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What would the railroads do without their contracts for carrying United States mail?

It's a poor county official who can't go out of office with a claim upon the county for money still due him for his valuable

While we are in a sympathetic mood toward France why not adjust the unpaid claims of the French exhibitors at the World's fair?

When the garbage cases are all finally settled the courts may have to call on the city council to supply them with some other bone of ceaseless litigation.

Tom Bowman is again in Washington. This ought to be as significant to Iowa democrats as are the frequent visits of Tobe Castor to the national capitol to their fellow office seekers in Nebraska.

The prohibitionists are to be the first in the field with their state convention. They will also have the extreme pleasure of being the first out of the field when the election returns begin to make their appearance.

The Sugar trust does not appear to be alarmed over any prospective alteration in the sugar schedule as accepted in the senate committee of the whole. It kept its end of the bargain with the democratic managers and it confidently expects them to abide by their obligations.

Prospects are good for a scrimmage between Maryland and Virginia over the inroads of Maryland poachers upon the Virginia soft-shell crab banks. Governor O'Ferrall has applied to the United States authorities for some modern guns and proposes to give the Marylanders the benefit of some shells of another kind. In the meantime the crabs are the only parties that are being slaughtered.

An organization of cranks for the better protection of the president is a welcome offset to the numerous cranks who have been alloted the mission of making away with the highest officers of our government. The new organization ought to be set to work to convert the others to their ideas. When they shall have effectively accomplished that work their mission will be ful filled and they can then disband with a sense of supreme self-satisfaction.

The cost of getting up the tax list in Omana may be less than it has been in pre vious years, but it is still altogether too high-particularly for the kind of work that is done. The system by which the assessors appoint their wives, their sons, their sisters, cousins and aunts as deputies and figure out salaries for them at so much a day is not conducive to economical service. The average assessor seems to imag ine that he is entitled to saddle his whole family upon the public pay roll. Because this has been done in the past is no reason why it should be tolerated now. One city assessor in supervision of a corps of competent assistants could make the tax list on a business basis at an immen-e saving to the people. Our whole system of tax valuation by ward assessors is sadly out of date.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s annual crop and trade report, published this morning, contains information regarding crop and trade conditions for eighty-six counties and is the most complete and exhaustive review of the situation printed this year. A perusal of the reports will show that corn is in good condition throughout the state and the acreage is very largely increased. Small grain has generally been a total or partial failure. Only a few districts promise anything like a full crop. The recent rains have materially improved the outlook for the corn crop, and unicss some catastrophe overtakes it Nebraska will harvest the largest area and the heaviest yield of corn in her history next fall. If prices for corn are in any way remunerative Nebraska farmers will have a profitable year and trade throughout the state will be vastly improved as soon as corn can be put on the market.

Every request of the rallroads for United States deputy marshals to protect their property is granted without even the most casual inquiry whether special protection is desirable or necessary. While the country has to foot the bills for these federal janissaries. and their bills are always extravagantly high, no serious objection could be raised to this costly method of protecting rallway property were it not for the constant deflance of the federal statutes regulating interstate commerce by the railway managers. Those who want to invoke the law and the power of the government for their own protection should be willing at all times to set an example of obedience to law and submission to the regulations established by law for their government. The trouble with the railroads is that they are always outlaws, but want everybody else, including patrons, employes and the public at large, to be submissive to such laws as happen to favor or protect their interest.

THE BOYCOTT AND THE PUBLIC. The beyentt inaugurated by the American Rallway union against all rallroads running Pullman sleepers has reached proportions not anticipated and is most seriously affecting public interests. The business of a score or more of roads is already nearly paralyzed and the rapid spread of the strike threatens to put a summary stoppage to the transportation business of the country. The conflict of the woman suffrage movement only seminow exceeds in extent any previous trouble between the railroads and their employes and no one can foresee the end. It is to little purpose to consider or discuss the origin of the difficulty. Whether the Pullman company were right or wrong in rejecting the request of their employes for a re-toration of part of the reduction made in wages last fall and refusing to submit the matter to arbitration is of small consequence.

the railroad companies toward the public.

The railroad managers have agreed to

tand together and carry on the fight "to

the death." They urge that the supreme

test of strength between the corporations

and their employes who are members of

labor organizations has come and that the

result will determine which shall hereafter

rule. They spurn the suggestion of arbitra-

tion with the usual declaration of men who

do not want to settle difficulties in this way

that they have nothing to arbitrate.

