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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, A. D. 1887. N. P. Felt, Notary Public.

OMAHA has demonstrated that she is to be the musical art center of the future.

With this great addition boom all over the country Four-aker would be a popular presidential nominee.

PATTI'S manager knew his business, judging from the vast audience last evening, when he named it the fare-well tour.

It has been a long time since a voice from the Pacific slope has screamed, "The Chinese must go." There must be something the matter out there.

The preachers have agreed that the inter-state commerce bill does not affect their business. A short haul or a long haul over their lines is free.

The old world has been shaken up by an earthquake. With both earthquakes and dynamite over there, the attractions of Europe grow less each year.

The new party will doubtless be built well. The architects have had much experience in trying to make themselves, in all the other parties of the country.

An Omaha man who purchased ten acres of coal on the side tracks, and waited for the price to be raised, say men who deal in real estate have no idea of the road to wealth.

The New Orleans exposition closed two years ago, but Mr. Furnas, the Nebraska commissioner, continues with his exhibits. He is just now exhibiting a bill for a grab of \$500 back pay.

The man who cut a pair of bellows open to see where the wind came from was no smarter than the Lincoln sport who purchased a copy of Hovey to see if four jacks would beat a hectic flush.

Two years ago an unfortunate beggar was shot for attempting to rob the state treasury. This year no one has been shot as yet, but the treasury raids have largely increased in numbers.

It is said that unless several bills introduced, relating to appointments and buildings not needed, are not amended, Gov. Thayer will imitate Grover Cleveland a little, and try his hand at vetoing.

With women voting in Kansas, Colby down with the mumps, Azee pleading for normal schools and the legislature threatening to hold out twenty days longer, Mr. Joseph Cook still gravely wonders if death ends all.

DAVE BUTLER failed to unseat Holmes, so he goes down to Cincinnati as a delegate to the "new party" and will be ready to go to the legislature two years hence. The frost is heavy when Mr. Butler is not before the people.

On the B. & M. the other day a conductor stopped his train and pitched a man off into the snow drift. He explained it by saying the fellow had actually purchased a ticket. He was told to go back to Lincoln and get a pass.

OMAHA is the greatest "show" town in the country. Last night 5,000 people were present at the Patti concert and nearly 2,000 attended the Haverly minstrel performance. The Patti management took in over \$10,300 and Haverly about \$1,600.

YEARS ago in Greece, the law required each member of the assembly or legislature, in presenting a bill, to do it with a rope around his neck. If the bill failed to receive favorable consideration the member introducing it was taken out and hung. Alas! that Colby did not live in that olden day.

THE papers that are fighting the charter in the interest of the paving contractors' ring have not dared to deny that Con Gallagher wrote his own paving contracts, secured their approval by the board and pushed them through the council within a very few hours. Con is a very accommodating person.

A LEGISLATIVE manual has been issued. Its pages are filled with priceless panegyrics and gushing encomiums. The book sells at the price of one dollar—and each member mentioned in the pages will take several volumes. Far reaching, indeed, is vanity fed on three dollars per day. A manual relating to the lobbyists, if within its pages the truth were told, would make a book and a history the state could never forget.

Adding insult to injury.

The action of the state senate on the railroad bill presented by Mr. Sterling as a substitute for the railroad bill which the house had passed ten days ago virtually decides the fate of all railroad regulation bills for this session.

Every further evidence was wanting that the railroads have absolute control of a majority of the senate it has now been furnished. It is needless to point out the methods by which this was done. Every honest man in Nebraska believes and knows that impropriety means have been used to subvert the will of the people.

This is the third legislature elected on pledges of railway regulation which goes into history branded with a base betrayal of the people's trust. It is not a matter of party or locality. Party pledges have proven a rope of sand and no locality approves the surrender to railway domination by its chosen representatives.

Two years ago when the proposition to create a railway commission was submitted to the people it was voted down by a two-thirds majority. In defiance of this popular decree, the railroad bosses marched boldly upon the floors of both houses of the legislature and forced upon the state an abortion which the people had only two months before rejected.

The fact that this man who had helped to put through this piece of jugglery has been held to answer for his criminal interference by any court and the fact that the men who sold out the people have gone scot free is responsible for what has happened again. The work of the railroad lobby this winter has been more open and more criminal because men who engage in this outlaw work are not afraid of the penitentiary and in reality are not likely to stand any the worse in what nowadays is called good society.

