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MAY 1st has been selected as Arbor day in Vermont. The Vermonters will on that day plant their favorite tree—the maple.

THE Republican is just now engaged in making explanations. It is not half so necessary, however, for it to explain its recent strong endorsement of Grover Cleveland as it is to explain its bit of the republican candidate for mayor.

THE effects of Dr. Miller's visit to Washington are not yet visible to the naked eye, but we expect to hear at any moment that Dr. Bear and "Col." Frank P. Ireland have both been appointed United States marshals. Each has a solemn promise of the place.

SOME of our business men evidently do not appreciate our payments. They continue to dump rubbish and loose papers up in the streets, and particularly in the alleys. Now that the alleys are paved, there is no reason why they should not be kept as neat and clean as the streets.

MR. J. B. SOUTHWARD, the new city clerk, has been a resident of Omaha for many years. For some time he has been deputy county clerk, previous to which he was in the postal service. He is in every way qualified to fill the position of county clerk, and will no doubt give satisfaction to the public.

GENERAL GRANT continues to astonish the doctors. On Tuesday afternoon he took quite a walk, from his residence to the center of Sixty-sixth street and Madison avenue, and return. He was accompanied by his son Col. Grant, who, however, did not find it necessary to assist him in any way. His only assistant was a cane. He exhibited no feebleness, and his appearance was a pleasant surprise to those who met him.

THE city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting opium joints, and making the penalty a fine of \$5 to \$100, or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both. This is a timely ordinance, as these dens have increased to an alarming extent in this city, and the number of patrons of the pipe is much larger than the public has any idea of. Now then let the ordinance be strictly enforced, without any delay.

THERE are several city ordinances that have been allowed to become dead letters, owing to the neglect of the officers. One of these ordinances is that which prohibits the obstruction of streets. No attention whatever, seems to be paid to it. House movers leave frame houses in the middle of a street for weeks at a time. Lumber is left piled up in the streets the year round. Contractors, who are permitted to occupy a portion of the street while they are erecting buildings, leave their rubbish for weeks after a building is completed. There is hardly a street in the city but upon which there cannot be found some dangerous or annoying obstruction. This is a matter that deserves the attention of the city marshal, who should see that the ordinance is enforced.

A NEBRASKA City paper complains about the lack of courtesy on the part of the BEE because we failed to credit the source whence we derived certain information upon which an editorial in this paper was based. This only shows what queer notions country editors have concerning editorial courtesy. It is proper and always customary to credit original articles, letters and dispatches which are clipped from other papers, but it would be the height of absurdity to extend the courtesy so far as to refer to the source of information upon which the editor bases his opinions. If that were the case we would have to credit the New York papers for inspiration concerning some law proposed in the legislature of that state, or the Chicago papers about the Illinois senatorial contest, and so on.

WE have received a communication, signed "many citizens of the Third ward," calling attention to a saloon which is denounced as a resort of thieves and robbers, and a nuisance which ought to be suppressed. We know nothing about the place, and inasmuch as the parties do not sign their names we are unable to judge as to the reliability of the charge. At the same time it is well and proper that the marshal, to whom the matter should be referred, should make an investigation, and if the saloon is such a den as is charged it ought to be immediately closed. The sum of fifty cents, which accompanied the communication, awaits the order of "Many Citizens," and unless called for within the next thirty days at the BEE counting room it will be donated to the Statue of Liberty pedestal fund.

HE CANNOT PROVE IT.

A temperance reformer by the name of Montague has taken it upon himself to pronounce high license a failure, and has gone so far as to demonstrate to his own satisfaction that there is more drunkenness in this city and state now than there was before the high license law went into effect. Now we would like Montague, or any other man, to come forward with the proofs. We have no desire to encourage drunkenness and in suppressing the evils that spring from intemperance we would go just as far as any rational man could go. We maintain, however, that high license has been the means of very materially decreasing drunkenness. It has done more to diminish drunkenness in Omaha than any other possible agency could have done, unless there could have been an entire suppression of the liquor drinking habit. When high license went into effect three years ago, Omaha had 170 saloons with a population of 35,000. To-day with a population of 55,000 we have less than 110 saloons. It is safe to say that under the former law we would have had no less than 250 saloons.

