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The republicans of Pennsylvania and Iowa meet in convention today.

The melancholy fact looms up amid the stormy ruins that the political dark horses escaped injury.

All the contractors favor Birkhauser. His appointment means a season of prosperity for the combine jobbers.

Pope Leo's appeal for the gradual disarmament of Europe met with a prompt response in the form of an all round increase.

The offensive activity of W. U. & Co., in boosting Birkhauser indicates that the firm is anxious to unload a few more acres of rotten blocks on the city.

The ex-purchasing agent of the Union Pacific has demonstrated his fitness for the presidency of the solid twenty-eight. His services should be secured at any cost.

The destruction wrought by the late storms in a few sections of the state is trifling compared with the disastrous work of tornadoes in other portions of the country.

NEBRASKA'S quota of federal officers at the national capital is full and overflowing. There are a few over-ripe plums at home, however, which office-seekers are welcome to pluck.

The bullionists already realize that they have made a mess of the job. The attempt to unload all the silver bullion of the world on the government at a fictitious value collapsed of its own weight.

WHEN a man displays rank incompetency as an appraiser of damages on grade changes, what a pudding he will be in the hands of shrewd contractors if made chairman of the board of public works.

SINCE the successor of Judge Brewer on the circuit bench refused to set aside the "original package" decision, the prohibitionists of Kansas agree that as an interpreter of law Caldwell "ain't worth a duck's ass."

THE NEW YORK court of appeals delivers a final blow to that portion of the sugar trust that comes within its jurisdiction. The decision places the combine in the hands of a receiver to wind up its affairs.

AFTER all the noise and moral pretensions of Mississippi justice, Pughlist Sullivan is left with a fine of five hundred dollars. As the champion made twenty-five thousand or more out of the scamp the investment was fairly profitable.

It behooves the American hog to strengthen the bristles on his back. In Germany and France our porcine products are practically outlawed. And now comes Russia with a project to enter the pork packing business on a large scale. Should the Muscovites carry out the scheme the American hog must needs hide himself to the corn crib to successfully fry the fat out of his foreign competitors.

REPORTS of railroad earnings for May show an extraordinary increase compared with the corresponding period of 1895. Despite what railroad officials declared was the most expensive rate war carried on in the west, the group of railroads involved report an increase of fifteen and a half per cent. The net gain during the month amounted to six hundred and seventy thousand dollars. The figures forcibly confirm the report of the interstate commerce commission that western rates are grossly excessive and out of proportion to cost of service.

THE senate committee on public lands responds to the demands of the west by reporting in favor of an appropriation of half a million dollars for increased surveys of public lands. The settlement and development of the west has been seriously retarded by the failure of the government to keep pace with the progress of the country. In some of the new states and in the territories vast tracts of mineral and agricultural lands remain unsurveyed, causing confusion and expensive litigation. It is due to the west that the government expedite the work and facilitate settlement.

INVITING AND FORCING TRADE.

Representative Butterworth of Ohio, whose vigorous criticism of the McKinley tariff bill is well remembered, and who is the leading advocate in congress of trade reciprocity with other American countries, is quoted as heartily approving the recent letter of Secretary Blaine regarding the policy of adjusting our tariff with reference to obtaining concessions from the states of South and Central America. Mr. Butterworth declared that Mr. Blaine reflected the views of two-thirds of his party, and that the administration will be sustained by the house in giving expression to the views of the secretary. The Ohio congressman enthusiastically welcomed the attitude of Mr. Blaine as an indication that the era of narrow-gauge statesmanship is about over, and that our international trade relations "will be dictated no longer from cabbage and potato patches along our northern and southern borders." He predicted that if the administration shall pursue the course indicated in the message of the president and the letter of the secretary of state it will be sustained by the people generally, and our trade and commerce with the countries of North and South America will be multiplied over and over again, giving us a long and uninterrupted period of national prosperity.

AVOID WOODEN PAVEMENTS.

Potitions for wooden paving block are again being circulated for signatures among owners of property along streets that are to be paved. With the costly experience that this city has had with the rotten cedar block, no taxpayer can afford for a moment to give wooden pavement favorable consideration.

