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POLITICS is now spelled with a capital P in Iowa. FALL candidates will soon be ripe enough to pick.

IN SEARCHING for a better quality of street lighting, the council should not keep on groping in the dark. THE opening of Eighteenth street and putting it down to grade between Farnam and Dodge should not be longer delayed.

SOCIETY sensations are running rampant in Omaha these days. This is a wicked world, with a few counties yet to be heard from.

THE cities of South Dakota are not so far away from the metropolis of Nebraska as not to be anxious to become well acquainted with it.

THE fact is dawning upon the chief magistrate of Mississippi that the people of that state by their ovations consider John L. Sullivan a bigger man than Governor Lowry.

OMAHA should take the contract to furnish this section of the country with starch and should brook no competitor. She has all the raw material necessary to do it in the hollow of her right hand.

THE rich cereal crops of both the Elk-horn and the Republican valleys are now being harvested, and soon will be taken to market. Omaha should be the magnet to draw them through her gates.

ANOTHER good man has been delegated to prepare material for the next census. Prof. Henry C. Adams, of Michigan University, has accepted the appointment of special agent on railroad and transportation statistics.

IT SEEMS somewhat strange that cable and the motor railway companies have made all their principal extensions to the north and northwest. They seem to have ignored entirely the fact that the city is tending to the southwest, and that there is an immense traffic to and from the lower portion of the city, which the slow-going horse car can never accommodate.

A CERTAIN senator was once improving his mind by a short sojourn in Omaha; one evening he was unexpectedly run in by the police, charged with being a suspicious character; perhaps this was a pardonable mistake under the circumstances.

WITH three physicians on the payroll of the county it is not to be wondered at that business at the county drug store is brisk. For the month of July four hundred and fifty-seven prescriptions were filled, and as most of these were for whisky and sent to about sixty "sick" inmates of the county jail, the state of health of Douglas county prisoners must be alarming.

THE WATERWAYS CONVENTION.

The convention to discuss the navigation interests of the great lakes, in their relations to the commercial interests of the west and northwest, will meet at Superior, Wisconsin, to-day. The subject to be considered is certainly of very great importance.

How great this is may be understood from the estimated value of the lake commerce of seven lake cities, including also Lake Superior, for the year 1888. As indicated by custom house and canal reports, this commerce amounted to over five hundred million dollars, and when to this is added the commerce which does not show in American customs office reports, and that which includes Canadian ports, there is given a grand total of over one thousand million dollars, a value very nearly equal to that of the total exports and imports of the United States last year.

The misfortune of Spokane Falls, a common one with new cities, was a lack of adequate protection against fire. It has the Holly water works system, and when this was put to the supreme test it was found wanting. Its volunteer fire department, also, was not equal to the emergency, as such departments rarely have been when an extraordinary demand was made upon them.

The danger that confronts the waterways convention is in committing itself to unnecessary or impracticable projects. It will undoubtedly have urged upon its attention, as other similar conventions have had, schemes that the benefits of which would be purely local. It should have nothing to do with such. Members of congress from localities mainly interested only in selfish designs upon the public treasury should be allowed the sole privilege of fostering local projects.

THE BEHRING SEA ISSUE.

Washington advises indicate that the government is getting ready to set on foot negotiations for a settlement of the Behring sea question, and it is suggested that Russia may be asked to take part. So far as the seal fisheries are concerned, but for the controversy, Russia has practically no interest whatever in the issue, but she has territory bounding a portion of the sea, which gives her a legitimate claim to a voice in any negotiations for establishing jurisdiction that this government would doubtless not be disposed to ignore. Moreover, there is reason to suppose that Russia would be a valuable friend of the United States in such negotiations, since the claim of this country is quite in line with that of the Russian government, as set forth by imperial ukase more than sixty years ago. It is true that at that time our government refused to accept Russia's assumption of exclusive jurisdiction over Behring sea, but since the purchase of Alaska both the executive and legislative branches of the government have adopted with slight modification, if any, the position of Russia, and it is this attitude that is the source of contention.

