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ISABEL N. P. FEIL, Notary Public. Geo. B. Tschuck, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is secretary of The Bee Publishing Company.

MAYOR BOYD is willing to compliment Charley Brown with a tender of the nomination for mayor, but he wants the nomination himself.

The new school board reminds us just at present of the ten little "Injuns" sitting on the fence.

The New York World says that, for a man who had no reputation as a national financier, Mr. Manning turned out well.

The Chinese companies now have 2,000 sets of celestial bones awaiting shipment to the flowery land.

The new war department rules at Yellowstone Park will, it is thought, prevent the frivolous practice of boiling shirts in the geysers.

BUFFALO BILL is not in the state of Nebraska, yet he still is on the State of Nebraska, a steamship, a sailing away to sweetwater lands where swamps, cowboys, greasers, buffalo, elk and bronchos are sought to be seen.

EX-FIRE CHIEF BUTLER is said to be setting his pins for chief of police. Butler rides himself more on his record as a fire marshal than on his reputation as a fire chief.

THE late railroad commissioner, who has fattened on republican patronage for more than twenty years, bolted the regular republican nominee for mayor at Lincoln.

A NEAT little scheme to vindicate Mr. Russell, hatched by his law partner, Hoxie, was nipped in the bud by the citizens of Schuyler on a very hot notice.

THE inter-state commerce law hits some rank abuses hard. This may be gathered from the early attacks on the commissioners.

THE late Eliza Weatherly was perhaps the only one of the "British blondes" who after the decadence of the tinsel tableaux and the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" variety show, managed to catch on in a regular dramatic way.

EVER since the close of the war, the secretary of the navy has been a sort of fifth wheel, a ruler of the deep blue sea, who went down the Potomac in a dach-bath with his cousins and his aunts.

The Vetoed Label Bill.

Governor Thayer's veto of the libel bill will meet the approval of reputable newspapers of all parties. The veto message filed in the office of the secretary of state with the bill commends itself to fair-minded men in or out of the newspaper profession as a clear and comprehensive enunciation of sound principles applied to the abuse of the license which the press enjoys under our form of government.

The libel laws on our statute books are ample for the protection of the reputation of every citizen, whether humble or prominent. They make the writer or publisher of any libel responsible for civil damages to reputation. Our criminal code also makes libel an indictable misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment. To go beyond that and make the publisher or editor of any paper liable to prosecution for civil damages in any county where his paper may regularly or accidentally circulate, whether personal service there can be had upon him or not, would not serve the ends of justice.

If the publishers and editors were constantly in danger of annoying and costly lawsuits on trumped-up charges of libel, the risk of conducting a newspaper would become too hazardous for any publisher. It is a fact well known to all publishers that in nearly every instance libelous articles are inserted by interested parties whose veracity is not questioned by reporters, or find their way into the newspapers through careless or malicious correspondents.

No matter how fearless and outspoken a newspaper might be, the constant menace of costly prosecution and persecution would prove a bar to free exercise of the liberty of the press and an incentive to reserve in the most important public affairs. Half of the rogues in this country are kept in wholesome check by the dread of exposure.

There are some interesting and instructive deductions to be drawn from the spring elections. Usually not much attention is given to the results of these municipal contests, which are assumed to be largely influenced by local considerations and the personality of candidates.

It is in the cities that the political machine reaches its fullest development. It is there that the elements and conditions of political agitation are most numerous and active. It is there that party lines are most vulnerable to the assaults of new political forces.

Of the elections just held, that at Chicago was perhaps the most important in its political bearings. It resulted in a clean republican victory, which, besides its value in transferring the administration of the city to honest and capable hands, demonstrated that the republican forces there are compact and well organized.

The latest figures place the majority against the prohibitory amendment in Michigan at 5,000. An analysis of the vote will undoubtedly show that this majority has been obtained in the towns, but the significance of the result is not thereby much lessened.

The election at Cincinnati also presented interesting results, due to causes somewhat similar to those which operated at Chicago. The democracy of the Ohio city had become obnoxious by reason of many and great abuses, and met with deserved reprobation.

