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George B. Tschuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the actual average daily circulation of The Daily Bee for the month of August, 1890, is as follows:

FLATTERING reports are sent out concerning the improvement in Russian finances. The opinion has long prevailed in Europe that Russia, though anxious to go to war could not do so through lack of funds.

OMAHA'S building record and Omaha's bank clearings are a fair index of her healthful growth and prosperity. The prospects for a live fall trade were never better.

THE street railways are just now figuring out how much the city owes them for their tearing up the paved streets. We confidently expect that the city attorney will present an ordinance at the next session of the council to reimburse Dr. Mercer and the Consolidated for the damages they have suffered at the hands of the city.

THE time limit of the monopoly of seal fishing in Alaska waters, at present enjoyed by one corporation to the exclusion of all other American citizens, will soon expire, and it is said the government will renew the monopoly for another twenty years.

UNLESS Governor Thayer returns speedily from his summer vacation we may look for another proclamation from Acting Governor Micklejohn. Our lieutenant governor is heavy on proclamations. Whenever he occupies the executive chair he is bound to proclaim something or somebody, and we should not be surprised if he issues a proclamation calling an extra session of the legislature to provide means of repelling an invasion of the Sioux reservation.

IT is reported that a trust has been formed to raise the price of diamonds. It will hardly succeed. Diamonds have ceased to be a luxury. Nearly everybody has diamonds already and those who have not money enough to buy the real diamonds can readily procure imitations which so closely resemble the genuine that it is hard to tell the difference.

THE future of Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado is closely bound together. The prosperity of one will be promoted by the prosperity of all. As the resources of the mountain states will be developed by the influx of capital and population, the necessities of life will be drawn from agricultural and commercial Nebraska, while in turn the people of this state will be supplied with coal and petroleum from Wyoming and with lead and iron from Colorado.

THE National Rifle association meets at Creedmore shortly, when America's crack marksmen will contend for the customary prizes. It is to be regretted that the international feature, which a few years ago made the Creedmore autumn matches of great interest and contributed to the success of the meeting, have for the present been abandoned. Not even Canada will be represented this year, but it is expected that as soon as the Creedmore range is transferred to the state of New York the rifle teams of England and Canada will again contend with American companies.

ONE of the German and the French Trans-Atlantic steamship lines have served notice on American railroads to the effect that shipments of freight from this country to Europe by their respective routes must conform to the laws of Germany or France during the ocean transit in questions arising under their bills of lading. As was to be expected, the American roads refuse point blank to conform to such rules. It is a common law axiom that a contract is governed by the law of the country in which it is made. It is therefore the height of impudence for foreign steamship lines to make an attempt to subvert this common law doctrine to suit their own pleasure.

TRAINING FOR THE TRADES.

The marked success of the New York trade schools has proved the necessity that existed for institutions of this kind. The demonstrated good these schools have accomplished in recruiting the ranks of skilled labor and improving the character of American mechanics has amply justified their establishment. These schools have been in operation eight years, and in that period they have given to the trades in which they furnish instruction—brick laying, plastering, plumbing, carpentry, house and sign painting, fresco painting, stone cutting, tailoring, and blacksmithing—hundreds of young men equipped with a thorough knowledge of how work should be done, and with the practical preparation which has enabled them to quickly master all the requirements necessary to render them skilled workmen. These schools give both manual and scientific instruction. A trade is taught in all its branches, and the reason why one method is right and another, which seems to produce the same result, is wrong, is carefully explained. Of course for such instruction the teachers must be skilled mechanics, whose duty it is to show how work should be done and to see that each individual does it properly.

