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WHEN contractors and boodlers band together against the taxpaying, it is high time to call a halt.

THE country appears to be settling down to the conviction that Mrs. Sheridan knows better than anybody else when and where little Phil was born.

OMAHA importers are now able to cope with Chicago and Kansas City in expediting import shipments. So far so good. But why are Omaha merchants still hampered by discriminating railroad rates which give competing jobbing centres undue advantage?

THE national democratic committee will meet in Washington on Wednesday to name the time and place of holding the national democratic convention. There is said to be some prospect that San Francisco may be selected, but the probability is that New York will win.

HERE is very little being said about republican candidates for the vice-presidency, but it must not be inferred from this that there will be any scarcity of material when the time comes. We have the authority of his home paper that Governor Oglesby of Illinois can be relied upon in an emergency.

The convicted boodlers of Chicago are supposed to be surely though slowly marching prisonward. They have had many stops on the way. The latest is the granting of a stay till March 9 to determine whether their case is to be appealed to the supreme court or not. There is no excuse for all this delay except that they stole money enough to make justice a laggard.

ST. PAUL and Minneapolis have started a movement for uniting themselves under one government and one name. Such a union will no doubt take place sooner or later, and perhaps the sooner the better. Minneapul would make a grand metropolis of that part of the country. The population would be a quarter of a million. But the trouble is that each of the cities wants to dictate the terms of union, and they still are ten miles apart.

Pope Leo has a perplexing problem presented to him in the struggle of England and Ireland for the favor of the Vatican, and whichever way he shall determine to extend his influence he will hardly escape criticism. There is no shrewder diplomatist or statesman in Europe than the pope, and as he has thus far made no blunder it is but natural to expect that he will not in this case. It is the hardest task, however, he has yet been called upon to crack.

THE rate war in the west is treated very intelligently in the latest issue of Bradstreet's. The contest is regarded as a factor in the development of the railroad business in this part of the country which will ultimately bring through rates from Chicago to western and northwestern points to the level of through rates between New York and Chicago. This is no doubt the key to the whole situation, and can hardly fail to result in ultimate good to the railroads as well as shippers. When the billigerent corporations become tired of fighting permanent rates will be established and we shall attain that stability without which business can not reach its best development.

THE republicans of Indiana are divided in their choice between Harrison and Gresham, and there seems likely to be a more or less lively contest which may in the end be damaging to both gentlemen. Already it is charged that the friends of Harrison have been taking some undue advantages, and the supporters of Judge Gresham have been prompt to make known their displeasure. They are organizing with the expectation of at least securing the delegates from the southern portion of the state. The Harrison forces are also active, and one of the conspicuous incidents already developed is the reconciliation of Harrison and ex-Governor Porter, who have been on unfriendly terms for two years or more. The understanding appears to be that Porter will give all his influence to Harrison as a presidential candidate, and if he should fail of the nomination Harrison will support Porter for the second place on the ticket. Judge Gresham is not personally identified with what his friends are doing, and doubtless will not act.

Still Questioning.

The democrats and their allies, the mugwumps, are still engaged in questioning the sincerity of Mr. Blaine's letter withdrawing his name from the list of possible presidential candidates. It is interesting and amusing to read the various arguments by which they seek to prove that the letter means something different from the construction which the great majority of republicans now give it, or that it obviously implies a reservation in the mind of its author which would leave him free to accept the nomination should it be given him.

The fact that Mr. Blaine reviewed the experience of the party for several years and deduced therefrom an encouraging promise of success in the next national campaign is especially held to be convincing evidence that he does not wish to be considered an impossible candidate, and that on the contrary it was designed to impress the party more strongly with a sense of his availability. But could Mr. Blaine have done less, as an earnest republican, than to convey to his party under the peculiar circumstances such encouragement and reassurance as he wrote? Did it not comport entirely with the character and requirements of such a communication? Is it not certain that if he had omitted this portion of his letter, and confined it simply to a declaration of his determination not to be a candidate, he would have been charged with abandoning the party because he believed its cause to be hopeless? Mr. Blaine is still a republican leader, as loyal as ever to the principles of the party and as willing as ever to contribute to its success. He has full faith that the party will again administer the national government, and he sees in the prevailing conditions most favorable promise of victory this year. Fully understanding the effect his withdrawal was certain to have upon the party, and especially in unsettling his very numerous and devoted followers, it was clearly his duty to assure the party that it had every reason to be hopeful and confident.

