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Now that the council has decided to have the streets cleaned, it ought also to include the alleys which are being paved.

ALL the undertakers of Omaha have been boycotted. Paste that in your hat, and if you die be sure to send for an undertaker from Sioux City or Oshkosh.

SINCE Mr. Young became auditor of the Union Pacific railroad track has been laid on Sunday. If Mr. Young is responsible for this reform, he is to be commended.

IT is stated that Senator Anthony, the oldest member of the senate, will resign this week, or next week at the furthrest. This will give Rhode Island the rare privilege of filling a vacancy.

TAKING a confidence clerk for an assignee is a practice that has become very common in recent failures. It is one of the frauds that the national bankruptcy law will very quickly put a stop to.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS, it is said, will take charge of Mr. Blaine's interests at Chicago. As Mr. Edmunds is not to be in Chicago, Phelps can raise his head there without much danger of having it struck.

A QUESTION of veracity has arisen between three councilmen. We now look for a bloody duel. Pistols and coffee for three. Prize-fighting is no longer fashionable, and special trains to Clear Creek have been abanboned.

THE financial troubles are all over, and the gamblers are beginning to load up again. Two or three sponges like the Western Union and the Union Pacific have been squeezed pretty dry, but Mr. Gould knows where there is plenty of water.

"TURN the rascals out" is no longer heard among the democrats. Now the cry is "turn the traitors out," referring to the forty-one democrats who voted against the Morrison bill. The democrats are having more than their share of harmony this year.

WE have heard of such papers as the Bismarck *Broad-axe*, the Dakota *Blizzard*, the Washington *Hatchet*, and the Laramie *Boomerang*, but in a contest for striking originality in names we believe that the following five of a kind, in Nebraska, would be awarded the first prize: The Milford *Ozone*, the Schubert *Q*, the Ord *Quiz*, the North Bend *Flail*, and the *Editor's Eye*.

IN the lexicon of Kansas City banks, which fate reserves for a bright old age, there is no such word as fail.—*Kansas City Times.*

This doesn't apply to the Mastin bank, which suspended some years ago, nor does it apply to the banks that paid to the depositors twenty cents on the dollar, and gave certified checks for the balance.

IT is hoped that the city council will allow Mr. Haas, keeper of the park, to remain where he is. When he made his contract it was understood that he should remain for five years. He has invested over $3,000 in shrubbery, hot-houses and other improvements, and to remove him merely to make room for another person, who knows little or nothing about the business, would be an injustice as well as an injury.

W. H. H. LLEWELLYN, agent of the Mescaleros Indians in New Mexico, has proved himself a very efficient agent, and his services, particularly in preventing his Indians from going upon the warpath, have been appreciated and recognized by the United States senate, which, at the suggestion of Senator Van Wyck, has raised his salary from $1,500 to $2,000 per year. The Mescaleros agency is one of those posts requiring a brave and discreet man as agent, and Llewellyn is one of the very best men that could have been selected for that position.

PRESIDENTIAL candidates will have a hard time of it this year. The wool-growers talk of passing a resolution at their national convention not to support any candidate unless he pledges himself to the immediate restoration of the wool tariff of 1867. They claim that there are over one million wool-growers in the United States, and that they control two millions of votes, and that this is the balance of power.

This is an Ohio idea, and will probably be followed by other industrial classes. By the time they all get through with their conventions and resolutions, the candidates will find themselves called on to specially pledge themselves to a hundred different interests. Finally, the free-trade element will declare that it will go solid against any candidate who pledges himself for anything in the nature of a protective tariff.