While the scope of these trade schools is more extended than those connected with the public schools of various cities, the ground plan of both is necessarily similar. Manual training in connection with the public school system will undoubtedly always be restricted to simple elementary instruction. It is not understood to be the design of the promoters of such training that it shall be carried any further than to give the pupil the mere rudiments of any trade in which it may be practicable to furnish instruction in such schools. In some of the more advanced schools, however, as in those of Boston, St. Louis, and other cities, progress has been made beyond the rudimentary stage, and with very notable results. In the exhibitions that have from time to time been given of the work of these schools there have been some remarkable examples of juvenile skill, and the advocates of manual training as a part of the public school system have found a forceful argument in these results.

Omaha sustains a manual training school at a liberal annual outlay, which the superintendent of the school has asked the board of education to increase. In view of the fact that the public has been given little opportunity to see what has been accomplished, the inference is that the results have not been such as to warrant inviting public attention to them. It is therefore proposed to inquire whether the school is being conducted in a way to produce the satisfactory results attained by similar schools elsewhere, and if it is not, what measures are necessary to raise it to the efficiency and usefulness of other schools. There ought to be an annual exhibit of the work done in the Omaha manual training school, as there is of the work of similar schools in other cities, in order that the entire public may be enabled to see what is being accomplished. The impression is that this school, like some other of the special departments of instruction in connection with the public schools of Omaha, is not being carefully and efficiently conducted, and it is desirable that this impression shall be removed if an exhibit of results can do it.

The policy of giving the youth of the country an insight into the mechanical trades, and by reason of trade and manual training schools developing mechanical talent and ingenuity among us, is very generally recognized by thoughtful men as wise and necessary. Reliance upon the old world for skilled artisans, while American boys are left to recruit the overworked ranks of the professions, or find precarious and ill-rewarded employment in other than mechanical pursuits, is not judicious or safe. In this practical age, skill in all practical ways is certain of being well rewarded, and there is need to cultivate a public sentiment that will induce a larger proportion of the young men of the country to enter mechanical pursuits. Such trade schools as those of New York are aiding to do this, and properly conducted manual training schools as a branch of public instruction may even more largely contribute to the same desirable result.

A NATIONAL PARK MONOPOLY. Yellowstone park was set apart by act of congress as a great pleasure ground that should be free to the enjoyment of the American people for all time. It is the property of the nation, a part of the public domain in which every citizen has an equal share and an equal right. The money necessary to maintain it comes out of the public treasury, to which all the people contribute. This being the case, there should be nothing connected with the management of the park, and no privileges granted there that would impose any undue restraint or inflict any exaction upon those who visit it. The liberality of the government in reserving this wonderful region for the use and enjoyment of the whole people should not be discarded by allowing to exist there any monopoly of privileges for which the people who go there are compelled to unduly pay.

Yet it appears that this is the case. A trustworthy correspondent states that the most serious obstacle to visiting the park is the notorious fact that the keeper of the park is in collusion with the hotel syndicate, and campers who do not patronize the hotel are arrested and fined for trivial offenses. "In fact," says this correspondent, "they cannot build a fire to cook and warm up without running the risk of arrest, a farcical trial, and a heavy fine. Under its present management the national park is simply a money-making scheme, a private snip for the clique which controls the hotel and conveyances under a lease from the secretary of the interior." If this correctly represents the state of affairs, and we do not question it, then it is simply a public wrong and scandal which demands a prompt remedy. A strict enforcement of the regulations necessary to keep out marauders is of course to be desired, but this should be done with such care and discretion as

to work no hardship to proper persons, while the granting of exclusive hotel privileges is an encouragement to extortion which the government should not be a party to. We can conceive of no good reason why such a monopoly should exist in favor of the government, but if there be any there certainly is no reason why the keeper of the park should be allowed to aid the monopoly in enforcing its exactions. The secretary of the interior might find here a matter worthy of investigation.

DOMESTICATED LIGHTNING.