If the theory is correct that every saloon affords an incentive to intemperance then surely we have diminished the evil of intemperance by at least one hundred per cent. But this is not all. Every intelligent and impartial observer must concede that high license has had the effect of raising the standard of saloons and their keepers. In the first place the law prevents irresponsible bar-room loafers from opening saloons. Under the old system any man who could command \$100, and obtain a keg of beer and a gallon of whisky could start a saloon in Omaha. Now a man must have at least fair credit and an amount of capital that makes him responsible to a certain extent. He must have a bond signed by bona fide property owners, whereas formerly he had no bond to give, and was not compelled in any way to be responsible. Under the high license law the saloon-keeper and his bondsmen are responsible for the damages resulting from the sale of liquors, and especially to minors and habitual drunkards. It is only when the present high-license law is not well enforced that its benefits are diminished. A rigid enforcement of the law would do away with most of the evils which still remain. There is no reason, for instance, why the keeper of any low dive or disorderly house should be able to get license under any pretext. It is entirely optional with the license board to grant a license. The board is really in duty bound to refuse license to any place that is notoriously disorderly and disreputable. Of course the prohibitionists will respond that all dealers in liquor are disreputable, and that every place where liquor is sold is a disreputable house. That is merely a sentimental assertion.

The only question for the practical reformer and philanthropist is what can be done to serve humanity from the most pernicious evils of intemperance? The repeal of the high license law certainly will not cause any abatement of those evils, neither will the enactment of a prohibitory amendment to the constitution so long as prohibition does not prohibit. Iowa and Kansas afford examples enough in that direction. In Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa, there are more saloons to the population than there are in Omaha, and they sell more poison than is dealt out under high license. At the same time they pay nothing but a pop license, and contribute nothing to the public revenues. In Leavenworth, Kansas, a city of 20,000 people, there are 150 saloons running with doors wide open and paying nothing but a license fee. We know this from personal observation.

If Mr. Montague desires to make converts to his temperance views he is at liberty to make any moral plea that he sees fit, but he should not demand the repeal of a good law until he can give us a better one. Nebraska has set an example in this matter which older states are trying to follow, and although their license is only about one-third as much as that of Nebraska they think they are achieving a great reform.

The efficacy of prayer was recently tried in a Kansas City jury room. One of the jurymen indulged in prayer, and the defendant in the case, against whom a verdict was given, moved to set aside the verdict on the ground of "undue influence exercised by one of the jurymen by means of public prayer in the jury room." The defendant's counsel, while admitting that there could be no objection to a private petition to the throne of grace earnestly offered by a conscientious juror with the motive of freeing his own mind from prejudice and passion, but he strenuously maintained that a public prayer in such a place was "a horse of another color," inasmuch as "one long-practiced in the wielding of this subtle influence can play upon the feelings and judgment of his weaker brother, and the more gifted in prayer is the leader the more powerful will be his influence." Upon this point the supreme court of Kansas has been called to decide. Its opinion has not yet been announced, but it is awaited with a great deal of interest. Perhaps the supreme court itself will indulge in prayer before formulating its opinion.

OMAHA is to be congratulated upon the return to this city of Mr. A. U. Wyman, late treasurer of the United States. Mr. Wyman began his career in this city in the early days. He was for a time the teller in the Western Exchange and Marine Insurance company's bank, which was situated in the building now occupied by the United States National bank, and which did a very large business. He

next occupied the position of cashier in the Omaha National bank, and retained that place until he was appointed treasurer of the United States, one of the most responsible offices in the government service. As the faithful custodian of Uncle Sam's cash box he has enjoyed a national reputation, and, with the exception of the late F. E. Spingler, he has attached his name to more paper, representing wealth, than any other man in America. He has frequently signed his name to checks of from one to five millions. Mr. Wyman's resignation was a voluntary act, and he steps down and out not only with honor but with the full confidence of Secretary Manning, who regrets his departure. Mr. Wyman would in all probability have been retained in the position, had he desired to remain there. He had, however, contemplated this step for some time, and was anxious to make his permanent home in Omaha. He was recently elected president of the new Loan and Trust company, organized in this city, and also was elected vice-president of the Omaha National bank. As an officer of that institution he will add to its already well-established reputation.

STATE JOTTINGS.

