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THE Iowa legislature is still in session. but the people of the Hawkeye state are getting a good deal for their money in one way and another.

SECRETARY MANNING is no better, but Mr. Vilas continues in good health, as the numerous changes in the postofflee department clearly show.

A FACTORY which numerous citizens of Omaha would contribute liberally towards just at the present time is a factory for manufacturing voters.

DEMOCRATIC primaries occur to-day but the great democratic has not said one word about them up to the present time. The bosses are playing "pos-

"Gould won't treat," exclaims an exchange in glaring capitals. Well, there is nothing surprising in that. Gould generally makes some one else stand treat and pay the bills.

Kansas City continues to keep its eye on Omaha. It is admitted by the Kansas City Times that Omaha is a thriving town and is entitled to congratulations on her progress,

THE season of floods has begun and reports of rising rivers are now coming in. The Missouri will probably get in its work at this point in a few days, as a big body of water is now on its way

THE Hancock fund is a success. Subscriptions have amounted to \$50,000. In addition Mrs. Hancock is to have a pension of \$2,000 a year from the government. This is a pension which the nation will never grudge.

LABOR and capital ought to go hand in hand. Artificial obstructions to such progress must be removed. Capital cannot oppress labor without injuring itseif, and labor in turn cannot antagonize capital without loss and damage to its own interests.

THE wonderful growth of American manufactures is shown in nearly every branch, but particularly so in carpets. than twenty-five years ago we im-.ted nearly all our carpets, but to-day the manufacture of carpets in Philadel-

phia and vicinity exceeds the total pro-

AFTER many hitches and delays the great railroad magnates have decided to end the strike by consenting to submit the questions at issue to arbitration. This is a strong point gained by organized labor. It is the point over which the chief struggle has been for the past two weeks. Now that it has been secured the strike should promptly terminate.

THE BEE is daily in receipt of a num ber of communications from the western part of the state all of which speak in glowing terms of the rush of immigration into the frontier counties, and of the bright prospects for prosperity in the heretofore thinly settled portions of Ne braska. The north, south and central part of the state seem to be sharing impartially in the boom which will add my thousands to Nebraska's farming ore winter comes. What

bumber of new which come of their ans. A large proreached their labor. They have sold lands elsewhere and are provided with sufficient funds to make improvements and carry themselves over the first year, which is always the hardest in a new country. With the rapid extension of railroad lines through the state the cost of living on the frontier is reduced to a figure much below what it has been for several years. The distance to the markets is made less and the cost of transporting household goods and provisions is correspondingly smaller. There are now few portions of Nebraska a hundred miles from a railroad, and five years from now the settlements fifty miles from the iron horse will be still

UNTIL very recently Indians upon the reservations could not be tried or punhed for crimes in the United States courts. All such offenders were amenable only to the tribal authorities, and the punishments inflicted were of the most trifling character. It will be remembered that when Crow Dog killed Spotted Tail he was arraigned, tried and convicted by the United States court in Dakota, but was set at liberty by the supreme court on the ground of want of jurisdiction. Congress at its last session, however, framed a law extending the jurisdiction of United States courts, and under this law Little Moon, a full blooded Sioux Indian, was sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment in the penitentiary for assault with intent to kill. The crime was committed at Pine Ridge agency and Agent McGillieuddy was instrumental in having the case pushed to trial. The case is of historic interest as the first on record where an Indian was tried, convicted and sentenced in a white man's court for an offense committed on an | Holly system for years. We have had Indian reservation and against the person of another Indian. Agent Mc-Gillieuddy believes that the effect of this decirion upon the Indians will be very beneficial. Before the law was

zere committed without any fear sequences. Now the Indians hat crime means imprison. ath. The result will certainly

ad, theft, murder and outlawry of all

An Impertinent Reprimand. In approving a paving contract, Mayor

Boyd took occasion to inject a severe reprimand to the council for allowing an overlap in the last letting of contracts for paying during his absence. This, to say the least, is a decided piece of discourtesy. The council is a co-ordinate branch of city government. The councilmen are not subordinate to the mayor in any sense. If they violate the provisions of the charter they are responsible personally, not to the mayor, but to their sovereigns, the people. If they voted an overlap, they and their bondsmen are responsible. There are occasions when it is the duty of the mayor to call attention to an attempt to override the charter. That is when the council has passed an illegal ordinance or an appropriation not authorized by law. The mayor may then review the action of the council by his veto message and give his reasons for refusing to approve the bill. But when, as in this case, the act of the council has been approved, the contract signed and delivered, the mayor goes out of his way in calling the council to account for its conduct.