So far as the present administration is concerned it is simply adhering to a policy which was announced more than twenty years ago, was insisted upon by every administration since, and was reaffirmed by the last congress in an act approved by President Cleveland on the last day of his term. That act was prompted by the weak course of the administration in dealing with this question, due, it was claimed in defense, to the difficulty Secretary Bayard found in reconciling the present claims of the government with its refusal to recognize the assumption of the Russian government to a similar right. This act is sufficiently plain in its terms. It declares that "no person shall kill any other, mink, marten, sable or fur seal or other fur-bearing animal within the limit of Alaskan territory or in the waters thereof." It would perhaps have been well if the act had specified what this government regards as Alaskan waters, but for all the purposes of the president's proclamation and the instructions to the commanders of our cruisers in Behring sea, the long-maintained claim of jurisdiction by this government was a sufficient guide. The Canadian seal hunters fully understood the extent and scope of this claim, and in trespassing in the forbidden waters they knew it was a deliberate defiance of this government, which would not be tolerated. All the bluster and show of indignation regarding the action of the representatives of the government in Alaskan waters, is faithfully following their instructions, is therefore no purpose, and no better is the criticism of the administration for doing what an act of congress plainly required it to do. There has been no new principle avowed and no new policy declared. The position of the government in this matter is today just what it has been for more than twenty years. Whether it can be maintained can only be determined by diplomatic negotiations, which, undoubtedly, the government will be prepared to enter into at any time. But until so determined there can be no doubt that the administration will faithfully carry out the past policy of the nation and the clearly-expressed will of congress.

ANOTHER DISASTER.

It is to be hoped the reports at hand regarding the extent of the loss by fire at Spokane Falls, Washington, will prove to be exaggerated, but in any event it is certain that the calamity is a very serious one. Coming on the heels of the destruction of Seattle, and while that brave and enterprising community is still living and doing business in tents, though pushing forward the work of rebuilding with all possible vigor, the people of the new state are suffering more than their share of the disasters which will make the present year long memorable. The first reports of the fire at Seattle stated the loss at a very much greater amount than it really was, and there is reason to hope that the same may be the fact as to the report of the Spokane Falls conflagration, from which the estimated loss amounts as high as thirty million dollars. But if it shall prove to be but a third of that amount, it is a serious blow to the young city.

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THE DEEP AND DARK DESIGN.

A British syndicate is now reported to be doing all the gas in this country. There is no doubt but it intends to get control of it and then blow the gas out on us.

THE RAILROADS AND THE G. A. I.

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EVERYTHING GOES IN ENGLAND.

It sounds strange to Americans to hear that Robert Browning has done in a volume of humorous poetry. But even Bob may be considered humorous among people who laugh at Punch.

THE WORKINGMAN'S DANGER.

Self-respecting workingmen should not allow themselves to be used as the shabby tools of scheming politicians. Their interest in the proper management of state and municipal affairs is second to none, and their influence, if intelligently exerted, is great; they should, therefore, beware of mistakes at the outset of the campaign, and especially should they avoid the transparent designs of those who have no other use for them except to further their own personal ends. The time is approaching when all good citizens must do their utmost to maintain their own rights and secure an honest and economical administration of public affairs, and we are confident that the true workingmen will not be backward, nor allow themselves to be led by the nose.

GREAT MEN.

The earl of life's father died of drink. The old wife of Tom Reamy was sold on railway trains in cheap paper covers. The Prince of Wales is reported to have won \$25,000 in cards during the Newmarket races.

John Hart, who drives a baker's wagon in Westchester, Pa., is a great-grandson of the John Hart who signed the declaration of Independence.

Herbert McMahon, ex-president of France, now in his eighty-first year, is as fresh as a boy and has never had from a natural cause a day's illness in his life.

Mr. Ruskin was once asked if it would not be well for the world to be ruled by a man and be replaced by the English. "God forbid!" he replied. "The Welsh language is the language of music. There is no genius about the language. The Scotch have got all the poetry, and the Irish all the wit, and how the devil we got Shakespeare I do not know."

