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SOME DISAGREEABLE COMPARISONS.

Commenting upon the recent report of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, inferences sought to be drawn from a tabulated comparison of the expenses for fire and police protection in Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Louisville were shown by The Bee to be misleading and mischievous.

Without in any way disparaging Omaha attention was directed to the contrast between the taxable property of those cities and their relative financial resources.

Instead of discussing the questions raised in the same dignified and impartial manner, the organ of the police commission has resorted in two editorial articles with personal abuse of the editor of The Bee, which is entirely uncalled for, unwarranted and incalculable.

The editor of our local contemporary has evidently been seized with a fearful fit of the blues. Something has happened to depress him. Things are evidently out of joint in the big brown building on the hill. Perhaps the corporation cormorants or vernal vamps destroy his rest at night and distort his vision by day.

When people who live in glass houses throw stones, they must not be surprised if some of their own windows are smashed. Comparisons between the big brown building on the hill and the cockleshell firetrap that houses the World-Herald would be rather odious.

The two council vacancies are still vacant and there is no reason why they should not be left vacant and the \$1,000 saved to the already overburdened taxpayers.

Ex-Senator Manderson may have to be teased. But neither William Jennings Bryan nor Julius Sterling Morton would be apt to resist the persuasive powers of their respective parties.

The results of Hon. Tobie Castor's recent visit to Washington are not yet apparent to the naked eye, but Tobie's excursions, like the sweep of the comet, are likely to leave bright paths of fire in their wake.

It is idle as well as stupid to speculate upon what the Baltimore & Ohio will do in case it acquires a chance for an extension into Omaha. It is always prudent to delay counting chickens until they are hatched.

If this thing keeps on until the time for the state convention the number of candidates for places on the delegation to the St. Louis convention will be limited only by the number of eligible republicans in the state of Nebraska.

Don't worry. The name of the next president of the United States will be definitely known before the next five months shall have elapsed. Should it come to the very worst, Nebraska will be able to supply the presidential candidate for the prohibition party, too.

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INDIAN WHEAT CROP.

A prominent merchant of Agra, India, is reported to have written to a friend in San Francisco that India may be counted on as a competitor in the world's wheat market this year. "Every bushel that is raised will be sold to feed the people, so there will be none for export."

The cause of the failure is the fact that no rain fell after the first of March. The only irrigation possible has been with water drawn by bullocks. The entire country from Peshawar to Cochin is suffering from drought. It is estimated that the Australian wheat harvest amounts to 9,000,000 bushels, a considerable part of which has been drawn from our Pacific slope.

The news supports the contention that the Australian wheat crop is the result of the effect that the unusual demand for wheat to go to San Francisco to Australia might be accepted as proof that the wheat crop of India is not so good as it is relatively near to Australia, and freights between the two countries ought to be low.

It is estimated that the annual deposits to not to exceed \$100,000,000 and which rise to \$100,000,000. The system works well in every country in which it has been tried, the list including Australia and New Zealand, Great Britain, Belgium, Holland, France, Sweden, Austria, Hungary, Canada and Japan.

The latest report of Great Britain shows the number of postal depositors in that country to be 5,748,239, which is one in seven of the total population, and the aggregate of their deposits for last year exceeded \$400,000,000.

The number of depositors made there last year was 993,198, and the amount exceeded \$123,000,000, while more than \$3,000,000 of interest was placed to the account of depositors who preferred to let it compound.

It may be observed that the establishment of the postal savings system in the United States not only would give the government a large amount of cash which it could rely on, but it would also give it a large aggregate of gold coins as held by the people as "pocket pieces," or resting in drawers, which would be turned into the postoffice, if the plan of the conference is believed to be an adjustment of the vexed question of the composition of the four delegates-at-large from Ohio to the St. Louis convention.

Both Messrs. Kurtz and Harput are reported to be in the city this morning. The mission of the two gentlemen, it is said, is to confer with Hon. M. A. Hanna, the chief advisor of ex-Governor McKinley, and the object of the conference is believed to be an adjustment of the vexed question of the composition of the four delegates-at-large from Ohio to the St. Louis convention.