Granting that Mayor Boyd is right, and that an over-lap has been created, who is to blame for it? The contracts are drawn up by the board of public works, and it is the duty of the board to keep itself informed of the funds available for purposes of public improvement. It is not expected that every councilman will keep a running account with the city auditor. The board was created for the purpose of supervising such matters, and the lecture should have been addressed to it. The members of the board are his subordinates, appointed by him and subject to his orders. The legislature is not the servant of the executive, but his equal and in fact his superior. It may review his conduct and cause his removal, but the executive cannot impeach a legislature. Suppose the council should retaliate and reprimand the mayor for sending in the names of men who were incompetent or unfit. He would very promptly resent it as impertinent. So far as the overlap is concerned, of course it is wrong and should not be permitted. But the contract itself leaves it optional with the city to stop paying, when the work done exhausts the paving fund, so that no great harm can come in the end.

Geronimo's Escape. The news of the surrender of Geronimo with twanty nine bucks and some fifty squaws is now supplemented by dispatches announcing his escape with all but nine of his fighting men, while the band under Lieutenant Maus were on their way to Fort Bowie, Arizona, where they had been preceded by General Crook. This is bad news for the friends of Crook. It seems to postpone indefinitely the close of the Apache campaign which all had supposed was ended. It comes at the very moment when the war department was preparing to congratulate the veteran Indian fighter upon the crowning success of a wearisome search for the hostiles and when the results of Crawford's march into the fast nesses of the Sonora mountains had shown themselves in the surrender of every Chiricahaua who was off the reservation of San Carlos. How the Indians succeeded in giving Lieut. Maus the slip s not told in the dispatches and criticism would not be fair until the facts are fully known. If there was carelessness the guilty parties should be punished and Gen. Crook, who will sufter most from the unfortunate event, may be depended

upon to ferret out the facts to the bottom. Geronimo's escape will certainly postpone, for some time to come, the transfer of Crook from Arizona to another command. The Apache war is not yet over. Geronimo once more at large with his warriors, leaving his old squaws on the American side, and no doubt with well filled cartridge pouches will continue to menace the peace of the border until a hemp necklace or stout irons ornament his person. Crook's work, which all thought finished, has begun afresh.

The Waterworks Company. The report of Fire Chief Butler and the debate at the last meeting of the council about the water service bring up the question whether the waterworks company has complied with its charter obligations. Those who remember the contest over the waterworks franchise will recall the salient points that arrayed the great mass of our citizens against the Holly swindle. First and foremost the people insisted that the water supply should come by gravitation from reser voirs, and not by direct preesure. It was truthfully charged that direct pressure and pumping from the settling basins would give us muddy water and make constant trouble in the plumbing. On the other hand gravitation would give a steady and moderate pressure while the water would be clear. In the next place the Holly plant, as proposed, was too contracted. The service pipes and mains were very small, and would, if laid, have soon been found inadequate to the wants of a growing city like Omaha. Five years have clapsed since the pres

ent company obtained its charter. The city has doubled in population, and the water consumption is way beyond any estimate made at the time the works were begun. Instead of 200 hydrants at an annual tax of about \$19,000 the city is now paying \$31,598 a year for 439 hydrants. This hydrant tax alone is equal to 6 per cent on over \$500,000. Surely the waterworks company with such a revenue ought to give Omaha what she is entitled to under her original charter without quibble. The city has been very lenient because the company has been compelled to enlarge its works and to extend its lines very rapidly. But it seems to us that the time has come when the company should be given to understand that the direct pressure system with only one main to the storage reservoir is not satisfactory and cannot be accepted as a compliance with the contract that forms its franchise. It is a matter of fact that we have had all the ills of the direct pressure right along and thousands of dollars have been paid for repairs to plumbing that the reservoir supply system would have saved to the community. The water is seldom clear, and when the river is high is very muddy. If it is true, as charged, that four-inch mains are being laid where six-inch mains are required under the ordinance, the company should be ordered to replace them with

pipes of proper size. There must be a

a matter of safety, but for the purpose of avoiding direct pressure through the entire system while water is being pumped from the settling basins on the river bottom to the reservoir near Walnut