But what is the meaning of the evident solicitude on the part of the democrats and their allies respecting the sincerity of Mr. Blaine? Why do they so trouble themselves to find reasons for professing to believe that he was not in earnest when he wrote his letter? Such anxiety suggests a consuming fear that there is really behind the letter of Mr. Blaine a reservation by virtue of which he may still become the candidate of his party. The fair inference from the profound concern manifested by the democrats and mugwumps is that they do not want Mr. Blaine as the republican candidate this year, otherwise they would maintain his sincerity and urge republicans to insist upon a reversal of his determination not to be a candidate. If they are not apprehensive of Mr. Blaine's candidacy what excuse can they give for their unkindness as to whether he meant what he said in his letter? Meanwhile republican opinion that Mr. Blaine was entirely serious and sincere has been steadily growing. The most prominent men in the party have so expressed themselves, and the view prevails generally with the rank and file of the party. It is felt that justice to Mr. Blaine requires this. Other men now command the attention of republicans, and while unquestionably there are still many in all parts of the country who are tenacious in their devotion to Mr. Blaine, the party as a whole expects and intends to choose another as its candidate. And it is not without ample and being numerous and influential can make some trouble. Nevertheless it is not to be doubted that Sherman will have the delegation to the national convention, though undoubtedly all the Ohio politicians who will be in Chicago when the convention meets will not go in his interest.

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United States senate and approved by the government of Great Britain. When this is done the people of both countries will have reason to congratulate themselves upon the settlement of what has been a disagreeable and annoying, if not a dangerous, controversy.

A Chance For the Monroe Doctrine.

There are renewed evidences of England's disposition to gratify her greed by seizing territory of the republic of Venezuela, which that government insists she has not the slightest shadow of right to. For more than forty years there has been a controversy between the government of Great Britain and that of Venezuela regarding certain valuable territory, and from time to time England has seized a portion of the region in dispute, until she has become possessed of the larger and most valuable part of it. About a year ago the Venezuelan government granted a franchise to a company to build a railway to the gold mines in Venezuelan Guiana, a portion of the route being through British Guiana. The English lieutenant-governor promptly notified the Venezuelan government that the railway would not be allowed to pass through British territory and sent troops to prevent it. It is now proposed by the government of British Guiana to build a railway to the gold mines, and this has called out a most earnest protest from Venezuela against what she claims to be a deliberate scheme of robbery. It is hardly necessary to say that the English statement of the case does not accord with this view, but really the truth in the dispute seems to be with Venezuela.

About a year ago the Venezuelan government proposed to appeal to the United States to arbitrate regarding the disputed territory, claiming then as it now does that England's course was in violation of the Monroe doctrine, and that it was the duty and policy of the government of the United States to interpose. England, however, either ignored or refused to give any attention to the proposition for arbitration and no step in that direction was taken. It now seems probable that Venezuela will again appeal to this government to take cognizance of England's policy toward that country, which is of course unable to defend her territory against the power of Great Britain. Very likely, however, such an appeal would not be productive of anything more serviceable than a resolution in congress condemning the rapacity of England and sympathizing with the victim. There is some uncertainty as to just how far the Monroe doctrine was intended to extend, and no doubt the great majority of the American people would be disposed to draw the line this side of Venezuela, even with England as the grasping aggressor against that country. Like most big fellows, we have any amount of compensation for the little chap who cannot defend himself against the burly bully that worries and robs him, but we proudly object to mixing in the difficulty.

ADVICES from Ohio represent that the friends of Mr. Blaine in that state are manifesting a very unfriendly spirit toward Mr. Sherman and that there is a good deal of trouble in consequence. Such reports are to be taken with many grains of allowance, but it certainly is a fact that there are no more tenacious followers of Mr. Blaine anywhere than in Ohio, and the great majority of these would prefer any man to John Sherman. In this particular they are implacable, and being numerous and influential can make some trouble. Nevertheless it is not to be doubted that Sherman will have the delegation to the national convention, though undoubtedly all the Ohio politicians who will be in Chicago when the convention meets will not go in his interest.

