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Geo. B. Tschuck, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, that the actual average daily circulation of the Daily Bee for the month of January, 1887, was 10,375 copies.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of November, A. D. 1886, N. P. Felt, Notary Public.

Washington is suffering from a dearth of money, but hundred dollar bills still continue to be abundant in the lobbies of the capitol.

The name of the new opportunist premier of France is Goblet. This is a very appropriate name for a political "tumbler."

Mr. Morrison has been temporarily laid out by the defeat of his horizontal tariff reduction bill, but the principle of tariff reduction has not been destroyed.

Mr. Newcomer, who is so anxious for the speakership, is not fitted by his habits for the place. His conduct at Lincoln last session greatly assisted the prohibition movement.

And now silver is said to have been discovered in Arkansas. The scheme will not work. Nothing short of diamonds by the peck will stimulate a boom of immigration to the swamps and malaria of that fever shaken section of the south.

Congressman Daisey has interviewed President Cleveland and received the promise that the nominations to the new Nebraska land offices shall be handed in in a few days.

The delays since the location of the Chadron and Sidney offices have been entirely without excuse. No members of the Nebraska delegation had any hand in preventing the filling of the offices.

Father McGlynn is still expected at Rome to explain his political propaganda in favor of Henry George. Rome evidently thinks that a priest's time ought to be so well occupied with his religious duties as to leave no opportunity for active political work on the outside.

It is observed that the president doesn't show any haste to give the senate another chance at Matthews, the colored recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

Don't exaggerate. Omaha is doing very well. She is increasing more rapidly proportionately than any other western city of her size.

It is estimated that he has received on an average \$100 per day in fees, and on several days since his incumbency of the office the fees are known to have amounted to \$200 or \$300.

Nor much attention has been given to the fact that Secretary Bayard was guilty of a deliberate discourtesy to the senate in sending the original papers in the fisheries correspondence to the house and duplicate copies to the senate.

Mr. Bayard was entirely familiar with, and is said to have been designed to mark the state department's appreciation of the conservative and considerate course pursued by the house foreign affairs committee as contrasted with the opposite conduct of the foreign relations committee of the senate.

Mr. Bayard is a man of narrow impulses than perhaps his worst enemies supposed.

Dr. Matthewson's Successor

Politicians at the state capital are not always infallible. The other day one Lincoln letter, in commenting on the appointment of Dr. Klapp as superintendent of the insane hospital, contained the following paragraph: Prominent politicians state that the appointment is the choice of General Thayer, that the question of a successor to Dr. Matthewson had its corner in the late state convention.

We have the very best authority for controlling this statement. It is both untrue and misleading. The removal of Dr. Matthewson was a complete surprise to General Thayer.

He was not consulted by Governor Dawes in regard to it or in regard to the selection of a successor. General Thayer had expressed no choice, because he had none. He had no connection with the matter whatever.

The "corner" at the state convention which the late collector, Judge Post, sought to set up did not in the least concern the governor-elect with his 506 stalwarts at his back.

It is not even materialized. It collapsed before it was ever in condition to exist. It went down like a card-house.

So much as to the relation of General Thayer to the change in the asylum superintendency.

It has since transpired that the summary removal of Dr. Matthewson at Lincoln was not the result of a personal malice. A condition of affairs has been found to exist that made the change an absolute necessity.

Whether sympathy or resentment the friends of Dr. Matthewson may feel over his removal, it would be more discreet for them and much more creditable to the deposed superintendent to let the matter rest.

The Legislative Train.

Official notice has been given to the public in general and the members of the legislature and the legislative lobby in particular that the Burlington will sign the opening of the new year and the Lincoln short line by a legislative train between Omaha and the capital city.

This train we are told will make fast time between the state house and Lincoln for the benefit of parties who hold down seats in the legislature and hang up their coats in the ante rooms of the two houses.

No sooner was the announcement of this fast train made than there arose a very grave doubt in the minds of interested parties whether the rules which are enforced in the east with regard to limited trains would be applied to the Omaha and Lincoln legislative express.

Without consulting Mr. Perkins or Mr. Holdrege, we venture to assure the anxious pass holders that limited express rules will be suspended on the new train during the session of the legislature.