The lesson of these elections is encouraging to the republicans. It shows the party generally to be in excellent form, with no apparent demoralizing tendencies. On the other hand, the results demonstrate a widespread democratic demoralization, which is especially remarkable in view of the fact that a democratic national ad-

ministration, with vast patronage, is but half through with its term. But the vital fact to which the student of politics, as well as the practical politician, must add evidence of the growing strength of the new force in our politics—the party of labor. Where this is likely to be found, and what it may possibly do next year, are questions that have a serious import for the old parties.

A Railroad Republican Victory. The election of Mr. Sawyer as mayor of Lincoln is hailed as a glorious victory by the railroad republicans at the capital city. Mr. Sawyer is a square-toed democrat from away-back, and would resent the intimation that he had one drop of republican blood in his political make-up.

Mr. Sawyer's opponent, the regular republican candidate, was Hon. E. P. Roggen, who for many years had been in public life, and during the past four years had filled the honorable and responsible position of secretary of state. Mr. Roggen is a Grand Army veteran and always has been an uncompromising republican.

This is not the first time that the political Pharisees, who pride themselves on being stalwarts, have betrayed their party and delivered it over to its political enemy. The same breed of republicans supported James E. Boyd, the Nebraska member of the national democratic convention, against the regular republican candidate for mayor of Omaha two years ago.

The honest tax-payers of Chicago, and the friends of good government everywhere, are to be congratulated on the sharp hints which has ended in so many arrests. To be sure the tricks will prove no less costly than the operations of the bootlickers, but no one hates to go to state's prison worse than the prosperous bootlicker.

Because this paper has seen fit to discuss the city water supply trouble from an impartial and common sense standpoint, the syndicate sheet, formerly owned by Dr. Miller, makes a fling at the Bee as the organ of the waterworks monopoly. It is hardly necessary to refute this silly innuendo.

The talk about the proposed city hall being too small for the Omaha of the future is all bosh. The building is to be five stories and basement, 182x126 feet. It is planned to accommodate the wants of a city of 350,000 people.

York is enjoying a healthy growth. A large number of stores and residences are going up as well as property values. The Wabash system is again flirting with Nebraska City and threatening to make a call. Her antics are delusive.

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President Cleveland is said to be nervously sensitive on the subject of funerals, and this is given as the reason why "the pressure of public business" always prevents his attending the obsequies of distinguished men.

Senator Jones of Nevada, is again rapidly pushing to the front rank of millionaires. His mines in Alaska are proving much richer than heretofore represented, and the stock is now paying a dividend of 300 per cent a year.

Professor Richard A. Proctor, the eminent scientist and astronomer, is hereafter to be a citizen of Florida, having purchased a tract of land on Orange Lake. He says the lower atmosphere of Florida is so clear that constellations stand out in wonderful brilliancy.

The county hospital at Chicago is said to be one of the largest public charities in the world. Its indicted warden is named Metcalf, and was formerly chief of police in the city government. The expenditures in this institution were known to be enormously excessive, and the complaints of patients grew rather than diminished with the rapidly increasing appropriations.

Fifty years of ever broadening commerce, fifty years of ever widening empire. What would be said of an anonymous or unknown poet who wasted ink and paper thus recklessly? Surely the poet laureate is not growing sarcastic in his old age.

When I was seventeen I heard From each conspirator's tongue "I'd not do that if I were you; You see you're rather young."

Now that I number forty years, It's quite as easy to be seen Of this or that I shouldn't do Because I'm quite too old.

O'carping world! If there's an age Where youth and manhood keep An equal poise, alas! I must Have passed it in my sleep.

Nebraska Jottings. Ainsworth juveniles have organized a brass band. Rubber shoes were fashionable in Plattsmouth yesterday.

The Plattsmouth Herald has been sold by Robert B. Windham to A. B. Knotts, of Council Bluffs. The school census of Fremont shows 1400 children of school age, an increase of 130 over last year.

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