The argument that the repaving will be paid for by the whole city is a delusion and a snare. The city may pay for repairing pavements, but when it comes repaving, the property adjacent to the pavement will have to pay the costs. But the city does pay a very large percentage of the wooden pavement and for that reason every taxpayer is interested in having pavements laid with the most durable material. While it is true that the paving contractors of Omaha have all formed a pool for a division of the spoils it is a matter of general public concern that laying the cheap wooden pavement should be discontinued.

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Pacific coincides with N. McKibbin's reduction of the company's surplus.

The tollers are thus compelled to make up the shortcomings of official rescals.

According to official authority, the police talk too much. Hereafter T-rees nodes and a wish or a graceful upward movement of the elbow will serve all practical purposes.

A Boom in Crackers.

The cracker-makers being consolidated they have only to await an increase of parrots to realize large profits. It is possible that the Boston scheme of taking a cracker to the figure for every drink may help their business a good deal.

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Republican. Among them are thousands of alliance men whose fealty to the party can only be retained by the nomination of men in lieu of tools. The day has come when the republican party can not be used as the instrument for personal aggrandizement; nor to balk justice as between the people and the corporations. The defect in the ranks has grown to such an extent that an honest endeavor to serve the people must be clearly apparent in all its deliberations. All masks are off and the light of public scrutiny is very searching. It may be that jobbers will capture the conventions but if they do the yawning abyss of political oblivion is ready for the candidates. Prudence suggests to an ordinarily astute politician that it were better to concede to the wishes of the voters than to commit a blundering suicide. The alliance republicans can select the delegates to the county convention who, in turn can dictate the delegates to the state convention. If this is done there is yet hope that the party may not be cut down in the prime of its usefulness, and it may continue, once it grasps the situation, to administer the affairs of the state in a manner more in harmony with justice and good conscience.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings.

Mike Mahoney has assumed editorial control of the Hartington Herald.

The Frontier county republican convention will be held at Sturtevant July 12.

A young people's society of Christian Endeavor has been organized at Gordon.

The Presbyterians of Wilsonville are building a new church to cost nearly \$3,000.

A branch of the Women's Christian Temperance union has been organized at North Platte. The Red Willow county republican convention has been called to meet at Bartley, July 13.

A Rebekah degree lodge of Odd-fellows has been instituted at Cortland with forty-four charter members.

The Webster county republican central committee will meet at Red Cloud July 1 to fix the date for the county convention.

The infant child of E. H. Akers, a Superior traveling man, caused its death six hours later.

Alonzo Dennis, a thirteen-year-old boy, while herding cattle near Hartington, was thrown from a horse and his foot catching in the stirrup, was dragged to death.

While putting a bit in a horse's mouth, M. O. Allen of Blue Hill inserted his little finger into the animal's jaws and so lost the useful member at the second joint.

Once a happy home at Coleridge has been broken up by a bad man and the town is awaiting the arrival of a traveling man named Hammer returned unexpectedly from a trip the other night and found his wife in the arms of a brother commercial traveler. A scene ensued resulting in Hammer leaving town the next morning for parts unknown, and Mr. Hammer starting east with his two children.

The Great Northwest.

The Oregon hop crop is extensive this year and is almost ready to harvest.

The city trustees of Sacramento, Cal., have revoked the licenses of a number of dives.

The next session of the Nevada grand jury, Knights of Pythias, will be held at Reno, Nev., this morning.

Mrs. Houghton, a rustling real estate dealer of Spokane Falls, Wash., has made \$250,000 in four years.

N. A. H. Mason of Reno, Nev., is having a band of 500 horses driven from Oregon to Kern county, California.

The recent grand jury at Pueblo, Col., found indictments against twenty-five gamblers.

Two widows are struggling in a Tacoma, Wash., court to get the \$200,000 estate left by Henry Morgan, a gambler.

Thomas Bryant, a Butte, Mont., boy, has been indicted for the murder of his mother. It being proved that the shooting was accidental.

An Indian teacher died at Davenport, Iowa, recently, aged 103 years. He belonged to the Colville tribe and was known only as Isaac.

August Branson of The Dalles, Ore., became a victim of his sheep-holding life, and ended his troubles by putting a bullet in his brain.