The obvious fact is that these general man-

agers, most of whom are themselves simply

employes of the companies they represent,

are actuated solely by a desire to destroy

the organization of railroad employe; which

ordered the boycott of Pullman cars, and

in pursuance of this desire are willing that

the public interests, which it is their first

duty to consider, shall suffer to any extent

Why should they not arbitrate? Why, in-

stead of going at once to the support of the

Pullman company, did they not make some

effort, as they unquestionably might have

done, to bring about an adjustment of the

difference between the company and its em-

ployes? It is more than probable that if

they had made the attempt to do this it

would have been successful and the strike

averted, but if it had failed the railroad

managers would have avoided the responsi-

bility in connection with the conflict which

now rests upon them and would have had

public sentiment entirely with them. The

desire to destroy the American Rallway

union is a mistaken one if it is based on

the idea that such a result would put an end

to controversies between the railway corpor-

ations and their employes. He is very short

sighted who does not see that the remedy

for these cutbreaks must be something more

than the breaking up of any organization of

railroad workers. It must be something

that will control and regulate managers as

well as employes, something that will re-

quire everybody connected with the service

of a railroad to give first consideration under

all circumstances to the public interests,

which it is the primary and paramount duty

We believe that this conflict could have

been averted if the railroad managers had

adopted a conservative and conciliatory

course, instead of manifesting their sym

pathy with the Pullman company by eagerly

accepting the challenge to a contest. What-

ever may be thought of the action of the

American Railway union in this matter it

is under no such obligation to regard the

public interests as the railroad managers

No one can tell what the end will be

There appears to be a spirit of intense hos-

tility on both sides and this is likely to grow

as the contest progresses. The innocent and

helpless public has already suffered a great

deal of injury, and, from appearances, will

have to suffer much more. Will the out-

suggest to our lawmakers the necessity for

legislation that will reduce to the minimum

the danger of such outbreaks, if it cannot

THOSE "CORPORATION CORMORANTS."

The adage that when thieves fall out

honest men get their dues is recalled by

the decision just rendered in favor of John

Fitzgerald and his coparceners of a railroad

construction ring as against the Missouri

Pacific Railroad company. Judging from the

text of the decision and comment made

thereon by the recognized official organ of the

railroads, the Lincoln Journal, it would be

extremely difficult to find "the honest men"

in the transaction. Our amiable Lincoln con-

temporary, which certainly could not be truth-

fully charged with malicious prevarication

about a dispute between friends of the rail-

The history of the matter leading up to the

suit tells an interesting tale of Wall street

manipulators and how millionaires swallowed

up railroads, watered stock and were in-terested in both the construction company

and the Missouri Pacific. The interest

clashed and there was a fight for spoil

Evidence shows that Millionaire Fitzgerald

nd others deliberately voted a dividend of

Here is a revelation from inside sources

hat would, if it came from any other

quarter, be denounced as a most infamous

fabrication. It actually tends to confirm

what the Journal has often denounced as

the most foul aspersion upon the class

designated in euphoneous terms as corpora-

tion cormorants and venal vampires. De-

claring a dividend of 100 per cent to the

stackholders of an insolvent company

Could such things really happen at a well-

regulated family reunion of railroad saints?

There must be some lapses of memory,

strely, among the witnesses. Was John

Fitzgerald clear in his mind when he sat

in that charmed circle or is he laboring

under a hallucination? With such dis-

closures we begin to understand why some

roads have gone into the hands of re-

ceivers while others have passed their usual

dividend. In any event the friends of Mr.

Fitzgerald have reason to congratulate him

upon convincing the supreme court that

he held the joker in the three-card monte

THE FEMALE SUFFRAGE FAD.

stitutional convention announce the rapid

decline of the female suffrage fad. When

the female suffrage fad was at its height in

New York, when fashionable men and women

were overreaching one another in their ef-

forts to sign petitions to strike the word

male from the suffrage clause of the consti-

tution, when society leaders were holding

nightly parlor meetings in their mansions,

when the profession of agitators were cry-

ing aloud the overwhelming conversion of

all classes to their teachings, it was freely

predicted that this exhibition was purely

spectacular and could endure but a very

short time. That prediction seems to have

been verified almost sooner than was antici-

pated. The social swells have all gone off

to Europe, to the seaside or to their coun-

try residences. Having signed the wonder-

ful petitions in a moment of emotion, the

more fair-minded people have taken time to

think the matter over, and while they per-

haps are not recalling their signatures they

The latest reports from the New York con-

game with Sage, Gould, Dillon & Co.

100 per cent when it was known that the

sat in a meeting where Sage, Gould,

ompany was insolvent.

roads, sums up the case as follows:

render them impossible?

some of the struggle, whatever it shall t

of public carriers to subjerve.

