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Average, 24,510. GEORGE H. TSCHUCK, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 30th day of April, A. D. 1892. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

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No candid man can question the good faith of Mr. Dumont and his associates after perusing the bond proposition as it has been agreed upon.

Three of the district judges acting as arbitrators between the people and the Nebraska Central makes it reasonably certain that both will be fairly treated.

There is still one thing over which the people can be glad in spite of a do-nothing congress. The frocks are no longer frisky. Even Jerry Simpson attracts no attention.

If the people of Omaha made as favorable an impression upon their conference visitors at the reception as the visitors upon the people mutual congratulations are in order.

LINCOLN enjoys the honor and pride of being the home of a democratic congressman, but her chances of securing a million-dollar federal building are not a whit improved by that fact.

JUDGING from the last issue of the Fokeleryoung Mr. Bryan has taken charge of the Washington bureau himself. In a dispatch of 160 lines 131 were devoted to the congressman from the First Nebraska district.

The milkmen have a right to waste money in law suits if they like, but their patrons are all in sympathy with the Board of Health. Efficient inspection of milk and dairies is hardly practicable without a license system.

THERE are 898 votes in the national republican convention. Colorado, with six anti-Harrison men on her delegation, will cut no very formidable figure in view of the probable nomination of Harrison by acclamation.

COLORADO and Wyoming give promise of renewed mining activity for the coming season. Some astonishingly rich strikes of pay mineral are reported and these will stimulate prospectors and miners to renewed exertions.

UNCLE JERRY RUSK may be off at times in his weather predictions, but he knows which way the presidential wind will blow from now till November. He cannot be induced to set his sails for the white house in a Harrison breeze.

THE electrical apparatus for testing and regulating the temperature of the school rooms in the Kellom building is not behaving itself as well as was expected. Possibly the apparatus is not accustomed to the Smead idea of baking the atmosphere before breathing it.

THE people along the lower Mississippi are congratulating themselves upon having this year passed through the flood season without danger. The water in the levee districts has not reached last year's mark, while it might have risen two feet higher than it did last year without doing any damage. Wait for the June rise.

MAYOR BEMIS deserves the congratulations of his friends and the citizens of Omaha upon the happy manner in which he performed his duty as spokesman for Omaha at the general conference reception. Most people felt in their hearts a special felicitation in the thought of what we escaped by something near 5,000 majority when Mr. Bemis was elected mayor.

THE ecumenical conference of Methodism was merely a big class meeting. The brethren met, exchanged experiences and enjoyed "the blessing." The general conference is different. The members can talk, exchange religious experiences and otherwise exercise Christian privileges, but in addition thereto they have the power of legislation, which is not possessed by the ecumenical conference.

THE ministerial and lay delegates have acted wisely in accepting the invitation of the citizens of Lincoln to spend a day at the state capital. Lincoln is a beautiful city of 60,000 people and her citizens are far famed for their generous hospitality. Besides, the city is one of the marvels of the west. Her magnificent business blocks, handsome residences, fine educational institutions and public buildings stand upon a spot that was raw prairie twenty-five years ago. No other city in this country like-wise situated has enjoyed a more phenomenal prosperity and much of it is due to the invincible energy and exceptional public spirit of her people.

HELP FROM THE ENEMY.

The chairman of a recent republican convention remarked that "our opponents have more our campaign." The representatives of the democratic party in congress have certainly done much to help the cause of the republican party before the people. In the first place they have shown that in dealing with all public questions they are controlled wholly by partisan considerations. National statesmanship, with a purpose single to the general good, was not manifested respecting any question by the democratic majority in the house of representatives. The possible effect upon the chances of the party in the national contest has been the sole consideration influencing the action of congress. The factional conflict over the organization of the house was due to a difference of opinions as to the course to be pursued regarding leading issues from the point of view of party interest in the battle for the presidency. Whether the tariff should be made the supreme issue with a measure for its general revision and silver ignored, or the tariff and free silver be both kept to the front as issues of equal merit were the questions which divided the democrats of the house under the leadership of Mills and Crisp, and the effect on the party was the matter of first concern with either faction. The spirit of partisanship, pure and simple, has all through dominated the representatives of the democracy in the present congress. This factional fight served to illustrate the lack of courage and sincerity in the party.

