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If the *Phonograph* had not been invented the *Republican* would have been saved a good deal of worry and mortification.

The *Republican* libellers try to be very funny over the black eye which they received at the hands of an impartial jury.

The *Omaha Herald* is informed that Dr. Miller has been called to attend upon President Cleveland. The office-seekers in this state hope that the doctor's medical advice and prescription will have a salutary effect. He no doubt will give Mr. Cleveland plenty of taffy.

AFTER escaping from an indictment, it is but natural that Yost and Nye should accept the verdict of the jury as a relief. They and their counsel knew that they had no proof whatever to sustain their libellous charges, and the only chance for an escape was in hanging the jury.

CONTRIBUTIONS are solicited by Fred Nye for the benefit of the proprietors of the *Republican* to pay the fine and costs in that libel suit. If the contributions don't come in any faster than they did towards Freddy's hospital fund, when he was at the helm of the defunct *News*, he will have to ask for a stay of execution.

THERE was a time when the proceedings of the Illinois legislature were of general interest, but the readers of the associated press dispatches throughout the country are getting tired of the big grit that continues to be sent out daily from Springfield concerning matters that are of interest only to the people of the Sucker state.

MAYOR HARRISON having closed the Chicago gambling houses, and taken a course of baths at the Hot Springs of Arkansas, no doubt consider himself purified morally and physically. He now returns to Chicago expecting to resume the duties of his office, and become a moral mayor, if he is not ousted from his position by reason of the illegal votes that gave him a bare majority.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS has started from Portland for Omaha. This suggests that upon his arrival he be stationed between the tracks north of the Union Pacific depot, and kept there for twelve hours to dodge the trains that are constantly crossing Tenth street. If that doesn't convince him of the imperative necessity of a new passenger depot, with safe and comfortable approaches, nothing new will do it except a dynamite explosion.

The architect of the Lindquist building, which was blown down, finds fault with the strictures of the Bee. He says that the foundation was solidly built, and is not in any way disturbed. It was not necessary that it should rest on pilings, as the excavation was made deep enough to reach a firm bed of ground. He says that the trouble was in rapid construction, which did not give the walls time enough to become firmly knit, as one might express it. The fact is that landlords are too anxious to get rents, and hence demand that buildings be rushed up.

The New York Sun confesses to a decrease of about 40,000 in its circulation, which is a remarkable admission for a newspaper to make. It ascribes this shrinkage to financial, industrial, and commercial depression. This explanation, however, will hardly be accepted by the public which knows that several New York papers, by introducing popular and novel features and reducing their prices to one, two and three cents, have made wonderful strides in circulation and have naturally drawn subscribers away from the Sun. Still the Sun continues to shine for 100,000 subscribers, which is a circulation enjoyed by but very few papers. But what forced it to admit a decrease—a fact which must affect its advertising rates—is something we cannot understand.

We are not disposed to bandy words with the *Republican* over the "confederate spy" libel suit. Had the publishers shown the slightest disposition to correct the falsehoods to which they had given circulation we should not have pressed the suit to trial. But from the very outset they showed malice and a deliberate intent to keep the libel afloat. They never published one line concerning the emphatic denial nor did they ever allude to the fact that a libel suit had been instituted against them. Up to Friday they studiously avoided all reference to the suit and it was evident that they intended to keep the readers of the *Republican* in ignorance concerning the steps which we had taken to disprove their infamous slander. In view of this fact, the attitude which the convicted libellers occupy before the people of this community and state is not very enviable.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.
The arrival to day in New York harbor of the statue of Liberty enlightening the world will prove an interesting event in the American metropolis. It will be formally presented by the designer and builder, M. Bartholdi, who conceived the idea some twenty years ago, when he first saw New York harbor after a stormy voyage from across the Atlantic. The statue is the gift of the liberty-loving people of France to the citizens of the American republic. When placed upon its pedestal it will be the highest statue ever erected, and will be one of the wonders of the world. The Colossus of Rhodes, which was the wonder and admiration of the ancients, was almost insignificant affair compared with the statue of Liberty.

The Bartholdi statue, while indicating to the foreigner as he approaches our shores that this is the land of freedom, where the oppressed of all nations may find a refuge and a home, and be unrestrained in the legitimate pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, will at the same time symbolize the bond of friendship that exists between the people of the French and American republics. Illuminated by electricity the torch in the right hand will be seen at night far out at sea and the ocean voyager will have with delight this beacon of liberty. Standing at the gateway of travel and commerce between the old and new worlds, illuminating land and sea, no more appropriate location could have been found for this great monumental work. Every American will naturally take pride in this statue, which ere long will rear its lofty figure high above the metropolis.

STAR-ROUTE PROSECUTIONS.

The star route swindlers, which had almost been forgotten, have been recalled to mind by the announcement that a suit against the Parkers is at last to be tried in Kansas this week. The Parkers, it will be remembered, were among the most extensive and prominent star-route mail contractors. One of their routes extended from Vinita, in the Indian territory, to Las Vegas, in New Mexico, a distance of eight hundred miles. It was a useless route, and the mail bag hardly ever contained more than one or two letters, and was frequently empty. For hundreds of miles there was not a living person on the route, much less a postoffice. They started in at \$6,330 a year, but in a very short time they had their compensation increased by the usual expediting methods to \$150,591. In this and other steals they were assisted by several senators, and other public men. This is a sample of the list of ninety-three routes.