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The Crete Globe announces that its facilities for turning out spring poes is unsurpassed. A corn sheller with an enlarged hopper, run by steam power, is conveniently located for the reception of both author and product.

Sister Colby's Tribune announces that there will be a grand series of suffrage conventions in the state next October. Miss Anthony, of mellow memory, Mrs. Saxon and Mrs. Wallace will take a hand in the fall campaign.

Falls City is moving to catch and anchor a few of the floating industries. A meeting of the board of trade will be held to-night to provide means for advertising the city and show her natural advantages to an anxious world.

The Blair Republican is tearing around in a narrow and barren pasture. Washington county is raving against an imaginary raid on taxpayers for a boat to help the Omaha & Yankton road. The Republican is an amateur gymnast and its present harsh and hollow tones is Volapuk for "Come and see me." The judicial somersault last fall took place a few hours after the friendly visit of Ballou & Co.

A farmer in Madison county has discovered a new horse-chestnut remedy. Experiments extending over several months enabled him to locate the seats of the disease. Beneath the tongue he found large valvular cells containing poisonous grunts. These he carefully cut out with a cold chisel and sledge hammer. The operation requires great delicacy of touch and precision, and is generally successful. To expedite recovery the farmer urges that the animal's tail be wrapped in red flannel for two days.

There will be some lively railroad building in north Nebraska this year, unless all signs fail. The Omaha & Yankton road will penetrate the northeastern counties and the Elkhorn Valley and Omaha & St. Paul road will endeavor to limit its usefulness and hedge it in a narrow strip of country. The Hartington extension of the latter road will be extended to the Missouri river opposite Yankton, a distance of about forty miles, while the Creighton branch of the Elkhorn will be pushed up the Verdigris to Niobrara. The Omaha & Yankton road will be confined by these two lines. The Yankton & Southwestern, recently incorporated, will probably do some building this year. The Illinois Central is likely to cross the river at Decatur and build into the interior as well as to Omaha. The Omaha & North Platte extension of the B. & M. will be extended northwest from Schuyler to a connection with the Broken Bow line, known as the Grand Island & Western. A branch of the latter will be extended in the direction of the Black Hills, while the main line will cross the boundary line into Wyoming this year.

The judge found that the sick man was a mason, and, being one himself, he consented to bring him along with him. He was a man about sixty years old and evidently in the past stages of consumption. On the passage across the Pacific the judge became interested in his passenger and made him as comfortable as possible. The yacht, was, of course, well found in all respects, and every delicacy that could possibly be required for an invalid was freely furnished him. In the occupation of caring for his passenger the judge found relief from the tedium of his long passage across the ocean. En route to San Francisco the yacht touched at Honolulu in the Sandwich islands, the one object of the judge in going to this port being to procure fruit and vegetables for his invalid passenger. On arriving at San Francisco the judge procured the man a passage to his home at the east by way of the railroad across the continent. After landing, however, despite the best of care, he failed very fast.

The party had settled in their chairs and were giving all their attention to the judge's story, divining from his manner that the interesting part was yet to come.

One day, continued the judge, his sick passenger said to him:

"I feel, sir, that I shall never reach home alive, even if I can retain sufficient strength to begin the trip. You have been more than kind to me, and I think, perhaps, I may give you some information that may be of value to you. A great many years ago, when I was a young man, I was one of the crew of a brig engaged in the West India trade, and we sailed from Newburyport, Mass. On the return trip from De Mera, the brig was overhauled by a private vessel and all of the crew of the brig were killed except myself. I was spared, probably, on account of my youth, and I served on board of this vessel for a year, during which time I made many captures."

The school board of Oakland is investigating the muscular development of a local pedagogue who fans intelligence into unruly boys with a stiff ruler. The parents of the boys naturally object to interference with their prerogative.

An Ottumwa man was fined \$10 and costs the other day for a hilarious drunk. He gave as reasons for his unseemly conduct that a baby had been born at his house and his sister was married, and he couldn't stand so much prosperity in one day.

Men employed in boring a well at the hotel in Herndon struck gas at a depth of 125 feet Wednesday. The noise made by the escaping gas was heard two miles away, and when lighted the flame leaped at least thirty-five feet high. The citizens are elated over the discovery.

Some time ago County Superintendent Taylor, of Des Moines, was called to the country to settle a trouble which had arisen in a school. The