occasionally instead of devoting columns of each issue to the doings of the agitators. In short, female suffrage in New York nothing but a fad, and like all other fads is fading after a brief existence. After the convention shall have closed its labors and the amended constitution which it will propose shall have been either adopted or rejected the participants in the fad will wonder how they ever allowed themselves to in its bearing upon the existing situation. give way to a movement so unsubstantial The vital question relates to the duty of and so fleeting.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S PROBLEM, The inauguration of a new president of the French republic has already given rise to rumors of an impending constitutional conflict between the executive and the legislative branches of the French government. That conflict commenced soon after the pres sent constitution was proclaimed, it was waged in a desultory manner during the pres idency of MacMahon and was supposed by many to have been terminated with Mac-Mahon's resignation. It is the contest for political supremacy, for the political responsibility of the ministry to the Chamber of Deputies, elected directly by the people, instead of to the president, chosen indirectly

through the electoral college. To understand the problem which besets the French president we must understand the principle upon which the French government has been constructed. The French government is as nearly related in form to that of Great Britain as it is to that of the United States. While it has a president i also has a ministry responsible to the legislature and really the governing power. The president must exercise all his functions through the members of the ministry. He appoints the ministers and can dismiss them but by custom he can appoint those only who are satisfactory to the majority of the deputies. The president nominally holds his office for a fixed term, while his ministry serve merely at the pleasure of the deputies. In other words, during the incumbency of one president there is no limit to the number f ministries of different political parties that may pass into and out of power. The French president occupies the position of an elective monarch. He is expected to sink his personality while at the head of the government, notwithstanding the fact that he has been elected as a partisan and as the candidate of one of the political parties. Finally, although chosen for a term of seven years, it is within the power of the deputies to force him out of office at any time by declaring that they will co-operate with no ministry that he may name, no matter what its political allegiance.

President MacMahon's troubles arose partly from the obscurities of the new constitution.' That document declares that the ministry shall govern in harmony with the two houses of the legislature. When the political complexion of the deputies changed from that of the Senate in 1876 the president tried to maintain a premier in agreement with the Senate, but not with the house. He failed the first time, tried again and failed, tried to establish a ministry the members of which were connected with neither the Senate nor the deputies, but once more failed, and finally, when the republicans secured control of both houses. MacMahon resigned. Since then both presidents, Grevy nd Carnot, scrupulously adhered to principle that their ministry must be in political harmony with the majority of the Chamber and must change as that majority changes. If President Casimer-Perier should attempt to uphold a ministry of his own political faith in spite- of the demands of the deputies the old contest will be renewed. He can secure freedom from turmoil and strife only by balancing one party against another and gracefully making himself an automaton to do the bidding of the dominant party in the Chamber.

A decision has just been rendered by Chicago judge that a city has no authority or right to permit privileged persons to use the public streets for private purposes. In the case adjudicated an ordinance was passed to allow a property owner to bridge an alley, but his neighbors objected on the ground that it encroached upon their rights of light and air in the streets. The court held that they had good cause for their suits. Of course, if a city council has no right to permit the use of the air over a street for private purposes it has no better right to prevent the use of the surface for such purposes. Yet there is probably not a city in the country where the public streets have not been monopolized by property owners to the exclusion and injury of the general public. This is often done with the special consent of the city authorities. although more often without it. With or without that consent the use of the streets for private purposes is illegal and in violation of the rights of the public and adjoining property owners who have particular easements in the street have good grounds for instituting civil suits for damages. An enforcement of the latter may open a way to insure to the people the use of the streets that have been dedicated to the public.

M. Dupuy has consented to remain at the head of the French ministry without reference to the change in the presidency occasioned by the assassination of President Carnot. As a matter of fact, there was really no necessity for the premier to offer his resignation on the advent of a new presis dent. It has become a matter of common courtesy and perhaps an established precedent for the ministry to resign in order to leave the new executive free to surround himself with a harmonious set of assistants, but where he is restricted in his choice to a ministry that can count upon the support of the Chamber of Deputies this privilege can at best be but nominal. It is possible that the French president might be elected by a party in the minority among the deputies, in which case he would be unable to install and retain a ministry of his own political faith. The French ministry need change only as the political majority of the deputies changes. The resignation of the ministry on a change in the presidency is nothing but a formality.

Does the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds intend to encourage the promoters of the "new industry" by assisting them in the scheme of refunding the Logan county bonds? The board should let it be distinctly understood that it will have no dealings with middle men and bond brokers. The Logan county refunding bonds offer a good opportunity to put a new rule into ef-

BRYAN AND HIS OUTBREAK. think that they have gone quite far enough.

The professionals went up to Albany to ap-Atkinson Graphic beyon is brilliant-but, pear before the suffrage committee; they set in the fluctuatir my of this political cured public hearings and recited their are among the first stock arguments, but made little impression, Central City Nonparell: The reason Mahomet went to the mountain was because the mountain would not some to Mahomet. If Mr. Bryan wishes to go to the populists the majority of the members absenting themselves and gallantly teaving their seats in the chamber for the women. The New may do so, but like the mountain they York newspapers now chroniels the progress ill not go to him Wallace Star: Billy Bryan is a great actor

-worthy, perhaps, to wear the combined mantles of Edwin Booth, John McCultough awrence Barrett, Alice Oates and all other "late lamented" footlight favorites. The stage yearns for Billy, and the dear people should assist in playing him where he belongs.