Getting high salaries from a corporation makes men honorable, even when their business is no more reputable and lawful than that of the burglar and pickpocket. The new railroad bill which a majority of the senate has foisted upon that body at the dictates of the railroad attorneys only adds insult to injury.

The bill lowered the present exorbitant local rates a fraction, and prohibited all the known abuses that beget discrimination against people and places. While conceding to the railroads the commission feature it had a redeeming quality in the reduction of rates and prohibition of higher rates than those established in the bill. The mongrel railway bill which the railroads have ordered their servants in the legislature to pass is an impudent and base-faced sham.

It continues the railroad commission without limiting any of the abuses from which relief is sought. Now that it has become a fixed fact that we are to have no railroad regulation except such as is ordered by the monopoly managers, the legislature had better face about, stop wasting money and time, kill off all jobs and steals and adjourn as soon as possible. It is bad enough that the people have been disappointed and sold out. They will have all they can do for the next two years to pay their tax bills and interest on mortgages.

We are asked to state when and where there has been any crookedness or bad work by the contractors' ring, which seeks to defeat the charter and wants to control the next mayor, council and board of public works. We will cheerfully respond to the request. There was something very crooked in the peculiar relations between Con Gallagher, ex-councilman of the board, and Con Gallagher, the partner of contractors for the Farnam street improvement. There has been a mysterious method, to call it by a mild name, in the letting of the contracts for paving, curbing and guttering this year. Mr. Gallagher drew up his own contracts and accidentally, as it were, they contained an allowance for extras which other bidders could never have secured on a fair and square deal.

There was bad work and wretched material in the Farnam street pavement between Ninth and Fifteenth, laid by Murphy & Co. In any other city half of the paving stone would have been rejected as rough and ill sized. As the result of this rough pavement Farnam street crossings had to be relaid with other material and the street itself is almost too rough for wagon travel. After taxing the property owners thousands and thousands of dollars the pavement will have to be relaid and the rough stones cast out within a very short time. The same contractors have forced upon our people, by all sorts of misrepresentation, miles upon miles of wooden pavement which will be worthless within a very few years. Complaints are already coming in about the wretchedly uneven laying of this pavement, and the spring thaws will show what we have for our money. The contractors have found this sort of thing very profitable and would like to have it continued for a few years longer. They had their own way with the board and inspectors so long that they actually have the arrogance now to dictate that the charter should be made for their benefit alone.

Hewitt's Hostility to Labor. Mayor Hewitt, of New York, who was elected as the pronounced opponent of the labor candidate, seems disposed to lose no opportunity to emphasize his hostility to labor movements, as if to reassure those who elected him that they made no mistake in their choice. In his letter read at the dinner of the board of trade and transportation on last Monday evening he dwelt upon the alleged paralysis of business resulting from the late strikes, and characterized the action of the men who directed the strike as a usurpation of power which it is the duty of the business community to resist at whatever sacrifice of time, money and effort may be needed. It transpires that Hewitt sent a letter to be read at a meeting of the Brooklyn democratic club on Tuesday evening, in which he deplored the fact that certain democratic leaders had pandered to the labor vote, the reference evidently being to Hill. After deliberation and the refusal of the governor to attend the dinner if the letter was read, it was decided to suppress it, and only the spirit of this contribution of one of the leading democrats of the country to the enemies of labor will ever become a matter of public knowledge.

Mr. Hewitt is several times a millionaire, and for that reason cannot perhaps be expected to have much sympathy with the struggles of labor to better its condition. He sees the Omaha press improved in quality and elevated in its tone.

There has been no rivalry for years between this paper and the other dailies, and there can be none until they produce better newspapers in every respect than the Bee.

In the very brief period since the change has taken place in the ownership of the Republican, that paper has utterly failed to meet the promises held out to the public. As a newspaper it has proved itself no better than it was under the old management. With that failure, we have, however, no concern.

We only have to deal in this article with the man who is reputed to be its responsible editor, Mr. Rothacker came to Omaha with a reputation as an able and brilliant writer, and we supposed him to be a man of honor and high respectability. As such he was treated until he gave himself away by his own conduct. We always judge a man by the company he keeps, and the company Mr. Rothacker has kept in the Lincoln lobby has not been very choice or reputable.

