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EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR has received a piece of the Cleveland wedding cake. Ours has not yet arrived.

The next time a murder or a burglary is committed in Omaha and the Bee prints the facts with the names of the criminals, the brilliant genius who edits the Herald in the absence of Dr. Miller will call upon the Bee to file written charges against the murderer or burglar in the courts, in order to give the case a legal status.

AND now there is a dispute between Mr. Blaine and the shorthand reporter of his Portland speech as to what he actually said about Lord Salisbury and the Irish problem. Mr. Blaine is busily trying to explain away his denunciation of Salisbury as "brutal," but the stenographer sticks to his report and insists that his notes are better than Mr. Blaine's memory.

In 1884 California's wheat crop exceeded 50,000,000 bushels. This year the estimates place it at 60,000,000. The bears have the deck in the wheat pit, and the days of dollar wheat seem a long time off. As a matter of fact, India and the Danube now regulate the price of wheat in the markets of the world with cheap labor to harvest the crop and cheap transportation to carry it from the field to the granary.

ALL the railroads of New York state are compelled by a law of 1885 to place automatic couplers on every new freight car. It is a pity that the great many intentions of the sort are not being carried out. The Central at East Albany the 10th inst., after which the railroad commissioners will recommend the best. There is a handsome fortune in store for the inventor who produces an automatic car coupler which will secure perfect safety combined with durability and cheapness.

WHEN the president returns to the White House he will have to take off his coat and make up for the lost time of the honeymoon. Secretary Lamont reports the accumulation of mail something fearful. Every office seeker has striven to bring his name before the attention of the chief executive by sending a dispatch congratulating the president upon his wedding. The presentistid up, caged and boxed, comprise everything from a copy of the civil service act to a British bulldog.

PATRIOTS who have been led to believe that the charges against Auditor Babcock have been proved by partially for Senator Paul, who has a grievance against Babcock, are very much mistaken. Our course with regard to Babcock springs from no personal or political motive. It is purely in the interest of good government, without regard to personal feeling or political effect. With Mr. Babcock as a man we have no unfriendly relations. With Auditor Babcock as a state officer we deal as we would with any other official who has stepped beyond the boundaries of the law, and proved himself unfit to guard the portals of the treasury. Mr. Paul has not sought to influence our action, and if he had attempted it he would have failed. As a matter of fact we do not take any more stock in Mr. Paul than we do in E. K. Valentine.

SENATOR VAN WYCK keeps adding to his record every day as a fearless defender of the rights of the producers of the west and an unsparing assailant of the wrongs perpetrated on the people by corporate monopolies. He is winning golden laurels of praise from such leading journals of the country as the New York Times, Chicago Tribune and Philadelphia Record for his brave light in the senate for such measures as his land grant forfeiture bill, and the railroad land tax bills, while his position upon all allied questions is consistent with his professions of devotion to the interests which he so ably represents. General Van Wyck is an able, intelligent and educated exponent of the best opinion of the country on topics of national as well as of local interest. His voice and vote are heard and felt in the discussion and settlement of issues which call to their feet the ablest debaters of the senate chamber, and the senator from Nebraska invariably holds his own against the best. The backers of the basswood statesman who are anxious to rattle around in the Van Wyck brogans are cordially invited to trot out their candidates for inspection. Senator Van Wyck's friends will not shrink comparison.

Should File Specific Charges.

The BEE states that its editor in person informed Governor Dawes of the derelictions and malfeasance of Auditor Babcock. There would, therefore, seem to be no reason why the same accountant should neglect to file charges in writing and thus give the matter a legal status. The Herald stands ready to second any movement to eject a dishonest official. It is, therefore, anxious to see the editor of the BEE get down to business and cease blustering.—Herald.

The BEE neither asks nor expects the Herald to second any effort it may make to dislodge dishonest public officials. Its course is in accord with the record which that paper has made in the past. Reform at the state capital will never be seconded by the Herald when it affects anybody who has warrants to issue for job printing or has authority to let the contracts for which that paper is a competitor. It is only when an official has lost his head that the Herald is willing to join in reforming his office, and that only when there is a possibility of making political capital out of it for the monopoly wing of the Nebraska democracy.