There is no ill feeling on our part owards the company, nor is there any desire to stir up a raid upon it. The officers and owners of the company must realize that their contract with the city has never been complied with up to this time. If the owners had been nonresidents they would not have fared so

Fire Insurance in omaha The fire insurance rates in Omaha are altogether too high. They are as highor nearly so-as they were before we had waterworks. When the waterworks were in course of construction we were assured by the insurance agents that upon their completion the rates would be materially reduced, but nothing of the kind has been done. We have an admirable system of waterworks, affording the very best protection from fire. There are now 439 fire hydrants. Besides the fire department is in excellent condition. According to the annual report of Chief Butler, during the five years since the establishment of waterworks. although the population has doubled and the number of fire alarms has increased during that period, the losses by fire are less than those of the five years preceding 1881 by the sum of \$623,171.84. This is a remarkable showing, and is conclusive proof that the insurance companies can well afford to reduce their rates. Chief Butler makes the statement-and he is probably correct-that our business men are carrying at least 40 per cent more insurance than they ought to, and that they are paying premiums to the amount of \$202,793.86. This sum is almost equal to the tax levied in the city of Omaha, and 75 per cent of it goes to foreign insurance companies. In view of all these facts, the fire insurance rates in Omaha are simply outrageous. It is high time that the companies make a reduction.

Now that the great strike is practically

ended those who were concerned in it will begin to ask who were responsible for its commencement and for its long continuance. The Knights of Labor obeyed orders promptly. They struck upon the commands of their superiors. Whether the condition of affairs was as to demand a general walk-out before arbitration, the great principle of the order, had been tried is a question which will be put by many of the sufferers. There are those in the Knights of Labor who believe and do not hesitate to say that if the cool-headed Powderly had been the leader of the local organizations there would have never been such an enormous loss of time and wages. The differences would have been brought before the railway managers, and at least discussed, before the final resort of war was put into effect. Mr. Irons is by no means as able a leader as the master workman of the Knights of Labor, but he has probably learned something from the present trouble. Arbitration, or the attempt to arbitrate, should precede a strike. To strike first, and to arbitrate afterwards, is to put the cart before the horse. But however this may be, the steady refusal on the part of the railroad managers during the past two weeks to give their striking employes a hearing cannot be defended. They needlessly protracted the struggle to save official lignity. The trouble could have been ended long ago if Mr. Hoxie had been willing to yield a point to men who felt that they had a genuine grievance to lay before him. The result is more or less a compromise in which the strikers gain a hearing and railroads an opportunity to resume traffic.

THE Herald announces with a grand flourish of trumpets that it is about to flood its columns with special dispatches and proposes to distance all competitors in the matter of enterprise. There is no doubt that the Herald has been very much improved of late, but it is too much given to boasting about its efforts to keep up with the procession. As a matter of fact this offer of the Herald's so-called specials, which are nothing more nor less than the regular report of the United Press association, was declined by the BEE months ago. Outside of the associated press report, which we are obliged to have as a basis for news, we have no use for syndicated news any more than we have for patent insides. Our special dispatches are made up for the BEE exclusively, by special reporters at important news centers. They are in no case a rehash of the press association news, and therefore make our specials a valuable as well as a costly feature. For all that we rejoice in the excellence of our contemporaries. In the race for popular favor and patronage we prefer to be pitted against the best. Of course it is unneccessary to say that the BEE will continue n the lead with the best, and it is not

likely to be distanced for some years to If a few short-sighted objectors are allowed to obstruct the proposed grade for Leavenworth street, it will not only be a great and permanent injury to that thoroughfare, but will be a positive calamity to the city. The need of a desirable approach from the country for the southwestern portion of the city is every day becoming more manifest. The present is the time to make Leavenworth street what it ought to be, and what by reason of its length and location it is capable of becoming. The improvements along the street are not yet of such character or extent as to prevent the estab! lishment of a radical grade, and changes which now will occasion no damages, or for which waivers can be secured, will be impossible as soon as permanent improvements, now being contemplated, are made.

The exposition promenade concert was musical and financial success. The arge attendance was an assurance from he people of Omaha that they appreciate the enterprise of the exposition company. It is to be hoped that such popular entertainments as the one of last evening will be given at frequent inter-

Young Mahone has been fined \$100 by Washington judge for shooting at a colored man. The light punishment was no doubt due to the fact that Mahone was too drunk to hit his mark, and therefore his offense was deemed a simple assault.

second main to the reservoir not only as There's nothing like being the drunken son of a United States senator.