## *THE NEW BISHOPS.*

THE new bishops elected by the Methodist conference at Philadelphia last week are men of high reputation, whose labors in the interests of the church have covered nearly a quarter of a century. Probably the most distinguished of these additions to the episcopal force of the church is Dr. Charles Henry Fowler. He was born in Burford, Canada, in 1837, entered Genesee Wesleyan seminary in 1855 and graduated in 1859 with the highest honors. He first began the study of law in Chicago, but being converted soon after, devoted his life to the church. In 1860 he entered Garrett Biblican institute, graduating the following year. A few months afterwards he was received in the Rock River conference. He took a prominent part in the work of securing relief for the sufferers of the Chicago fire, and among other works, obtained $40,000 for Garrett institute alone. In 1866 he was elected president of the Northwestern University, but declined. Six years later he was again elected and this time accepted. He has been editor of the *Christian Advocate* since 1876, and missionary secretary since 1880. He is a man of great learning and ability.

William X. Ninde, D. D., stands next in prominence. He was born in Cortlandville, N. Y., in 1852, and was educated at the Wesleyan university. In 1856 he joined the Rock River conference, and after filling important appointments, was transferred to Cincinnati in 1873. The same year he was elected to the chair of practical theology in Garrett Biblical Institute, and in 1879 became its president. He was a member of the general conference of 1876.

Williard F. Mallalien, D. D., was born at Sutton, Mass., in 1824. He was also educated at Weslyan university. For twenty-six years he has been a member of the New England conference being at one time presiding elder of the Boston district. He has been a member of the three last conferences.

John M. Walden, D.D., was born at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1831, and graduated at Farmer's College, Ohio, in 1852. He was a correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* during the campaign of 1856. The next year he went to Kansas, where he started a paper, and took a prominent part in the free soil troubles. He was afterwards a member of the state legislature and state superintendent of instruction. He had joined the church in 1850, and was admitted to the Cincinnati conference in 1858. He has been a prominent preacher, a presiding elder, secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, and book agent at Cincinnati. He has been a delegate to all general conferences since 1868.

## *A CHAPTER OF REVELATIONS.*

MR. WILLIAM WHITE, to whom we referred casually the other day, in connection with the boycotter's committee, has seen fit to go into print with a flat denial of the intimation that one Bill White told the editor of this paper, several years after the Pittsburg riots, that he and others were in a plot in 1877, to blow up the Union Pacific bridge. The allegation, when made by THE BEE, was qualified with the words, "if memory serves him correctly, and the editor of THE BEE generally has a good memory," etc. Now, within forty-eight hours after the article in question had appeared in print, the correctness of that memory was verified by a man who called at this office and gave us some interesting particulars. According to this party, who is a mechanic formerly employed in the Union Pacific shops, there were two gangs, one in Omaha and one in Council Bluffs, who were prepared to blow up the bridge if any troops were to be sent east or west over it. Whether Bill White was one of this gang he could not remember, but inasmuch as our information originally came from White, he must have known more about it than he is willing to tell at present. Incidentally our informant made some revelations that may interest John Quinn who is also engaged in the boycotting business with White. It relates to the manufacture of car-wheels when McClary succeeded Fawcett. Mr. John Quinn probably will remember that McClary's car-wheels were nearly all spoiled, and Quinn doubtless could tell who put up the job on McClary, and mixed the metal for the castings so that the wheels should break. It was a very neat trick, and had the desired effect of getting McClary removed. Mr. Congdon was the only man who could compute the loss of the Union Pacific. Our informant estimated it at about $100,000. That was a good deal worse than boycotting THE BEE, wasn't it, John?

THE fanatics among the republicans of Iowa have not only determined that Judge Rothrock, of the supreme court, must be sacrificed for his decision on the prohibitory amendment but have already picked out his successor. Last year they slaughtered Chief Justice Day and they do not hesitate to threaten that all the judges who sided with Day against the prohibition amendment must go. The men who are engaged in this attempt to make the courts the mere tools of popular prejudice are by no means the majority of the party. They do not even form a considerable minority.

THE acquittal of Wheeler, the brutal murderer of Matthews, at Hazelhurst, Miss., is another addition to the long line of political crimes with which the south is charged. Matthews was shot down in cold blood for no other reason than in the world than that he was going to vote against the democrats. This fact was clearly shown by the investigation. There was no evidence to show any other motive for shooting. In the face of the clearest evidence of Wheeler's guilt, however, a democratic jury has acquitted him. As long as such outrages are perpetrated in the south, the southern people need not be surprised if northern men object to giving the control of the country into their hands.

