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DENVER proposes that hereafter when valuable franchises are voted to corporations the city shall reserve to herself a percentage of the profits.

The railroad will discover their mistake in abolishing honest excursions. It is to be hoped the discovery will not be delayed until the opportunity to rectify it is gone.

OTTAWA at Hastings there is an ominous popping which increases the volume of smoke and promises to break out into a fire as soon as the board of public lands and buildings begin their investigations.

TWENTY years is a long period looking forward, but many people in Omaha will recall the little shoot, a fac simile of which appears in today's issue, as if it were but yesterday it made its appearance.

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL is disconsolate. He knew his opponent would be McKinley, but he allowed himself to hope that luck would give him the help of the alliance. He is already a political corpse, dead beyond resurrection.

IF Hippolyte has not already been assassinated there is little reason for expecting him long to remain alive. The bloody style of dispensing with his enemies inaugurated at the Port-au-Prince butchery the other day is a forerunner of his violent death.

CALIFORNIA has the honor of making the first shipment of American tin. It was taken from the Temescal mines in southern California, loaded at San Diego harbor on the steamer Corona, and shipped to San Francisco. The consignment was 12,000 pounds.

EX-SENATOR McDONALD and President Harrison have been political enemies from early manhood, but they have likewise been personal friends and neighbors. The message of sympathy sent his dying friend proves the president's tender regard for the ablest democrat in Hoosierdom.

THE article in today's supplement to THE BEE upon hunting and fishing resorts in Wyoming is well worthy of perusal, especially as the season of recreation is approaching. Wyoming presents especial attractions to the Isaac Walton and nimrod of the trans-Missouri region.

SENATOR MANDELLSON has again been interviewed on Nebraska politics. Condensed, his interesting remarks are as follows: Harrison will be the choice of Nebraska republicans. The state has always been strong for Blaine. Alger has quite an aggressive following. The alliance movement is still formidable. If the senator were a betting man he would hedge very cleverly.

CHICAGO shows a falling off in the hog pack for the season as against last year of 110,000 hogs, Kansas city 55,000, Omaha 8,000. The total decrease is 610,000. It will be observed that Omaha is not only holding her own against Kansas City, but shows a gain upon that city. As has frequently been remarked in these columns, Omaha is bound for second place as a hog packing center within a year.

CHICKENERS who fear Omaha cannot entertain a national political convention must not overlook the fact that Denver will have the Knights Templar triennial convocation in August, 1892. Denver has but 120,000 people, while Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs have nearly two hundred thousand. What Denver can do Omaha can certainly attempt. The triennial convocation draws a larger crowd than a political convention.

THE contracts for supplying beef cattle to the great Sioux Indian agencies have been awarded or about to be awarded. Suspiciously simultaneous with this fact comes the intelligence that 50,000 head of Texas cattle are to be shipped to the ranges of South Dakota. The chances again that the Indians will be fenced in on horns and bones instead of meat unless the interior department has made its specifications very accurate and selected a good brand of beef inspectors.

THE BEE'S TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

In the life of the individual the first 20 years is a period of preparation, carrying him to the threshold of the battle for existence. In the life of the successful newspaper, 20 years means the attainment of maturity, an established character, a stable hold upon public confidence, a fixed place in the business world, and influence at least within the domain of its constituency. While THE BEE has for many years enjoyed these conditions of success, it reaches its twentieth birthday with a stronger sense of their permanency and indestructibility than ever before. In no period of its history did this paper make more rapid progress in popular favor and in the confidence of the business community than during the past year. Never before have the evidences of its firm hold upon public respect, and of its influence with intelligent people, been so numerous and substantial as now. It has grown in circulation during this period of commercial depression faster than any other paper west of the Mississippi, and the business world, always keenly alive to its opportunities, has shown a generous appreciation of THE BEE'S progress and its advantages.

On previous anniversaries reference has been made to the origin of THE OMAHA BEE and the story is familiar to our older readers. It is again referred to elsewhere, with interesting facts of subsequent history, for the instruction of our thousands of newer readers. It was an humble beginning, but the purpose that prompted it was right, and the popular judgment, always to be trusted when properly enlightened, approved it. It did not take intelligent and honest people long to discover that THE BEE was the fearless friend of the public interests and welfare, and although the odds which intrenched and unscrupulous monopoly brought to bear was heavy, and the battle hard and prolonged, the constant faith of the people in THE BEE carried it to victory. That faith has never faltered, and there is gratifying assurance that it is stronger today than ever before. This is because THE BEE has never lost confidence in the people or failed to keep faith with them. Their rights and interests and welfare have always been its first and highest concern. Whatever seemed inimical to these, whatever menaced them with injury, THE BEE has fearlessly antagonized, showing no favor or respect to the enemies of the people, regardless of their position or power. As was said by the editor of THE BEE two years ago, on its eighteenth anniversary: "Integrity of purpose and fearless battling for the right, as it was able to see the right, have constituted its impregnable strength. In all the battles THE BEE has fought its aim has been to voice the sentiment of the people, untrammelled by the seductive influences of power and pelf, and undismayed by threats from corporate monopolies or potential political leaders."