The people of the state have looked on in amazement at the retention of Hoffman in his confidential position, and they are not likely to consider his elevation to the office of assistant adjutant-general as a vindication from grave charges which were made by this paper, with a full knowledge of the consequences that attached thereto.

SUPERINTENDENT LANE has very properly extended the time for taking the census in Omaha, which otherwise would have been very incomplete. It is very important that a full and correct census shall be taken, and every citizen who has the welfare of Omaha in view should assist the enumerators in every possible way. One of the main difficulties will be to get the names of persons who occupy rooms in one building and take their meals in another. It is safe to say that there are at least five thousand persons in this city who live in this way, and the enumerators should make a special effort in that direction. They will find a large number of such persons living in rooms in business blocks, and they should make repeated efforts to secure their names. We would suggest that before the census work is closed up the enumerators hold a meeting for at least one week in some public office for the purpose of receiving the names of persons who have been overlooked, and that all persons who think or know that they have not been registered be requested to call at such place as may be designated and give the enumerators the required statistics concerning themselves.

JUDGE LAMBERT TREE having been given some prominence as the opponent of General Logan in two or three ballots at the tail end of the senatorial contest, now thinks he is entitled to the Italian mission. It is a little late in the season, and perhaps another spring will have to roll around before the Chicago Tree leaves.

The growth of some of the southern states is illustrated by the statement concerning Chattanooga that it has increased since war "from a clump of whitewashed warehouses and shanties to a city of 25,000 inhabitants; from a total of \$1,300,000 to one of \$7,000,000, and has increased its business capital from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000."

ALTHOUGH young in years the American republic now possesses three of the greatest artificial wonders of the world—the Washington monument, which is the highest ever built, the East river bridge, which is the highest and longest suspension span ever constructed, and the Bartholdi statue, which will loom up far above all others.

MR. JOHN C. BONNELL has been appointed adjutant general of the Nebraska militia. The B. & M. will be safe now. If that corporation should have any more "dump" troubles it will be so handy to have one of its own officers in charge of the militia.

We wonder if the private secretary of Governor Dawes has contributed to the Republican's five cent fund? If not, he should by all means forward a five cent postage stamp.

The editor of a democratic paper has been brutally assaulted by a justice of the peace. This is what we call "offensive partisanship."

The principal occupation of the general, railway, freight, and passenger offices nowadays seems to be in attending pool

him as an ex-confederate who did his bushwhacking from behind the editorial columns of the Lincoln Journal. There is as much difference between a rebel bushwhacker and an "ex-confed" firing away from behind the ambush of a republican newspaper as there is between a chestnut horse and a horse chestnut. Mr. J. D. Calhoun, to whom we referred, is a native of the south who served in the confederate army, and has never made any secret of it. Although associate editor of a republican paper he is a democrat, and when he is not too bitter we take his satire in good part because it is generally known and understood that his democratic blunderbuss, when loaded to the muzzle with republican ammunition, only kicks back and hurts most at the breach. Hence the point he made about the alleged libel is not well taken.

HOFFMAN'S PROMOTION.

It is announced that Governor Dawes has appointed to the position of assistant adjutant-general his notorious private secretary, J. M. Hoffman. This appointment shows how utterly careless Governor Dawes is of his own reputation and how devoid he is of the great responsibility resting upon his shoulders as chief executive of a great commonwealth. His latest action with reference to Hoffman more than ever confirms the suspicion that there is a powerful link binding the two together, which Governor Dawes dares not break. There was at the time of the shooting affray in the state treasurer's office some very mysterious connection between the governor, his private secretary, and the detectives who concocted the job and shot down the wooden-legged man whom they had involved in the attempt to rob the state treasury. It was mainly because our knowledge of Hoffman's previous history created the impression that he must in some way have been connected with this crooked piece of business that we gave publicity to his record. No denial has ever been made except in the shape of a brief editorial in the Lincoln Journal, which ridiculed the idea that any charge made by the Bee against any public official could possibly have a substantial foundation.

The reduction of tax in Fremont this year amounts to nearly thirty mills. Myriads of ground squirrels are ravaging crops of the White river country. Creighton is passing around the hat for funds to build a \$10,000 grist mill. Otoe City is promised a branch of the Burlington & Missouri from Ulysses. The editor of the Seward Democrat has ordered a patent outside for his bread basket. The corner stone of the First Methodist Episcopal church of York will be laid on the 1st instant.

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Lightning struck the city hall in St. Helena Monday night, demolishing the chimney and roof.

The site chosen by the postoffice building in North Creek is a strip of ground 12x14 on the corner of Elm and One streets.

An old lady 70 years of age, separated from her home near Hanover a few days ago and was found a few hours afterward in a slough and dead.

A Wilber beast in human shape is in jail for incest. The daughter gave birth to a child, and the father and his wife buried the infant alive.

The cheese factory recently established at Brainerd, Saunders county, is proving a great success.