To get down to business. It is absurd to ask the editor of a paper to act as public informer in the courts or state capitals. The people here an attorney general to do this work. The people expect governors to supervise executive departments and to see to it that the laws are faithfully executed by each officer. When Nance was governor he did not wait for an editor to file written charges against Auditor Babcock in order to give the matter a legal status. When it came to his knowledge that Leitcke had failed to pay over the fees of his office into the state treasury as required by the constitution he suspended him by the neck, politically speaking, and the attorney general at once took steps to recover the money. Governor Sherman, of Iowa, last year suspended the auditor on charges of malfeasance, although no editor had filed a written complaint. Governor Dawes cannot plead the baby act in this instance. The charge that Babcock had violated the laws in retaining funds which he has no right to receive or handle and had signed warrants which he had no right to issue was made in the most widely circulated paper in the state over its editor's signature. If this charge was true the governor had only one thing to do and that was to suspend the delinquent official and designate a successor to take charge of the office. Anything less than that is shirking his sworn duty.

The facts stated by the editor of the BEE remain undoubted. The only excuse offered, comes through the court organ of Lincoln which has as its only mission the defense of jobbery and the division of political spoils. Its version of the auditor's misdeemeanor is decidedly gauzy. The auditor, we are told, has only done what others have done before him with regard to handling and retaining fees and he has a right to be a law unto himself with regard to issuing warrants on an appropriation authorized by the legislature.

It is hardly necessary to recall the fact that the supreme court has passed upon the right of a state officer to handle and retain fees. The decision of the court is of record and leaves no loophole for escape from the plain mandate that the fees must be paid into the treasury before any officer can perform an act for which fees are payable. Every officer but the auditor has complied with this order. The governor himself has obeyed it and he certainly will not dare to defend or excuse its violation.

It is preposterous to claim that the auditor has a right to issue warrants on a levy which is not yet made. In this case it was not simply issuing warrants on a fund for a specific appropriation limited in amount, but it was issued on the proceeds to be derived from an unknown quantity of state tax which depends upon the aggregate of the assessments. The legislature did not appropriate a given sum to be paid over to the contractor of the capitol building, but they have authorized the state to levy a half mill tax for two years in succession on the grand assessment roll of Nebraska. Now if the auditor had the right to issue \$200,000 in warrants on the prospective levy of 1886 he has the right to issue \$300,000 which, of course, would make an overlap and subject him to severe penalties. If the issue of \$200,000 is an unlawful act the issue of \$300,000 is an unlawful act in a more perfect sense. There is only one way to insure perfect safety in the management of state affairs, and that is to hold every officer strictly within the bounds of the law. It is the duty of the governor to enforce the laws and see that they are faithfully executed. In doing this he should know neither friend nor foe. From a party standpoint he is even more responsible and culpable. The dominant party is in honor bound to give the people honest government. It can only keep its skirts clean by enforcing a high standard of official integrity.

It must give occasion to its political enemies for charges of corruption, even at the sacrifice of public men which it has honored. This is the platform on which we have always stood as a republican newspaper, and it should be the platform from which the party fights and wins its battles.

Welcome Rains.

Four days of soaking rains in western Nebraska have once more driven the croakers to their holes. A week ago there was a chorus of predictions of drouth. Now settlers were frightened with the old story that range land could never be turned into farms and visitors were told that "claims could be bought for a song" before autumn lengthened into winter.

The tune has changed now. Growing crops which were drooping a week ago are now flourishing with a soil soaked with moisture, and breaking and planting are progressing throughout the whole section.

Reports show that the area of rains extended not only over the entire western part of this state, but also over Colorado and Eastern Wyoming. The rainfall this year is now brought up to the average of the three preceding for the spring months.

Nebraska is a great agricultural state. The welfare of her farmers is the prosperity of all other classes of her citizens. Every distributing center watches crop reports with scarcely less anxiety than mining camps scan the weekly bulletins of ore outputs. Fears of drouth, of rust, of impaired crops, exercise an unfavorable influence in all of our cities and towns. The reports of the

late rains are therefore good news not only in the farming regions west, but in the towns which they assist in maintaining.

There is to be no return to the great American desert this year at least. Croakers and prophets of evil can wager on that safely and surely.

Shifting the Responsibility.

The BEE will, if stens fall not, soon be throwing the responsibility for the attack on Auditor Babcock upon the shoulders of Senator Paul and thence upon his backer Valentine.—Herald.

