

BIRKHAUSER CATCHES A HOLD

The New Chairman of the Board of Public Works in His Place.

HE PARTIALLY OUTLINES HIS POLICY.

John B. Furay Rings in Some Misfit Scripture in Honor of the Retiring Official—Now for Business.

The retiring of Major St. A. D. Balcombe as chairman of the board of public works and the taking hold of his successor, Peter W. Birkhauser, occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at a routine meeting of the board.

As a drawing attraction the event was a failure. Not half a dozen spectators were present.

Members Furay and Kierstead so far forgot themselves as to appear contemptible at this christening of Tammany's child.

Major Birkhauser was furnished by a new pair of No. 13 shoes worn for the first time by his Bullets, Mr. Balcombe, jr.

The air was heavily laden with sewer gas and dead cigar smoke.

Upon the call to order, Mr. Furay offered the following resolution which is a good deal of a curio in its way, particularly the misfit scriptural quotation contained therein:

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A WRECK ON THE RIVER.

Two Boys Narrowly Escape Being Drowned in the Missouri.

REMINISCENCE OF THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD.

Soon after the great flood in the Conemaugh Valley, Pa., last summer, the press dispatches from the west of an epidemic of cholera and cholera morbus, which was spreading rapidly, were received.

The box of six dozen Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which you sent at the suggestion of Hon. Wesley Bolger, reached us soon after the great flood and at a time when diarrhoea was quite prevalent.

As soon as it became known that I had the medicine for distribution, there was a great run on it, which continued until it was about all gone.

Every one, so far as I heard from them, testified to its virtues, declaring it the best medicine for the purpose they had ever used.

Those who got it shared it around with their neighbors, so that I am confident your generosity in sending it was productive of great good.

We used some of it ourselves and found it not only an excellent medicine for diarrhoea but for all kinds of pain and uneasiness in the stomach and bowels.

It has been regarded as the best medicine known here for the diseases it is recommended for. In view of your sending such a large quantity for free distribution to the poor people, I think you are entitled to this testimonial in its favor.

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GERMANY'S MILITARY.

Unfair Comparisons Made Between It and That of Other Powers.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 30.

The Editor of THE BEE: In your interesting paper of June 23 I read this sentence: "It is a larger amount than is expended by any of the great powers of Europe for their immense military establishments except Germany."

This assertion that Germany spends most for her military equipment is one of the many myths that have taken an absolute hold of American newspapers and readers so that no facts or figures make the slightest impression.

It is as false as it can be. Germany spends far less than either France or Russia or Great Britain. She spends less by from 25 to 40 per cent than France. But our European correspondents seem to be blind and deaf.

They don't seem to know that the French parliament, unlike the German, passes all appropriations for the armaments without discussion, revenge against Germany being the patriotic shibboleth that silences all discussion.

The French are the greatest towards politically. No Frenchman would dare (except a few despots) denounce a popular prejudice or a popular passion. French military vanity has been hurt too recently, hence the idea of another year's hearing the same arguments, the enrollment of every man and boy at all capable of bearing arms, on a scale larger than that of Germany.

It is longer and exceptions fewer so that France with 10,000,000 less inhabitants has an army 75,000 to 100,000 stronger on a peace footing than Germany.

But the Whittings are wrong in their estimate of the armaments, the artillery in particular. But it is useless to fight this prejudice. As regards Germany, our editors will look at her military equipment, the armaments, the enemies of that country, both domestic and foreign. Facts and figures seem to be of no consequence. Very respectfully,

C. A. EGGERT.

THE CHICAGO WHITINGS WILL BE HERE TO BATTLE WITH THE CRANES.

The Crane company's ball team are making elaborate arrangements for their two games on the Fourth with the famous Chicago Whittings.

The Crane team is in arduous practice every evening, and are putting up a game now that is far superior to anything they have ever before been capable of.

Captain Lally says he actually expects to win the morning game at least, and probably the one in the afternoon. But the Whittings are strong and will have one of Anson's colt batteries, Tommy Nagle, formerly of this city, and Larry Sullivan, in the points, and they will be able to make any team jump themselves.

There will be a large delegation of the Whittings' friends here from Chicago, and taken altogether the two games will furnish an exhilarating Fourth of July treat.

Chronic Inflammation of the Bladder. Is promptly cured by the waters of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

JUG HANDED LOVE. James Loves Mary but Mary Loves George.

A young Englishman named James E. Hatch told a pitiful story to the city attorney.

He came to this country with a young wife about a year ago and went to live with a sister-in-law on Burdette street.

The sister-in-law, he states, at once set to work to alienate his wife's affections and succeeded in doing so.

The husband says he is very much in love with his wife and wishes to live with her, but that his wife is in the habit of breaking dishes on his head and bestowing her smiles and kisses on one George Lucas, a Hewitts' laborer, transported and Mary compelled to live with him.

THE BRADSHAW FUND. Additional Responses to the Appeal From the Tornado Sufferers.

Remittances in any amount sent to this office will be acknowledged through our columns from day to day.

The subscriptions so far received by The BEE are as follows:

Previously reported: \$43,041. Mr. Paul H. Clark, Chicago, Ill., 2 00. Hon. Henry Clark, Blair, 2 00. Mrs. J. H. Clark, Blair, 2 00. A Friend, 2 00. Total, \$45,041.

They Are Alarmed. The Tammany Twenty-first club had an enthusiastic meeting at Grand Army hall Monday night.

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Indigestion

It is not only a distressing complaint, of itself, but by causing the blood to become depraved and the system enfeebled, is the parent of innumerable maladies.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Price 25c; six bottles, \$1.50. Worth 25¢ a bottle.

"Wear it a week or two or three, till you make up your mind about it, and then go back to the store where you bought it and get your money back."

What do you think of the Kabo corset when it is sold with such guarantees as those two?

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Extraordinary Attractions

Will be offered this week in our Boys' Department, we are determined to close out our entire stock of Boys' light weight Clothing, and will have a grand unloading sale which it will pay you to attend.

Boys' blue flannel Sailor Suits, with nicely embroidered collar, at 60c; sold everywhere at \$1.25, sizes from 4 to 10.

Knee Pant Suits of good all wool cassimere, in neat checks, pleated coat and nicely made up, at \$2.25; worth \$3.50.

One lot excellent Cheviot Suits of a nice light plaid, is marked \$2.50; the suit is worth fully \$4.50.

The grandest bargain we offer is a lot of very fine all wool Cheviot Suits, very stylish and well made, which we have marked down to \$2.90. The suit is cheap at \$5.

In long pant suits we have also several large lots, which have been marked down very low to insure quick clearance.

One lot Boys' Suits, sizes 14 to 18, of strictly all wool cassimere, in two different patterns, both very neat, these we offer at \$4.50. It is a good working as well as a good wearing suit, and no young man need be ashamed to wear one. You have many times paid \$10 for a suit of the same quality of goods.

Another lot of fine Silk Mixed Cassimere Suits for Boys, sizes 14 to 18, is offered at \$6 The suit is worth fully double.

We are headquarters on Knee Pants. Every mother knows that she can buy Knee Pants of us for less money than she will have to pay for the cloth in the garment, and she don't have to spend time to sew them over or mend them. We select for our knee pants only durable material,