The valuable work THE BEE has done in promoting the material progress and prosperity of Nebraska and of Omaha is universally recognized and acknowledged. The most inveterate enemy of this paper will not hesitate to concede that no other influence, certainly no newspaper influence, has been at all comparable with that of THE BEE in the upbuilding of this state and its metropolis. With a boundless faith in the agricultural possibilities of Nebraska, and an equal confidence in the destiny of Omaha as a great commercial center, the editor of THE BEE has been constant and untiring in his efforts to attract attention to the opportunities offered here for the rich reward of industry and the profitable investment of capital. It would be idle to attempt to compute in dollars and cents the value of this service, but THE BEE is proud to claim a considerable share in bringing about the splendid progress of Nebraska and Omaha during the past 10 years, and to believe that its efforts are justly appreciated by the people. It is not the least honorable and gratifying part of the history of this paper and the labors of its founder and editor.

The best assurance for the future is the record of the past. THE BEE is now, as at the beginning of its career, the friend of the people. Their rights and interests and welfare are still its first and highest concern. The principles it has asserted and fought for during 20 years it still adheres to as firmly as ever. The course that has carried it into the front rank of American journalism it will continue to pursue. As to the interests of Nebraska and Omaha, THE BEE will be found as faithful to them in the future as in the past. There is yet a great work to be done before the possibilities of this state and its metropolis shall have been realized, and THE BEE proposes to do its share. With regard to its character as a newspaper it will spare no effort or means at its command to maintain the leading position it now occupies and to keep abreast of journalistic progress. Grateful for the generous patronage it enjoys, THE BEE will still aim to deserve the confidence and support of the people to whose interests and welfare it is devoted.

MUST BE INVESTIGATED.

The excuse made of the peculiar financial methods in vogue at the Hastings asylum for the chronic insane have awakened the officers of that institution to the fact that something must be done.

Dr. Test, the superintendent has asked for an investigation. It was not necessary to make a formal request for this courtesy. The board of public lands and buildings had already discovered that an investigation is necessary and as soon as practicable the institution and all its affairs will be thoroughly overhauled.

Dr. Test in his indignation talks too much. He should have profited by the experience of others. His general denial of specific accusations will not be accepted as conclusive. His explanation in a Lincoln newspaper that there has been no duplication of vouchers, but that Captain Livinghouse merely transferred the funds here and there for convenience sake and to save the deficiency for this year's business, is so curious and complicated as to be confusing to honest investigators for truth. The asylum managers have no right to transfer moneys or credits from one fund to another. Save a few hundred dollars received from miscellaneous sources there are no moneys in their hands. The board of public lands and buildings and the auditor determine the status of the several funds and make such transfers as are legal. If the doctor's statement were true his reason for such odd and inexplicable book-keeping is very poor. It will be at least a year before the new wings of the hospital will be completed, and the 400 inmates in whom he has so much interest will not likely be gathered under his supervision before the meeting of another legislature.

The fact is that the more the doctor talks about this business, the worse it appears.

NEBRASKA'S CREDIT.

Thanks to the conservative element of the alliance in this state the credit of Nebraska remains good in spite of the agitation of some of the demagogues masquerading as friends of the farmers. The attacks upon her good name by loose-jawed calumny howlers in the last campaign alarmed some of the eastern people who have hitherto made investments here. For a time it was feared very serious consequences might follow the wild rumors which were set afloat by stump speakers who had more mouth than brain and who were willing for selfish aims to defame the state.

The talk about Nebraska's mortgage-ridden farmers could not be contradicted except in general terms for the very good reason that no compilation of statistics of indebtedness had at that time been made. The state bureau of labor statistics, however, has conducted some investigations, and finds that instead of being mortgaged to death the farms of Nebraska are exceptionally free from debt. Only about 15 per cent of the mortgage indebtedness is the result of sickness, poor crops and other misfortunes, while 85 per cent of the estimated mortgage indebtedness is for purchase money.

