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THE BEE is brutal toward Jim Creighton. Says our amiable Douglastreet contemporary, can THE BEE be brutal enough to a man who publicly says that he hopes to see the day when the crows will roost in the new BEE building?

The price of wheat has tipped the lower end of the scales in the speculative market, as compared with a few weeks ago. But that is to be expected. Our extreme follows the other, and were it not for these fluctuations lambs could not be shorn nor the wolves fed.

It hardly seems necessary to refer to the stupid error that Governor Thayer had expressed an intention of resigning. The enterprising newspaper which has developed a special bent for roouncing will soon find the error of its way, and learn that the public want, and are entitled to reliable news.

THE first bill in the senate affecting specific Omaha interests came up yesterday, when the street railway consolidation measure was under consideration. Although the bill, as originally introduced, could hardly be construed as not protecting fully the rights of the city, it was amended so as to leave no question on the point. Any measure which will give increased local transportation facilities without increasing public obligations will receive general support from our citizens.

REPRESENTATIVE ST. RAYNE'S resolution directing the rays of the state university to render an itemized account of their expenditures during the past two years is very timely. There has been altogether too much mystery about the financial transactions of this board, which persists in being a very close corporation. Before another appropriation is voted by the present legislature for the university and agricultural college it should be placed in possession of all the details of university management.

THE charity ball which will be given at Exposition hall, Friday evening, the 18th inst., for the benefit of the Creche, should be liberally patronized by our citizens. The cause is a worthy one and the ladies of Omaha who have taken charge of the affair should be encouraged in their good work. Other western cities have responded liberally to the charity balls given in their respective localities. The people of Kansas City and Denver notably seconded the efforts of their charity associations by making the charity ball a financial and social success. There is no reason why Omaha should not do likewise, and net for the benefit of the Creche several thousand dollars.

THE democrats in congress appear to have found it necessary to again lean upon Mr. Randall, although that gentleman is physically the feeblest among them. But when even Mr. Carlisle could see no way out of the recent deadlock, and the redoubtable Weaver showed an uncompromising determination to obstruct all legislation, Mr. Randall was called to the leadership and the desired object was speedily attained. The parliamentary skill and the courage of the Pennsylvania congressman soon found a way out of the dilemma and the Iowa was driven discomfited from the contest. Subsequently Mr. Randall's contemptible superiority over his democratic colleague in other directions, and fully vindicated his claim to leadership so far, at least, as parliamentary ability is concerned.

THE legislature of two years ago enacted, that each and every insurance company doing business in the state shall be taxed upon the excess of premiums received over losses and ordinary expenses incurred within the state during the year previous to the year of listing in the county where the agent conducts his business properly, proportioned by the company, at the same rate that other personal property is taxed. It would be a proper thing for the legislature in view of proposed changes in the insurance law to institute an inquiry as to the effect of this law. The losses from fire in the state during the past two years have been comparatively light. If the law has been properly enforced and obeyed, there should have been collected a large revenue for the benefit of the state from this source.

MANDESON RE-ELECTED.

The re-election of General Charles E. Manderson as his own successor in the United States senate for a term of six years from March 4, has been formally consummated in joint convention of the two houses of the state legislature. General Manderson is the second citizen of Nebraska who has thus been honored. The first, Thomas W. Tipton, was, however, re-elected after serving in the senate only two years, and has two terms only covered a period of eight years.

It has been General Manderson's fortune to come up for re-election at a time when the republican party of Nebraska, in common with the republicans all over the union, had thrust aside all factional quarrels and centered their energies into one supreme effort for the recovery of the national citadel that had been captured by the common enemy in the preceding national campaign.

In this great struggle for supremacy and recovery of lost prestige, the senatorship contest, if there was any such, was obscured and literally lost sight of until after the triumph of Harrison and Morton in November. By that time General Manderson found himself virtually re-elected without the firing of a gun, unless, as had happened in nearly every previous campaign the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads should have entered the lists against him with preferred candidates and opened the breach through which the dark horse would, as usual, have come out to claim the prize.

For reasons best known to themselves, the railroad magnates appeared satisfied with the existing order of things at Washington, as well as in Nebraska. Their combined following swelled the column of General Manderson's personal supporters and made his re-election practically unanimous. Unlike any of his predecessors and colleagues, Senator Manderson has met with no opposition worthy of the name from any quarter. While he is not a man of the people and seldom mingles with common people General Manderson has not engendered those bitter personal enmities that have usually culminated in disaster to every candidate who presented his claims for re-election.

Whether the precedent established now will ever be followed or not, it is morally certain that Senator Manderson, by his experience of six years, has acquired a wisdom and a more effective service in the future than in the past. Elected without pledges to any member of the legislature, Senator Manderson will be in condition to dispense the federal patronage that may be at his disposal after the 4th of March in the interest of an efficient civil service, and use his best endeavors to have only competent and reputable men placed in positions of honor and trust. This is what the people of Nebraska are entitled to and it is to be hoped that the senator will exercise his best judgment in the discharge of this delicate and onerous duty.

MR. BENTON HAS THE FLOOR.

Auditor Benton, who is by all odds the smallest of small boys that has ever filled a state office in or out of Nebraska, disclaims that he had the remotest intention of obstructing legislative inquiry into the conduct of the state board of transportation. We cheerfully give him the benefit of his denial. Our strictures upon the board in general and Mr. Benton in particular were based on a report from the state capital which we had no reason to discredit. But Mr. Benton was not content with setting himself right on the charge of attempting to obstruct legislative inquiry. He fabricated a most absurd tissue of falsehoods and gives them publicity through the Lincoln Journal, which quotes him as follows: "I have no idea what object THE BEE has in misrepresenting me. Their correspondent served notice upon me some time ago that if I would not work with them I would get a roast, and that they would certainly defeat me for re-nomination. My reply was that they did all they could to defeat me in the first place, and that no threats would keep me from doing what I considered right. I presume that it is more than likely that all the members of the board of transportation have been threatened in the same way."

