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GEORGE B. TSCHUCK.

County of Douglas, ss.

Sworn before me and subscribed to my presence this 29th day of October, A. D. 1889.  
[Seal.]

N. P. FEIL.

The grand jury's report insures the election of Berlin and Smith. It is merely a question of majorities.

The report of the grand jury on county affairs should be placed in the hands of every voter by the republicans.

SHERIFF COBURN's management of the county jail is not enthusiastically commended by the grand jury. A change is necessary and the voters will cheerfully grant it.

THAT the court house retaining wall was a snug job in itself is evidenced by the liberality of the contractor to all concerned. His failure to bribe members of the board did not affect the length of his haul on the county treasury.

THE latest rumor in Chicago newspaper circles is to the effect that negotiations are pending with a view to the consolidation of the Times and Herald. An increase in the selling price of all the morning papers will probably follow a consummation of the deal.

THE mayor's veto of the viaduct bond ordinance will not seriously delay decisive action on the union depot. It will close the many loopholes in the proposition and guard the interests of the city. The changes proposed will reduce the opposition to the bonds.

THE well meaning people who have sent a petition to President Harrison, protesting against the political crimes in the south and asking him to use all the force that belongs to his high office to put a stop to them, evidently have very little idea of the character and limitations of the executive office. The president is wholly powerless to prevent these political outrages and crimes, and no amount of moral force that he might bring to bear would probably exert the slightest influence. Unless congress shall enact a law, which is improbable, giving the president the authority to provide for the protection of citizens in the exercise of their political rights, so far as federal elections are concerned, the country must wait for the remedy for political crimes in the south in the growth of a more just and patriotic sentiment than now prevails there. This may be slow in coming—the work, perhaps, of more than a generation—but it is to be hoped for in time by all who believe in the worth and permanence of American institutions.

There is a wide diversity of opinion among republican congressmen concerning tariff revision, internal revenue laws and other important legislative measures. Ninety-three out of a total republican membership of one hundred and sixty-nine have given their views in reply to questions propounded by the New York Tribune. Of this number eighty-six are in favor of tariff revision on the lines laid down by the senate last year. Several of the affirmative answers were qualified, some favoring higher duties on wool, tin plate, etc., while others favor a greater reduction or repeal of the duty on sugar. In regard to the internal revenue laws only twelve favor the abolition, the remainder favoring various degrees of modification. Sixty-five favor a repeal of the tax on tobacco, and eleven declare for a reduction, but there is a practical unanimity for retention of some of the tax on spirits. Seventy-five favor national control of congressional elections. On the question of subsidies to steamship lines with a view to the restoration of the American flag on the high seas, ninety-one reply in the affirmative, but disagree as to the best means. The replies are a fair index to the character of the legislation which the coming congress will undertake. They indicate that no material change in the tariff will be made by the Fifty-first congress.

I denounce Mrs. Gougar as a falsifier of the legislative records, and her willful and malicious perversion of testimony taken before the last legislature as an exhibition of depravity that cannot be too strongly condemned. She has declared in the presence of hundreds of people that the records of the last legislature show that P. E. Iler testified before the investigating committee that he had paid me four thousand dollars for work done in the interest of the liquor dealers, when as a matter of fact Mr. Iler testified that he had never paid me one dollar for any such work, and furthermore that he had paid no money to THE BEE for its reports or influence. As a matter of fact, the sum total that THE BEE ever received from Mr. Iler during and since the legislative session was about fifteen dollars for copies of the paper containing the Iowa reports.

The charge that I sent disreputable men to Iowa to falsify the facts with regard to the working of prohibition in the cities is as untrue as are the charges of bribery and "rum bodee." When prohibition came up for dis-

cussion in the legislature I directed the city editor of THE BEE and Mr. Griswold, one of our most trustworthy reporters, to make a tour of the leading Iowa cities to ascertain and report what number of dives, domes and drug stores, if any, were selling liquor, and how many of these places had paid the revenue license tax. These reporters were directed to state only what came under their personal observation, and Mrs. Gougar's assertion to the contrary notwithstanding, I have reason to believe that the reports published by THE BEE were not exaggerated in the least. So much on that score.

I denounce as an infamous libel that I have in any way, shape or manner sought by bribery or other illegal means to defeat the prohibition amendment before the last legislature. I was at Omaha fighting the city hall relocation project at the time the vote was taken on prohibition in both houses, and I challenge any one to name any member of the legislature whom I approached with any improper proposal.