GERONIMO, who had surrendered, with drew the capitulation and made his escape. He is as slippery as Jay Gould. Now you see him and now you don't.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gen. Crook upon the surrender of Geronimo were a little

We have no candidates to foist upon the city, but we want a good city council.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Henry Cabot Lodge will try again to get elected to congress in the Sixth Massachusetts The Alabama prohibitionists threaten to

derange the politics of that state by nominating a general ticket. The Richmond State says the disappointed

office seekers have become the worst enemies of the administration, and it calls them Mayor Smith of Philadelphia has requested the resignation of the fire marshal and sever-

al police lieutenants because they are lukewarm political workers. Mr. Dalton, a member of the Ohio legislature, is famous now because he said, elo-

quently, "Mr. Speaker, I refuse to bring them there returns into this house. President Cleveland only escaped a nomination for congress in 1870 by the action of

the republicans in nominating his personal friend, L. K. Bass, against whom he declined to enter the lists. A correspondent says that the senate foreign affairs committee hesitates to confirm the appointment of Warren Green of Ken-

tucky as consul to Kanagawa, Japan, because he is accused of trying to open a jackpot with a pair of deuces in a game with some distinguished Japs. State Senator Henry R. Low, of New York, who aspires to become governor of that state, works a large farm and manages the sales of the product. He is a thin, spare

look like a man in vigorous health. He wears side whiskers. St. Louis Republican: Roscoe Conkling was appointed district attorney of Oncida county six months before he was 21 years old. The appointment was a surprise, but he accepted it with a presence of mind that never deserted him till the day he resigned from the

man, with a womanish face, and does not

Paying the Penalty.

United States senate.

Philadelphia Record. Secretary Manning enforced the eight-hour plan of labor for others, but not for himself. He is paying the penalty.

The Man in an Emergency. St. Louis Republican. T. V. Powderly is one of the men whom

great emergencies always discover. Such discoveries come high but they are very satisfactory when we make them What Susan Says.

Susan B. Anthony is in favor of high neck

and long-sleeve dresses. But Susan should not allow considerations of a personal character to affect her judgment on a great and

Art and Patriotism. Macon Telegraph. Patriotism must be at a low ebb and art at high tide in New York when the Grant mon-ument fund stalls at \$103,000, and folks go out and buy \$850,000 worth of vases and pic-

tures in three days. Living Greece No More.

Philadelphia Record. The childish occupation in which Greece indulges of cailing out its reserves weekly and then calling them in again brings to mind Byron's lament: "'Tis Greece, but living

> Overthrow at Hand. New York Journal

Carlyle's one-man power has received extraordinary exemplification in the present age. Jay Gould has been the ruling spirit of a mighty system for so long a time that he will hate to yield up his sceptre. But it must come. The power of the many is too much for one. Number one must go.

A Golden Opportunity.

San Francisco Wasp.
"Why aunt," said a blooming young lady to her ancient spinister relative, as they stood waiting on the corner, "you really don't mean to get on that crowded car, do you?" "That's just what I have been waiting for." replied the antique, grimly; "it's all very well for you young girls to talk, but when I get a chance to sit on a man's lap I ain't going to waste it."

Shakspeare vs. Bacon. R. Howley.

Shalt thou—alone who swept the strings Of Lyre that never lied to nature—
Alone who wore, with Sappho's wings, Appollo's grace and Atlas' stature—
Shalt the string lied of the stature— Shalt thou lie low—bereft of fame, Thy tomb defiled, thy shrine forsaken? Shall the proud perfume of thy name Be quenched in stench of moldy Bacon?

Shall we cast down thy pearls to swine And bid them wallow in thy roses?
And for that savour—made divine
By thee—find taint and trichinosis?
By Casar, Hamlet and the Moor
We swear thy throne shall not be shaken; No filthy fume, no cunning cure Shall conjure Shakspeare into Bacon.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. A direct telephone line from Nebraska City to Lincoln is talked of. The saloons of Sidney were thoroughly corked last Sunday for the first time in the history of the town.

The mayor of North Bend is paid in glory, sandwiched with a salary of \$5 per annum.