A gang of horse-thieves are causing great alarm among farmers around Syracuse. The bald-headed eagle recently killed near Fremont was shipped to Carter Harrison. D. S. Draper, of Cass, would accept the reversion of the Valentine land office. The contract for building the scientific department of the state university has been let for \$23,700. Grand juries are passing around the hat to raise \$1,000 for the fireman's tournament to be held next August. Grand Island will do an unusual amount of business this season, and the structures will be mostly of the better class. The demand for teams at \$4 per day is reported good on the White river extension of the City & Pacific railroad. The Dakota Stock and Grazing company has secured a judgment of \$54,733 against Price & Jenks in the Sidney courts. John McCarthy was arrested Friday at Falls City for stealing cattle from John Freese, who lives south of Dawson. George Freeman, the York county horse thief, was sentenced to seven years in the Lincoln state prison, at York, on Saturday. Corn, hogs and cattle make the independent farmer, while small grain and implements, the Lincoln farmer. The Lincoln council has extended the time of closing the saloons from 10 to 11 o'clock. This makes a very reasonable hour for night caps. Peter Mathias, a Fremont man who had his feet crushed some months ago while moving a building has just died from blood poisoning. The rush of settlers to Northwestern Nebraska is crowding out the wall and many of them are preparing to move to Wyoming. The Nebraska Stock Yards company at Lincoln are making preparations to put their long contemplated yards and improvements in operation at once. Deacon Champion, a freckled pillar of the Presbyterian church at Fifth, was arrested for pulling the wool over the eyes of one of the innocent lambs of the fold. The West Point creamery association requires a tank of 5,000 gallons to run its four establishments at West Point and 1,000 each at Creighton, Madison and Stanton. Peter Rapp, a grader on the B. & M., stepped between two flat-cars at La Platte. His remains were tenderly pattered up and borne to Plattsmouth by sympathizing friends. The G. A. R. reunion committee at Beatrice urgently requests all owners of tents who can be used for the use of the coming union in September to notify the committee at Beatrice. Herbert, son of Dr. Kerr, of Falls City shot himself in the leg with a self-cocking revolver on Friday afternoon. The ball fractured the bone near the knee, and fears are entertained that he may lose his leg. Elder Van Deran, formerly of Boone, Iowa, claiming to have been injured by a fall through a defective sidewalk in Hastings, has sued that corporation for \$10,131 damages—\$5,000 of this amount the reverend gentleman thinks will repay his bodily injury, and \$131 will reimburse him for the actual cash out on the investment. The track layers on the Sioux City and Pacific extension had reached a point sixteen miles beyond Valentine last Saturday evening. The graders are strung along almost every mile of the new work between Gordon and White river, and some light pieces are already done. The forces are well in hand, the weather excellent, and every indication that the track will be completed to White river before August 1st.

PERSONALITIES. Bret Harbo wears a red necktie. Campanini is a class in Sunday school. Post Whittier is fond of buckwheat cakes. Ingersoll, the infidel, is too fat to be an angel. Theodore Tilton poses before a Paris looking-glass. Bismarck is so bald that if he loses a single hair he knows it. George C. Miln, ex-preacher, is still struggling on the stage. Private Dalzell is reported to have fallen heir to two fortunes. Louis Hurd, with all her abnormal muscles, lets her mother do all the work. General Butler has a bewitching smile, but his wink is somewhat puzzling. Emma Abbott's kiss is reported as having been frost-bitten in the last cold snap. Belva Lockwood likes to lecture in Boston, because the audiences there are so appreciative. Congressman Hitt, of Illinois, is worth \$3,000,000. He must be a good man to stick for a loan. Jay Gould grows melancholy while yachting. It grows him rosy to sea so much water going to waste. Mr. Edison is in such danger of being taken for a clergyman that he has to cock his hat like a commercial traveler. George Winfield Scott Hancock Garfield Patton Yule is an unfortunate infant in an interior county of Pennsylvania. Buffalo Ghost Spirit and Lame Knees are given as the names of the leaders of an Indian insurrection on the Winnebago reservation in Dakota. Dr. Mary Walker said a few days ago to a Washington correspondent that she would wear pantaloons or nothing. The doctor must be let alone. The czar of Russia is said to be growing quite gray and to bear on his face the wrinkles of a creature old age, induced by worry and anxiety. Olive Logan says she knows of swains that are 150 years old. "Olive has doubts about their existence, but since her childhood," says a cruel slanderer. Sam Pinkerton was killed at Greenview, Ala., while trying to win a bet that he could walk on the ends of the crosses while a train was passing. Charlotte Stanbury, employed as a cook by Jacob Fuesy in an Oyster house, shot her husband, who was a sister of John M. Riley and weighed 187 pounds. Gail Hamilton says: "When I see a young man just starting out in life I always feel like being confidential with him. It's no use, Abigail, no use; you are too old. Miss Cleveland, sister of the president, speaks four languages fluently, but confines herself to English except when she sits down suddenly in a skating rink." "Detroit Post." Ludovic Halévy, the new French Academician, has written a novel which does not seem to be so good as he can read. Halévy will die in a French parlorhouse if he is not careful. Minnie Madden has been sweeping through the country like a forest fire," says an enthusiastic admirer of the charming little actress. Minnie's hair is the hue of a summer sunset. O'Donovan Rossa says that Yeuette Dudley has gained more subscribers to his paper than a hundred agents could have gained. Her revolver was a sort of "Run, Romanism and rebellion" in the hands of the "Reds." It is said that Congressman Phil Thompson, when a prosecuting attorney in Kentucky, once asked his twin brother to try a case for him. He did so, and the court did not know of the difference.