A contemporary remarks that it is not rash to predict that before many years there will be more money invested in electricity in the United States than in railroads. It is estimated that over six hundred million dollars are already invested in electrical contrivances in this country, and of this amount over eighty millions have been invested within a year. The most marked progress is in the construction of electrical railways, of which there are some eighty-five now in successful operation and about one hundred being constructed. It seems evident that in the course of a few years most of the means of transit in the cities will be electrical railways. Nor will the use of this motive power for transportation necessarily stop here. If the experiment of the Baltimore inventor shall prove to be as successful on a large scale as it has been in a small way, we may reasonably expect that within a few years the country will be traversed by trains with electricity as the motive power, traveling at a rate of speed three or four times greater than the highest attainable with steam. When one reflects upon what has already been accomplished with electricity he cannot feel warranted in regarding as incredible the idea that in time trains may be run between Omaha and Chicago, for example, in five hours, moved by electricity.

No man can pretend to divine the limit to which this power may be carried. The wisest among those engaged in its application believe that what has been accomplished is only a beginning. Vast projects are in contemplation which, if successful, will revolutionize the motive power of the world and produce an effect upon economic problems now incalculable. At all events this is the electric age, and if it cannot be said that we are already moving it with lightning speed, it would seem certain that the time is not far off when we shall do so.

ATTENTION is called to the announcement of the annual entrance examinations of the National Conservatory of Music, New York. The first of these, for singing classes, will be held September 24 and 25, to be followed by examination for violin and cello classes September 27, and piano classes October 1 and 2. The object of this excellent institution is the advancement of musical culture in the United States and the development of American musical talent. In this most laudable work it has thus far been very successful, a number of its pupils having won a notable place in public regard as singers and instrumentalists. The conservatory employs the best teachers to be had, and tuition is given practically gratis, a nominal fee of one hundred dollars being asked. The projectors of this institution, chief among whom is Mrs. Jeannette M. Thurber, the president, undertake a most worthy work that has thus far received, and under the present management will continue to deserve, a glorious patronage.

GENERAL MORGAN, commissioner of Indian affairs, is receiving merited commendation for his efforts to reform and improve the service in his bureau. In every branch of the service he is seeking to secure a better class of men, and such changes as have been made are said to have already resulted to the benefit of the service. In improving the character of Indian agents, post traders and teachers, Commissioner Morgan is demonstrating his familiarity with some of the needs of the service. His most recent departure is in regard to employing farmers at the various Indian agencies, whose duty it will be to act as instructors in agriculture to the Indians. From the way in which commissioner Morgan has begun his work, there is every reason to expect that under his administration the Indian service will be carried to a higher condition of efficiency and usefulness than ever before, and that the country will cease hearing the complaints regarding this service, which have been common and numerous for many years.

A CITIZEN of Omaha recently returned from a visit in the east expressed his great gratification at finding the climate here so much superior to any he had found on his trip. He very rarely goes far away from Omaha, and like most of our citizens who remain much of the time at home, did not fully appreciate, as it is no easy thing to do without an opportunity for comparison, the general superiority of the climate of Omaha over that of most other localities, and particularly of the entire lake region. Not only are the springs here unsurpassed and the autumns unequalled, but during two-thirds of the year there are few places on the continent where the climate is more enjoyable or health-producing. To appreciate Omaha as a place of residence, so far at least as its climate is concerned, we must live awhile away from it.

THE past few years Yale college has sustained greater losses through the death of her eminent professors than any other university in the country. The last of her great instructors to end a long and honorable life was Prof. Elias Loomis, who died at New Haven last week at the ripe age of seventy-eight. Prof. Loomis was essentially one of the great masters of instruction and a scholar of the old school. For nearly half a century his series of text books, embracing the whole scope of mathematical subjects, have been standard reference books in the schools and colleges of this country. He was also the author of popular treatises on natural philosophy, astronomy and meteorology and in all of them he dis-

played the deep learning and thorough knowledge for which he was famous.