THE story that the Morrison democrats are going to unseat enough republicans to ensure the passage of a tariff bill similar to the one recently defeated is incredible. Some foundation for it is given in the partizan reports on the recent election cases. McKinley, of Ohio, and Peele, of Indiana, are to be removed and democrats given their seats. This action is entirely unjust and iniquitous. The evidence in favor of both the republicans is conclusive as to their title to their seats. Nevertheless this partizan action does not prove that the Morrison men have any such designs as that credited to them. They know enough to know that the country would never endure such a revolutionary proceeding. Besides this, tariff reduction has lost so much support since its recent defeat that the unseating of Republicans in all the contested election cases could not give Morrison enough votes to carry it.

THE explanation for the long delay in acting upon the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bills has just been discovered. Objector Holman has refused to report these bills to house, although he is chairman of the sub-committee which has them in charge. The reason for this is because the other members of the committee would not consent that the salaries of a number of clerks should be cut down. The total saving that would be effected by these reductions is only $16,000. For the sake of that amount, Holman has been obstructing this important legislation for weeks. He is a national nuisance.

THE fight between the Vanderbilt and Cable interests for the control of the Rock Island road has come to an end, for this year at least. Cable has secured 310,000 out of the 420,000 shares that will be voted at the next election, and thus insured his own supremacy. This means that the robbery which the Cables have carried on upon the coal consumers of western Illinois and eastern Iowa for the last fifteen years, is still to continue.

GRAIN is now carried from New York to Liverpool for 1½ cents a bushel. This is a very good thing as far as it goes. It will not be until the grain is carried from the Missouri river to New York at rates proportionately low that the western farmers will enjoy the blessings of cheap transportation.

IT is suggested that slugging matches be given for the benefit of the Bartholdi pedestal fund. Perhaps some can be held in Nebraska, and the Union Pacific will doubtless be very glad to run special trains for their accomodation.

J. STERLING MORTON is making a very vigorous still hunt for the national convention. He has the democratic wing of the B. & M. road enlisted under his banner and feels very confident of success.

### The U. P. R. R. and the Conventions.

Grand Island Independent.

The Union Pacific is again trying their old game of controlling both the republican and democratic conventions. They succeeded in getting one of their head tools, U. P. Attorney Thurston, elected delegate to the republican national convention, and in this way showed that they are masters of the situation. It was a great mistake of the Lincoln republican convention to acknowledge allegiance to the U. P. and so give up the independence of the republican party. With the republicans having aided the republicans the U. P. now comes out as a democrat, trying to have their Grand Island tool, the R. R. Attorney Platt, the so-called "brains" of the Hall county democracy, elected delegate to the national convention. If the U. P. succeeded in getting also the Nebraska democratic party in hand, she is in the happy position of being surely on the victorious side, which ever of these parties may win.

If the republican nominee should be elected President, the U. P. will glory in his election, pointing to Thurston, shout victory, and telling the new President: we helped you are under obligations to us and you will have to compense us.

Should, however, the democratic nominee be elected President, the U. P. will be just as happy. She will shout victory just as much, and say to the new President, did we not tell you that we would elect you? Did not our men Platt do wonderful service for you? And congratulat him, the U. P. will stretch out her hand, to receive of the President the pay for valuable services.