As an instance of the large extent to which lands have been exchanged in this state it is related that two persons in Johnson county are residing upon lands taken under the homestead act. All the others who are living here sold their interests and the new purchasers are largely their debtors. In Sarpy county, where the investigations were made most extensively, it is found that 40,000 acres of the total of 141,000 acres are encumbered. In Dodge county the farmers have \$75.40 per capita in the savings and other banks of deposit.

These figures and facts, given out to the world officially, and commented upon by the state press are reassuring our eastern friends and restoring confidence. The Boston Journal has collected from official reports and THE BEE the facts in the case and speaks encouragingly of the conditions they exhibit. As to work of investigation proceeds a gratifying showing will be made from all sections of Nebraska, and the evil which certain irresponsible orators sought to bring upon the state will be entirely prevented and whatever misapprehensions have been occasioned will be corrected. Nebraska is all right. Her credit is now first class and will be maintained. A good crop and good prices will lift a very large percentage of all due indebtedness.

A MEMORABLE AGREEMENT.

The agreement entered into between the British government and the government of the United States, for a suspension of seal fishing in Behring sea until next May, will be memorable as having been conducted in a shorter time than perhaps any other agreement of equal importance ever made between two great governments. The proposition for a closed season was made by the United States in May, and the negotiations were somewhat delayed by the desire of the British government to learn the wishes of the government of Canada. As soon as these were found to be favorable a bill was introduced in parliament providing for an order in council prohibiting British subjects from taking seal in Behring sea, which meeting with little opposition and being a measure of high privilege was rapidly pushed to its passage. To complete the arrangements was thereafter a matter of only a few days, when there was consummated what this government held to be a most essential prerequisite to the final settlement of the controversy which will sooner or later be submitted to arbitration, for without the suspension there would have been, according to the best informed authorities, very little of the seal fisheries left to contend for. A larger field of poachers than ever before entered Behring sea, and had prepared to operate there, and as they kill indiscriminately the slaughter would have been so great that there was probability the fisheries would have been practically destroyed. As it is little damage will be done, the government having taken prompt measures to warn the poachers away, and the commercial company is limited to the small number necessary to recompense it for providing for the wants of the natives, as required by its contract.

It is simple fairness to say that in this matter the British government has shown an excellent disposition. There was a time when it appeared to desire to retard negotiations and to defeat an agreement, but it must now be conceded

that the delay necessary to secure the acquiescence of the Canadian government was wise, and as soon as that was obtained there was no hesitation on the part of the British government in acceding to the wishes of the United States. In this way the terms of the agreement were virtually dictated by our government. Thus a very important preliminary matter has been disposed of in the most friendly spirit and the way made clearer and easier for continued negotiations looking to the complete and permanent settlement of the controversy growing out of our claims in Behring sea. It is fairly to be inferred from what has taken place that future negotiations will be conducted on both sides in a like spirit, and that an adjustment of the questions in dispute will be reached in due time without further friction or any danger to the peace of the two countries. A permanent national agreement, with Russia a party to it, for the direction of seal taking in Behring sea is likely to result from the agreement already made.

ADVERTISING OMAHA.

The notion that a city can be built upon wind has long since been exploded. Wind is all right so long as the sea is smooth and the direction suits. It takes steam to make headway against an adverse breeze in rough weather. We can talk about our resources and boast of our prospects and have many interested listeners when events quickly vindicate our most sanguine predictions. When it comes to the steady pull up hill, however, brag and bluster are a very poor team to depend upon. In the language of Chauncey Depew, adapted for the occasion, we can freeze the walls of Omaha in the brightest of vermilion and yet realize no permanent benefits to commerce or population.

The idea that the American people at this time can be induced to buy lots in Omaha by reading of her wonderful past history in a paid advertisement in an eastern newspaper is sheer folly. Omaha is known from one end of the country to the other as one of the boom cities. Everything said in the eastern press for hire will simply confirm the impression that she was a booming city, but is now suffering from a reaction. It is a foolish waste of money in our opinion to buy space in eastern newspapers. We cannot reach the people we want in that way. We have enough laborers and men who must depend upon wages to meet all demands at present. We want capitalists who will build factories, enlarge our jobbing trade, construct warehouses and build up every branch of trade and commerce. It is the men of means and enterprise who are needed. When they have made their investments an increase of population naturally follows.