The whole story told by Mrs. Gougar has been concocted maliciously with a manifest design to break down the influence of this paper and create prejudice against me personally among reputable people. E. ROSEWATER.

## NEXT TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Elections will be held in ten states next Tuesday, but as to the result in only a few of them is there a general interest in political circles. Among these Ohio commands perhaps the largest degree of interest. If that state should go democratic it would unquestionably have a most encouraging and stimulating effect upon the party throughout the country. And the Ohio democracy have made a most active and vigorous campaign in which they have probably gained something from republican mischances. The most serious of these was the mistaken charge made by Mr. Halstead against the democratic candidate for governor, that he was interested in a patent ballot box which he endeavored to conceal without a contest, which will enable the courts to pass upon the question of their rights. Ultimately, there can be no doubt, the government will obtain possession of these lands. The general interest will render this necessary and inevitable. But in the meantime the matter is likely to become so interesting as to command a great deal of public attention.

## THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

The report of the grand jury confirms every charge made by THE BEE against the board of county commissioners and throws side lights on various transactions that were heretofore kept in the dark. The gist of the report is that the members of the board, while not criminally dishonest, are totally incompetent to manage the important affairs of the county.

From the inception of the hospital job to the present time, the conduct of the board has been a succession of repulsive blunders. The letting of the contract to irresponsible jobbers plunged the board into a maze of difficulties from which it had neither the ability nor moral stamina to extricate itself. The contractors and superintendents took advantage of this carelessness with the result of imposing on the county a building which the grand jury finds is not only a menace to life but a monument to the stupidity and inefficiency of the contractors and commissioners, and a disgrace to the county.

Negligence and unbusiness-like methods are stamped on all transactions of the board. The records are incomplete, ordinary rules of management were set aside, and unseemly haste marks the conduct of business involving vast outlays of public money. Important papers bearing on the scandalous Pauly vault bill were spirited away, as well as other records, which prevented the grand jury from making a complete investigation of all the jobs perpetrated by the county ring.

The picture presented by the grand jury is not a cheerful one for the taxpayers. The disgraceful jobbery visible in all the acts of the board robs the county of hundreds of thousands of dollars, without any equivalent. It is the natural result of placing in important positions men possessing neither the ability nor business training to properly fill them. The election of Maginnis and Corrigan would simply mean a continuation of the scandal, whereas Messrs. Berlin and Smith, the republican nominees, possess the intelligence, training and integrity to elevate the business methods of the board and prove a barrier to the horde of jobbers now regularly raiding the county treasury.

## A Tardy Recognition.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

Columbus was quite a sailor, but it has taken four hundred years to set something to thinking of naming a ship in his honor.

## A Sure Thing for Somebody.

Chicago Herald.

A New York paper offers a prize of \$1,000 for the best original idea for the world's fair. It would seem as if a New Yorker might win the prize and get back his money at the same time by sending a subscription of that amount to the fair committee.

## STUCK FAST IN THE MUD OF AGES.

Indiansapolis Journal.

Governor Hill told the convention of New York democratic clubs the other day, that the democratic party stands just where it did years ago. Of course it does; more than that, it stands just where it did a quarter of a century ago—namely: at the tall end of the procession of progress and reform. There are no reasons to hope, either, that it will move ahead in the next twenty-five years.

## OBSTRUCTIVE CATTLEMEN.

The Cherokee Indian commission,

which spent last summer in an unsuccessful attempt to induce the Indians to surrender their lands to the government, charged the failure to the influence of the cattlemen.

It may not have been wholly due to this, for the Cherokees do not lack the intelligence to see when they have the best side of a bargain, and in this matter they are in a very safe position to make the most advantageous terms.

The democratic ticket was made and the campaign has been conducted in the interest of Hill, and its success would be his victory.

The friends of Mr. Cleveland have an opportunity to rebuke the governor and they may do so. It is the expectation that they will, which gives a warrant for confidence in republican success in New York. There is nothing in the Virginia contest and it is said to be the opinion in administration circles that the republicans have a very good chance of carrying the state. Mahone is said to have effected a most thorough organization, particularly of the negro voters, to whose interest in the result he has made most direct appeal. There has been so large a defection of white republicans, however, and the election machinery is so completely in the hands of the democracy, that it is not easy to see upon what the hope of republican success is based. 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