Wayne Herald: When the democratic pectators will be treated to one of those ring circuses that will bring tears to eyes of the prairie grass, followed imwo ring nediately by a downpour. Prayer will probably not be entertained and the green grass will be set on fire. probably York Times: If Mr. Bryan can keep up

he pace he has set he will earn his salary from the silver league unless it is too awfully large. Mr. Bryan was worth about \$2,000 a year as a dress parade lawyer, but as a dress parade agitator he is worth ten imes that, and if the silver barons pay ess than \$20,000 a year they are getting him too cheap.

Columbus Telegram: The men who en gineered the silver conference at Omaha had influence enough with the pop powers to have them postpone their convention a num her of days after it had already been called, they want to make the democrati hasten their convention. Will they have the same power with the democrats as with the We opine not pops?

Crete Democrat: And now the cuckoos are declaring that they will support the republican ticket before they will vote candidates running on a free democratic colnage platform. Just like 'em. It won't be the first republican ticket they have We know this outfit well and have sized them up at their true worth. They have been a curse to democracy for years.

Kearney Journal: The battle in Nebraska this fall is to be centered on the legislature. Bryan is determined to warm a senatorial seat and he will use a demo-pop combina-tion to further his ambition, wherever fusion can be accomplished. Buffalo county has always been fertile ground for fusion and doubtless will be this fall, but with good nominations the republican legislative ticket can be elected.

Wahoo Wasp: As yet the flames that were to sweep over the prairies of Nebraska on the occasion of W. J. Bryan's visit to the Omaha free silver convention have no attracted a great deal of attention. principal burning seems to be that of re-morse in the hearts of those democrats who have made such fools of themselves in going off after strange gods. The prairies of Ne braska are not in burning condition at the be kindled by Billy Bryan's oil.

Pawnee City Republican: Two years ago Billy Bryan went up and down the roaring about free trade and tariff reform According to him no other question so cerned the fate of the people and "butcher knife" campaign was applauded and "aped" by a lot of dupes in this neck of the woods. The tariff question is still unsettled, but where is Billy Bryan? up and down the country on a new issue allowing the tariff to take care of itself. isn't the fate of the dear people, but th votes that Bryan is after, and he isn't a bit particular where or how he gets them.

York Democrat: The men who were for silver a year ago and who, with Mr. Bryan, were hooted out of a democratic convention at Lincoln, will not have to wait long for their revenge. As soon as a convention is held these men will have the satisfaction of playing even. Bryan and his followers will not be run out of the next convention, and a committee might be appointed now to carry the news to Messrs. Cleveland, Morton, Castor and others who had their fun last year. The remaining remnant of the once strong democratic party in Nebraska are falling over one another to climb onto the Bryan band wagon.

Let the People Elect the Senators.

St. Louis Post.
The so-called debate in the senate, the so-called debate in the senate, which has not thrown a single ray of light on the subject of the tariff, ought to produce an effective sentiment in favor of changing the character of the members of that body. As at present constituted the senate is a dead of a blockness to public houseast. As at present constituted the senate is a drag, a hindrance to public business, instead of a help. Too many of its members are representatives, not of the people, but of special interests, and vote as those interests dictate. They are neither statesmen nor politicians in the best sense of the word. The elections should rest with the people. Only in that way can the character of the "highest legislative assembly in the world" be purified and made truly representative of popular sentiment.

Chicago Times.

Poor St. Gaudens! His first design for the Columbian awards medal was rejected by the senate on the grounds that it was immodest, since it contained the undraped figure of a male youth, and now a second in which he had not been second. modest, since it contained the undraped figure of a male youth, and now a second, in which he had submitted a chaste bird and a sexless wreath, has been adversely passed upon by Secretary Carlisle. The eminent sculptor deserves the sympathy of the art-loving world, albeit he might make one more effort to earn the \$1,000 appropriated to pay for the design. Let him but insert a sugar barrel rampant, with dollar marks dexter and sinister as supporters, and his medal will be accepted with the thanks and compliments of these captious official critics. captious official critics.

> Honoring a Young Heroine. Cincinnati Enqu

Cincinnati Enquirer.

President Carnot lived long enough to send to little Jennie Cook of Mill Grove, Ind., a decoration of the Legion of Honor. It will be recalled that amid the tremendous railway traffic of the World's fair period the child, only 10 years old, found a trestle burning and saved the oncoming train from destruction by flagging it with her red flannel petticoat. It happened that amid the throng of rescued passengers was a group of distinguished Frenchmen. Hence the decoration. The child should be as proud as Cigarette in Ouida's story of "Under Two Flags." It was not only an honor unparalleled in this country, but she deserved it. deserved it.

The Financial Outlook.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The banks did a wise as well as a patriotic thing in advancing to the government from their plethoric vaults the gold necessary to maintain the gold reserve which had been withdrawn from the treasury for shipment abroad. President Cleveland's brief summary of the financial situation is encouraging, both from the treasury and the commercial point of view. It is a pregnant fact that last June the balance against us in the account of imports and exports, exclusive of gold and silver, was \$64,552,600. This year for the same pyriod the balance is our favor is \$62,90,562—being a change in our favor of \$127,512,602. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Mutilating History.