THE Rev. B. De Costa, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in New York, is the tender-hearted Christian who sends these words of sympathy and cheer to the sufferers at Johnston: "It is time people stopped fooling with nature and built cities where they will not be drowned out and menaced by dangerous dams. People who live in the track of the flood ought to be required to make up for losses if they are going to have levees, and not resort to the device of telegraphing to the mayor of New York for funds to relieve their distress."

Whittier, it is said, falls asleep in his chair when visitors begin to praise his poetry. Earthly honors grow less valuable to him as the years wane.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Nebraska. The Saline county fair will be held at Wilber September 2, 3 and 4. Wellfleet has a public watering tank and a large public bath in prospect. The old soldiers of Chase county will hold a reunion at Champion September 14. Two of the triplets born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Powers, of Schuyler, died recently. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mundorf, of Herman,

Washington county, will celebrate their golden wedding August 13. The Cedar Rapids Republican thinks the capital of that city would form a union and strike for more wages. Chadron will vote September 3 on a proposition to issue \$20,000 bonds for funding the city debt and building a city hall. Saunders county farmers say Ashland has threshed their farm grain, oats going thirty bushels and wheat fifteen bushels to the bushel.

The business men of Hebron have subscribed sufficient funds to purchase weather signal flags, which will be placed on the coast house. J. A. Stool, for seven years Union Pacific station agent at Hebron city, has resigned and has been succeeded by J. R. Minnick, of Stromsburg. J. A. McGinnis, the postmaster at Minden, has resigned his position to Washington and signed a petition favoring W. D. Hart for the office. The old settlers of Richardson county will hold their fourth annual picnic August 13 and 14 in a grove on the Nemaha river between Dawson and Humboldt.

John N. Reynolds, who formerly resided at Hebron, but who has spent the past eighteen months in the Kansas penitentiary, has just published a book entitled "A Kansas Hell."

Sherriff Cobble, of Raya Paha county, has sworn his intended deputies, and the town of Springfield and surrounding vicinity is patrolled each night by from twenty-five to fifty men.

The business men of Verdun brame so disgusted with the way property owners allowed weeds to grow in the central part of town that they made up a purse and hired men to cut down the offensive growth.

LOUISIANA ITEMS.

Clinton citizens are raising \$1,000 to improve their fourth annual picnic August 13 and 14. Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in St. Louis during the month of July. A police court session and adjourned will hold a reunion at Avon Junction August 21 to 23. The Davenport saloons have paid into the city treasury during the past six months \$3,450.

The first division, Sons of Veterans, will hold their encampment at Anamosa September 17-19. The Young Men's Christian association will petition D. L. Moody to be present at the state convention at Ottumwa October 9-11.

The three-year-old son of Dave Herwig, of Muscatine, died on Thursday from the effects of injuries received in a fight with a five-year-old boy on the Saturday previous.

An unknown person is raising among the cattle of Monroe county, especially among the milk cows. The eyes become sore and in many cases the sight is destroyed.

The eleventh annual meeting of the United Brotherhood church will be held in the grand ball room of the Hotel Lincoln, beginning August 23 and closing September 2.

Thomas Robinson, a farmer living near Terrell, while riding on the road work in the field, was struck by lightning and killed instantly. The horse he was riding was also killed.

The romantic marriage in Chicago of Will Trepanier, son of a leading dry goods merchant, and Hattie Conrad, daughter of James Conrad of the district bank, was reported to have been a success. The marriage was bitterly opposed by Trepanier's senior, while his wife has been anxious to forget and forgive and receive the young couple at her home. The outcome has been a breaking up of the Trepanier home, the father and mother formally separating.

THE BALTOON CASE.

The months of the Ogdensburg contingent are securely sealed. OGDENBURG, N. Y., August 5.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The excitement in society circles over the Barton-Bridges scandal has somewhat subsided. Mrs. Smith, the aunt of Miss Bridges, is at her home in this city completely prostrated by the shock, and is unable to make any statement to THE BEE correspondent who called upon her last evening.

Miss Bridges has refused to talk about the matter, notwithstanding the fact that your correspondent showed the citizens on both sides of the matter being given to the public.