John B. Stetson, of Philadelphia, is one of the largest insurance policy holders in the world, paying a premium on \$729,000. It will be just his misfortune to lose a hundred years' (Norristown Herald). Mr. Sidney Dillon, of Union Pacific fame, is luxuriating in the country. Cracked honey is a diet and two-mile walks over rough roads before breakfast are putting him in trim for a later campaign at Washington and in Wall street. The late Baron Rothschild would employ no cook who could not make three hundred and sixty-five different kinds of soup. The supposition is that he lunched in his youth with an extremely free-lunch route and became fond of the diet. Tom Matthews, a famous clown, is living at Brighton, England, eighty years old, hale and hearty. The jokes he used to get of are found to visit the board of management and request that body to take steps looking to the opening of the Exposition next autumn. We notice in a New York paper, that "Bill"

McClure, the son of a wealthy plumber, has mysteriously disappeared. He will turn up as the giant in a dime museum, that is if he is like other plumber's bills. (Lowell Courier). The Rev. H. Moment is the name of a minister in New York City, and it is stated that all the girls of his congregation are now very desirous of improving their opportunity by "seeing the passing moment." (Lowell Citizen). John C. Eno, the abandoned cashier, is going to build a monument to himself, in the form of a summer hotel on the Island of Orleans, Canada. If he can secure the patronage of all the men of his class sojourning in Canada, his enterprise will prove a profitable one. Mr. Lawrence Barrett has just given a considerable sum of money to the monument fund of the Twenty-eighth Massachusetts regiment of volunteers who served in the civil war. Mr. Barrett was captain of Company B in that regiment from October 3, 1861, till August, 1863. IOWA ITEMS. The city council of Oskaloosa has fired Diamond, Dick, the clock doctor, with a \$25 per day ordinance. The Baptist church at Creston is making a grand spring round-up of sinners, the result of a long-continued revival meeting. Cedar Rapids and Marion are proposing the purchase of a tract of land on the river line, midway between the towns, for a park. Keokuk's new mayor installed on his right to vote in the council without regard to the question of a tie. The result has been an appeal from his action to the courts. Mrs. Wolf, whose husband recently charged her with the mysterious Des Moines murder in February, 1884, had her hearing on Friday last and was discharged. A ton of rock dropped on Samuel Beaver in a coal mine near Albia, and crashed all the gunpion out of him. His fellow workmen turned out at the funeral. A religious awakening has supplanted roller skating in the Cedar Rapids rink. Sinners congregate there as of yore to plead for salvation. No Backsliding is permitted. A Des Moines gun club fines any member found guilty of getting in or out of a wagon or boat, or over a fence, with his gun cocked; that is, if the offender isn't too dead for a hearing. The Iowa Rowing association, at a convention in Cedar Rapids last week, organized by electing a full board of officials. The association will hereafter be known as the Iowa Amateur Rowing association. The Indian school at Houghton, Lee county, is attended by thirty-three Indian girls and twenty-five Indian boys. The school has a farm attached of 1,280 acres, 320 acres of which is farmed by the school attendants. An action has been brought enjoining Typographical Union No. 131, at Creston, to discontinue the publication of all papers, posters and hand-bills, in any way boycotting the Advertiser, or S. A. Brewer, or his employees. A sable Romeo and a dusky Juliet were detected in the bootleg and petticoat saloon industry at Creston and Leon, and Roman is now in the toils, having been taken before the United States commissioner at Council Bluffs, charged with selling whisky on railway trains. Jennie Kelly, the keeper of a house of bad shape at Red Oak, was recently tried, convicted and sentenced to two years in the Anamosa penitentiary. This is the first conviction in the state under the new law, and is expected to make a fluttering among the soiled doves roosting in various towns and cities of the state. In the United States court at Dubuque Saddle McConkie secured a verdict against the Travelers' insurance company for \$5,000. Plaintiff's husband held an accident policy in the company, which it refused to pay, alleging suicide. The plaintiff claimed her husband had been murdered. To prevent the case being appealed, the plaintiff remitted all over \$5,000 of the verdict. RUBIES NOW IN STYLE. Not Worn in Great Profusion but Leading All Other Gems in Popularity. "The fashion in jewelry about once a year undergoes a decided change," said a jeweler in Broadway to a New York Mail and Express reporter. "These changes first take place in Paris, and a few months after reach America." "What is the popular style in jewelry now?" "Rubies are the most fashionable of all gems that are worn now in profusion, but in moderate display. At evening parties the ladies who follow the fashion generally wear a small diamond and ruby set together. The effect of the two brilliant gems blending is beautiful. Of course after the ruby comes the diamond in favor. It will never grow less in popularity. Gemstones sized diamonds are considered vulgar to wear, and the small ones have the run. Pearls, sapphires and emeralds are worn more than usual. In the flush times immediately after the war none but diamonds were fashionable, but the taste has changed of late years and other gems are considered beautiful and stylish. Some of the lace pins for ladies are of exquisite design and have embedded in them diamonds, pearls, and other gems. The most popular designs are those of birds, swans, crests, and spiders. In bracelets those made of links and joints set with various kinds of stones have superseded the old style of bands. "The chaperone, once so universally used, has given place to a short chain, with a ball and frequently a visagrette as a pendant. The pendants are very stylish and exquisitely wrought. "The bangle bracelets that slip over the hand have not entirely ceased to be fashionable, but they are no longer the rage they were some years ago. The engagement bracelet with a lock attached is still sold for that purpose. They are gradually going out, and the plain wedding ring is taking its old place again. The sudden change of style in jewelry frequently causes a loss to the jeweler by having an unsalable stock on hand." Considers Himself at Liberty. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.—Representative George Terrence, who has heretofore supported Gen. Logan, as republican caucus nominee for United States Senator, this afternoon sent to the republican steering committee a long communication, saying: "I shall consider myself at liberty after this date to act as my judgment dictates. I believe there is a conspiracy to defeat an election, and I don't intend, so far as I have power to avoid it, that it shall succeed." The World's Exposition. NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—There is a general desire on the part of citizens and exhibitors to repeat the World's Exposition next October. Last night at a meeting of citizens at the St. Charles hotel, a committee was formed to visit the board of management and request that body to take steps looking to the opening of the Exposition next autumn.