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A Grand Ovation. The magnificent reception which Omaha has given to the peerless queen of song, Adelina Patti, surprised even the most sanguine admirers of the greatest prima donna of the age. It was an ovation which the great artist herself cannot fail to appreciate and always remember. In point of numbers and receipts it was the best house to which Patti has sung during her present American tour.

regard is not to be had for his personal concerns and feelings, but for his relations as a public man representing prominently a political party in one of its great strongholds. It is a fair inference that in these communications Mr. Hewitt voiced the sentiment of those most intimate with him in political and official councils. He would hardly have ventured to make them without a knowledge that they would give no offense to the convictions of those whose confidence he is chiefly concerned to possess.

What conclusion must the workmen of New York and the country inevitably derive from the demonstration of antagonism in this quarter? Can they have any faith in the democratic pretense of friendliness when one of the foremost leaders of democracy, occupying a position of power and influence, seeks to strengthen and stimulate opposition to them by charging upon them the whole responsibility for the distress and losses of business?

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Dubuque to compete with Davenport's cemetery. There were twelve marriages, thirty-three births and fourteen deaths recorded in Linn county last week.

The bonus of \$18,000 required to secure the location of the Rock Island shops at Davenport has been subscribed. A government architect is at work at Keokuk on the new plans and preparations for the new government building there.

The starting news comes from Burlington that two miles were killed near there in a bout with a locomotive. It is consoling to know that the locomotive was fatally bruised.

Mr. C. E. Banfield, of Cedar Falls, is seeking to trace the whereabouts of Joe Egan. The latter man is described as about five feet in height, had scar over left eye, blue eyes and a trifle gray, wore a light mustache, and about thirty years old.

Montana. Emma Abbott is doing the territory. For the month of January the Drum Lummon produced \$180,000. Silver bar shipments from Butte last week aggregated in value \$143,332.

Montana. The copper works of Helena were concentrated last week, capital stock \$100,000. The copper works at Butte closed for want of salt, the snow blockade having stopped transportation.

George Thirlaway, of Butte, was driven to death by being caught in the stirrup of a saddle horse which he was riding. It is reported from Chouteau county that 4,000 sheep belonging to Hays Bros. strayed from the borders during the late storm.

Two of the bomb-throwing carmen of San Francisco have been jailed. A rich coal field has been discovered within five miles of Albuquerque. A ring is on exhibition in Los Angeles which is said to have belonged to Martin Luther.

Two wild swans, weighing thirty pounds each, were killed near Woodland, Cal., recently. Better and bigger diamonds have been found at French Corral, in Nevada county, than in any other part of California.

The fears of a dry season in western Nevada are gone, and millmen and ranchmen can now count on a prosperous year. A woman of Santa Cruz has sued her husband for divorce, the chief ground for complaint being that he neglected to say grace at his meals.

Indians in the eastern part of Nevada eat the flesh of the rabbits they capture, make robes of their skins and get a bounty on their scalps. There are now in Yuma county, California, about 100,000 acres of land, and in course of completion, that will furnish an abundant supply for an aggregate of 150,000 acres of land.

The case of Hodges, the fiend who carried dynamite to the hall concert in San Francisco, is on trial. The jurymen say: "We enter a protest in advance against any of the sentimental nonsense and humbug which attends so many criminal cases being used in the case of Hodges. The man is simply a wild beast, who was willing to slaughter a hecatomb of innocent men, women and children to gratify his own thirst for blood, and it is only by the grace of modern civilization and the unborn respect for law which characterizes the American people that he is entitled to a trial at all."

"The Mutual Benevolent." OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of the Bee: I have read with a good deal of interest your fearless expose of that notorious "soap bubble," the Western Mutual Benevolent (?) association, of Beattie, and its capital stock. Will you permit me to say a few words about the capital stock? What is it for? To comply with the statutes of the state, which provide that any life insurance company organized in this state shall have a paid up capital of \$100,000, securities for this amount must be on deposit with the state auditor. But this law was not passed for such a concern as this. This "mushroom" is not an insurance company. They do not pretend to insure; they do not issue policies of insurance; they are not members of membership.

