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WHAT is the significance of the rumored railroad trust composed of Gould, Huntington and Adams?

AFTER the democrats have held their primaries, it will be proper to size up the various candidates on both tickets, and knock out the black sheep on the list.

GOVERNOR THAYER has paid his compliments to border ruffian Haswell in an interview published elsewhere.

WITH the Molly Maguires reorganized in Pennsylvania, and the kuklux again carrying on their antics in the south, there is evidence that lawlessness though crushed to earth will sometimes rise again.

GOVERNOR THAYER deserves credit for the nerve he displayed in refusing to endorse John M. Thurston, the most notorious of railroad lobbyists and corruptionists of legislatures, for a place in the next cabinet.

WHEN a man like Manville can squander hundreds of dollars on saloon loafers and gamblers to get himself re-nominated for the council, it is manifest that he intends to re-coup himself at the public expense.

THE terrible wreck reported from Colorado, where two trains tried to pass each other on the same track, is probably another instance where an underpaid or overworked train dispatcher will be obliged to shoulder the blame.

JUDGE DUNDY'S charge to the grand jury upon alleged election frauds in Douglas county may cause a slight breeze in certain quarters. Men who voted early and often in obedience to their masters, will keep steady for a while at least.

THE nomination of cats paws and weak men for the council by no means insures election. When the citizens of Omaha will step up to the polls on December 3 they will cast their ballots for the best man, irrespective of parties, and that often means an independent candidate.

IF THE nominations at the primary elections of the two parties are captured by ringsters, boddlers and roustabouts, the only remedy tax-paying citizens will have is to induce first-class men to allow themselves to be voted for regardless of party. The boddlers should be made to go.

MENTION has frequently been made of the fall of a Chicago drummer, but nothing has exceeded the gall of a rabid, cantankerous democrat standing up in a republican primary, and challenging some of those present on the ground that they were not republicans. There is but one way to deal with such a man—hit him with a maul.

THE pathetic stories of the eviction of the unfortunate settlers from the Des Moines river land company's lands can not be read without stirring one's sympathies for the evicted people. The supreme court undoubtedly decided the question of the legal title to the land in its judgment seemed right. For all that many an innocent settler has been made a homeless wanderer.

HENRY GEORGE'S theory of a single land tax has found supporters in Dakota who will try to incorporate the idea in the constitution of the prospective state. Dakota may be ambitious to solve all the perplexing problems of government and taxation, but the young state will find that new-fangled ideas are not always practicable.

THE probable secession of democratic members of the Grand Army of the Republic in eight states, and the formation of a new order, must surprise every one. As a rule after an presidential election is over there is an end of all feeling, but this movement is an exception. The defeat of Grover Cleveland rankles in the breasts of these seceders, and they can no longer grasp in friendship the hands of comrades who voted and worked for Harrison. This is a sorry exhibition, and it is all the sorer because General Palmer, of Illinois, is one of the seceders.

A CHANCE OF COMPROMISE.

The opinion obtains in Washington that a compromise tariff bill may be arranged that will pass the present congress. Leading democrats are reported to have stated that in his annual message Mr. Cleveland, while not abandoning any of the views of his last message, will recommend that the majority of the houses co-operate with the republicans of the senate in the matter of cutting down the surplus receipts of the government, and it is by no means incredible that the president may take this position. It would give notable emphasis to his view that it is "a condition that confronts us, not a theory." Nor is it unlikely that such counsel would be without influence with at least the conservative members of the house majority. A conference of republicans is expected to be held in Washington the latter part of the present week to consider the tariff problem, the prime purpose being to consider the possibility of pushing the senate bill through both houses. It is hoped that with a few changes it may be made acceptable to a sufficient number of democrats in the house to secure its passage. This course is generally believed among republicans to be not preferable to a delay of fifteen months, when the discussion would have to begin anew in the next congress, and if this reasonable view can be impressed on a portion of the democrats not much difficulty will be experienced in arranging a compromise bill. It is not to be expected, of course, that Mills, Breckinridge and the other radicals will listen to any proposition for concessions, but there are members of the majority who it is thought will be more reasonable. Senator Allison, in an interview regarding the outlook for tariff, expressed himself somewhat hopefully that a minority of democrats in the house might be induced to favor the senate bill with some modifications, though he was not sanguine of any practical result. In order to get the question before the house the consent of the speaker and a majority of the ways and means committee would be necessary. A compromise ought to be practicable. The two branches of congress are nearly agreed as to the main items of reduction. The widest difference is on the sugar taxes, which the senate would reduce about twenty-nine millions and the house ten millions. The country would doubtless be satisfied if the amount of reduction were about twenty millions. The measures of both houses propose to take about twenty-five millions from the tobacco taxes. The free list of the senate bill would require to be somewhat increased, as it provides for a reduction of only six millions against twenty millions in the house bill, and it ought not to be difficult to agree upon a free list that would give a reduction of say ten millions. This would make a cut in the revenues of fifty-five millions, to which add seven millions by taking the tax from alcohol used in the arts, and there would be a total reduction of sixty-two million dollars, which is doubtless as far as it is expedient to go at present. All republican opinion of any weight expressed since the election has been favorable to revenue reduction, and if the democrats in the house are not intractable it may be effected at the coming session. A short time will develop what their disposition is.