Carpenters have commenced work on the stables and stock pens at Miles City, Mont. They are being built by the Northern Pacific railroad and will cost \$85,000.

W. R. Bibby, ex-deputy superintendent of county schools, has been convicted of forgery at Fresno, Cal. There are nine other cases of a similar character against Bibby.

The \$400 diamond ring stolen from Mrs. E. Nagel of Cheyenne, Wyo., two weeks ago, and recovered by Sheriff Martin, has been found to have some very clever detective work on the case.

The Horse Sales association of eastern Iowa has recently organized at Miles City, Mont. It has decided to hold their first sale at that place during the week beginning September 15.

Governor Pennoyer of Oregon has commuted the death sentence of Clinton Pennington, convicted at Baker City of the murder of Charles Balcom about a year ago, to life in the penitentiary.

Henry Graves of Sheridan, Ore., was out hunting the other day. While resting a bit he used his right foot to keep the muzzle of his rifle from getting clogged with dirt. The rifle went off and now Graves can use his foot for a telescope.

This is the way they do it in the high-up mining town of Bodie, Cal. "Charley Gardner," John Kelley, alias "Plecker" Kelley, on the street and fired two shots at him. Neither took effect. Kelley pulled and sent a bullet into Gardner's stomach, and then he tried to run but two more into his back. The wounded man died next day. Cause of the shooting unknown.

An exciting accident occurred at Bridgeport, Wyo., the other day, while the passengers from Wendover to Douglas were being ferried across the Platte river empty. A violent collision between the drivers resulted in his team with the boat. A panic ensued among the passengers, several of whom were thrown into the river. All, however, escaped unhurt. One of the stage horses was drowned.

Says a dispatch from Los Angeles, Cal.: I. C. Van Doren, a recent arrival here from Nebraska, had an experience in the last few weeks that would ordinarily make an average man's life exciting. The first night he was here a friend whom he met, broke, and with which he shared his room, robbed him of \$145 and a gold watch. Then Van Doren went to work on the Cortes ranch and the first day slipped from a rear end and rolled over on his back. Today, however, luck changed for the Nebraska man. He received word that a maiden aunt in St. Louis, leaving him in prosperity in that city and in Nebraska valued at \$70,000. This afternoon Van Doren left for St. Louis to enter into possession of his fortune.

PROHIBITION OR HIGH LICENSE.

The Great Debate at Beatrice July 5 and 7.

Mr. S. S. Green, secretary of the Beatrice Chautauque assembly, sends the following for publication:

There will be a joint debate on the question of "Prohibition vs. High License" at the Beatrice Chautauque assembly, beginning at 10 a. m., July 5, and ending the afternoon of July 7.

Samuel Dicke, chairman of the prohibition national committee, and Rev. Sam Smith will debate prohibition.

Hon. Edward Rosewater, editor of The Bee, and Hon. John L. Webster of Omaha will argue for high license.

A Secularity of Laborers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 24.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—There is a great secularity of laborers in this city, owing largely to the great number employed in putting in the electric street car lines. It is said that there is talk of a strike among them for \$1.75 per day. They are now receiving \$1.50.

Special to the Evening Tribune from Ashland, Wis., says that 500 men could get work in the Bessemer mines in that region.

Killed by Kansas City Heat.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 24.—The weather here during the past two days has been intensely hot. Two deaths from that cause were reported yesterday.

RESPONSIBLE COMPENSATION.

Transportation Board Secretaries on Nebraska Railroad Earnings.

SIX PER CENT A YEAR SUFFICIENT.

Blakeley Refuses to Identify His Associates—Capital City News Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—[Special to The Bee.]—The secretaries of the state board of transportation, at a meeting of that body on Monday, presented a voluminous report upon the relations existing in Nebraska between the earnings of the railroads and their cost of construction. The report was the result of an investigation made for the purpose of ascertaining the proper rate for alterations in the existing rates of transportation.

The secretaries reported that in their opinion 5 to 6 per cent per annum was a reasonable rate of net income for the railroads and that 7 per cent was not excessive on the various roads of the state as reported as follows:

Frontier, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, 3.5; Chicago & St. Paul, Lincoln & Grand Island, 2.5; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 5.5; Union Pacific, less than 2 per cent.