The promise of nothing in their certificates except that they will act as a kind of collecting agency—to solicit aid for the benefit of the family of the deceased—that is, to assist the family in the payment of the rest of their chip. The amount thus chipped in is what they promise to pay over to the family of the deceased, and not one cent more. There is but one sure thing in the whole policy or certificate, that is, the amount shall not exceed a given amount. It reads: "They promise, etc., to pay, etc., a sum not exceeding \$5,000, or whatever the maximum amount may be." The maximum amount is printed in large display letters, while the preceding words, "not exceeding," are inserted in small type, and never referred to by their own full name, so that the consumer is difficult to comply with such a contract. If the \$100,000 so-called securities or deposit with the auditor were all in twenty-dollar gold pieces, and if the management of the company were to suppose themselves insured in that benevolent concern don't go over fifty cents as a death loss they could not touch one dollar of the company's security or capital, as the contract or certificate reads: "The association will pay, etc., a sum not exceeding \$5,000, or whatever the maximum amount may be." It only provides for a maximum, not a minimum amount. Is it not strange that an intelligent people will allow themselves to be humbugged by such a swindle, particularly when the history of the past is covered with the wrecks of such impositions? There are histories of over 1,300 dead co-operative or association insurance associations in the United States within the last twenty years, and I challenge the benevolent Mr. Sabia to give me the name of one that lived a dozen years, or being broken up, that has not been a failure. They call it "mutual," and advertise a paid-up capital of \$100,000. How can it be mutual and still have stockholders? Great American mutual life insurance companies have no capital stock. They are mutual, and such swindles as Mr. Sabia is managing have simply stolen their names. JOHN STEEL.

Death of Patrick McGrath. Patrick McGrath, a bachelor sixty-five years old, who has been in the employ of the Union Pacific road in this city for the last eighteen years, and has recently worked for the County Commissioner O'Keefe, died Wednesday in St. Joseph's hospital. His funeral will be held from Commissioner O'Keefe's residence, South Thirtieth street, at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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FRANCE REJOICES. Everybody Glad of the Success of the Sep. 1871. PARIS (via Havre), Feb. 23.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the Bee.]—The German elections have caused tremendous excitement in Paris. Every Frenchman felt that upon the result depended the question of peace and war. Almost every man, woman and child drew a breath of relief when the papers announced that the Bismarck septennate was safe. By an irony of fate without a parallel in the history of France, the country rejoices in Bismarck's triumph. No one could gaze, as I did this morning, on the faces of the Parisians, as they hastened to their occupations on foot, on omnibuses, on the trams, and on the suburban railways, all reading the newspapers and exclaiming: "C'est la paix," without feeling convinced that the great masses of the population sincerely wish for peace. I have talked to-day with over a dozen statesmen and French journalists, among whom I may cite M. Clemenceau, Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, De Freycinet, L. Hebrard, a senator and editor of the Temps, and M. Alataia de la Forge. They were all aglow over Bismarck's success, which, although by no means decisive, is considered upon as sufficient to guarantee peace in the immediate future.

IT STADIES PRICES. Baron de Rothschild said: "The course to-day is firmer than it has been for weeks past. The result of the German elections is causing a steady rise everywhere."

DO NOT WANT WAR. M. Clemenceau said: "France sincerely wishes for peace. The nation does not dream at the present of attacking Germany, and now that Prince Bismarck is sure of his septennate it is safe to believe that Germany will not attack us. The elections show that the great masses of the French people do not want war. This is reassuring for the moment, but no observer can fail to see that Prince Bismarck has now upon his hands a most grave domestic contest between the military aristocracy and the German people that must eventually lead to the restoration of the empire. This internal struggle which Germany is now undergoing is the real danger, and it may before long assume an aspect in which Prince Bismarck can only gain his partisan ends by plunging into war. The result of the elections in Alsace-Lorraine is such as to cause the heart of every Frenchman to throb with indignation, that is a subject upon which it would be more prudent for me not to speak about at greater length."

AT LEAST TEMPORARY PEACE. Another prominent statesman and an extreme minister, who is noted for his keen intelligence and his calmness of mind, desired me not to mention his name, told me that the German elections meant peace for the next few months. He added: "Every week gained is a step towards permanent peace, for France has only to wait and watch for a favorable opportunity, and she may then have to win back her lost provinces without an fighting for them. This may seem to you strange, but with the present generation much of the bitter hatred that renders now any idea of compromise utterly beyond the range of practical politics will cease to exist, and there is no reason why a republican Germany should not be obliged to make a question of war if France were to quietly tear up the treaty of Frankfurt, by which Germany holds the annexed provinces, just as Russia tore up the treaty of Paris at a favorable moment and regained, without drawing a sword, all that she had lost in the Crimean war. But all that is in the distance. We must have to congratulate all Europe upon now is the distinct assurance given by Prince Bismarck since he has saved his septennate."

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. The Debats say: "It is better for the peace of Europe that the septennate should have won the victory. But would have been still better for the tranquility of Europe if that victory had not been won by resorting to such measures."

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