Dr. Miller should have been consulted before this paragraph was written. That veteran reader of the BEE knows that this paper is not in the habit of shifting responsibility for its opinions upon any shoulders outside of its own editorial rooms. In this it differs somewhat from several of its esteemed contemporaries.

The charges made by the BEE against Auditor Babcock were the result of personal investigation by its editor. They were made over his own signature. And they still stand unchallenged.

Has or has not H. A. Babcock, in defiance of a constitutional provision and in disobedience of a decision rendered in the case of his predecessor by the supreme court, illegally collected and retained in his own possession several thousand dollars of money belonging to the state of Nebraska and which should have been covered into its treasury?

Did or did not Auditor Babcock, contrary to law, make an overdraft of many thousand dollars on the state treasury, drawn on a levy which, under law, was not available at the time and would not be for months to come?

These are the two simple and leading questions which the BEE put to the governor a week ago. They constitute our charges against the auditor. Will Governor Dawes give them a few moments of his valuable time?

Says the Herald.

"The BEE begins to talk stand-pipe for the city water works. Has the frequent visits to Nebraska of Mr. George Morgan, of Chicago, the great and only stand-pipe maker, had any potency in this connection?" We have never seen or heard of Mr. George Morgan, of Chicago, but if he is "the great and only stand-pipe maker," we have no doubt that he could promptly furnish required facilities for providing the exposed high portions of Omaha with the fire protection demanded by the residents. Stand-pipe distribution is suggested as the most feasible, but any other plan which will give a safe and steady pressure above the roof tops, cresting Omaha's hills, will be gratefully appreciated.

SECRETARY LAMAR and Commissioner Sparks have decided that while congress is in session the land office has no power to suspend the operation of national statutes. Accordingly the order of June 2d has been revoked. Secretary Lamar evidently misses Attorney Jenks, who acted as a brake on the eighty-horsepower engine which is doing powerful work in the office of the general land commissioners. Land entries will therefore continue to be made until congress repeals or amends the existing laws.

WHEN the BEE suggested that Omaha should combine petty with business and secure Sam Jones for a fair attraction, it had no idea that it would stir up such a hornets' nest in the newspaper sanctums of the city. Even the clergymen of Omaha have taken sides on the issue of Jones or no Jones and are debating the question with a vigor which is most praiseworthy for the heated term. Sam Jones is high-priced, but business men elsewhere believe that he is full value for the money.

MR. EUCLID MARTIN'S absence from the city gave the opportunity of a life time to the chief of the "backing house" faction of the democracy. We imagine that Mr. Martin will have several remarks to make in reply to the Herald's attack when he brushes the dust of a long journey off his jeans.

THE BEE leads the newspaper procession in this section of the west. See the circulation affidavit at the head of this page. We are still waiting for our respected contemporaries to follow suit.

MR. SIMPSON, the ex-treasurer of Otoe county, who was arrested in this city for a \$50,000 shortage, should have gone to Canada instead of coming to Omaha.

DR. SUNDERLAND, the gentleman who tied the knot at the white house wedding, says that Cleveland is an earnest Christian. Good for Cleveland!

WHEN Miss Folsom was homebound bound on the rolling deer she wrote a little story. Her next literary effort will probably be a big book.

In case Mr. Blaine is nominated for the presidency in 1892 he will not get the English vote.

THE Herald says Gardner must go. It seems that we have heard that before.

SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

Senator Fair of California sent fifteen boxes of cut flowers to be placed on Grant's tomb.

Senator Logan has promised to attend the Grand Army reunion in San Francisco next August.

Senator Fair is said to be tired of public life, and ex-Senator Stewart is bent on capturing his seat.

It is thought that "Objector" Holman will be renominated for congress at Greensburg, Ind., on the 16th inst.

There is no doubt that Congressman Davis of Massachusetts is squarely in the field for Senator Dawes' seat.

It is stated that Mr. Hearst, California's new senator, addressed the president at their first meeting as "my dear young man."

Senator Morrill amends Senator Platt's open executive session resolution by applying to it reciprocity treaties instead of nominations.

Representative McKinley, of Ohio, is alleged to be being in his personal appearance a counterfeit presentation of the first Napoleon.

