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**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 Were we disposed to violate the rule of courtesy which requires that age shall be respected, and give precedence to vitality, energy, ambition and progress, we should reverse the arrangement of the above caption. We choose, however, to defer to the honored custom, even in face of the disclosure which we find in the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Chicago Herald, that not only is the rapid march of this young metropolis regarded with envy in the overestimated city on Lake Michigan, but that the uncharitable spirit of detraction is developing there.

**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 Our contemporary remarks that a Chicagoan "reads of the enormous increase of real estate values in the cities of the west" with some disquietude, and it warns buyers that they are foolish to pay the prices that business real estate is selling for in Omaha, when they can buy at a considerably less figure in Chicago. It tells investors that there is nothing to be found out west, that they will not find in greater profusion in the lake city, and it concludes the appeal in this somewhat lugubrious vein:

**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 "Who should not outside investors take a look at the real estate of Chicago? Pause for a moment to cast up the money already spent on our parks and driveways. Look at our water engines as they grunt and thunder, some of them three miles inland. Consider the lake at our side, and the plain behind us, where traction gives its least resistance to progress, and where the artisan may have a home that would do for a Missouri river nabob. Are these things to be forever overlooked, while train loads of eager purchasers go five hundred miles farther to fare five hundred times worse? Come and see us.

**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 It so happened that in the same column which earnestly invited to "come and see us" was another article in which the Herald presented its view of "the logic of empty houses" and stated that "since May there has been an unusual display of 'for rent' placards along streets wherein such announcements were last season unknown." Now it would seem that this fact offers a pretty clear explanation why the parks, drive-ways, water-engines and other attractions of Chicago are overlooked by investors and trainloads of them come farther west to place their capital. People seeking safe and profitable investments who are confronted on every hand in the overgrown city by empty stores and residences are not likely to be allured into burying their money there, if they have level heads, by fine parks and elegant boulevards. These are excellent for enjoyment, but they do not pay dividends, and these are what your shrewd investor is seeking. All such therefore, however much they may admire Chicago's attractions, pass by and following the course of empire come farther west to get their share of the legitimate boom that is yet in its infancy.

**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 Chicago is a great city and always will be, but it lies outside of the boom area of the present or immediate future. It will undoubtedly continue to realize a moderate growth, but its day of the phenomenal progress in population and prosperity have gone by, and its remarkable experiences of the past will not be repeated. Young giants have grown up to contest with it for the possession of a territory in which a little time ago it was the undisputed sovereign, and they are doing so successfully. The domain of Chicago's supremacy has been materially curtailed in the last half a dozen years, and she will need to exert all her energies to retain what she still has.

**Chicago and Omaha.**  
 Among the young giants that have compelled a division of Chicago's trade empire, Omaha occupies a conspicuous and growing place. Nor can she be obstructed in her inevitable progress by

**A Bit of History.**  
 Some of the journalistic guerrillas are attempting to paint a chain of mountains out of the alleged fact that the Bee supported John A. McShane for congress last fall. The Bee is delighted to be in a position to remark that it did not support Church Howe. That is as far as its support went for McShane, and that is all there is of it.

**A Non-Partisan Board.**  
 The movement for a non-partisan board of education is prompted and justified by every consideration affecting the interests and welfare of the public school system. It must be evident on the slightest reflection to every fair-minded man, that if the schools of the people are made at every recurring election a bone of contention between the political parties, and thereby necessarily become for a time in a sense the property of one or the other of the political organizations, to be disposed of in rewarding favorites who are politicians, demoralization and deterioration must ensue. If our common schools are to be made a football of the politicians, to be kicked about from one party to the other every few years, the maintenance of their efficiency and morale will be simply impossible.

**A Non-Partisan Board.**  
 This is a proposition so self-evident that only the narrowest and blindest prejudice can fail to see it. It is the opinion of every true friend of the public schools, of every man who can regard the question with freedom from all influence likely to prejudice his judgment, that these schools should be absolutely apart and free from all partisan action or political control. They should be kept sacredly exempt from the operation and influence of all those devices and methods that belong to politics, and which would of necessity contaminate them as they do everything they touch.

**A Non-Partisan Board.**  
 We shall of course elect to the board of education men who are republicans or democrats, but we should not do so because they are one or the other, but solely with reference to their character as citizens who are qualified by intelligence and interest in the success of the public school system to understand what its needs are and supply them wholly regardless of any political considerations. The principle to be distinctly marked out and maintained is that under no circumstances shall politics have the least consideration in the administration of the affairs of the public schools.