Chicago Herald. Chicago Herald.

Commenting upon the atrocious crime which has deprived Frince of an admirable president, the London Chronicle says: "Lincoln died in a theater at the hand of a lunatic enraged at the confederacy which the president decided to let down so gently." If the Chronicle knows no more about French than it does about American affairs nobody will care to know what else it says. But why should a London edftor seize upon such an occasion to display tor seize upon such an occasion to display his ignorance of American history? It is enough to affront one country at a time.

Memories of Ben Butler.

New York Advertiser.

The louder Mr. Dana roars for a tariff for revenue only, according to the Chicago plans and specifications, the less likely are his vociferous demands to be acceded to. Perhaps Mr. Dana's party, allowing that he has one, remembers when he cut loose from the platform and undertook to run Hen Butler for president on a platform of his own. Since that unhappy event Mr. Dana has had about as much influence in politics as a last year's bird's neat has on the price of hay. New York Advertiser.

Artis's with the Brush. Courier-Journal.

Senator Allen's attempt to keep a tariff on all paintings failed. This is well. There is no demand anywhere for a tax on paint-ings. Certainly Senator Allen and Senator Chandler need no protection in their efforts to paint the senate chamber red.

The Retort Courteous.

Chicago Record. In the vituperation which Colonel Breck inridge has uttered against this city he has paid it the greatest tribute that it is in his power to bestow. To be disliked by this creature is to be commended in the eyes of decent people. THE EDITOR-STATESMAN.

St. Louis Republic: Editor Singerly de-serves a triumphant election. The man who has carried the doctrine of tariff reform among the workingmen of the greatest prosettonist stronghold has earned success.

Indianapolis Journal: Editor Singerly of the Philadelphia Record has been chosen by his party as the sacrifice it will offer up this year in Pennsylvania, Mr. Singerly, understood, has consented to serve as candidate for governor, and democratic politicians are rejoiced over the unexpected ease with which they secured a victim. Editor Singerly is an amiable gentleman and Penn ylvania republicans are already extending o him their regrets for the overwhelming nanner in which they will be compelle

Chicago Post: It is delightful news that omes from Pennsylvania to the effect that Colonel Singerly is to be the democratic andidate for governor. Colonel Singerly is that might be called an all-round man breeds more and better short born bulls than any man in America, he knows the points of a trotting horse as well as the author of the stud book, he is varied and resourceful as a politician and accomplished and orageous as a journalist. Colonel Singerly uld make a giorious and successful cam paign. As the republican majority in Penn sylvania is only umpthy hundred thousand, we can predict for this amiable citizen an unbroken career in the dignified position of editor of the Philadelphia Record.

Washington Post: We are not quite surthat all of Editor Singerly's plans will materialize just as he expects. There is neguarantee that the Pennsylvania voters will turn their ballots against a man who has the nerve to take the stump at this particular time and preach pure and undefiled demo cracy. The novelty of the speciacle, it occurs to us, might tend to arouse an en thusiasm that would sooner or later develop into a tidal wave, and then Mr. Singerly would be powerless and there would be the most imminent danger of his being swept into the gubernatorial chair despite his protests. According to our notion Mr Singerly is playing with most dangerous fire Unless he is willing to chance four years residence at Harrisburg he should refrain from poking sticks into the gubernatorial cage.

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Recent promiscuous lightning strikes in Nebraska left no reliable clue as to the candidate it was after. The wonder is how it missed one.

One evil crowds upon another's heel. Just as the prospect brightens for a cessation of the tariff agony comes the announcement of a Buddhist lecture slege of four months, Richard Croker bewalls the unsatisfactory libel laws of this country. The newspapers will cheerfully waive technicalities if Richard will come into court and tell how he go

The most unique spectacle of these sweltering days is a beneficiary of the Cleveland administration yelling for the white metal. There is a fortune in the freak for some enterprising museum manager. W. H. Wallace is an Ohio postmister of

sixty years' standing. The dimensions of his are anxiously sought for by modern bers of the p. m. fraternity. Wallace members of the p. m. fraternity. is a Jacksonian by appointment and inclina-An electric expert attempts to explain i

two pages of a trade publication the which ness and wherefores of electric current curves. The writer gropes in theoretical darkness. If he would grasp the subject by the topknot, let him hie hither and get on to the electric curves exhibited in Omaha. The official investigation into the causes

of the wreck of the tug Nicol off New York harbor developed the fact that while the tug was overloaded with fisherman, there was no real danger until the excursionists got outside of a liberal stock of bottled bait changed position of the cargo capsized the boat.

The nomination of Franklin MacVeagh for United States senator by the democrats of Illinois is an elegant and effective way of killing him off at the polls. But the country will watch with trembling anxiety the effect of the endorsement on the eminent democrat of democrats, Hon. Charles A Dana. Mr. MacVeagh is one of the high priests of western mugwumpery, and should the news of his reconsecration percolate eastward, the result may be likened to the influence of a red garment on a pugnacious bull.