### On the Right Track.

W. P. Republican.

It is not often that Van Wyck takes a position in the senate which The Republican can consistently approve, yet this journal is always ready and willing to give honor to whom honor is due whether it be the senior senator or "any other man." A resolution recently introduced in the senate by Van Wyck relating to the disposal of large tracts of land in America to aliens, is worthy of careful consideration and reflects credit upon its author. The tenor and effect of the resolution is that it is against the interests of American institutions to allow aliens to purchase and hold large tracts of land in this country. This is certainly true, and we trust that congress will endorse the resolution and in due time pass laws which will at least curtail, if they do not entirely prohibit, the growing tendency of the nobility of Europe to get possession of large areas of our valuable lands. The evils of the English landlord system which drives so many of the tenants to the verge of starvation and binds them to lifelong servitude, are so patent and well understood that no one of average intelligence would consent to have the same system of vassalage extended to America, even in a much lesser degree than in England and Ireland. Of course there is no immediate cause for alarm, but if wise prohibitory laws are not eventually enacted and enforced, future generations will be awakened and startled by the knowledge that hundreds of millions of acres of the rich lands of America can only be cultivated except by paying tribute to the nobility of Europe, notably to England. Even now English noblemen and other wealthy Englishmen are the owners of millions of acres of agricultural and grazing lands of the United States, and their agents are continually visiting our broad prairies and haunting our frontiers with a view of extending the landed interests of their employers. Unquestionably efforts are being made by aliens to become possessed of all of our broad acres possible, with a view of eventually enriching themselves and their country by the odious tenantry system, and it is time for congess to check them. The Van Wyck resolution is an advance protective step in the right direction, and The Republican not only hopes that it will pass but that it will soon lead to the passage of laws which will guard the interests of coming generations against the avaricious and luxurious demands of interloping aliens who boast of blue blood, and who hold themselves aloof from their betters because, forsooth, they are to the manor born. Salutary laws should be passed to prevent further inroads upon our soil by these lordly aliens and their ever attending parasites.

## MASONRY.

### Reply to the Amazing Errors in the Recent Papal Interdict.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 15, 1884.—The attacks upon Freemasonry, originating in the Vatican, which began in 1736, and have so recently been made public in your columns, display such amazing ignorance of the subject as to lead the American mind to an erroneous view of the Pope's knowledge. His attacks are not made upon American Masonry—for no one knows better than his advisers that American Masonry is not obnoxious to the charges he makes against the institution—but against the Masonry of France and Italy, which every well-posted Mason knows to be a very different thing. Permit me space to explain.

In the political *pot-bouilli* of France that led to the establishment, first of the throne of Louis Philippi, then of the French republic following his downfall, politics entered so deeply into Masonic matters that the lodges were but little better than political clubs improved by liberal alms giving. The secrecy of the lodge, which is guarded very closely there, was made a cloak by ambitious demagogues to erect and to pull down parties. A volumn published some thirty years ago, entitled "Secret Socities in France," lays bare this heinous misuse of the Masonic title.

The same thing occurred later in Italy. When I was in Smyrna, Asia Minor, in February 1868, it was made known to me that all the funds collected by the Italian lodge there, whether for fees, dues or assessments, were remitted to Garibaldi or his agents, who was then preparing for another descent on the Italian shore. This perversion of the Masonic vow I strongly depreciated while in Smyrna, both in the lodge and in private confab with Italian Masons and I warned them of what truly happened not long afterwards, in the closing of their meetings by the police.

But this is not the worst of their perversion of the genuine teachings of Masonry. The Masons of France began some sixteen years ago to overthrow the fundamental principles of the order. They changed their constitution, doing away with the grand master, and substituting a chairman for the quarterly and annual meetings. They made the ancient Solomonic covenant a mere pledge of honor. They banished the emblem of Diety from their lodge-rooms, and his name from their public and private instructions. By positive resolution of the grand orient (grand lodge) they authorized the initiation of atheists. This broke the bonds of connection between them and other grand lodges. The fifty-four grand lodges of the United States, the five grand lodges of Canada, the three of Great Britain, at once and solemnly withdrew their representatives and struck the recusant bodies from the roll of sister organizations.

This horrible perpersion of the Masonic theory ("Faith in God") has been accepted by the Grand Orient of Italy, which continues in active correspondence with that of France, and it is this which the fulminations of the present and former Popes (Leo XIII.) were designed to strike.