In the effort that has been made to advance the cause of free trade and in the indubitable proof that has been given that the democracy favors the free and unlimited coinage of silver, the democratic majority in the house of representatives has furnished the republicans with invaluable campaign material. The plan of attacking the tariff in detail was cowardly. It was in effect a surrender of the position of the party, as such leaders as Carlisle and Mills declared, and was practically an abandonment of its pledge to reform the tariff. It implied a want of both courage and capacity to deal with this question broadly and fairly, as had been done by the republicans in the preceding congress. As to silver, the democratic party is fully committed to free and unlimited coinage by the action of a large majority of its representatives in congress, who would have passed a measure in the house for this purpose but for the nearly unanimous vote of republicans against it. It would be hazardous to predict what the Chicago convention will do with this question. The prospect is that it will be a bone of sharp contention, but, whatever the action of that body, no reasonable man now doubts that a large majority of the democrats of the country are in favor of opening the mints of the United States to the silver of the world and compelling the government to coin it for the benefit of the silver producers at the expense of the people.

The democratic majority in congress announced a policy of retrenchment, also with a view to political capital, and thus far its proposed economy does not as a whole commend itself to intelligent opinion. It has been rebuked for its parsimony by some of its own members. The inequality of the majority in the present house of representatives is the neglect of duty of many of its members, and the absolute partisan spirit that has dominated it, have not escaped the attention of the observant and thoughtful voters of the country, and the record is doing effective service for the republican cause.

A NOTEABLE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. On May 17 the first convention of the league of college republican clubs is to be held at Ann Arbor, Mich. This is one of the most notable political movements of this presidential year, and it is expected to exert an important influence favorable to the republican cause. The purpose is to organize a club in every college in the country. There are in the United States 153 educational institutions of recognized standing as colleges, with an average annual attendance of about 60,000 students. The first club formed was at the University of Michigan, and it has a membership of 300, nearly half the number of students in that institution. It is hoped to bring into the clubs at least half of all the college students in the country.

The primary object of the league is an educational one, designed to counteract the teachings of many college professors of political economy whose views lean toward free trade. It is perhaps a fact that a majority of these instructors throughout the country teach free trade theories, and the promoters of the league of college clubs propose that the professors shall not have the field of instruction all to themselves, but that the students shall be given opportunity to hear both sides of the question instead of having their minds concentrated upon one phase of it. The wisdom and propriety of this is not to be questioned, and there can be no doubt that the effect will be good.

It is proposed to establish the central office or headquarters of the league in New York, under the direct supervision of the republican national committee, and from this office will be issued a series of tracts prepared by a staff of special writers. The contents of these publications will be discussed at weekly meetings of the clubs, and twice a year what is to be called a "political field day" will be given. It will thus be seen that the movement is not designed especially for the coming campaign, but for a permanent organization with particular reference to the discussion of economic principles and policies. It cannot fail, however, to exert an influence favorable to the republican cause in the impending national contest. It is hardly necessary to say that the movement has the sanction of the leading republicans of the country.

The first convention of the league promises to be an event of general interest. A dozen or more of representative republicans from all parts of the country will address the convention, the list of speakers announced including Governor McKinley, Judge Gresham, Hon. J. Sloat Fassett of New York and other well known exponents of republican principles.

THE garrulous gentleman from the Pappio, accidental member of the Board of County Commissioners, voted against the Nebraska Central proposition because it contained no agreement for a maximum bridge tariff. He wanted an excuse for opposing the enterprise, and this was as good as any other. Having recently attended a meeting of the government directors of the Union Pacific, he was well informed upon the question of maximum bridge tariffs.

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Modern Changes in May Day. "May Day" furnishes a striking illustration of the storm and stress of modern life as compared with "the good old days." It is less than a half century since the 1st of May was, at least with English-speaking peoples, next to Christmas, the most joyous festival of the year. It was a holiday devoted to outdoor sports and recreation, and was symbolic of the gay frolicsomeness of spring. Now it is in half the civilized world the most dreaded day of the year, as the day upon which dissatisfied labor formulates its recurring demand for redress of grievances.