Archibald Forbes relates that once after Henry M. Stanley had delivered an unsuccessful lecture when his manager called on him about it he heard an unearthly going on below. "What's that?" asked the manager. "That's my black boy; he always makes that noise when he is cleaning my boots." "All right," said the manager. boots. 'You divide tonight's lecture in half, and at the end of the first part have your black boy on to make that noise." The experiment was a triumphant success-such a success that the audience would not hear of his leaving off for Mr. Stanley to resume,

ILLUMINATING GAS.

Washington Star: "Are these colors fast?" she asked of the new clerk.
"Yes, Indeed. You ought to see them when they once start to run." Philadelphia Times: For that matter, all first boy babies are princes, and princes of wails as a general thing, too.

Plain Dealer: No logician has ever yet convinced a boy that it was time to come out of the water.

Indianapolis Journal: "And your senate, what does it do?" asked the intelligent Hindoo.
"The senate," said the man who was showing him around, "is something like your Nirvana. It doesn't do. It merely is." Pittsburg Chronicle: Miss Beliefield (re-lating an incident)—Then I dropped my voice, and — Mr. Halkett (interrupting)— That wouldn't hurt it. Yours is such a soft

voice, you know. Washington Star: "Yoh kain't allus de-pen' on whut yoh hyeah," said Uncle Eben. "Tain't necessarily de young man dat shoots off de mos' flah crackahs on de Fourf of July dat 'ud be de fus' ter enlis' ef wah broke out."

Yonkers Statesman: She-Mr. Bacon tried to put his arm around my waist four or five times last night. He—is Mr. Bacon a freak or is your waist so very small?

Somerville Journal: A 5-year-old boy with flaxen curls looks a great deal prettier to his mother than he does to the short-haired little boys who play with him.

Indianapolis Journal; Mrs. Hashcroft— Mr. Billings, would you say a delicious cup of coffee, or a cup of delicious coffee? Billings—I fail to see any occasion for saying either.

SEASIDE AND SHOP. Washington Star. With a sigh that is soft as the zephyr at

morn She greets the young man in his wooing At home he's a salesman; she's rich and high born; But his pathway with smiles she is strew But there's difference vast between seasid

and town;
Experience has many sad scholars.
Next fall at the counter she'll stand with When he murmurs "that silk is \$4."

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

Washington Star. Out in a merry western state

There dwelt an intellectual madam
Who, when new fads were started 'round,
With great acuteness often had 'em,
Her chief concern was "woman's rights,"
And with a patience rarely noted,
She cheered her little band along
Until, at last, she really voted.

Her step was proud when at the polls She gave her principles expression: She gave her principles expression;
She went there with opinions firm,
Resolved to hear of no concession.
But good intentions often stray,
Mistakes will win, while wise men won-

der,
She found—and shed a little tear—
Her little vote was quite snowed under. Across the line, not far away

Another woman lived obscurely,
She read the papers as they came,
And told her views, though not demurely,
The scene of public toil she shunned,
But gave the love which tones and mellows
To sons which sprang up, lad by lad,
Till they were seven manly fellows.

And in the twilight of her life
She pondered well, while she was resting.
To make her mind up on some points
The villagers were then contesting.
She couldn't vote, but still they had
The benefit of her reflection;
For seven men went mother's way,
and seven carried the election.

DROWNED

Member of a Picuic Party Gets in Feyond His Depth.

BODY RECOVERED AFTER FOUR HOURS

His Companious Could Not Find the Body and Parties Came Out from Beatrice with Grappling Hooks.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 1 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-John Kroeche, a member of a picnicking party, was drowned in Cut creek, four miles west of the city. He was drowned at 10 o'clock this morning while scining for minnows. Search was made for the body by the party, but their efforts proved unavailing and a messenger was dispatched to the city and a party went out with grappling hooks, recovering the body after it had been in the water about four hours. Mr. Kroeche was an employe in Fritch's tailoring establishment, was 28 years old, and leaves a wife and four children in almost destitute circumstances.

AUBURN, Neb., July 1 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Joe Shantz, a young man about 20 years of age, the son of Charles Shantz of Brownville, Neb., was drowned in the Little Nemaha river near Glen Rock this afternoon, about 4 o'clock. He and some other without any warning whatever young Shantz began to sink and before the other bathers aware of it he had gone down for the third time. The deceased was very popular among his acquaintances and was working for August Reimers at the time of his death

LIVELY TIMES AT WEST POINT.