ONE OF NATURE'S PRANKS.

A Baby Which Resembles a Sea Lion and Bellows When it is Hungry. Mrs. Linder, the wife of a respectable merchant of Jackson avenue, Grandville, N. Y., gave birth to her fourth child last Thursday. The child is an extraordinary freak. There is no bony structure in the head, and it is like a rubber ball. The head closely resembles that of a sea lion. There is an entire absence of nasal bones, and the lower portion of the frontal bone is undeveloped. The nostrils are only rudimentary. The under lip falls below the chin. The baby has no eyes, although there are cavities or depressions corresponding to the orbital space. Unlike other infants, Mrs. Linder's baby does not cry. It bellows when it is hungry, and becomes quiet and feeble as soon as fed. It refuses to take natural nourishment, but, although 5 days old, thrives and grows fat on thick crackers, which would be refused by the stomach of a child of any other age. The rest of the body and internal organs appear to be normal, and are well formed. The mother hoped that the child would die, but it has grown stronger with each hour of life. A friend of the family told a reporter to-day that one day last summer Mrs. Linder visited the aquarium on Staten Island and became much interested in the antics of the seals and sea lions. While visiting the place on several other occasions she always spent a long time before the cage.

A Dagger in a Lady's Fan. NEW YORK Sun. Two handsomely dressed ladies left an elevated train in which Billiardist Joe Dion's room keeper was a passenger on Friday evening. After they had gone the keeper saw what he supposed was an elaborate Japanese fan lying on the vacated seat. It had a string entwined about it near the end. "Here, Joe," the room keeper said to the veteran expert yesterday, "if you can open the fan, I'll be blowed if I can." Dion took hold of the string and tried to spread the fan with his left hand, but couldn't. Then he tugged at the string. It was to have opened the fan, but he and the keen edge of a long dagger slid across the middle finger of his left hand, cutting it to the bone. "Well," cried Dion in amazement, as he hurried to staunch the blood, "I wonder what on earth a woman wanted with a fan like that? That's a fine thing to run against on the eye of the tournament." 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