MADE A MESS OF IT.

The extensive public improvements which have been undertaken in South Omaha since the deluded citizens of that corporation voted to plaster the town with mortgages, have resulted in contractors' combines and city council rings. This was by no means unexpected by disinterested observers like THE BEE. In the first place the schemes of public improvement were not half matured. With a notoriously incompetent engineer, and inexperienced councilmen, nothing better could have been expected than bungling and jobbery. There was no necessity whatever of loading down the property owners of South Omaha with the cost of viaducts which should have been built by the railroads for their own protection and that of the public. That item alone involves a mortgage debt of nearly one hundred thousand dollars which will grow more burdensome as the years go on.

The alleged impositions and frauds in grading are also the fruit of rushing into improvements without well-digested plans, proper competition and competent supervision. The South Omaha people made a mess of it from the outset in their anxiety for separate city government, which chiefly benefits tax-shirking syndicates at the expense of the owner and taxpayer. A few years of such independence will inevitably result in municipal bankruptcy.

THE deputation of leading citizens of O'Neill who have come to Omaha for the purpose of securing direct railroad communication with our city, should receive proper attention and encouragement at the hands of our business community. It is an awakening to the fact that the best interests of Holt county, of which O'Neill is the county seat, is served by a closer business relation with Omaha. It opens the eyes of the railroads centering at Omaha that the people of the state ask, and will have proper railroad facilities into the Metropolis. The fact that the delegation received little encouragement from Manager Holdrege of the Burlington for an immediate line passes for nothing. The reason given by Mr. Holdrege that the state board of transportation is to blame for the lack of railroad building in Nebraska at present is shallow. It is, moreover, false. The Burlington has just sent its graders and track-layers into Box Butte county to extend the Broken Bow branch two hundred miles into Wyoming. The citizens of O'Neill may depend upon it, that the Burlington management will think seriously over the proposition to extend the B. & M. to their city. The extension of the Illinois Central, as is highly probable, across Nebraska, will not be allowed to go without a counter movement by the Burlington, the Union Pacific and other roads. They can not stand idly by and see their territory invaded.

A WEAKSPOT.

The most successful device by which railroads evade the restrictions of the interstate commerce law is freight classification. It is an easy matter to bill merchandise under different classifications, so that the friends of the road, as the favorites are called, can grow rich, while those who are outside of the magic circle are groaning under burdensome tolls. If the mysteries of railroad bookkeeping and freight billing were made public the true inwardness of the attachment that exists between certain shippers and the managers of the road would be found in the peculiar methods of classification. If there are to be any amendments to the interstate commerce act in the coming congress the friends of railway regulation should, by all means see to it that uniform freight classification shall be enforced on all roads.

LOOK AT RESULTS IN OMAHA.