Neligh will vote Wednesday on the proposition to build a \$6,500 bond to build a school. The bonds are to run ten years and bear 7 per cent interest.

Fred Reaves, 16 years old, in attempting to jump a gravel train at Burnett Tuesday, slipped and was run over by seven cars, being literally cut to pieces.

W. H. Parker, a heavy cattle dealer and owner, is reported to have sold his interest in the Carlson and Parker herd to J. H. Bosier, of Carlson, Peoria.

Nobrasa has a band called the Dudes, who call themselves the first free open air entertainment in the country. They are now cautioning the authorities not to let it occur again.

Maurice O'Rourke, the great navigator of Plattesmouth, is busily engaged floating schooners over the bar. Navigation and irrigation dovetail in the Cass metropolis.

The regulation tax in Nebraska City is 27 mills on the dollar, and every able-bodied man between the ages of 21 and 59, is required to do two days labor or give its equivalent in cash.

Plattesmouth has concluded to pay the high school bonds and a proposition has been submitted to the voters to fund the pension to permanent bonds by issuing bonds bearing six and a half per cent.

During a heavy storm at Colby last week lightning struck the house of H. Judson, doing no injury to any of the family with the exception of the 5-year-old daughter, who was made deaf by the shock.

A proclamation for a special election in Custer county, on the 39th inst., to decide whether or not the people wish to repeat the herd law passed at the last session of the legislature has been issued.

The state auditor has refused to register the bonds voted by the Fullerton school district, on the ground that it was unlawful to cut the levy of 1885 as a basis of voting bonds, until the board of equalization had adjusted the assessment of 1885.

A blind tramp named Winters was struck and killed by a locomotive on the Missouri Pacific near Weeping Water on Wednesday. The body was taken to a boy a cross a high trestle, when he was thrown to the bottom of the ravine sixty feet below.

The Johnson County Journal is after the scalp of A. W. Griffen, chief of the mail service of this state, on the "offensive partisan" dodge. It charges him with the great crime of recommending republicans as worthy of railroad passes, while democrats must pay full fare or check ties.

A runaway team in Grand Island jumped over a fence. Mrs. Ahern, who was debarred to get out of their way. When Mr. Ahern was extricated from the wreck he was unconscious, the back of his skull was crushed and he died on the night of the 9th. The unfortunate man farmed six miles from town and leaves a wife and two children.

Chief Cleland, of the Fremont fire department, was presented with a \$45 trumpet last Friday. It was given to him by the members of the department.

Beautiful designs are engraved upon it, among them being hooks and ladders and a steam engine. It bears the inscription, "To our Chief, John C. Cleland, from Fremont Neb., Fire Department, June 10th, 1885."

The venerable and venerated bachelor, Dick Thompson, has pulled his prop at Hastings, taken to himself a helpless and settled in the quiet town of Hastings, where he is considered a good neighbor.

Cook, Dick's helpmate, is R. B. Walquist, and the tie that binds them is the Mockto Democrat, the first issue of which has just reached their headquarters. It is a facsimile of the Adams County Democrat, and a nearer, newer weekly cannot be found outside the metropolis.

How Nixon and the Lincoln Land company contracted with the commissioners of Nemaha county to erect a building to be used for a court house, and which is to be completed by August 1st. The building will be 40x40, with a lean-to 40x14, and with the exception of the addition will be two stories high. The building will be situated on the county for \$50 per month for a term of five years, with the privilege of continuing five years more at the option of the county.

Crop reports from points in northeastern Nebraska to the Sioux City Journal show that up to the 6th there had been no rain; the fields, excepting low bottoms, have dried off, and the farms are in the corn belt brown and dry as dust. The weather is consistently in the winds, but with continued dry weather the winds will be overtaken. On very low bottom the corn is hopelessly drowned out, but this low bottom constitutes but a small per cent of the total acreage. On medium low land the stand is not good in many fields,

but the replanting has been finished. The corn crop may be rated as a little above the average in condition and an average as to stand. Only good weather is needed now, weather that will allow the farmers to keep the cultivators busy.

The corn crop is small grain excepting that the waste is not good, if so good. This applies to wheat, oats, flax, rye and barley. There is, as far as can be learned, no exemption to this sweeping and satisfactory statement about the grain.

COL. SAFF has been heard from on probation in Iowa. He pronounces the experiment a dead failure. Probably the colonel is familiar with the back doors of the Council Bluffs refreshment bureau.

Boss BOYD has been heard from. It will be a cold day when Bierbower becomes a left bower.

WHAT the Nebraska railroad commission doesn't know about railroading would fill several volumes.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Crete City is assessed at \$320,473. The tax levy of Columbus is ten mills on the dollar.

The adventists are holding a camp meeting at Norfolk.

Wolf scull command \$2.00 apiece in Wayne county.

The aggregate assessment of Dakota county this year is \$80,000.

The assessed valuation of the precinct of Fremont is \$60,610.

The Sutton high school will turn out seven graduates next Thursday.

A base ball tournament will be held at Hastings July 1, 2, 3 and 4.

A \$10,000 band building is one of the improvements proposed at Sutton.

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