Young Hamel is in Utah, and pronounces the fact that the citizens on the contemplated line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company, between Niobrara, Knox county, and Atkinson, Holt county, the grade of which had been made, had petitioned the attorney general to commence suit to dissolve its articles of incorporation and its articles of incorporation, and to vacate and abandon the partly constructed road. The attorney general accordingly entered into correspondence with the officials of the road, and the following letter clearly indicates with what success:

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 3, 1889.—William Lesse, Attorney General, Lincoln—Dear Sir: This company has abandoned the idea of constructing the line of road contemplated from Niobrara in your state, and are willing to amend its articles of incorporation, and to vacate and abandon the partly constructed road. If it is necessary that anything more formal should be executed by the company you can prepare such papers as you desire and forward the same to me and I will see that it is executed by the company. Respectfully, JOHN V. CASEY, General Counselor.

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REESE'S OFFICIAL SHOES.

York county, filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state to-day. Business commenced August 15. Authorized capital stock \$10,000. Incorporators: J. F. McConaughy, W. Barross, E. P. Vance, E. B. Woods, Ellen McConaughy and C. G. Woods.

A RUMOR THAT DILWORTH WOULD LIKE TO WEAR THEM.

Lincoln Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1029 P STREET, LINCOLN, August 5. One of the best informed politicians of the state, who is stopping at the Capital hotel, said to-day:

Hamer's candidacy for the supreme bench is nothing more or less than a boom for Hamer. The play to defeat Maxwell two years ago, Hamer expects, by his candidacy, to wield influence for Connor a year later. It is intended, also, that he shall be able to feather his own nest for an "appointment" upon the passage of the constitutional amendment increasing the membership of the supreme bench to five. Fixing upon Hastings as the place for holding the state convention is intended to strengthen Dilworth by giving him the prestige of home enthusiasm. It is said that Post is willing to sacrifice himself in the hopes of future aggrandizement, and will turn over to Dilworth all "favorable delegations" that may be for him for first choice. The business men of the state are, it is altogether probable that the republican state convention will be the most exciting ever held in the state in an off year.

A BASE BETRAYAL.

During the early part of last week a carpenter by the name of Kline, who then lived on Twelfth street, the third door from S. on the left hand side, went to the depot to meet his wife, who was expected from Wichita, Kan., where she had been on a visit. She was accompanied by a young girl by the name of Minnie Moran, who was engaged to a friend of Mr. Kline's husband. Kline greeted his wife cordially when she alighted from the train, took both his wife's and Miss Moran's baggage checks and told them he would send their trunks direct to the house. He requested Miss Moran to remain at the depot until he returned, and his wife took a car for home. Seemingly, nothing was thought of the strange request by either of the ladies. A broken-down man was standing by when Kline told the ladies, and the wife had departed, he accosted the girl and told her that Kline intended to rob her of her trunk, and she should accompany him to the depot hotel and he would look after the property. This the girl did. After a time the brakeman returned to the hotel and told her that he had failed to find Kline or her trunk. He then registered as W. F. Friel, wife and Minnie was shown to her room. The trunk was taken to the room and Friel effected an entrance into her room and by intimidation accomplished his purpose. The next morning Kline appeared upon the street and told her that he had secured a place for her to work. It dawned upon her then that she had been victimized, but for fear of losing her job she held her peace regarding her betrayal. She went to 1628 P street, where she engaged as a domestic, whereupon Kline appeared upon the street with his children, and engaged board at the same place, and his attentions upon Minnie have been so marked since that they are the subject of remark by the neighborhood. The slightest escapade was known to the police at the time, but it is said that because of the close friendship between Kline and an official in police circles they were not molested.

FIFTY-THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 5.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Robert Marvel's wonderful fast still continues. He has now gone fifty-three days without nourishment of any kind except water. He is eighty-four years old. There is little doubt that he is growing weaker. Yesterday he submitted to a change of clothing without any resistance for the first time since his strange affliction began. His relatives think he will survive ten days longer.

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