The reorganization of the Crete brass band has brought to the front a large number of high-toned tooters. A Tecumseh poet writes: "Stay your hand, young man, while yet you may." He forgets to inform us whether he stayed with it and won or was blodled out.

A Cuming county weather prophet without honor in his own country. prediction that spring was thirty days away secured him the hoots of the multi-tude, and he hunted his hole in a hurry. The B. & M. company has surveyed a oute for a branch line from Superior, in Nuckolls county, by way of Edgar, Geneva and Wilber, to Nebraska City. This is intended to cut off a good slice of the territory which the Rock Island will cover. Three hundred men and teams are at work on the grade between Superior and Geneva.

The commissioners of Dixon county have brought the Wakefield bank to time on the tax question. The bank refused to furnish a schedule of personal property for taxation, but the comm secured a copy of the report filed with the state auditor and assessed the bank to the full limit and scooped in \$600. Many farmers throughout the state

are complaining of the unfavorable weather for spring work. The fine weather of the first half of last week had brought the ground to a working condi-tion, but the snow storm of Saturday and Sunday stopped everything and virtually throws them back fully two weeks. Some seeding has been done, but only a

small fraction of the whole. A deer little chestnut comes bounding up from the wilds of southwestern Neaska. A prominent rural editor boastfully referred to his powess as a grack shot, and was persuaded to bac' his

boasts with a tenner, the condition being that he must kill a deer with a rifle, time unlimited. The wary shearsman started out with a snare and a gun, and on the second day entrapped the looked-for animal. To win the \$10 and ward off suspicion, he tied the animal to a tree, drew a bead on the beast's eye and blazed away. The bullet cut the rope and the deer bounded away to freedom. The editor returned to his sanctum

wiser and poorer man. The assertion made in these Jottings few days ago that a cargo of Jackson whisky sent an Indian to the happy hunting grounds, has been modified by later returns. It now appears that the and was so pronounced by a jury of squaw men, but the high medicine man of the tribe refused to be convinced, as he had been there himself and did not recover for sixty hours. So with an appeal to the Great Spirit, he danced around the bier a few times, drew a flask from the inner folds of his blanket, and poured a few drops on the buck's parched lips. The effect was magical. The buck buoyantly bounded out of his box and the funeral was indefinitely postponed.

Iowa Items. A ten days' Methodist revival in Clinton netted 200 converts.

Joe Berg, of Dubuque, claims to own the shears used by Andy Johnson before he took to politics

A Rock Rapids business man decorated funeral procession with his advertise ment, one day last week.

The school superintendents of fourteen southeastern counties will hold a convention in Fairfield, May 18-19. Muscatine is undergoing a series of landslides which moves houses and kitch-

en gardens out into the middle of the streets, and piles the streets all over the front yards. At Ottumwa, last week, Judge Traverse sentenced Martin Dooley to pay a fine of \$500 for contempt of court in refusing to

bey an injunction restraining him from selling liquor. In default of payment he is to serve 150 days in jail. H. M. Hoxie, vice president and general manager of the Missouri Pacific rail road, and who is now so strongly fighting

the strikers on that line, is a native lowan, and was brought up at Fairfield. He was well known on the road as Hut Hoxie. Robbie Rawlins, aged 8 years, living near Persia, Harrison county, while help-

ing his uncle grind corn, had his left hand caught in the grinder. The hand was torn off at the wrist, carrying with it all the muscles, nerves and blood vessels which were drawn from the forearm, The little fellow had the arm amputated at the elbow.

The general topic of conversation among the gossips of Calliope for the past week has been the divorce case to be called this week in the district court at Orange City, wherein Mrs. H. H. Rudd sues for a divorce and \$10,600 alimony. Her alleged grievance is inhuman treatment and some other matters of minor importance. A large number of wit-nesses have been subpensed, and the case will be stubbornly contested by both sides.

Dakota. Sioux Falls has 724 school children

enrolled: There are only 186 sections of vacant government land in Walworth county, comprising 119,040 acres.

Two twelve inch veins of coal have been discovered in a canyon twelve miles from Buffalo Gap. It is expected that thicker veins will be found when a shaft is sunk.

A ledge of carbonate of silver has been discovered in Dismal canyon, four miles from Buffalo Gap. An assay of the rock taken from the face of the ledge shows \$30 of silver to the ton. Samples have been sent to Omaha and Deadwood to be assaved.