Mr. Marquette, Captain Phillips and Charley Greene, who have for months been engaged in organizing the next legislature in the interest of the Burlington system and its senatorial candidates, will see to it that ample accommodations are reserved for the grand array of head heads, the Burlington, with its millions of surplus extracted from the people west of the Missouri, can afford to be very lavish in continuing the method which they inaugurated when Jay Gould dropped out of the Union Pacific.

The legislative express from Omaha to Lincoln is in fact a new device to throw the B. & M. drag-net over the legislature. All it wants to make the scheme work to perfection is a carpeted roadway from the Burlington depot at Lincoln to the "oil rooms" where members are to be entertained and "greased" during the session.

When the "short line" was first boomed we had expected that the delay in opening the road early in the fall was purely incidental to difficulties in construction.

It is very significant that all obstacles are overcome just as the legislature is about to convene. In reality, the train between Omaha and Lincoln is only what the public have long been promised, and the run of 51 miles in 10 minutes is not at all remarkable.

But when the managers who have taken charge of the political machine in this state boldly call this train the "legislative express," there can be no other rational conclusion than that which the name suggests. It remains to be seen whether this bold scheme to decoy the legislature before it has even organized will succeed. The people of this state have their eyes wide open, and will watch with interest the effect of this new departure.

Don't Exaggerate.

Omaha is doing very well. She is increasing more rapidly proportionately than any other western city of her size.

Her bank clearings show the volume of her business. The record of her building operations indicates the number of new houses and business houses. Facts are good enough and encouraging enough. Why should we exaggerate? Omaha has already suffered in the past from padded out statistics of growth, from inflated censuses and windy estimates of trade and commerce.

When contrasted with the actual figures obtained years later, some of the high colored pictures of alleged former prosperity, when as a matter of fact we were only doing "pretty well thank you," made our real progress seem ridiculously small.

Growth is shown by comparison. If the comparison is to be worth anything it must be made from absolutely reliable statistics.

Complaints such as have recently been made by some of our over-anxious contemporaries are positively injurious to the interest of Omaha.

They awaken false hopes which must be doomed to disappointment. They are a stimulus to subsequent exaggeration in order to sustain their bogus claims.

But they do not help the city in the end. The Bee's annual review will be published with the new year. It will be, as usual, an honest and carefully compiled collection of statistics without padding or inflation, and can be depended upon as reliable.

The bogus building statistics published in one of our contemporaries should deceive no one. They were absurdly incorrect. Buildings were duplicated and triplicated. Actual plans were figured in as brick and mortar and holes in the ground estimated as worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The footings were consequently ridiculously overstated. Every building recorded in the Bee's list has been built and its cost verified by the written declaration of the owner. Such a method takes time and money, but it pays.

We note with interest that Judge Kinney, now agent at the Yankton agency, applies for permission to purchase 100

Proceedings Against the Coal King.

To-day, if the arrangement made some time ago is carried out, the court of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, will hear the arguments on the questions presented by the bill filed by the attorney general of Pennsylvania against the anthracite coal pools and the railroad corporations identified therewith, asking that they be restrained from consummating their agreement and the combination be declared illegal.

The court refused a preliminary injunction against the defendants, a very plain intimation of want of sympathy with the action of the state which is quite in line with the traditional policy of Pennsylvania courts regarding the corporations of that state.

The trial will of course make a strenuous contest, and in view of what the court has already declined to do there is very little reason to expect that the result of the proceedings will be on the side of the people.

The constitutional provision and the statutes upon which the state relies seem sufficiently plain and explicit in their inhibition of monopolistic combinations, such as this coal pool unquestionably is, to render the state's case invulnerable, but if there is a possible way, through perversions and legal technicalities, to defeat the people, it is very sure to be found.

In this direction the resources of a Pennsylvania court are very nearly inexhaustible.

Meanwhile the combination goes on in its nefarious and cruel business of plundering the consumers of the country and depriving thousands of men of employment.

The wealthy coal barons who compose it laughing to scorn the complaints and appeals that rise up in chorus from their victims as the gains of their policy of robbery flow in an increasing stream into their coffers.

According to authentic figures, on the 23,000,000 tons of coal mined in Pennsylvania this year, at a cost of less than \$2,000,000, in their own country pays the coal barons a tribute of \$17,500,000 before it leaves the vicinity of the mine.