Two Fights in One Day Serve to Make Thin s Interesting.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.)-Editor Langer of the West Point Republican and Frederick Singpiel, an ex-city marshal, had a lively set-to this afternoon. The trouble arose from an article published by Langer reflecting upon the moral character of Mr. Singpiel. Singpiel was knocked down and bystanders inter-

Late this evening another encounter took place in a saloon between John Welding, a prominent liveryman and local politician, and P. R. Morganthaler, an insurance agent. Both were under the influence of liquor and Both were under the innuence of the fought savagely. Welding seized Morgan-thaler's hand and bit one finger so that appointation will be necessary. All four amputation will be necessary. All four combatants are cited to appear before Justice Briggs on Monday.

Mayor Kloke left yesterday on a fishing trip to Lake Okohoji A committee of the Nebraska Chautauqua,

headed by Secretary Ober of Omaha, were here looking for a location for their annual encampment. Architect Ellis of Omaha has secured the contract for the erection of a double brick store building for J. F. Losch. The West Point brick yard is now running

at its full capacity The new firm of Boyd & Harmon are doing a rushing business.

NEBRASKA CITY IMPROVEMENTS. Large Amount to Be Expended by the Public and Private Pariles.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 1.-(Special The Bee.)-Nebraska City will spend considerable money this year in public improve ments. Both parks, the Tenth street and Morton, have already been greatly improved The work on the former has been largely made by popular subscription. If the im provements contemplated are carried out the city park will be one of the handsomest blocks in the state. A great deal of grading is being done, two new grading dis tricts having been recently laid out, and the city streets are being put in really first-

There will be a boom in the building trade this season. The congregations of the Bap-tist and Presbyterian churches are to erect houses of worship, bonds are to be voted for a new High school and either i new opera house will be built or the old one remodeled. The Argo Starch company, which was recently organized from the Nebraska City Starch company, will erect new build ings, larger than at present occupied by the company, more than doubling the capacity Resides these large contracts many hand some private residences and snug little

cottages are being erected. CELEBRATION AT FREMONT.

Patriotic People Will Go to the Assembly

Grounds on that Day. FREMONT, July 1 .- (Special to The Bee -The Fourth of July will be observed in this place at the Chautauqua assembly grounds. The exercises will consist of an oration by Rev. Frank C. Bruner of Illinois at 2:30 p. m. and day fireworks, sports and music before and after. Speaking, music and fireworks in the evening.

A picnic will be given in the City park by the Philharmonic guild, where an oration will be delivered by Hon. Lee S. Estelle at Mr. John Rush. Other appropriate services will follow.

A large dancing floor will be cheered with

music by Kendricks' orchestra during the The J. C. Cleland Hose company will go

to David City to enter the races.
The recently completed school census shows the existence of 1.205 boys and 1.366 girls, a total of 2,571, and an increase of 271 over last year.

Base Ball Tournament at Burwell. BURWELL, Neb., July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.)-We have had two fine showers, wetting the ground to a depth of from four to six inches. The farmers are nearly all plowing up their small grain and planting either corn or millet.

There will be a base ball tournament in Burwell July 10, 11 and 12, Eight teams will contest for four prizes, ranging from \$200 down to \$40.

There is considerable talk here about irrigation. The general opinion seems to be that this vicinity must be irrigated, but the people think they can do nothing until the legislature provides for bonding precincts and counties for the expense of building the main ditches. Civil engineers have made several surveys and say that all the land in this vicinity can be watered very cheaply from the North Loup and Calamus rivers. At the late school meeting it was decided to have nine months' school the coming year The B. & M. railroad will run an excursion train from Ord to Burwell on the Fourth.

Ord Masons Instalt.

ORD, Neb., July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.)-

The installation of officers of Ord lodge No. 103, A. F. and A. M., took place Saturday vening. The following were the brethren installed: J. C. Heddle, W. M.; James F Golby, S. W.; Edwin N. Mitchell, J. W.; George T. Hather, treasurer; Charles W. Burrows, secretary; Charles C. King, S. D.; Oscar N. Yesger, J. D.; Winfield S. Waters, Clegett F. Hughes, J. S.; Rev. Charles . Wilson, chaplain; William Weare, tiler. Hon. A. M. Robbins and wife left Satur-

WHILE SEINING day, June 23, for Denver. They will make an extended trip before returning.

Miss A. M. Jones of our city schools left

for Lincoln Saturday morning, where she will spend some time in attendance at the normal school.

Miss Lou Brannan of Central City, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. S. D. Ayres, left for her home Friday morning.

TECUMSER NEWS NOTES.

Johnson County Teachers Institute WIII Convene July 1. TECUMSEH, July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The Johnson county teachers institute will convene in this city July 9 for a two weeks' session.

Mrs. Mattle Cowan has gone to the bedside of an ailing brother in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McLanahan of Greenastle, Pa., are visiting relatives in this Attorney C. K. Chamberlain is visiting

in Philadelphia. C. R. Wick of Lincoln has bought the stock of nevelty goods of W. R. Reynolds, Miss Flora Grimes of Kingdaher, Okl., is visiting friends here.