John W. Hammond, living a few miles west of Elk Point, who recently had his pension increased to \$1,570, has, by the death of a relative, fallen heir to \$47,200 in cash, and four nice farms, lying near Garnavillo, Iowa. This appears to be Mr. Hammond's lucky year.

Wyoming. There are 718 stock brands on record in Albany county.

The Chinese riots at Rock Springs cost the government \$174.748. Ben Hogan is hurling hard shell gospel at the sinners of Laramie. The Catholics of Evanston and vicinity have started a fund to build a \$10,000 hos

pital. A stage line has been started between Chevenne and the Silver Crown mining

Tramps have pre-empted every vacant building in Cheyenne, and the police are arming to oust them.

The university commission has taken up quarters in Laramie and advertisements for plans and a site are out. W. A. Johnson and John Sharon o Green river, are the fortunate discoverers of a graphite lead. The vein is said

92 per cent graphite. The Seminoe mines give promise of rich returns this season. One vein of free milling gold is expected to turn out \$100,000. There is considerable mining activity in the Hahn Peak district.

to be twelve feet wide—and the mineral

A prize fight in the opera house in Ev anston one night last week was a physi-cal and financial fizzle. No blood was spilt, and hardly enough money was taken in to pay for sponging the bruis-

Fred Hagerman has been arrested and jailed in Cheyenne for doing a wholesale business in horse stealing. It is believed he has gathered up about fifty horses and branded them as his own Fred is pictured as a smart, shrewd and enter prising German, ambitious to get rich by the speediest methods.

The Cheyenne & Northwestern rail road surveyors have taken the field. They are in charge of T. A. Clark, late chief engineer of the Oregon Short The party will survey first to Silver Crown by the most feasible route, and from that point northward to Iron moun tam. The survey in the immediate vicin-ity of Cheyenne will be completed in time for the actual work to begin within ten days.

Colorado. Silver City's debt is \$150,000. A \$10,000 flour mill is proposed at Ala

The expenses of Arapahoe county for March amounted to \$15,940. Twenty seven buildings, valued at \$10,000, were destroyed by fire in Salida last

Settlers have been located, within the last week, on 4,560 acres of land near Akron. Sixteen families from Virginia will loate on Clear Forks, Delta county, this summer.

The will of the late Captain Clinton M. vler of Boulder, divides an estate worth \$150,000 among his children. The plasterers' union of Denver has re-solved on eight hours and \$3.00 for a day's work, beginning next Monday.

The population of Sterling and vicinity has been increased by the addition of about forty men, women and children vithin the last week. They have all some to stay.

Nearly all of the towns of any importance in the northern part of the state have organized boards of trade for the purpose of securing manufacturing or business enterprises for their re-

spective towns. Miss Jennie A. Cole, the Colorado thrush, whose voice has for years been

drowned in the sordid rush for lucre, has come out with a book of 291 pages of solid poetry. This "Heaven gifted child of song" leads the realistic school of western literature, and describes in tin horn harmony the boundless expanse of irrigated sand dunes, lofty mountains, beetling crags, dismal canyons, rushing cataracts, filtered sunshine, waving grass and prairie poesles, with here and a cacti stump and loco thistle, the volume closing with a luminous picture of an absent minded domestic who boiled her beans in the rich and russet folds of an old dishrag.

SHOES IN THE SHOW WINDOW.

The Way in Which an Omaha Shoe

Dealer Works Up His Trade. "This pair of shoes only \$3" was the plaeard which attracted the attention of a BEE reporter yesterday. The sign was placed just above an elegant pair of gaiters which were carefully encousced in the show window of a south side store. The shoes would have taken the eye of a dude at once, for they were built in the most approved style and had gaudy tops. The reporter entered the store and engaged the proprietor in conversation. Those are pretty good shoes for \$3,"

said the reporter. 'The best that can be made," was the response, "we lose money on every pair we sell. But," continued the dealer with a peculiar smile, "we don't sell very many." At this point a young man en-tered and asked for a pair of shoes like

the ones in the window.

"Very sorry," replied the dealer, "but those are the last pair we've got, and we must keep 'em for samples. I have sent to Chicago for a new supply, but I s'pose they won't be here for a week. Have

got some just as good though. The shoe dealer put on his most insinuating smile and in the blandest voice be gan to talk to his prospective customer. The result was that the young man walked out of the store with a pair of \$5 shoes under his arm.

