg—one that has been hit with a club.

A JUMPING CANE.

The Spirit-Rapping of an Ex-Mayor's Dead Clerk.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The mayor's office has a great curiosity in a cane that is reported to be bewitched. It is a plain two bit bamboo stick, which was left in the office by Andrews, the clerk of Mayor Blake. Andrews died two weeks after the present administration went into office, and it is supposed that his ghost is responsible for the peculiar antics of the cane. A few mornings ago, when Fisher, the mayor's colored porter, opened the office, he found the cane jumping around in the corner in which it had stood ever since Clerk Washington took the first and only inventory of the effects of his predecessors. "For the Lor's sakes," exclaimed Fisher, "what's de matter wid dat cane?" He tried to catch it, but for his pains received only a smart rap over the nose. Clerk Washington came soon after and was received by Fisher in the corridor, where he was told about the "hoodoo" by the excited porter.

"You are a ——fool!" said the mayor's clerk. "What's the matter with you? Are you crazy?" Sure enough, when Mr. Washington opened the heavy walnut doors the cane stood quietly in the corner, looking as if it had never moved. But he had scarcely taken his seat when he heard something rattle. Looking around he saw the cane jump about in the corner. It was now the clerk's turn to become a little frightened. Calling Fisher, the porter, he ordered him to take the stick away, but that functionary discreetly declined. The cane, meanwhile, kept on amusing itself by jumping up and down like a year old baby. But as soon as Mayor Bartlett came it was quiet. The mayor was of course told about the occurrence. Being rather skeptical and a disbeliever in spiritualistic demonstrations, he answered with a broad smile and went to his private office; but it was only for a short time; he was soon disturbed by the voices of his clerk and porter, in the ante-room. Both declared that the cane had again been jumping about. The mayor wanted to see the phenomenon repeated, but strangely enough the cane would not dance in his presence, but indulged in its pranks as soon as he turned his back. Finally he took the stick with him into his private office. There it stood quietly in the corner all day until the mayor left in the evening. Then, when Fisher enter the office he found the cane traveling about once more. Finally Clerk Washington was compelled to lock it up in the vault to keep it from doing damage, and there it is kept now, except when it is brought out to convince doubting callers of its jumping powers. It should be added that so far the cane has refused to jump in the presence of any reporters.

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PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS.

How They Appear to One of the Oldest American Editors.

St. Louis Globe.

Gen. David Atwood, editor of the Madison (Wis.) State Journal, who has been in Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee for the past two months on a vacation for his health, reached St. Louis yesterday on his way home. The general is of venerable appearance, long white beard and snowy hair, has been connected with the press for over half a century in an editorial capacity and always as a staunch republican of the best type. He was seen by a Globe-Democrat reporter yesterday afternoon and questioned as to the coming presidential campaign.

"General, what appears to be the feeling in the south?" asked the reporter.

"Comparatively little either way. The office holders and professional politicians are holding conventions now and then, but among the masses there seems to be little enthusiasm."

"Who seems to be the most popular Republican candidate?"

"That is a difficult conundrum. There is no unanimous favorite. Florida republicans hope to save that state to the party. As to the candidates, Grant is little thought of; Blaine is considered with distrust; there is not much expression one way or the other concerning Logan, although, it is needless to add, his name never creates an ecstatic demonstration down there. President Arthur is considered a very good man. I find this the case everywhere. It is to be attributed, no doubt, to the fact that his administration has been a pleasant surprise. The people looked with distrust upon a vice presidential administration. I have lived through three of them myself, and neither was satisfactory to the country. Arthur's has been, and the agreeable disappointment has commanded confidence in him everywhere. There has been nothing brilliant in his administration, but there has been nothing bad."

"How is sentiment, as you left it, in Wisconsin?"

"To loyally support the candidate of the Chicago convention. Of course we have our favorite.—His name is Fairchild—Gen. Fairchild—once state secretary, three times governor, and ten years abroad in the diplomatic service. The Wisconsin delegates will present his name and vote for it until something better turns up; but at all events, they will be solid for the right man, and stick to him to the end. That's the kind of republicans we are."

"How about Bob Lincoln?"

"He is popular everywhere. Principally, however, for second place. In the north, he would, I think, obtain unanimous favor as candidate for vice-president. In the south the very name—"Lincoln"—is a tower of strength. For first place? Well, that is hard to say. His chances to win, however, would be very strong, I think. But the main question is, who can carry New York state? Many wiseacres in the in the political camp understand that to be a necessity, and that will be the most important problem in the convention. For the rest I may say that, though I've been through one or two campaigns, the coming fight is the most doubtful I have ever seen upon which to make predictions even as to the probable candidates before the convention."

General Atwood, who is a guest of Mr. A. E. Gilbert, will leave for Madison on Tuesday morning.

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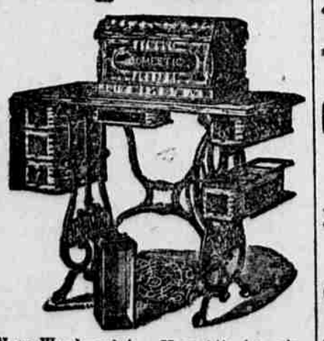

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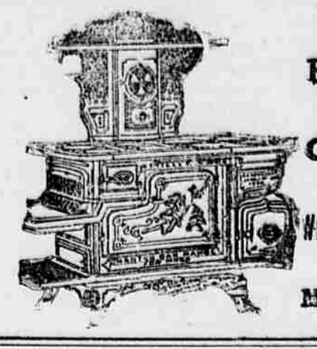

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