THE Advertisers are holding a camp meeting near Springfield, Mass., and are indulging in their usual habit of predicting the end of the world. The effect of their prophecies is somewhat weakened by the fact that they do not agree upon dates. A few seers give the world a leeway of twelve years, while Sister White, of Battle Creek, Mich., who is the chief vision-maker and prophet of the sect, only allows the wicked people about eighteen months longer. Samuel Ayres, of Worcester, Mass., insists that Gabriel will serenade this country on the 6th or 7th of October. At the worst this will give summer hotel proprietors a few weeks in which to enjoy their their newly acquired wealth.

The Haytian Sea-saw. Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. Latest reports from Hayti indicate that Legitimate has conquered.

Emulated the Mugwump. Philadelphia Press. The New Hampshire legislature has done that which the mugwumps did only a few months ago so creditably to themselves. That is to say, it has shut up.

Hadiji Has Tumbled. Philadelphia Record. Mr. Hadiji Hassen Ghooly Khan. Now sees the joke like most of our oval can. If sooner he'd drunk from the oval can, He would never have left for Ispahan.

Distancing the Rat Poison. Chicago Times. One hundred persons have been poisoned in St. Paul, Minn., by eating ice cream. Between soda water and ice cream, rat poison appears to be getting a rest this season.

Why the Slaughter Ceased. Chicago News. And now comes a report from Washington that the temporary suspension of Mr. Clark's beholding of democratic postmasters is due to the failure of Public Printer Palmer to supply the necessary blanks fast enough.

What the President Will Do. New York Journal. He will talk about the weather or He'll sing the song of "Baby Mine," But he won't discuss appointments, for At politics he draws the line.

The Elixir Route. Chicago Herald. Another death has occurred from the use of the elixir of life. The woman who wants to get rid of her husband without exposing herself to the fate of Mrs. Maybrick should call in a "scientific" doctor.

St. John and the Prohibits. Philadelphia Record. In his hostility to the republican party Governor St. John, Kansas, proposed to organize a prohibition party in Iowa. Since the republican party of Iowa is a party of prohibition, the movement of St. John is evidently inspired by personal rather than political or philanthropic motives. The democrats of Iowa may succeed as it is in repealing the prohibitory liquor law, but they could do it the more easily should St. John divide its friends.

A Result of Eastern Culture. Kansas City Journal. Mr. Nathaniel Wilkins, a decorous Philadelphia gentleman who undertook to lecture the young lady bathers at Asbury Park on the immodesty of their bathing suits, was promptly ducked in the surf. Mr. Wilkins may have been unfortunate in his reformatory endeavors, but the fact remains that no modest western girl ever put on a New Jersey coast bathing suit for the first time without a perceptible addition to the height of her complexion. It takes a highly civilized young lady to go in bathing in fashionable undergarments without blushing.

A Plague on Both Your Homes. Philadelphia Irish Leader. How can professional Irishmen reasonably object to the criticisms that are made of them as a class in face of the rival excursions in Chicago—the one to raise funds for the prosecution of the murderers of Dr. Cronin, the other just as clearly arranged to reduce that fund by diverting a part of the receipts to the anti-Cronin faction did not dare to openly raise a fund for the defense of the Cronin murderers. Its money, it is said, is to be sent to Mr. Parnell, but the evident purpose was to lessen the one to raise funds for the other. "A plague on both your houses" is the exclamation of the American when he hears of the quarrels of these two factions of Irishmen.

AS OTHERS SEE US. Manderson's Revoked Pension. Kansas City Times. Corporal Tanner announces that he alone is responsible for revoking Senator Manderson's pension. He said that he had heard that the senator was dissatisfied with his pension, and upon inquiring into the merits of the case he became convinced that it should be increased, and acted accordingly. This exoneration of Senator Manderson will exonerate him when he refuses to accept the \$4,000 of arrears.

She Should Have Shaken Them. Chicago Times. A Nebraska eloping couple have just been captured in a Michigan town by a forsaken wife. The husband has been done him by the poor woman never felt thoroughly shaken until she arrived there.