**A Non-Partisan Board.**  
 It is in pursuance of this proper and necessary principle that the movement to secure a non-partisan board of education has been started, and we do not believe any parent, not an extreme partisan or having a personal object to subscribe, can fail to give his support to this movement. It should have the earnest encouragement of all such, to the end that the scheme to place the public schools in the control of one or the other of the political parties shall be overwhelmingly defeated, and the politicians who would drag the schools into the mire of political contention taught a lesson they will not soon forget. Now is the time to accomplish this, for if it be not done now it will be much more difficult of accomplishment hereafter, when the political leeches shall have fastened themselves upon the schools. The meeting in behalf of a non-partisan board of education to be held next Thursday evening ought to be attended by every parent favorable to this proper principle, who can get there, and the mothers as well as the fathers should give their active support to this movement. It is a cause in which the mothers may most properly enlist, and they have now the right to be heard and to act.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 Regarding the bridge contest it is claimed by those opposing it that "the first come should be the first served." In accordance with this principle the wagon and street car bridge is certainly entitled to priority, having its plans and location approved by the secretary of war. The company filed its plans in Washington and laid claim to the location months before the railroad bridge was ever hinted at. The first intimation was a letter from the recent president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul asking the secretary of war to delay the approval of the plans and location already on file in the department. No reasons were given, no claim made, but simply a request.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 The charter under which the railroad bridge is to be built allows a selection of any unoccupied location anywhere along the river front between the north and south lines of Pottowattamie and Douglas counties. There is a wide range from which to select a site for the railroad bridge. On the other hand the wagon and street car bridge must be located on the site selected in order to comply with its charter, and to meet the demand for such communication between the two cities.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 While priority of claim—first come, first served—gives the wagon bridge just claim to the only site practicable for that enterprise, the selection of a location further north does not in any way detract from the probable success of the railroad bridge enterprise. There is something beneath the surface when an attempt is made to cripple a worthy enterprise, under the pretense of helping another which needs no such help. There can be no honest, open conflict between the two bridge enterprises.

**Personal Abuse of Rival Editors.**  
 An Omaha newspaper which is not celebrated for its inconsistency for the simple reason that it is not celebrated for anything, announces that "the day will come when the public will utterly refuse to support or patronize a journal whose editorial columns are filled with personal abuse of rival editors." And yet the same paper has since its inception lampooned and vilified the editor of the Bee, with energy born only of despair.

**Personal Abuse of Rival Editors.**  
 An editor, often in self-defense, is obliged to tear the mask from the fraud and the jobber and the hypocrite, and a personal castigation is necessary. When now and then measures that advocate needful enlightening, the Bee has found that personal journalism, with plain truths and boneless facts for argument, is the only way to check public plunderers and disreputable characters. There is a wide difference between slander and abuse. It is a newspaper's privilege and duty to do it at all times tell the truth. It has no business to willfully slander men, and the law reads plainly on that point. Neither has it any business to go out of the way to rake up scandals of immoral practices, when a man's character becomes involved, unless the parties to such moral laxities have the impudence to ask favors at the hands of the public and insist that they occupy positions of trust and honor. When they ask such favors it is right and just that a newspaper should expose them in their rottenness, and hold them up before the public as men whom all reputable and decent people should avoid.

**Personal Abuse of Rival Editors.**  
 So when upstarts, prostituted to venality grow most pretentious in their assumption of the functions of self-constituted moral censors, operating the bonnets of decency, "personal abuse of rival editors" is as much demanded under the latter as under the former condition.

**Personal Abuse of Rival Editors.**  
 This same Omaha paper thinks it fitting and proper to abuse men not "rival editors." The arrogance and hypocrisy, the betrayal of personal animosities and grudges in the intemperate defamation of worthy and prominent citizens; the narrowness and the spleen depicted in the wholesale abuse of Governor Thayer by the unknown Omaha self-constituted critic, at once becomes ridiculous. It would abuse and vilify a defenseless citizen—yet deprecate "personal abuse of rival editors." Y' gods! And consistency, it hath been said, is a jewel!

**KINGS AND QUEENS.**  
 The queen of Belgium is a devoted musician. King Oscar of Sweden has a magnificent basso voice and sings like an artist. The emperor of Austria spends over a million of francs a year on the Vienna opera house. The Prince of Wales is a good musician, and the Princess Wales is one of Halle's best pupils. Queen Victoria has in Windsor Castle three vast vaulted at \$100,000 and a Sevres dinner service worth \$250,000. The emperor of Brazil maintains an Italian opera out of his own purse, and he has one of the most complete operatic companies in the world.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 Queen Christina of Spain, with the little king, her two daughters and the Infanta Isabelina, has taken up her residence for six weeks at Aranjuez, on the banks of the Tago. It is twenty-two years since royalty honored the little town by residing there. Queen Kapiolani has had her photograph taken, but her native modesty would not permit her to adopt the decollete fashion so popular in the effete east. She wore her royal robe, with a broad sash crossed over her shoulder—a combination of gold and pink impossible to describe.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 The queen of Roumania fell into a throne by falling down stairs. When there was no kingdom of Roumania in existence she had laughingly said: "I do not want to marry unless I can be queen of Roumania." Running down the palace stairs one day at Berlin her foot slipped and she was hurled at Aranjuez, who saw her danger and caught her in his outstretched arms. When Roumania chose him as a ruler he claimed the princess as his bride.