The average weight of the United States senators now in Washington is 175 pounds, though it would take twenty Malones to make a ton.

Senator Ince has written an article for the North American Review presenting his views in favor of changing inauguration day from March 4 to April 22.

Senator Hale has introduced a bill making the impeding or obstruction of railroads except by legal process, a crime punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Senator McPherson, of New Jersey, is a

tall, thin-faced man with a Roman nose, overhanging brows, heavy iron-gray mustache, with a tinge of silver in it.

Senator Edmunds was appointed in 1865 to succeed Senator Foote, deceased. The appointment was first offered to ex-Governor Smith, who declined it, and is now talked of as Mr. Edmunds' most formidable opponent for the next term.

Congressman Cobb, now serving his fifth term from Indiana, will not be returned. He is one of the handsomest men in the house, and is chairman of the committee on public lands. His districts complained that he did not do enough about their interests.

Mr. Brown, one of the Georgia senators, used to be the best shot with a squirrel rifle in the south. His father would give him twelve bullets and tell him to bring in twelve squirrels. "And mind ye," the old man would add, "let the holes ye through their farnal hearts." Once Robert Toombs challenged Brown to fight a duel, and besought the latter to name the weapons. "Squirrel rifles," said Brown to the second who bore the message. But nothing further was heard from Toombs.

Not So Numerous as They Were.

The number of Miss Folsom's uncles shrank wonderfully when the wedding invitations were issued.

Killed, and Ought to Be Buried.

The plain fact is that the administration has killed the civil service act and Mr. Randall wants to have the corpse buried.

No Fear of Their Return.

In case of war with Canada it is to be hoped that the patriotism of the American colony at Montreal will prevent them from returning home.

Prohibition and High License.

We believe the prohibitionists will be wholly wrong in their theory, and that high license is the correct and rational solution of the liquor question.

No Show for anybody Else.

Now that Logan has written a book and an arbitration bill, too, it is hard to see how anybody else can have the nerve to ask for the presidential nomination.

A Dandy Newspaper Man.

Mike Sheridan was something of a newspaper man in his day, but he was small potatoes as compared with Dan Lamont. If Mr. Sheridan is not a double-dyed knave, Ben Folsom on that European tour and stick to Dan.

They Want to Make a Comparison.

The park commissioners of New York city want to spend \$5,000 for a big rhinoceros. The object probably is to show their constituents that there are more "ornery" looking creatures in the world than Gotham politicians.

A Seasonable Hint.

Eleven Saratogaunks, containing the outfit of the white house bride, suggest the fact that if the wives and daughters of the Jacksonians intend to cut much of a figure during the next social season, the time to hire dressmakers has arrived.

When the Circus Cam to Town.

You kin talk of your circus nowadays, An' your railroad show nowadays, An' the wonderful things the riders do, An' your managers gittin' rich, An' if tetches a tender eye, an' sometimes A few stars twinklin' down, As I think o' home and the village green, When the circus cum to town.

I remember well how we'd scamper out Long after the break o' day, An' how one o' your circus riders' pail An' 'olther a bunch of hay, An' 'with curvin' water an' feedin' 'em 'thay An' how they'd get us to get up, We'd stand by the side o' the road, When the circus cum to town.

An' I can't forget how my heart'd thump At the sudden train we'd drive in line As we stood an' watched 'em drive in line An' how they'd get us to get up, An' I think how we'd all fall in behind An' 'oller 'em all around.

I kin see them rings on the village green, With the sawdust 'round 'em, An' the house on the top o' the elephant's back, An' the shirk o' the striped clown, An' the crowd o' the circus cum to town.

An' after the show was done we'd stan' Aroun' where the lueckers baw, An' in silence gaze with hungry eyes An' how they'd get us to get up, These things come back in 'em ain't noise A trivin' to keep 'em down, Why, I never thought o' doin' thefores An' the circus cum to town.

A Match Story.

