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VANDERVOORT has assumed a new role—that of informer and tattler. How long will the taxpayers and business men tolerate this man?

The electric wires in New York are not going underground alone. It is a dreary work that they do not send a careless citizen under the sod.

Patriotism and manhood have fallen to a low level when applause greets the boast of a voter that he has not scratched a party ticket in forty-four years.

The reduction of the cost of street sweeping by fifty per cent serves to illuminate the long haul on the city treasury enjoyed by Fanning, Slavin & Co.

According to the standard of the police commission, drunkenness on duty is a fatal offense, while a policeman who insults a woman is entitled to a reward.

The bucket shops are going to the wall with cheerful regularity. Heretofore they went to the wall to chalk up quotations and rake in the verdant dollars.

The successive defeats of the Mormons in the courts suggests the wisdom of gracefully bowing to the inevitable and expunging polygamy from its peculiar code of morals.

The recent notable remarks of the United States supreme court level the barriers to free trade which amateur statesmen sought to erect around the states. Budge and beef can now go hand in hand in original packages.

The Chicago ice trust bit off a larger cake than it could successfully masticate. The unexpected appearance of a competitor which could not be coerced or cajoled produced an attack of congestion that promises to end in total collapse.

The game of freeze-out is spreading among the railroads. When the cruel war is over and the corporations are wrestling with a deficit, it will be in order for them to point to it as proof of "the disastrous results of state and national legislation."

Mr. McKinley's assertion that the tariff and means committee is not proud of the tariff bill is not sustained by the record. The defeat of every amendment intended to modify obnoxious features shows that the committee is determined to force its deformed offspring on the country by every means at its command.

REPORTS from Central Africa indicate that the French have left the bible at home and rely solely on the chastest to inject civilization into the Dahomeans. When the German and English get their forces in working order with the French, Christianity and conquest will advance together over the bodies of the natives. Great is civilization with its leaden trails.

The Jersey method of dispensing justice has heretofore won the applause of the country, but the Camden affair proves that it can be abused. Had the blacksnake been applied with equal vigor to the infatuated as well as the siren, the incident would have added fresh laurels to the fame of the state. The real culprit escaped the lash.

It has been truthfully said that the eloquence that so often flows from the pent-up Indian soul derives its thrilling power from its originality and naturalness. It is without the polish and affectation of education, but vastly superior for its simplicity and honesty. Civilization has wrought radical changes in its character, especially among the chiefs and braves who are brought in frequent contact with the pale face, but it crops out occasionally in all its native purity. When the Cherokee commission began negotiations with one of the tribes, Chief Medium Horse checked proceedings, placed his hand on his chest and eloquently exclaimed: "Indian stomach empty, white man's stomach full. No talk." The pathetic force of the address created a silence lasting three days, when the aching void was properly filled.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

An independent people's state convention has been called under the direct inspiration of the official organ of the Nebraska Farmers' Alliance. This call, coupled with a platform or declaration of principles, is to be circulated for signature among members of the Alliance, Knights of Labor, and labor reformers, who are willing to cut loose from all existing parties.

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It justifies a charge of twenty-nine dollars for hauling a car of stock from Columbus to Omaha, a distance of ninety-two miles, while the rate to Chicago, five hundred and eighty-four miles, is only forty-three dollars and a half. In other words, a carload of stock from Columbus to Omaha costs a fraction over thirty-one cents per mile, while the rate through Chicago is less than seven and one-half cents.

This exorbitant rate operates to the detriment of the stock market of the state. It is the essence of robbery, and the attempt to defend it is an exhibition of unparalleled nerve. The assertions that the company is not responsible for rates east of Omaha, and that "competition on the latter lines is so close that there is no profit to the roads," are a reckless juggling of facts.

What has become of the alliance with the Northwestern? Does not the terms of that compact give each road a voice in the making of rates? To declare that the rates from the Missouri river to Chicago are too low for profit will not deceive anyone. Breadstuffs report of railroad earnings for the month of March shows that the Granger group of roads, which includes Missouri river lines, increased their net earnings by three hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars, and for the first three months of the year the gross increase was one million five hundred and eighty-nine thousand seven dollars.

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bill, as a whole, senators would have no hesitation in saying so. It is not easy to conceive of any motive that would lead republican senators to withhold public approval of a party measure in the house to which they had no objection, while there are excellent reasons why they might be expected to give a bill acceptable to them the assistance of their endorsement.

THE BYNUM INCIDENT. The censure by either house of congress of one of its members is rare. This is not due to the fact that conduct deserving such punishment is infrequent. On the contrary, there are at every session transgressions of privilege in debate and violations of parliamentary decorum which would amply justify administering censure to those guilty of them.