In a conversation upon this subject some years since with a learned Catholic Doctor of Divinity, I propounded various questions as to the extent of a Papal interdict. To my extreme surprise I learned that a Roman bull avails only in those countries where it is officially promulgated by the Cardinal or Senior Bishop! This explains why in Mexico the priests can, and do, become Masons without being unfrocked, while in the United States the extreme penalties of the church would follow such an act. Even in Italy many priests are Masons. Garibaldi, who was a "good" Catholic and received the holy unction on his death-bed, was Grand Master of Masons. Victor Emanuel was a thirty-third degree Mason, yet the last rites of the church were granted him, while in the United States it has been officially promulgated that when a Catholic becomes a Mason no priest or Bishop can grant him this favor, nothing but a dispensation from the Pope himself.

The conclusion that I would have the reader draw from these hasty notes is that the Pope, in the man of straw he has set up and knocked down, applies his charges only to continental Masonry. Nothing can be more foolish than to say that American Masons conceal the names of their membership from the world; or that we are bound to obey the dictates of officers under all circumstances; or that the penalty of violating the Masonic vows is death; or that parties have been murdered for violating their obligations; or that atheists or agnostics can be made Masons; or that we are attempting to distroy religeous organizations, the sanctuary of marriage, property rights or rights of any kind.

Can it be possible, the reader will enquire after the *Papal Interdict* which you published on Monday, can it be possible that the numerous, venerable and well-informed cabinet of Pope believe the statements set forth by them in such nervous Latin, that "Masons reject Divine revelation," when there is an open and complete copy of the Holy Scriptures in every lodge (a thing I have never seen in a Catholic Church in Europe, Asia, Africa, or Ameria;) that "the sect of Masons aims at the passession of the education of children;" that "the Masons accept death and the most horrible punishment if they disobey the orders of their superiors;" that "they are engaged in pulling down all the foundations of morality," etc., etc.? But I can not believe it. In truth, when I read the synopsis of this *brutum fulmen* in your columns some days since, I suppose it was a low and vulgar *sell*—a mere jest of the jester.

What estimate the papal head puts upon the intelligence and good sense of American Catholics by issuing such a paper, it is not for me to say.

Respectfully, ROBERT MORRIS.

### Tramp Printers.

Syracuse Journal.

The Printers' Union and THE BEE of Omaha have had a fight. The printers struck and issued a circular making various charges against THE BEE management the truth of which we have no means of denial or verication except the statement of the contending parties. If the printers that now and then come tramping through Syracuse representing themselves as members of the Union be fair samples of that organization we havn't much faith in them or their complaints.


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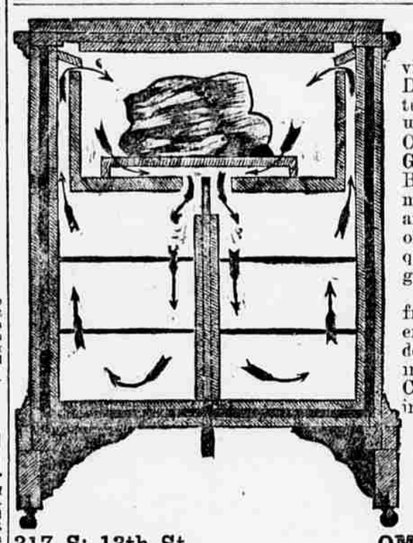

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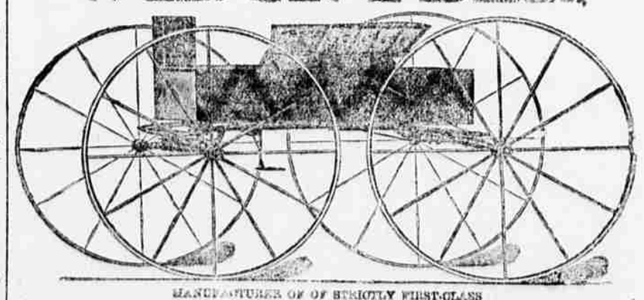

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