Modest Men at the Fort. New York City Journal. An Omaha paper contains a large number of assertions from the regular army on the ground that army scandals involving their official superiors are too much for the modest and sensitive private. If there is truth in this explanation the list of recent desertions from Fort Omaha should be a long one.

It Sits Up the Muddy. Chicago Times. Politics in Missouri is beginning to boom. The Missouri river water has been unfit to drink of late.

The Very Air is Warlike. A South Omaha baby was born with teeth, and the circumstance creates considerable comment in the town. Keep cool, fellow citizens, nothing is impossible with Nebraska people.—OMAHA BEE.

Newspapers as Public Prosecutors. Kearney Enterprise. Two Omaha newspapers have recently attacked the administration of the police department in that city in a manner that has directed public attention to the inefficiency and bribery of some of the officers. The copy of the police board is a summons to the editors of the papers to appear before them and substantiate their charges. This is an extraordinary proceeding. It is

a common thing for newspapers to uncover public abuses. It is one of their most important functions to do so. But it is not generally deemed proper to ask them to prepare the cases for trial and argue them before a hostile board and against lawyers paid to oppose them. If the history of the newspaper warfare on unworthy public servants was a history of false accusations there would be some justice in the position the Omaha officials have taken, but that is not the case. The New York World has done more to hunt down public rascals in that city than all the courts. The Chicago and Philadelphia papers have recently exposed the condition of affairs in the insane asylum, and thus justified the use of the gallows on certain officials. There has seldom been a newspaper mistake in such a case. The chances are that the newspaper is right when it makes a public warfare of this kind. When the charges are made it rests with the accused to clear themselves by a public investigation. It does not rest with the newspaper to assume the functions of lawyer and prosecutor.

The Omaha proceeding is a bluff.

A BED-TIME SONG.

Philadelphia Times. Sway to and fro in the twilight gray, This is the ferry for Shadowtown; It always sails at the end of the day Just as the darkness is closing down. Rest, little head, on my shoulder—so, A sleepy kiss is the only fare; Drifting away from the world we go, Baby and I in the rocking chair. See where the fire logs glow and spark, Glitter the lights of the shadowland, The peeping rains on the window—hark! Are ripples lapping upon its strand. There where the mirror is glistening dim, A lake with its shimmering cool and still; Blossoms are waving above its brim, Those over there on the window sill. Rock slow, more slow, in the dusky light, Silently lowering the anchor down; Dear little passenger, say good night, We've reached the harbor of Shadowtown.

BUZZINGS.

"This detective business," said a Farnam street retail merchant, whose business requires the employment of a detective occasionally, "is not what it ought to be in a city the size of Omaha. "I see the last council has appointed a chief detective; what is he chief of? How many detectives are there employed in the city? I understand there are four. Just what are they to do with four detectives regularly I cannot say. "Let the detectives serve as patrolmen, and when their services as detectives are needed they can be relieved. The government never has more than one detective employed in the state to look after its matters. "John H. Puray was at one time a detective in the postoffice department, and his territory extended the way from Omaha to Helena, Mont., and he was expected to examine every postoffice in five states and three or four territories. "In my own opinion no man should act as city detective longer than three months unless he is working on some very difficult case extending over a greater length of time. "I am sure we are always bomb proof against bribes, and it is policy sometimes to have one detective shadow the other. "The trouble is," said the merchant emphatically, "we are flooding our town with a terrible burden of taxes. In some departments the work could be done with half the force employed, and there are superintendents in a number of the offices who should be weeded out at once. "We are putting on the airs of a great city with the income of a small town, comparatively speaking. Chicago has a revenue of five millions a year, and still her assessment is kept below 2 per cent. Here we are taxing people 5 per cent outside of paving, grading and carrying taxes, and our city officials do not realize how they are piling it up, mountain high. They keep on raising salaries all the time, never lower one, and never dispense with the services of anyone once employed. "Just look at the city clerk's office, for instance, where three years ago one man did all the work of New York. The clerk's office in that office, and three in the comptroller's office, and several hangers on generally. Further, when the tax list is to be made out, notwithstanding the charter says that the city clerk must do it himself, he hires extra help which costs the city thousands of dollars. The city clerk has been relieved of work almost entirely. The liquor license business has been taken out of his hands, but yet the council would not think of such a thing as cutting down the number of clerks in his office. "Any business house," he concluded, "managed the way the city is, would go into bankruptcy in six months."