We have here today the best of inducements for warehouse men who wish to engage in grain and produce storage and commission. Our situation is commanding for a large increase in the jobbing and wholesale trade. No line is overdone and the tributary territory is just beginning to grow. We need above everything else in the jobbing trade a great wholesale dry goods house which has standing enough to make this a dry goods market, thus aiding all other wholesale mercantile establishments. We need flouring and cereal mills, malt houses, a starch factory, a beet sugar factory, a car wheel foundry, and a hundred other institutions which shall employ men and money. They could be made profitable. The way to advertise Omaha is to correspond with and visit the people who devote their means to these enterprises and explain to them honestly but efficiently what a field we have to offer for investments. The people will follow the commerce created and real estate will increase in value with the growth of business and population. A city which does business advertises itself by its business.

UNLESS OMAHA takes hold of the matter with vigor, appoints committees and lays out a plan of campaign, and pushes her interests, Chicago will have a walk-away in the convention contest. This city is abundantly able to provide for the republican national convention. She can give Chicago points and then win if every body joins in the effort to bring the politicians here next summer. Let the real estate exchange, the Real Estate Owners' association and the board of trade hold a joint meeting to devise ways and means for carrying forward the good work already auspiciously begun by the discussions of the newspapers. It is worth all it costs to cross swords with the most aggressive and most enterprising city on this continent and to compel her to respect her young competitor.

THE men who protest against assessing corporate personal property in the Fifth ward to the credit of other wards are stayers. They are making life miserable to the county commissioners by persistently exposing irregularities resulting from the new departure. The electric light company's case, in which the rule of the commissioners was violated, its personality being credited to the First ward whereas its principal office is in the Fourth, is an instance of inconsistency which it is extremely difficult to justify. The dogger the commissioners go into the question the more intricate are found its ramifications.

ACCORDING to Sirgby Dillon's statement there are other railroad wreckers than Gould, but they did their wrecking in the literal sense. While Gould breaks down the stock the other people break up the cars and engines. He states that it will take a large sum of money to put the damaged equipment of the Union Pacific into good condition.

THE approach of the first proximo reminds the careful reader that very soon after that date the Douglas street hog-back will begin to go down.

PEOPLE are still impatient to see the contractors at work upon unfinished 1890 street improvements.

COULD any better argument be offered for a single assessor than the confusing

results of this year's assessments? Nine men with as many measures of value and as many local or personal interests to serve go out over the city to list property in nine different wards. There is no chance for a fair distribution of the burdens waded by wind under the system. It ought long since to have been abandoned.

ALTHOUGH pleading guilty to 17 counts of the indictment charging him with embezzlement, John Hardsley, the defaulting city treasurer of Philadelphia, stoutly maintains that he is not a thief. After he has served out a few years in the penitentiary he may be convinced that the punishment is just the same whether he calls himself thief, embezzler or financier. He is not likely ever to breathe free air again.

ANOTHER sleek-tongued advertising agent has worked the business men of Omaha. The solicitor of a local newspaper who offers a quid pro quo is given the cold shoulder. The able agent of an eastern paper obtains money and business for the asking. The local newspaper is the safest and best medium of advertising a city.

THE farmer in western Nebraska who is now finding fault with the country should go among the pollywogs. The frogs are the only residents of that section who have a right to croak.

THERE are whole forests of cockle and sunflowers waiting for the scythes of the city prisoners in all parts of Omaha.

EXCUSE the suggestion, but \$2,500 a year should be an inducement to great industry in pushing public work.

IN THE Pen Now. Nebraska is coming to the front. One of her citizens has succeeded in robbing the Standard oil company.

THE Question of All Times. "Money is the great question of the times," sagely remarks Senator Puffer, the philosopher of the west. How the senator discovered any age when it was not!

A Hint to William. Emperor William had a narrow escape from being struck by lightning during a half-hour thunderstorm the other day. William ought to limit German thunderstorms to ten minutes.

Among the Colonels. If London society is going to close its doors against Sir William Gordon Cumming he might come over here and settle in Kent. The fact that he is a colonel would let him in all right and the rest of the colonels down there would be willing to take chances on his sliding his counters over the line.

THE Difference. In Sacramento, Cal., a man has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for stealing two locomotives—for each locomotive, one year. The man was altogether too modest. Had he stolen the whole railroad he might have made himself its president. Who, then, would have dared to accuse him of stealing a locomotive!

Satisfactory Appointments. President Harrison's judicial appointments have all been of a high order and have excited the admiration of his bitterest opponents. Yesterday he announced his selection for the newly established court of private land claims. Of the five judges three are republicans and two democrats. The chief justice is ex-Congressman Joseph R. Rod of Iowa. Two of his colleagues, as well as himself, have had previous experience on the bench and the other two are lawyers of high reputation. The composition of the court as a whole seems to be excellent, and on the high level of the president's other appointments to federal judgeships.

THE ASYLUM SCANDAL.