A few days ago the following paragraph, which first appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, was reproduced by THE BEE:

The prohibitionists will be powerless in future political contests to do harm to anything except the temperance cause. For reprinting this paragraph a leading Iowa prohibitionist writes THE BEE: "I have to ask, and send you with a letter a pastor-label with large, white lettering on a black background, on which is inscribed:

High License a Failure.—Look at Chicago.—License fee in 1882, \$52; in 1887, \$500; in 1882, 3,750 saloons; barrels beer sold, \$72,228; arrests, 32,899. In 1887, saloons, 3,944; barrels beer sold, 1,674,146; arrests, 46,505.—LOOK AT RESULTS IN OMAHA.—Kansas City, Missouri, and other cities where the experiment has been fully tried.

We do not propose to make an analysis of the results at Chicago. We do not, however, concede that the figures given as to the relative liquor traffic in Chicago in 1882 and 1887 show high license to have been a failure. Chicago has added more than thirty per cent to her population within the five years cited, which at low license would have given her four thousand eight hundred and eighty-four saloons in 1887, instead of three thousand nine hundred and forty-four, or nine hundred more than she had in 1887. And yet it is deceptive to quote 1887 for Chicago when low license had just been repealed and hundreds of saloons were kept up that were closed later on. Nor is the quantity of beer sold in Chicago any criterion whatever, because the sales of her breweries represent her sales to hundreds of towns and cities in Illinois, Indiana and even prohibition Iowa.

But look at results in Omaha. In 1881, when the license was raised from one hundred to one thousand dollars a year, Omaha with a population of thirty thousand six hundred maintained one hundred and sixty-two retail liquor shops. In 1888, with a population of over one hundred thousand, we have

about two hundred and fifteen retail liquor dealers. In other words, under low license, Omaha, with her present population, should have had not less than five hundred and twenty-five saloons, or more than double the number she really has under high license. Where in 1881 Omaha had eleven saloons for every two thousand of her population she now has less than five saloons. This is the result in Omaha, and the wholesome effect high license has had toward decreasing the evil of the liquor traffic can not be gained. To quote Omaha in proof that high license is a failure in the face of the known fact that Omaha is an orderly and temperate as any city of equal population on the continent, is utterly indefensible.

whole of Indian territory to white settlers. Whatever friendliness congress has shown for the movement to open Oklahoma, it can not under any circumstances give encouragement to this new project. In fact, the greediness displayed to despoil the Indians of their lands puts a bad color on the original scheme of opening Oklahoma. Congress will look with suspicion on either project, both of which are sure to lead to serious trouble and wanton injustice. The chances are that the boomers have killed their Oklahoma bill as a result of their present folly.

C. A. PILLSBURY, the great flour man of Minneapolis, has issued a circular to his business friends in which he declares that the rise in wheat that has taken place is not a circumstance to which is coming, which will be a perfect cyclone. He says that there is a probability that seventy-five per cent of the wheat of Minnesota and Nebraska will have been marketed before another fortnight, but that those who hold on a few months will make money by it. There is a marked disagreement between western rates and London rates, but as London is now out of from the Russian supply by ice in the sea of Azof, an unusual circumstance, our farmers may not have to wait so long.

RUSSIA is issuing more bonds nominally to take up others. Perhaps this is so, but it must not be forgotten that the czar has floated a loan of forty millions in Paris, and of twenty-five millions in Berlin, and has one hundred thousand cavalry and three hundred thousand infantry echeloned along the Austrian frontier. There are more comfortable regions in the world than Galicia, and the Galicians think so, too.

STATION AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Outings. Forty-five railroad locomotives make their headquarters at Wyome. The dog poisoner has sent many a canine to his grave at Stratton recently. The York County Agricultural society will join the American Trade association. N. K. Griggs, the "poet laureate," is now managing editor of the Beatrice Express. Kenesaw will soon resound with martial music. The boys are organizing a drum corps. Another teacher is to be added to the faculty of the Mead school on account of the increase in attendance. Beatrice is not a city of brotherly love. Bud Stockton has had his brother James arrested for stealing a wheel. Con the Weeping Water man who sold whisky without a license, will have thirty days in the county jail to meditate on the cry of his wails. A fine stone quarry has been discovered on a farm south of Wyome. The stone is of a very light color, fine grained and susceptible of a very smooth polish. It becomes hard after a few weeks exposure to air. Three sneak thieves who robbed a clothing store at Minden were captured at Kenesaw. They were carrying a trunk containing a telegraph operator, a judge, a traveling man, and a deputy constable. After one look at their captives the thieves gave up, but while being taken back to Minden one of them tried to escape, and only stopped when a bullet moved away a section of his buttocks.

VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Norfolk News: The general opinion of the Omaha people who visited us seems to have been that there was no fire on Norfolk. Kearney Hub: There is no doubt about it, the people of the state of Nebraska might do worse even than to send Church Howe to the United States senate. Unadilla Times: The Nebraska legislature will make war on the car stove this winter. We trust our statesmen will succeed in having it set out of doors. Dundey Democrat: The Nebraska legislature should exact a promise in advance from the senator to be elected this winter that he will vote for free lumber. Beatrice Republican: There is an aspect of the republican victory that even democrats can not deny with a feeling of satisfaction. After the 14th of next month no mail clerks will be appointed who cannot read. McCool Junction Record: While Attorney General Leese's vote was not quite as large as the presidential vote of the state, he can congratulate himself that it was not cut down by the will of the common voter, but was the result of corporations. Fullerton Post: In case "our George" does not get the nomination, it will be the plaudits of the civilized world if he will advocate the annihilation of the militia. Just why sensible men will endorse this idiotical piece of expensive business is a mystery. Blue Springs Motor: The next legislature will spring much brains and some very smart men will be members of that body. They can do a great deal of good and they can do a great deal of mischief. Brans are good when good and mighty bad when bad. Beatrice Democrat: One pleasing feature in the Sabin scandal is the fact that Beatrice is getting a great deal of advertising out of it. While the notoriety may not be just the kind to raise the town in the estimation of downcast people, it shows that Beatrice is still the life of the state. Fremont Final: And now comes the report that the Duke of Nemaha is after Mansfield's seat. It is claimed that he has worked the whole south country with devious fingers and that he will come up with the grand tournament with a score or more braves, each with scalp at his belt. Naughty, naughty Church Howe! Falls City Journal: The members of the next legislature would render the most valuable service to the state if they would amend the law relating to the assessment of property that it be taken at actual cash value instead of one-tenth its value, as at present. Our present practice of valuation is a farce and a travesty on human intelligence. Amend the assessment laws. Humphrey Republican: Having made a visit to Omaha, and observing the many improvements in the country and towns along the line of railroad, we are more and more impressed with the rapid strides the state of Nebraska is making in the march of progress. And the growth and prosperity of Omaha in all that makes a great city, is simply marvellous. The improvements in South Omaha alone will exceed those in many of the large cities of the east. Wahoo Wasp: A great deal is being said and printed just now in regard to what laws should be passed by the legislature this winter. One of the most important features of legislation is the quality and not the quantity of the laws enacted. The legislature that gives the state the least number of laws is not by any means a failure, and the Wasp hopes to see the next session strive to avoid crude and cumbersome legislation and to pass needed and useful measures with care and full consideration.

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try depends entirely upon the plowman, he should have the privilege of helping to govern it. And if he ever expects to exercise that right, he must be up and doing. Don't wait on the movement of your political friends (J). Give the chronic office seekers a rest. Grand Island Independent: We hope that our legislature will pass a law against trusts, and that not only our legislature, but those of all other states will adopt such measures, as the trusts are the most obnoxious forms of oppressive monopolies we have. The republicans especially are bound to work for the suppression of these trusts, as the protective tariff, to a large extent, excludes foreign competition, and we therefore have to rely on home competition, while the object of the trusts is to destroy local industries of all prices. A protest against tariff demands undisturbed home competition. Will Go Right On. The Call having remarked on Saturday that the railroads of the state were not going out of business on account of the action of the board of transportation in reducing rates to a reasonable figure, the Journal publishes on Sunday a threat from Vice President Perkins that he will stop work, within ten days if the board resolutely refuses to raise rates. The Call mightly mistakes the people of Nebraska if they can be longer imposed upon by the boss and balderdash of the railroad managers and their prompt and zealous mouthpieces. The extensions will go right on whether the board find it necessary to cut down rates further or not.

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