**Regarding the Bridge Contest.**  
 Governor Thayer's character will not be injured by the attacks made upon him by a part of the Omaha press, especially when it becomes known that the assaults were inspired by personal spite of disappointed editors, who were seeking favors at his hands which he would not grant.

**NEBRASKA SETTINGS.**  
 A board of trade has been organized in Ogallala. May has gone to the majority with a rheumatic twinge. The state Sunday-school convention opens in Grand Island next Monday. The editor of the Ogallala Reflector has asked a writ of habeas corpus for his staff, and breezy paragraphs are a consequence. The sale of school lands in Domes county last week was very successful prices, ranging from \$7 to \$30.25 per acre. John Gage, a Rushville farmer, is laid up with a broken face, the result of a cow kicking him a week or two ago. He made a side lunge at a bunch of flies, and caught Mr. Gage on a horn.

**STATE AND TERRITORY.**  
 The only druggist in St. Edwards, who keeps potent pain killer constantly on tap, publicly announces that he will prosecute any person making false statements to secure intoxicants. As a consequence, the epidemic of measles and whooping cough among adults has subsided. The Scotia Herald, relating an adventure in that town, says "four maidens gave a shriek, eight white arms went up into the air, and a helter-skelter retreat of forty feet was made." Four girls, eight arms and forty feet! What a haul on imagination, or a muddy street crossing.

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 The flowers will languish no more in that holy place. There is much satisfaction experienced by many of our citizens who have dear ones laid away to rest in Prospect Hill cemetery, over the introduction of water from the waterworks into that delightful sleeping place of the dead. The water was introduced only on last Saturday. The pipe had been extended near the fence by the city, and a number of holes were made in the water pipe, so that the water could be procured in them. Yesterdays during the decoration exercises the hydrants were greatly appreciated. It has been wondered at that the cemetery folks did not themselves supply the water for the water works company.

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 A contribution of \$25 by Congressman McShane toward paying the debt of the Methodist church at Genoa is taken by the leader as a text for a vigorous sermon preached to the penurious residents of the town. The leader points with severity to the generosity of Mr. McShane and says: "It stands in grand contrast to a few dwarf-souled individuals who, from their many thousands, have refused the least assistance to a glorious cause." The speaker also denounces the disciple of Eli lounges in a cemetery of pewter plates. The jostling tenders him an introduction to truth without further ceremony.

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 The Des Moines Leader of Monday says "Tom Millett, for many years recognized as one of the most reliable, competent and successful contractors of Des Moines, has closed up his business and will leave town for Omaha, where he has been awarded several large and remunerative contracts for stone work. Mr. Millett's departure cannot do other than cause regret on the part of all who know him in particular and the citizens at large. He leaves behind him a lasting monument of his residence in Des Moines, numerous well performed contracts of stone work, paving and concrete, and a reputation as a contractor Tom is assumed an angelic form and becomes an expert musician on a golden harp or a big tin horn."

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 Des Moines still has hopes of securing the machine shop of the Diagonal. The Polk county grand jury has indicted L. J. Lathrop, of Des Moines, for embezzlement. The government Indian school building near Mr. Hornell, Lee county, was burned down on Friday. Loss, about \$12,000; no insurance. Near the Indian are several holes in the ground from which sulphur fumes are constantly arising, and many thick lades is located not more than half a mile from that vicinity.

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 A Sheldon boy of an inquisitive turn of mind, having learned that his father had agreed to investigate the true inwardness of the thing. He is still alive, but his hands are not as symmetrical as they once were.

**Water in Prospect Hill.**  
 The contract for grading the first twenty-five miles of the Cheyenne extension of the Burlington has been let and work commenced.

**REFUND OR NOT REFUND.**  
 A Bee reporter met ex-County Commissioner Corliss yesterday morning, and in the conversation which ensued, the latter gave expression to some views concerning the future financial policy of the county board. He confined himself in the main to a consideration of the advisability of refunding a part of the present bonded indebtedness of the county.

**REFUND OR NOT REFUND.**  
 "This indebtedness," he said, "is, I think, about \$308,000. It has been standing for nearly twenty years, the bond sinking has been used to railroads, \$150,000 going to the Southwestern, which is now a part of the B. & M., \$200,000 to the Northwestern, and \$50,000 to the Union Pacific for its bridge. These amounts to \$300,000. Of course a good deal of these have been paid, but there still remains a total indebtedness of about \$108,000. With respect to the \$308,000, they have been on interest at 8 per cent. The question now is, shall they be refunded or shall they be paid now? If a part is not refunded, it is because if that debt were liquidated, another one would be contracted. That is on the whole the only way out of the difficulty. I'll make another some other time. If these bonds are refunded, my money and that of every taxpayer will be compelled to lie in the treasury twenty years, to be paid at intervals of five, ten and fifteen years."

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