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THE readers of THE BEE will know better than to take stock in the story telegraphed from Des Moines in which a Methodist minister figures as a millionaire. This is impossible so long as the millennium is delayed and any Methodist church or college continues in debt.

JAY Gould has bought another railroad. There is no use of rising early in the morning to get ahead of the man. It is necessary to be on the ground a week or so ahead of him.

THE DeWetted King. The reports all show that the acreage of cotton is being generally reduced in the south, and the people of that section will thus find relief from the depression of their leading industry by practical means and in accordance with reasonable views of the situation.

Essence of Editorial Honor. The New York Sun, always sparkling, has seldom said a funnier thing than it said yesterday in allusion to Hill's "vow-tremendous exercises put forth for Mr. Cleveland's election" in 1888. Of course half of the humor consists in the seeming seriousness with which this choice bit is worked into a grave historical review of modern national politics. Macaulay's description of Dean Swift applies well to Mr. Dana, when in one of his right moods he is taken to task for entering the arena of politics. "The dean of St. Patrick's threw a valuable portion of severity into his contumacious white laughing-wardly."

The Odious Coal Barons. The eastern agents of the monopoly could not wait until May. They met yesterday and advanced the price 10 cents a ton on grate, 15 cents on egg and 25 cents on stove and out—the fact of the matter. The estimated output for the month of May is 2,750,000 tons and the extra profits on this amount—an extra tax on the people—will be \$500,000. What are the laws against conspiracy for what are governors for? What are public prosecutors and grand juries for? Have we really arrived at a time when monopolies can say of the laws what the late Mr. Vanderbilt said of the public?

Essentially a Western Man. In the death of the eminent banker, Mr. Augustus Kountze, the West has lost one of its best friends. From the time of his leaving the paternal roof-tree, in 1845, until his death, Mr. Kountze was essentially a western man, and was foremost in every enterprise calculated to advance the interests of his chosen section. Though the necessities of business required the firm of which he was the head to establish a house in New York, his main interests have always been in the West, with which he was so closely connected by ties of blood and business, until a very recent period. In the many years that he spent in the West, he has been a most successful and energetic man, and his death is a heavy loss to the West, and a great loss to the people. The same may be said of many men who have achieved political dis-

tion, but it is true that Senator Hill is in a peculiar sense a fighting politician, so richly endowed with self-reliance that he believes himself able to command a following at will for any office upon which he may fix his heart. That he has never been appointed to office signifies very little, and the fact that he is a fighter really accounts for about all of the admiration that has ever been bestowed upon him. He is now beginning to perceive that there is a limit beyond which a man cannot by sheer force shape his own political destiny.

The closing musical entertainment for the season by the Apollo club will be given at Boyd's new theater on Thursday evening, when the club will present the oratorio of "Elijah." This great work of Mendelssohn, a masterpiece of its kind, has been in rehearsal at the Apollo club for the past six months, and there is every reason to expect that its presentation will be worthy of the leading musical organization of Omaha, and will justify the high place which the club has attained in the regard of our citizens. The production of this elaborate and difficult work may properly be referred to as the culmination of the efforts of the Apollo to popularize music in this city, and for this reason not less than for the intrinsic merits and claims of the oratorio its presentation should have a most generous reception. It should be quite unnecessary to say that the Apollo club deserves the heartiest support and encouragement, and this will be an opportunity when our citizens can show their appreciation of the efforts of the club with gratification and profit to themselves.

THE anti-annexationists in Canada are gleeful because Mr. Macdonald, who was a candidate for the Ontario legislature in the recent election, received a very small vote. Mr. Macdonald stood upon a sort of annexation platform of his own, but was not supported by anything like an organized movement to make his candidacy a test of the strength of the annexation sentiment, which is undoubtedly much stronger than the result of the election would seem to indicate. The annexation idea excites little interest on this side of the line, but it is steadily forcing itself into Canadian politics.

Buffalo Express: Mrs. Corsey (reducing)—There has