It then pays a further tribute in the shape of excessive rates of freight, amounting to \$30,000,000 or \$60,000,000 more. The most actual contemplation of these figures will serve to show the enormity of this tax, which is levied not only directly upon the comfort and well-being of every household, but also directly reduces the wages of more than half the workmen in the northern states.

A more generally injurious and cruel exaction than this is carried on by this unlawful monopoly cannot be conceived.

Another of no less reprehensible character has been formed to control the output and advance the price of bituminous coal, and it will doubtless await with anxious interest the result of the proceedings against the anthracite pool, in which will of course extend whatever influence it may have.

Should the state fail, the twin combinations will not be slow to take advantage of the defeat and extend their policy of plunder.

The monstrous inquiry must, however, be checked sooner or later. Such public robbery and reckless defiance of law can not go on in this country indefinitely.

The duty of the public press is to keep up an agitation of the subject and expose the facts, in order that the people shall be kept aroused to the situation, and shall correctly understand the character and extent of the wrong which is being done them by these grasping, oppressive and merciless monopolies.

His Chances Improving.

It is said that Mr. Cleveland is gaining strength in New York. It is understood to have been one of the conditions of the compact between the Tammany and county democracy, in the last municipal election, that the former should cease to antagonize the president, and the statement is that the leaders of the older faction are disposed to keep faith with this agreement.

This is necessary to maintain the union of these forces, which both factions are believed to regard as desirable. The Irving Hall faction was left out of consideration in this arrangement, having taken no part in the election of the successful candidates last month.

A New York paper says there is every reason to believe the story of such an agreement, and remarks that there is much less antagonism than formerly toward the president on the part of the leaders of Tammany. Unless, observes this journal, some unforeseen difficulty should arise, it is more than probable that Tammany will be found supporting the claims of Mr. Cleveland at the next national democratic convention.

A Tammany leader is quoted as saying that while the organization has not made any open break with Governor Hill, yet he is not as popular as he was a while ago, and should it come to a choice between the president and the governor as to which of them shall be the democratic candidate for the presidency in 1888, Tammany would support Mr. Cleveland.

He described the feeling between the leading democratic factions in New York city as being more harmonious than at any time since 1874, and predicted that if everything works smoothly the support given to Mr. Cleveland if he is nominated will be more enthusiastic and united than Mr. Tilden received in 1876.

Another prominent democrat gave it as his opinion that the president is gaining strength every day with the rank and file of his party in New York. Some of the politicians do not like him, but these dare not openly oppose him.

On the other hand there are democrats who are not satisfied with the union of the two leading factions, and these are said to be earnestly moving either to disrupt it or to bring about a new organization made up of the disaffected elements in both.

It is presumed that these dissatisfied democrats are unfriendly to the president, and probably represent the stalwart supporters of Governor Hill, but the extent of their strength can only be guessed at. Undoubtedly, however, they are numerous enough to considerably reduce the democratic vote of New York if they should refuse to support the party.

Mr. Cleveland and his friends have been working very hard for several months to improve matters in New York

in his behalf, and it would not be surprising if something had been accomplished.

Not only has he shown a very kindly concern for New York politicians in extending patronage to them where they were available, but in other directions he has favored the dominant idea in the party in that state.

It is not surprising that he has not only done this, but that he has also done it in a way which has not only pleased the masses of the party there, but also the masses of the party here.

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Clinton's Improvements for the Year

Clinton's improvements for the year will cost \$411,200.

The Knights of Labor have opened a reading room in Carroll.

The Old Fellows of Ardubon have contracted for a \$40,000 fund.

E. B. Whipple has been arrested at Clarinda for carrying loaded tickets.

Mr. Arden Mott, a leading farmer and citizen living five miles northwest of Clarinda, died last Thursday.

Prophet Foster, of Burlington, it would honor in his own country.

One of our best and most distinguished citizens of a lifetime. People are built that way.

The Stephens boys, of Gopher township, Osceola county, deserve the medal they kept watch of their stock night and day during the blizzard and saved the entire flock.

The ex-governors of the state and old settlers of Polk county prior to 1846 have been invited to attend the banquet of the New York society on the evening of December 28, at Des Moines.

"Hard Times" societies are the latest. Ladies appear in Monday morning costumes and gentlemen are identified with not