"A man whose business occasionally takes him to the office of the board of public works told the Huzzar that it made him tired to see Bub Balcombe eternally hanging around that office. "It has grown to be scandalous," he continued, "that young Balcombe should hover around the office for two years, or more, making himself generally officious in the presence of his superiors. It may be that he is an intelligent man and again that he is not there for the best of motives, and that the services which he is able to render have a real money value to certain city contractors. At any rate if he has no business there he ought to be put out. If he has business there he ought to be on the city pay roll. It may be that his business has been done him by casting aspersions upon his character with reference to his dealings with contractors. There can be no such thing as a man living on wind. "The board has a secretary who transacts all its official business, and I suppose Bub Balcombe is kept there to do unofficial work. He may be a benevolent man, but he ought to be there to assist the contractors and to help pull pinks out of specifications. But in my opinion he does not suffer to any extent with a mania for unpaid labor. "The following has been clipped from a 'steamed' contemporary: "Judge Jaeger, of Chadron, met with an accident last week while on duty at the water-works dam. He was thrown to the ground and a load was put upon his back, the result being the judge's foot completely off at the ankle. He resumed work, however, and afterwards procured another wooden limb. "Judge Jaeger, better known in the west as 'Billy the Bear,' is one of the most unique characters in western Nebraska. He officiates as police judge in Chadron, to which office he was elected about three years ago, after a successful career as a fero dealer. "Many years ago Billy was a cowboy, and like others of his class loved to look upon the honor when it was red enough to furnish the necessary row to ride into town and shoot the deer knobs off the houses, as he went, behind the fleeing inhabitants. Billy got lost up in the Snake river country one winter morning in a terrible blizzard. With the energy of despair he stuck to his horse, wandering around all day trying to find his way out of the storm. The storm remained unabated for two days, and when the party organized to search for him found him both feet and all his fingers were frozen off. After this episode Billy came to Omaha

and presided over the 'old army game' at the old Palace gambling house over the saloon at Twelfth and Farnam streets. When the gambling houses were closed down Billy went to Chadron, then in her reckless youth, and dealt fare in a gambling house kept by a picturesque half gambler, half cowboy known as 'Slugg.' On account of his indifferences this proved a rather onerous duty for Billy, so the boys around town 'chipped in' and bought him a typewriter, which, after much effort, he learned to manipulate with the stamps of fingers which adorned his hands. He printed documents for the lawyers, constructed bills for barbers and saloons, and soon had a flourishing business established. However, the boys conceived the idea of creating another means of livelihood for Billy, who, by the way, was a prime favorite, so at the next city election he was nominated for and elected police judge. "When he hobnobbed down town after his election, supported on either side by a stout case of always pressed, he courted 'good morning' by a hoarse cough of authority, and the dignity of his carriage, so far as was possible, was overwhelming. "The year after his election a couple of gamblers in town got into difficulty over a woman. The woman's favorite, a good looking young fellow went to Crawford one day, and during his absence his rival persuaded the woman to run away with him, promising to take her east and marry her. A friend of Frank's, however, heard of the scheme and telegraphed him at Crawford in time for him to board the train for Chadron. "The rival had secured a team and driver, and started with the woman for Hay Springs, and during his absence his rival persuaded the woman to run away with him, promising to take her east and marry her. A friend of Frank's, however, heard of the scheme and telegraphed him at Crawford in time for him to board the train for Chadron. 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