Now, what does Mr. Benton mean by uttering such drivel? Does he pretend or believe that THE BEE or any man responsible for its course, has any need of his personal influence? What work can he do by which THE BEE would profit? Whom did he refer to when he says he would not work with them? If anybody employed on this paper has threatened him why has he not reported the fact to the responsible editor? What does this shadow of a man mean when he says "They did all they could to defeat him and no threats would keep him from doing what he considered right?" In what way has THE BEE sought to defeat him, either for nomination or election? Can he quote a single paragraph from THE BEE adverse to his nomination or opposing his election? As a matter of fact Benton made half a dozen pilgrimages to Omaha before the state convention and made several calls at the residence of the editor of THE BEE, invoking generous treatment, which was accorded to him. Does he dare assert that he was ever asked to return the favor in any shape, manner or form? Under those circumstances his baseless insinuations are the more despicable, since they reveal him as a thing devoid of the least gratitude.

On His Good Behavior.

The President-elect—Has Russ behaved well in New York? "Lige—the latest returns have not come in."

under which they are held and the right of suffrage annihilated.

It is not only probable that in the main the allegations made in this paper are true, and a like state of facts could doubtless be produced from other southern states. The remedy proposed by the author of the paper is that the conduct and management of all federal elections be placed in the hands of federal officers, and very likely this policy would have the approval of southern republicans generally. The bills introduced by Senator Sherman and Congressman Grover contemplate such a policy, but we observe expressions of doubt from republican sources whether it is advisable to take a step of this kind. However republicans of the south are to be protected in their rights of citizenship, the objectors to federal control of federal elections do not, however, suggest a great deal of information similar in character to that coming from South Carolina, is likely to be presented to the next administration and congress, and it is already certain that it will not be required. General Harrison has talked very plainly regarding the wrong involved in the suppression of the republican vote, and the intimations from republican members of congress of a purpose to apply a remedy cannot be regarded as meaningless. The problem is very likely to seriously engage the attention of the country within the next year.

THE board of public works, in its annual report to the mayor and council, has prepared an exhaustive statement as to the relative merit of various kinds of pavements. The report should receive the careful attention of every taxpayer and property-owner of the city. It goes far in emphasizing the position of THE BEE as to the worthlessness of the wooden-block pavement. The board has, with commendable judgment, called in the testimony of leading cities of this country and of Europe which have given stone, macadam and wooden block a trial for a number of years. The experiences of all these cities—Montreal, Paris, St. Louis, Washington, Detroit and Chicago—have demonstrated that the life of the wooden block has not exceeded six to eight years and that the cost of repairs where it has been used has been greater than that of any other pavement. The policy, therefore, of our city for the past three years in expending nearly a million dollars for the construction of many miles of wooden pavement is aptly described by the board as suicidal. Within two or three years, the city will be called upon to make extensive repairs wherever the wooden block has been laid, which will result in increasing taxation to an extraordinary degree. The board very properly calls the attention of our citizens to the folly of laying any more wooden block pavement in our city which has been so universally condemned as dangerous to health and most expensive in the end.

JUDGE TULEY'S decision in the Chicago Arbitrator bond case, which involves the right of the police to suppress public meetings, will command broad attention. The judge firmly upholds the cardinal principles embodied in the bill of rights of every state constitution and calls a halt to police interference with the constitutional and reserved rights of the American people. The judge said: "If the police, at their discretion, may do what they think will prevent what may, in their judgment, result in crime, legislatures, courts or governmental officers would be entirely superfluous."

WATERMAN TAPES INTO POETRY.

On a recent brief visit to Kentucky: The only man on 'Lujan says, Of otheeskers many, Is one whose name we speak with awe— Not Dennis it, but Denny.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. The first burial in the Strang cemetery occurred last week.

It would be to have another lumber yard, to be situated on the corner of Fort Pierre to Fort Laramie, and retained by him ever since. He secured other portions of the body, which were sent to the State penitentiary, where they were to be used as a punishment for any petty policeman.

Life in Blaine county is illustrated by the following from the Breton News: Mr. A. Sawyer, our county hill promoter, and his county, favored us with a visit on Tuesday, and took pleasure in telling us of the successful formation of the Pleasant Hill Drainatic club, which gave one of their most successful entertainments at Purdon recently. He was not pleased with the result of his mission, and the unpleasantness at their school house, when a gentleman from Goose Creek insisted on hearing their rehearsal, after he had been told to return to their homes, and they were not to be disturbed by any of their kind.

An oatmeal company at Iowa City has incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. The I. O. O. F. lodge at Afton contains seventy members, and the best they can do is that they live within their means and pay their bills honestly; that they are not pretentious, do not live more than they can pay, not even all that they earn, but it is ever so little that they do not live beyond their means at the expense of those who trust them, and do not seek other states or Canada, like a good many of those whose mode of life the learned professor would hold out as a warning to the people of Iowa; that they would rather live in huts honestly earned than in palaces obtained in sharp practices; that they are law-abiding and peaceful; that they search the court records and you will find proportionately less cases, less divorces, less crimes, and less poverty, than among any other class; that they are not pretentious, do not live more than they can pay, not even all that they earn, but it is ever so little that they do not live beyond their means at the expense of those who trust them, and do not seek other states or Canada, like a good many of those whose mode of life the learned professor would hold out as a warning to the people of Iowa; 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