Mr. Butterworth's True Patriotism. Chicago Tribune. Chicago republicans the social conglomeration to the Hon. Ben Butterworth believe in the use, not the abuse, of the protective principle, and they oppose the change which would remove the republican party from the ground occupied by Henry Clay, Lincoln, Grant and Garfield, and make it advocate non-intercourse with other nations instead of seeking all the foreign trade to be had consistently with giving home industries moderate but adequate protection.

Charged With Robbing the Mails. DEADWOOD, S. D., May 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Paul Posner, a Deadwood young man, was brought back from Fairmount on the Elgin road today charged with robbing the United States mails. He left Deadwood at noon yesterday in response to a telegram ordering him to make the run for an alleged sick aunt. A detective boarded the same train at Fairmount, arrested him at Fairmount for giving notice before the United States Commissioner Washburn. The young man was reared in this city and has always borne an excellent reputation.

When doctors disagree who shall prescribe? Mayor Cushing declares "that the police have been unable to arrest any of the burglars or drive them from the city," and suggests that a portion of the police fund be set aside for the employment of detectives. On the other hand

the chief of police shows that, with one exception, "no case of burglary, murder or any other felony that has occurred during the past two years but that the parties committing the crime have been arrested by the police." While both disagree as to facts, there is a significant unanimity as to means. There would be no serious opposition to placing a liberal sum at the command of the police if the force had not been employed to oppress and annoy the people of the city. The members have committed outrages without justification, and their scandalous conduct has been sustained by the commission. The true remedy in the present emergency is to wood out the incompetents and employ men with sufficient commonsense to distinguish loafers and crooks from respectable citizens.

Swelling to a Tempest. What Becomesfield described in his later years as the "moaning wind" of socialism is taking on a tempestuous tone in Europe today. An honest and sincere difference of judgment respecting the rate of duty which is sufficient for protection will not by judicious associates be hastily interpreted as hostility to protection.

A Plea for Extensive Irrigation. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Nine-tenths of all the crop failures that occur are chargeable to drought in those few critical weeks when the young grain needs water. If we can provide against that, nature unaided will do the rest.

How About This Mr. Erhardt. Kansas City Journal. Despite the prohibition of the contract labor law a large detachment of European ballet girls for the Madison Square garden was admitted to New York last week. Perhaps they were able to convince Collector Erhardt at a special matinee that they were artists in their particular line.

A False Report. SALT LAKE, Utah, May 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There is no truth in the report that C. W. Collins was killed at Pioche, Nev., by his workmen on account of a difficulty arising about pay. Mr. Collins is now in Oregon, 1,000 miles from Pioche, so one of his partners in this city says. There is another man named Collins, J. R. Collins, who is working for the firm of Collins & Kilpatrick, but C. W. Collins is employed as foreman at Milford, in Utah. The story of the tragedy is regarded either as false, or else the man who came into Pioche and reported it got the facts and persons badly mixed up.

THE BEE does not profess to be the only friend of the farmer and producer but it has done more than all other agencies in this state toward arousing anti-monopoly sentiment and defending the industrial classes against the aggressions of monopolies and the domination of corporations. Whatever may be said by jealous newspaper rivals and political adversaries its sympathies and its sentiments remain unchanged. It still believes in the broadest freedom of political action and still considers it the duty of every citizen to support no man for office who is known to be dishonest or disreputable. But we appeal to the level-headed sense of the farmers who desire to emancipate themselves and rid the state of monopoly miracle to deliberate well before they commit themselves to the independent people's movement, which is almost certain to dismember and wreck the Alliance.

FOUR MISFIT MARRIAGES.

A Quartette of Wedded Unfortunates Asking for Their Liberty. ONE XANTIPPE AND THREE RAKES. A Girl Complains of Improper Conduct on the Part of an Employment Agent—Other Matters of News.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 30.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Lincoln bids fair to rival Chicago as a city of misalliances, as divorces and rumors of divorces are the common talk of the town. No less than four applications for the annulment of marriage ties were made in the district court and several wards are yet to be heard from.

The first patron of the divorce mill today was Mrs. Mattie D. Wilson, who asks that the bonds that hold her to her husband, Thomas L. Wilson, be loosed. The two were married only a year ago and Mrs. Wilson claims that she has kept her marriage vows inviolate and has ever been a true and kind wife. But a few weeks after their marriage he grew tired of her and has refused since to abide under the same roof with her. His reason, she alleges, was that she had not been a true wife. She claims further that he has been extremely cruel to her and has neglected to provide the necessaries of life. The theory asks that her maiden name Hattie D. Ritchey, be restored to her.