"That's the part of the business that re quires skill," said the proprietor, as he weighed the five dollar gold piece in his hand. "You see," continued he, becom-ing confidential, "we place those shoes in window and mark them \$3. couldn't afford to sell 'em, however, for ess than \$5. A man comes by and is at tracted by the sign and thinks he's going to get a bargain. Even if he don't want to buy a pair just at that time, he'll remember the place and when he does want to purchase he'll come around Now if the clerks know their business it's all right and the man will go away think ing he has got just as good a bargain as if he had the shoes in the window, while in reality he has got the full worth of his money and no more. Sometimes we get stuck and have to sen a pair of \$5 shoes for \$3, but that don't happen often enough to make any difference. Sharp practice? Well, perhaps it is, but it's all straight. It's legitimate advertising. We don't cheat anybody. We just fool 'em, that's all," and the shoe dealer smiled contentedly as he saw one of his clerks, make a harms all the same and the same and the same all the s one of his clerks make a large sale to a party of women who had been examining als stock. The smile, however, changed to a ghastly grin as the young man to whom he had been talking bought a pair of the show window shoes for \$3 and

quietly walked off. "It's blamed hard luck," he muttered to his clerk as the door was about to close. "that a man can't keep his mouth shut when he ought to. If I'd kept quiet I could have fooled that fellow just like all the rest of 'em," and he sat down on a shoe box and communed with nature in

"Please Get Off the Track." An amusing incident occurred in the neighborhood of the smelting works a few days ago. The shop track in that vicinity is crowded with men going to and from their work after 6 o'clock, and trainmen are constantly worried by these who persist in walking on the track and pay little or no attention to whistles or bells. On the evening referred to, two engines, some distance apart, were making for the round house. A track-walker stepped out of the way of the first en gine but did not see the second, and started down the track in front of it. Engineer Kenney of the latter saw the man, but could not attract his attention with either whistle or bell. When within a few feet of him the engineer put on the brakes, got off the engine, ran up to the track-walker, and shouted, "Please get off the track; I want to get in the shop yard." The man suddenly wheeled round urned half a dozen colors, and bounded over the tracks like a jack-rabbit. engine reached the round house in safety

A Bad Candidate for the Council. OMAHA, March 31 .- [To the Editor.]-Of late I have heard a good deal of blame east upon the tax-payers for not electing good men at our city elections. I would like to say that the tax-payers are not always to blame for electing some bad men whom they do not know, until they have been tried. This is no excuse, however, for electing men whom they know to be oad men. There is a certain man in the Second ward, who has given in his name for councilman, who is a dangerous man in every respect. This man was well known, some years ago, as a practical "till tapper." The last drive he made was in the New York saloon, which was located where Hellman's stands. He was caught and given up to Thomas Sutton, who was then sheriff. would advise this man not to go any further in his attempt to get himself will be brought out in full, in connection with his past life. TAX PAYER SECOND WARD-

The Leavenworth Street Grade. In replying to the question of a reporter yesterday City Attorney Connell said, referring to the Leavenworth street grade:

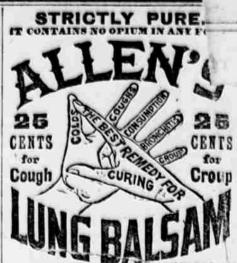
"No action was taken by the city coun cil at its last meeting regarding the change of grade on Leavenworth street, as the waiver of damages was not com-plete. With but few exceptions the property owners most affected by the pro-posed change of grade have signewaivers, and it is expected that a com-plete waiver from Sixteenth street to the city limits will soon be secured. As soon as action is taken by the city council a strong effort will be made to have the street graded.'

Carried Off the Dam.

Commissioners Corliss and O'Keefle re turned from Waterloo yesterday They report that the dam at that place has been almost entirely carried away by the freshet. The dam was 250 feet wide and it will cost the county about \$2,000 to replace it. At one time the town of Waterloo was flooded and people were going about in boats. The commissioners placed a small boat on the box of their wagon and used either wagon or boat as the occasion required. They state that the whole Platte valley is also flooded and that the water has probably done \$2,000 damage.

The Methodist Revival.

Rev.M.Bitter spoke to another crowded house at the First M. E. church on Dav enport street last night. His earnest manner and hearty methods of persons exhortation were none the less marked than on the two preceding evenings. A great revival is anticipated, not only in this church, but throughout the entire



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