Fromont Herald: The Bee shows up a record of wholesale fraud in connection with the Hastings insane asylum, which rather takes the shine of all similar transactions of late years—at least as far as heard from. There are probably other instances of the volucres not yet in state of eruption.

Fromont Tribune: The Bee makes an exhibit which purports to show that Stewart Livinghouse and Dr. Test, of the Hastings asylum, have been looting from the state by means of duplicate bills which they have put in for their own and assistants salaries. Upon the state board of public lands and buildings makes an investigation and verifies the charges it will be time enough to condemn. The friends of Livinghouse and Test will be loth to believe the accusations against them.

Hastings Nebraska: There has been such a row kicked up about the management of affairs at the asylum that it is best for all parties concerned that an investigation be made. So long as none is made the cry of corruption will be kept up by those who have made the charges. We do not apprehend that the asylum officials will lay one straw in the way, but on the other hand will lend all the assistance in their power. The board of public lands and buildings owe it to the taxpayers of the state, to the asylum officials, to the city of Hastings and to themselves to have an early investigation.

Plattsburgh Herald: The Hastings asylum is in a muddle, and it will take some testimony to prove that the superintendent and steward have not been systematically robbing the state. The board of public lands and buildings is fully awakened to the importance of a thorough investigation, which will be made as soon as Governor Thayer returns. The Herald would suggest that while they have an expert bookkeeper plying at the asylum he could well be used in investigating the other state institutions. Let us know that all is straight and keep up the record of the republican party for forgetting out and bounding its members who take advantage of their position to plunder the treasury. The republican party has no Tammany ring and wants none.

THE SUMMER YOUNG MAN.

Oh, the summer girl song Still goes floating along, And its strain is enchantingly sweet; But you find, though you scan, Put the summer young man Not a line that is pleasant and neat.

Though now he may stand With a varnish on his head, And lead you out cloth by the span, At some summer place, With a summer's grace, He'll be king, will the summer young man.

When vacation he takes 'Most of the mountains and lakes, He leads the slight maidens vain, And the girls who look down On his calling in town, Will sigh for the summer young man. Washington Pa.

DEMAND THEIR SUSPENSION.

Action of the State Board Regarding the Hastings Asylum Officials.

WILL MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

After the scalp of an Unfaithful Steward—The Matter Brought to the Attention of Governor Thayer.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 18.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Governor Thayer returned this morning from Wyoming where he has been enjoying a week's visit with his son. He has not yet made any announcements as to what he will do with Superintendent Test and Steward Livinghouse of the Hastings asylum, but it is believed that he will not take any action whatever in regard to even their temporary suspension until their guilt is proven beyond all doubt.

At the special meeting of the board of public lands and buildings held on last Monday the secretary was instructed to prepare duplicate letters of the correspondence with J. W. Livinghouse and submit the same to the governor. The secretary was also instructed to prepare a letter and send it to Thayer calling attention to the fact that it has come to the knowledge of the board of public lands and buildings that the Hastings asylum have taken place in the management of the financial affairs of the hospital for the chronic insane at Hastings, Neb.; that these irregularities are of such a character as in the opinion of the board called for action on their part; that letters approving the irregularities of the disbursements made have been sent to him; that he has replied to some, but others yet await an explanation; that in the opinion of this board the Hastings asylum investigation demand a thorough and searching investigation, pending which it suggests that Superintendent Test and Steward Livinghouse be suspended from duty until the affairs of their administration are thoroughly investigated.

A letter to that effect was given to John M. Chayer, jr., to forward to his father in Colorado. The board, however, had not yet had anything from Thayer in regard to this matter up to this evening.

In a morning paper published in Lincoln is a statement that George Pratt and Jacob Fisher, two of Test's bondsmen, say that "the board of public lands and buildings could do no more graceful act than make an investigation before giving public notice of the same." It is believed that the board is inclined to certain members of the board concerning the asylum officials.

"Messrs. Pratt and Fisher are not running the financial affairs of the Hastings asylum and buildings commenced an investigation of Livinghouse's methods June 9. And let me say right here that there will be a thorough and searching investigation of this matter. I don't propose to shirk my duty. If I do so the best thing I could do would be to resign. I was elected to faithfully perform the duties of my office and I propose not to deceive the constituency that has put me in office. I have been elected by the people of this state and I propose to do my duty to the best of my ability. The publicity of this Hastings scandal did not come from the board of public lands and buildings. In fact, we have been pursuing this investigation. The Hastings asylum would be resigned. I was elected to faithfully perform the duties of my office and I propose not to deceive the constituency that has put me in office. 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