Mrs. Lottie Spurling is another wife who found marriage the death of love and asks for an annulment of the ties that bind her to Clements Spurling. Two years ago she was married to Mr. Spurling at Crete, Saline county, at which time he was apparently a prosperous barber. She alleges that she discovered after the union that he was a man of dissolute habits, a gambler and a drunkard. After they had been married only three months he deserted her and has not been heard from since. She alleges that she gave birth to a child by him and she asked that she be given the custody of the same. She also asks that she be known hereafter as Lottie Spurling. Her maiden name she is now barely twenty years old.

Charlotte Thurston is the third abused and neglected wife who asks for a divorce. Her husband's name is Martin D. Thurston. The two were made one February 10, 1873, at Grand Haven, Mich., and have now two children, one eight and the other six years old. Mr. Thurston points to her married life as one without fault on her part, but says her conscience is a man of vicious and vulgar habits; that he is a dentist by profession, and earns \$2,000 per year, but fails to provide the common necessities of life for his wife and little ones, and has treated her with the greatest cruelty. She asks for a divorce, the custody of her children and alimony to support herself and them.

The fourth applicant for a divorce is a man, Edward Smith, and he pictures his wife as a perfect Xantippe with a long tongue and a sharp tongue. He was married to her on December 20, 1883, at Fayetteville, Mo. He alleges that at various times she beat him with a broomstick and in other ways treated him with the greatest cruelty. He stood his wife for three years and a half and was forced to leave her. He came to Lincoln and found peace and asks that any claims Mrs. Smith may have upon him be annulled.

Articles of incorporation of the Walter opera house company were filed this morning with the secretary of state. The authorized capital is \$50,000. The incorporators are John Winter, H. W. Dorsey, Charles Perky, F. M. Stratton, Thomas Killian and Marvin Scott.

Articles of incorporation of the State bank of O'Neill were also filed. The capital stock is to be not less than \$50,000. The incorporators are W. D. Matthews, M. D. Long, G. C. Hazlett, Edgar W. Adams, Nell Brown, A. U. Morris, R. R. Dickson, J. J. Hershey, J. J. Mack, Bernard Mullen, John McBrider, S. A. Weeks, W. J. Canton, E. S. Kinch, John J. McAfferly, A. B. Chloard, Arthur Mullen and G. Wattles.

Sam Law, formerly clerk in Governor Thayer's office, but now a student in the law department of the University of Iowa, has returned to the city for a vacation. Sunday night Charles Brown, a farmer living four miles from here, was riding a load of hay by two young men who came out with their own wagon for the purpose. They failed in getting away with the load, however, as the driver, who is named Brown, yesterday afternoon they came back to get the hay, but Brown had followed them, and they were able to get away with the load. Brown drove up with his team, the men leaped into their wagon and rode off fast and there was an exciting chase for several blocks, but the men were finally overtaken, and abandoning the team made off through an alley. The police have the team, but the owners escaped.

In the equity court today Judge Chapman began the hearing of the case of Joseph E. Stockwell vs. Xavier, Kestel et al. The main suit is to recover the balance of the mortgage furnished by Mr. Stockwell. Among the defendants are the Badger lumber company and the Lincoln coffee and spice mills company. The following names are in Lincoln in the organization of a corporation to be known as the Lincoln coffee and spice mills company. The following names are in Lincoln in the organization of a corporation to be known as the Lincoln coffee and spice mills company.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Patents. WASHINGTON, May 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Patents were granted as follows today: Andrew Rosewater, Omaha, Neb., fishing tackle; A. W. Baldwin, Fremont, Neb., till couplings; K. Buland, Elm Grove, corn planter; G. W. Burbank and W. H. Ramsayer, Missouri Valley, Ia., automatic governor for air brake pumps; William E. Davids, assignor of one-half to J. P. Beck, Remsen, Ia., car couplings; A. C. Dugan and H. W. Schaff, Lowden, Ia., barbers' appliances; A. McGowan, assignor of one-half to J. E. Phillips, Fort Madison, Ia., locomotives; J. M. Silver and G. A. Hilton, Huron, S. D., name tag; J. H. Yund, Grand Island, Neb., plate, cup and saucer holder.

Arguing for Kemmer. WASHINGTON, May 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bill Jones, recently sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for stealing twenty head of horses, was taken to Sioux Falls today.

The United States Official Investigation of Baking Powders, 1899. Made under authority of Congress by the Chemical Division of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and recently completed. Shows the Royal Baking Powder to be a cream of tartar baking powder of the highest quality, superior to all others in strength, leavening power, and general usefulness. The Royal Baking Powder is thus distinguished by the highest expert official authority of the world.

AMUSEMENTS. Boyd's Opera House. 3 Nights, Beginning MONDAY, MAY 19. GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S Gondoliers. Their Latest and Best Comic Opera. Spaulding Music, Inspiring Danes, Imperial Cast, Five Companies, Orchestra of 50. The Great Cachucha. The entire production direct from the Chicago Opera House.

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