The city council at its last meeting levied tax of 1 mill on the dollar valuation in our city to establish and maintain a public Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cake of New York

City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cooper, this city, the past week, Sheriff Woolsey has brought James Alderman, a former resident of this city, back from Oklahoma on the charge of selling mortgaged property. At the prisoner's request his preliminary examination was set

Prof. T. H. Bradbury of Wahoo, who has een engaged to superintend our city schools the coming year, has moved his family to Mayor A. H. Weir of Lincoln has accepted the invitation to address the independents at their 4th of July celebration at Riverside

A great many of our people attended the Beatrice Chautauqua last week.

LEBANON SWEPT BY FIRE.

Greater Part of the Business Houses of the Town Destroyed.

LEBANON, Neb., July 1 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-A conflagration occurred at this place this afternoon which completely consumed the greater part of the business houses, with most of their contents, all of which were uninsured, excepting the stock of drugs, which was insured for \$600. The fire was discovered at about 4 o'clock in the rear of a general merchan-dise store owned by B. F. Bradbury, in the center of a block of frame buildings. From there it quickly spread to the building occupied by F. S. Sovern with a drug stock, These were the two largest buildings in the

block, and the rest soon caught from the flames. The postoffice was destroyed, but everything of importance was saved. Strenuous efforts were put forth by the citizens to save the stocks and they were in a measire successful. The greater part, however was burned, entailing a loss of about \$10,000 on the buildings and stock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The names of the losers and amounts are: B. F. Bradbury, postoffice, \$300; dwelling, same, \$100; store building, same, \$500; store building, Ault-man & Taylor, \$500; store building, H. Burgess, \$500; dwelling, F. S. Sovern, \$400. Stocks: H. E. Waugh, \$150; B. F. Brad-

bury, \$5,000; Fred Sovern, \$500; Eifert & Garrett, \$2,000; S. Bullings, \$150. TEACHERS HAVE A PICNIC.

Dodge County's Instructors Have a Pleasant Time on the Chautauqua Grounds. FREMONT, July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.) -Dr. Doherty of Omaha held service in St.

James Episcopal church today. Rev. G. M. Brown addressed the Young Men's Christian association at the Women's Christian Temperance union temple this

During the late thunder storm lightning ran on a wire into the residence of Fred De La Matyr and J. T. May, doing slight dam-

The members of the teachers' institutte went to the Chautauqua yesterday afternoon for an outing, and, with the various games, races and music of the Normal band, en-joyed a pleasant afternoon.

The Republican and Populist clubs each held enthusiastic meetings last evening. George A. Mangy of Lincoln addressed the

TEKAMAH WILL CELEBRATE. Great Preparations Being Made to Observe

age only.

the Nation's Birthday. TEKAMAH, July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.) -Preparations are now about complete for the greatest Fourth of July celebration in Tekamah that Burt county has ever had. Some \$500 has been raised for the occasion and prospects now are, weather permitting, that the expectations of the citizens will be fully realized. The principal events of the day will be the merchants' trades display, participated in by all the business men, and a public marriage on the the fair grounds, where the celebration is to take place. Hon James Powers of Omaha is to be the orator

of the day. The Burt county teachers' institute con venes in this city the 9th of the month and

continues for two weeks. Reddy Woods Rearrested.

WAVERLY, Neb., July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The Lutheran church was crowded this evening to listen to an address by A. G. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance union, in a union meeting of all the churches, Another telegram was received this evening from Sheriff J. C. Eikenbary of Platts-mouth ordering the rearrest of "Reddy" Woods, charged with horse stealing. City Marshal C. M. Kroeson found the man lying

at the hotel in a crippled condition, having just crushed his foot in a scrape with a horse down at the livery barn. The sentiment of the place is strongly in favor of Woods, who declares himself inno-

Fred Hedde a Veteran Turner.

GRAND ISLAND, July 1 .- (Special to The Bee.) Fred Hedde, proprietor of the Independent, the veteran editor of central Nebraska, enjoys the distinction of being perhaps the only living charter member of the old Turner Verein of Kiel, Schleswig Holstein, Germany. This organization is now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Mr. stein, Germany. This organization is now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Mr. Hedde has been requested by repeated letters to attend, being one of the organizers of the strongest and oldest Turner organization in that country. Not being able to leave business at present for a sojourn in his native land, his photograph, with an appropriate letter of regret, has been sent.

Dwelling Burned at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., July 1 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The two-story house of Charles Hayer, just outside the fire limit, was burned to the ground about noon today, the result of a defective flue. The hook and ladder boys and a large number of citizens went out and succeeded in saving the contents of the lower part of the house.

everything in the upper rooms being destroyed. Personal Rights League Meeting. NEBRASKA CITY, July 1.—(Special to he Bee.)-A meeting of the Personal Rights league has been called for next Sunday afternoon at the Turn hall. This meeting is the outgrowth of the anticipated organization of a law and order league. There are 1,600 members of the Personal Rights league in Otoe county, and the meeting will doubtless

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be largely attended.



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