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SWORN STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, I, George B. Teschick, secretary of THE BEE Publishing Company...

WHY do the patients in the Institute for the Feeble Minded require so much soap? It is unfortunate that Lieutenant Totten has made arrangements to have the world come to an end next September.

WHILE the hungry democrats of this state are engaging in a mad stampede for office, Mr. Walton's declination of the tendered judgeship will cause as much of a sensation as a paid ticket on a legislative train.

THE blunt, pointed and merited "roast" which the Kynor investigating committee administered to that worthy patriot ought to be spread upon the house journal and kept there. It fits the man and the occasion exactly.

IT is announced that President Cleveland will not disturb Minister Robert Lincoln at London and Minister Fred Grant at Vienna. It is to be hoped that the report is true.

THE people do not want the legislature to adjourn before the state house is purged of dishonest and faithless officials. The people will cheerfully bear any taxation the legislature may impose on them if the legislature will only do its duty fearlessly and regardless of all pressure from corporate influence or the corrupt lobby.

OUR special dispatches from Washington intimate that Judge Doane, Hon. Charles Brown and Euclid Martin may become the dispensers of federal pap in this state. If the report from Washington be true it is all the evidence needed that Secretary Morton is quietly getting in his work in opposition to his old-time enemies.

REV. FRANK CRANE, who has just returned from Mexico, seems to have been impressed with the filth and wretchedness that everywhere prevails among the Greasers. He says that had it not been for the grace of God and carbolic acid he could not have escaped. This suggests a good means of disinfecting the Nebraska state house.

THERE are a few provisions in the proposed charter amendments that are vital to this city, but if in order to get them the people are compelled to submit to outrageous mutilation and provisions positively obnoxious, it may be best to prevent any change in the present charter being made.

IF YOU are a good citizen, if you abhor public thieves, if you believe that a dishonest official ought to be deposed, you will personally and by letter urge your representative in the legislature to stand firm and continue to support the movement to turn the rascals out. Members of the house have done well so far, and they deserve your hearty encouragement and co-operation.

SINCE last December the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice purchased more than eight tons of soap, as the supply vouchers in the auditor's office will show. This should be an eye opener to the house investigating committee.

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TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY.

The bill to abolish capital punishment in Nebraska has passed the house and gone to the senate. It provides that in all convictions under the statutes of this state for the crime of murder in the first degree the penalty shall be imprisonment in the state prison during the life of the person so convicted, and the punishment of death for such offense is abolished.

THE statements of the banks of this city, which have been published in pursuance to the call of the controller of the currency, demonstrate anew what has long been well known, namely, that Omaha is one of the most important banking centers in the west, and that her business in this line is rapidly growing.

IT is natural that there should be some interest among western farmers as to the comparative prosperity of the farmers who are tilling the soil south of the east. A recent bulletin is devoted to the results of an investigation into farm and home proprietorship in Massachusetts.

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THE experience of mankind justifies capital punishment, and the number of those who do not approve of it is an exceedingly small minority in every civilized country. A few of the states of the union have at different times abolished the death penalty, but most of them restored it after finding that its abandonment resulted in an increase of capital crimes.

THE inhuman treatment of convicts under the lease system of the southern states has long been a reproach to that section. A few years ago the country was shocked by the reports of brutality suffered by the convicts of Georgia at the hands of those who leased their labor, and the report of the committee of the Tennessee legislature who investigated the treatment of convicts employed in the coal mines of that state shows that they were subjected to the most cruel inhumanity.

MISSISSIPPI inaugurated the reform movement when the last constitutional convention incorporated a clause in the constitution forever abolishing the lease of the state's prisoners. Alabama has emulated this example, the legislature having passed a law abolishing the lease system and placing of a board of managers, of which the governor of the state is the official head.

EVERYBODY who is capable of taking a fair and unprejudiced view of the matter concedes that convicts must be provided with work. To keep them in idleness is a severe punishment, as the experience in New York a few years ago demonstrated, many of the convicts in that state going insane because they had no employment to occupy their minds, and they were asked to be kept at work.

THE whole world would be glad to see Ferdinand de Lesseps let down easily in the trouble that has overtaken him in his old age, but the idea that he has been the innocent victim of circumstances is not borne out by recent developments in the Panama canal fight. It has been admitted that the payments to the leading bondholders in the scheme were made with the consent of President de Lesseps.

THE whole people, in the interest of the whole people, of making the penitentiary as nearly as possible self-supporting. It is admittedly something of a problem, but whatever the solution the convict should have protection from brutal and inhuman treatment. The southern states have been the most culpable in this matter, but there is opportunity for reform elsewhere.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Philadelphia Ledger: A new church choir in Boston has for its soprano Mrs. Maria Barrow, contralto Mrs. M. M. West, and Myron Whitney as its bass on a \$3,000 salary. This would lead a pastor here and there to regret that he didn't cultivate his choir.

Chicago Herald: A New York clergyman has begun a damage suit against certain officers of his church, claiming \$300,000 because of his expulsion from the communion on charges of immorality. He made a grave mistake. If he could have secured a trial for heresy he would be the gainer in active demand, but immorality never pays.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Joseph Cook is on his way to Chicago, and as he started yesterday he comes with a splendid sermon and a raging mind. Mr. Cook is a gentleman supposed to be pretty well in touch in Christian lands, and with a rare vision of spiritual grace he detects monsters where the poor-eyed balance of the world may only discern pygmies.