Some interesting figures are produced showing the basis upon which these percentages are reached. The secretaries reported their utter inability to secure any reliable data as to the original cost of the present operating equipment of the railroads. They stated that the secretaries report that there are no grounds upon which to base a reduction of the present maximum rates. The report closed with the following words:

"A third rail mileage would perform equally as well the accommodation required by the public and would require a million less capital demanding an increased percentage of the public and rates might be reduced proportionally. It is doubtful if any community would be willing to surrender them for the advantage of lower rates."

THE BLAKELEY CASE DISMISSED.

The case against Charles Smith, Byron West, Charles Cape S. B. Hatfield, Frank Gladwin and William E. Moore, for attempting to lynch G. W. Blakeley Sunday morning, came to an inglorious ending in Judge W. C. Blair's court this morning. The defendants succeeded in getting a change of venue from the police court. Blakeley swore on the stand that morning that he could not identify the defendants as his associates. The men did not like him, and he therefore supposed they were the men who assaulted him, and warn him to get directly contrary to what Blakeley told the police, and the prosecuting attorney was compelled to cross-examine his own witness, and several times inquired how much he had gotten for swearing this way. Mrs. Blakeley could not identify the men, notwithstanding that she came back three times after Blakeley's clothing. She swore she never saw any of the men ever came up there again it would have been with him if he had done this time. The judge said a great crime had been committed and he would not let the men go who were before him; yet as there was no evidence he must discharge them.

Blakeley has the reputation of being a workaholic and was arrested last night and spent the night in jail. This morning the wife told the judge that although he had taken her earnings and spent them for drink and had refused to give her any money, she had beaten her, she would forgive him and return home with him. They have several children, because of the price of the court gave them some advice, and Blakeley some more, and told them to go home and live in peace.

THE VIADUCT GETS A BLACK EYE.

The proposed viaduct over the tracks on North 14th street has been given a black eye by the council meeting last evening. City Engineer Townley reported that the estimated cost of the structure over would be \$24,000. Mr. Archibald stated that he had talked with Superintendent Bigall of the B. & M. and Mr. Rathbun of the Missouri Pacific, and both stated that they would be glad to give the viaduct a hand in building the viaduct they wished to have something to say concerning the location. Both railroad companies much preferred a south street. Mr. Archibald most vigorously opposed the 14th street plan, branding it as a real scheme to increase the price of somebody's property. He did not believe in giving away the people's money for such a purpose. He moved that the matter be laid on the table and the motion carried with a hurrah.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

The commencement exercises of the education department of Wesleyan university occurred at Lincoln, Neb., this morning. Miss Myrtle Applebe, Harvey Blachely and Miss Kate Seaborn.

The butchers of the city have entered a protest to the city council against the present form of meat inspection, saying that it discriminates in favor of out-of-town dealers. The city attorney and judiciary committee are considering the matter.

Last evening Mr. M. A. Law of the Rock Island road addressed the city council concerning the proposed viaduct. He said that if the bonds were voted work would be commenced on the road about the middle of July.

On a m. r. tomorrow occurs the grand turn-out parade. In addition to the various turner societies there will be in line a number of city police, several bands and military companies.

C. H. Albright commenced proceedings today in the county court to recover his four-month-old child. It is now held by Thomas Mansfield and wife. Mrs. Mansfield claims the child was given her on the death-bed of the mother.

John W. H. was arrested tonight for forging a check for \$80 on the New York Fair.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Providence Telegram: Lying is wicked, but, thank goodness, it is not unfeasible. Utica Herald: Come to think of it, the great period was really the original pack age.

St. Paul Pioneer-Press: "Now, then," enquires a Canadian paper, "what is a crank?" Why, it's a man who has a notion.

Terre Haute Express: Even as a razor, so does it sharpen a man to be strapped.

Boston Courier: "Great cry and little work" was what the colored man said on being asked what he was doing with his money.

New York Sun: "And where is your little brother, Flossie?" "Oh, he's been divorced."

"Divorced?" "Yes, mamma's got him and papa's got me."

Boston Courier: "They say Miss Brown has got the rocks."

"It is true."