The largest match factory in the United States, situated at Akron, Ohio, turns out 57,000,000 matches in one day when run to its full capacity. That enormous production gives one match to every man, woman and child in the country and is very far from supplying the total consumption of the people, every one of whom is just now deeply interested in the result of the presidential match-making, at Washington. Things in this particular are very different from what they were in the days which our older readers well remember. One needs not to be very far advanced in years to recollect the tinder-box, with its accompaniment of flint and steel, which together formed about the only means known for literally striking a light. A match, as we still more antiquated one of rubbing sticks together or the use of the burning-glass. The brimstone match was then the only kind known, unless that one might occasionally see a phosphorus torch exhibited as a scientific curiosity. And these brimstone days separated nights that could be artificially lighted up only by the tallow dip or the oil lamp. No gas, much less electric light, to turn the night into day and superannuate the scripture injunction to "Work while it is day, because the night cometh when no man can work." The match was then a something which was a word of, but so much on account of its danger as because it cost money even when the householder bought his brimstone at the store, cut new senator, addressed the president at their first meeting as "my dear young man."

A Labor Agitator Locked Up.

MILWAUKEE, June 5.—Robert Schilling, the labor agitator, returned from Cleveland last night, and presented himself at the sheriff's office for arrest this morning, saying he understood he was wanted under an indictment for two cases where he had been locked up.

Hoffman's Vindication.

On my return from Chicago Saturday night my attention was called to the following semi-editorial article which appeared in the Lincoln Journal on Thursday:

For a year or so the Hon. E. Rosewater has been assuring the public through the Bee, which has a large circulation, and through his mouth which has a circulation both larger and louder, that when the case of J. M. Hoffman against him for libel came up he would make Hoffman wish he had never been born. He would show that Hoffman did steal that horse as alleged beyond any possible question. All he wanted was a chance. He was hot with impetuosity to get into court with his witnesses and depositions. He could hardly restrain himself to wait for the regular term of court. Hoffman was a villain who ought to be exposed to the public, and when the trial of the case came on Mr. Rosewater would present an act of extirpation on Hoffman that would disfigure the face of the dragon. Time moved as slow to Mr. Rosewater as to a groom expectant.

The case was reached on the court docket yesterday. The plaintiff was ready and eager. The counsel for Mr. Rosewater pleaded the most trifling technicality and sent the case over to the next term of court. Notwithstanding had ransacked the country from Chadron to Little Rock, and published columns of depositions in the Bee. Rosewater slunk out of the encounter like a double-dyed poltroon. The case will never come to trial. At the next term of court some other dodge will be suggested, and so it will go on until the affidavits will serve their turn, witnesses will be sick, die or remove from the state, all the tedious and costly delays so intricately interwoven with the alleged structure of law will be interposed, and the slandering will go unpunished so long as he can pay for expedients.

And this is the arrogant fellow who only hungers for a chance to prove what he had printed. Bah! he is only a cowardly and evasive liar, who would thrust a poisoned barb into an innocent and unsuspecting victim and then flee from the consequences like a sheep-killing dog. He would not be so cowardly if he had a moral aversion but that he inhabits a moral abyss over which contempt floats like a balloon.

This, I take it, is intended to vindicate John Milton Hoffman and justify Governor Dawes in continuing Hoffman in the confidential position of private secretary. The reflections upon my moral and physical courage will hardly set Mr. Hoffman right in the esteem of the public. Mr. Hoffman's champion, who regards such epithets as "double-dyed poltroon," "liar" and "coward," is a miserable Hessian from Alabama, who sought to destroy his country, and having failed, has hired himself to a politician to shoot a poisoned barb at honest democrats and decent republicans, who do not consort with rogues, thieves, political highwaymen and purveyors of the state treasury. We are tabbing his own party for mere gain, this cheap hireling has been a standing applicant for some office at the hands of the democrats. It is eminently befitting that Hoffman is a victim of malicious innuendo, my bravery and moral courage. He is the first man who has dared to do so in all the fifteen years of my newspaper career. It is the first time, too, that anybody has charged me with using innuendo away from a fight. Those who know me intimately will know better without a denial on my part.

There are, however, some people who would be misled into the belief that I have backed down from my position in the Hoffman case because I had no proof to sustain my charge. There may even be some who are willing to believe that Hoffman is a victim of malicious innuendo, and the governor—who upholds him—a man who does not elevate adventurers into positions of great responsibility. For this class I will briefly recite the facts as they exist. I do not mean to brag, but my bravery and moral courage. He is the first man who has dared to do so in all the fifteen years of my newspaper career. It is the first time, too, that anybody has charged me with using innuendo away from a fight. Those who know me intimately will know better without a denial on my part.

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