Harper's Weekly: It is not known that her trials serve any very useful purpose, except to provide matter to put into newspapers, and even in that particular their usefulness to the secular press ranks below prize-fighting, and even base ball. There seems to be, therefore, no reason to be particularly in the recent plea signed by an imposing list of honored Presbyterians divines for an abandonment of theological controversy and strife in the Presbyterian church over "doctrines which are not essential."

THE full name of the Brazilian minister at Washington is General Dionizio Evangelista de Castro Cerveira. President Cleveland doesn't need to subscribe for any newspaper to know the name of marked ones is said to reach the white house every day.

George W. Cable's hospitable instincts are manifest in the name he has bestowed upon his charming new home at Northampton, Mass. He has christened it "Stayawhile." Sir John Abbott, ex-premier of the Dominion and one of the best known public men of Canada, now traveling in Europe for his health, has been given up by his physicians and is returning to die.

EX-Secretary Tracy is to make his home in New York this spring. He has been in the West for some time, and has already returned to his law business with the firm of Tracy, Fourman & Platt, in the Mills building. Nikola Tesla, whose discoveries in electrical science have attracted the attention of the world, is lecturing in a very simple and attractive style, very much like that sturdy English authority on electricity, Dr. Oliver J. Lodge.

William Ordway Partridge, the Boston sculptor, is a young man 31 years of age, but has already established such a reputation that his name is taken in hand to erect a monument to the memory of James G. Percival, the poet and geologist of that state, whose remains lie buried at Hazel Green, Wis.

Sir John Thompson, the Canadian premier, who has started for Paris in connection with his duties as a Bering sea case arbitrator, is not yet 50 years old, and is a bit sixteen years ago since he was elected to the Nova Scotia legislature, whose proceedings he had previously followed as a reporter.

Frank Leslie's Weekly. I stole dem breeches, I knowed de corn, But I want no crime, ez sure ez yer born. Ef de motly is right, den whar de sin? I stole dem breecher ter be baptize' in.

MERRY REMARKS.

Washington Star: Extreme inquisitiveness seldom goes with an air of prosperity. The more a man talks through his hat the shabbier it gets.

Arkansas Traveler: "Don't you think," asked the customer of the hostess at a roadside cafe, "that your prices are pretty steep?" "Certainly," was the reply, "the delicacy is rather precipitous."

Indianapolis Journal: Watts—Why do you speak of a horse laugh? Did you ever hear a horse laugh? "I am sure. Did you ever hear a horse nicker?"

Washington Post: France had 4,000 duels last year and the coroner didn't get a fee out of the entire lot.

Philadelphia Record: Nine belles of Heaven Dan, Wis., have had a wood-sawing match. The sawing was easy, but the effort to say nothing must have been a strain.

Washington Star: "You don't seem to be one of the people who think the office should seek the man." "Yes," replied the politician, a little doubtfully, "I am. But I believe it's the man's business to keep in hailing distance."

Puck: Visitor—So you are going to build a house in the suburbs? What sort of a dwelling shall you put up? "Host—Well, I examined the Renaissance, Queen Anne and other designs, but finally decided on the Colonial plan. "Visitor—Why didn't you build you told mamma you were going to build it on the installment plan."

THE MODERN STYLE. New York Press. When you go to church in city or town, It is a pleasant sight to see The people who don't heads bowed down, From the world's temptations free. They are pious all, but avoid the crush, If you wouldn't be injured, when you go to the church, For the door of the church is a rush As the minister says "Amen."

BLASTS FROM EAM'S HORN. Thought in spring poetry does not wear well. Oak trees cannot be raised in a hothouse. The nickel plating does not give any power to the engine. Smallpox is not any more contagious than a good example. The man who is always looking for mud generally finds it. The biggest dollars we see are those just out of our reach. The shortest cut to wealth is through the lane of contentment. The man who chases bubbles will bark his shins sooner or later. The man who controls himself makes unwritten laws for many other people. We are not always ignorant because we do not learn, but because we forget too much. It often happens that the man who pays the preacher the least, wants to boss him the most. Religion, pure and undefiled, does not leave all its money at home when it goes to church. People who boast that they never did any harm are generally those who haven't done much good.

RECIPE FOR DRESS. Dress of velveteen in the shade known as Bengal rose, trimmed with a ruche of pale mauve poppy petals; bertha of cream guipure; neck of mauve satin on the shoulder.



BROWNING, KING & CO. Largest Manufacturers and Retailers of Clothing in the World. Higer Than Ever. Our hats are—yes, higher than they will ever be again. They're up on the third floor. The prices, strange as it may seem, although they were raised with the hats to the third, were not raised. This has been done to allow the workmen room in which to tear out the dividing wall on the first floor. We have this week received many new novelties in children's wear, exhibited on second floor, while men's suits for spring are now shown in greater variety than ever. You will be able to secure many desirable bargains if you come before we make the hole in the side of the house—We'll have the greatest store on earth when we get through the hole. BROWNING, KING & CO., S. W. Cor. 16th and Douglas St.