Stolen Antiques Recovered. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Some of the antiques stolen from the Rochelle collection on Saturday night and the two men who were suspected of forming a syndicate on exhibition in the district bureau at police headquarters today. The prisoners are Edward Schmoiz and Charles Lefebre, a Swabian and a nephew of Rochelle's, who were arrested in the German way, who owns the collection. Lefebre is a saloon keeper. Young Schmoiz was a cadet in a military academy, but he did not do very well. He has been taken out and sent to America. His uncle had his valuable collection of antiques here and he had shown it at the World's Fair and other places and finally lodged it in Thirtieth street. When Rochelle's nephew got here he was with him and he was with him with Charles Werninghoff. Schmoiz slept in a room over what was called the gold room and he was not supposed to leave the house without the express permission of Dr. John or Mr. Werninghoff. Dr. John called for Germany a few weeks ago and his assistant was in charge.

Schooner Believed to be Wrecked. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 27.—John F. Weston, co. commander of the schooner John W. Bray, crew of fourteen men, was reported to have been sighted, but not heard from. It is believed she was wrecked in the three gales of December. The vessel was owned by Alexander McCleod of Cape Breton.

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STEAMSHIP STILL IN THE MUD.

No Change in the Position of the Ocean Liner St. Paul. LOXG HEN, N. J., Jan. 27.—There is absolutely no change in the condition of the big ocean steamship St. Paul today. The American liner is lying exactly in the same position as yesterday, fast unbedded in the sandy beach opposite the Grand View hotel.

Early this morning at high tide the wrecking tugs I. J. Merritt, E. W. Chapman, North American and Hector made a long and weary effort to pull the steamer out of the Jersey sand. The Kedg anchors were also used, but all to no purpose. The wind from the west this morning and was therefore unfavorable. There was not enough water for the big ship to churn in, as the off-shore breeze had the effect of keeping it away. There will probably be very little heavy work made by the wreckers until the wind changes.

Captains Wardell and Mulligan of the Monmouth Beach and Takanasee life-saving stations both agreed to go outside the rails aid of an easterly or southeasterly wind, of some twenty knots velocity, together with a strong effort of the tugs and help of the Kedg anchors. It was thought that the steamer was stronger than it was, yet the water is almost as smooth and so difficultly experienced in launching, but both got out to the ship. The work of lightening the ship has been going on steadily since yesterday morning. The lighters have been busy at the steamer's starboard side all through the night.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The American liner steamer St. Louis left Cramp's shipyard for New York today to take up the schedule of her disabled sister ship, the St. Paul. Since arriving at the shipyard the American liner has been in the water for four days. It was necessary for a large force of men to work until nearly midnight last night to get her ready to start. It is reported that when the St. Louis left Cramp's to make improvements in the smokestacks and steam pipes, and to alter the damper shutters in the fireroom.

Work of Relieving the Destitute Now in Progress. BOSTON, Jan. 27.—The following letter from Constantinople, dated January 4, surveys the general condition of affairs in the distressed districts of Turkey. The writer says the general condition is not good, though at some places it has improved, but confidence is weak. At Harput destitution is terrible beyond all comparison, with other places yet to be heard from.

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A SMILE OR TWO. Philadelphia Record: The man who abstains from food does not necessarily lead a fast life. Minneapolis Times: Speaking of Schomburgk, why not draw the line at the "k"?

POLITICAL POINTERS.

A three cornered contest between McKinley and Reed men is on in Louisiana. A republican "love feast" will be held at Springfield, Mo., today, at which will be expected the McKinley forces will show up in the majority.

The Chicago Chronicle calls on Adlai E. Stevenson and William R. Morrison to speak out and tell an anxious people their feelings toward the presidential nomination. The Missouri democratic convention to select delegates to Chicago will be held at Sedalia April 15. Supporters of William R. Morrison are multiplying rapidly in that state.

Speaker Reed is gathering strength in Texas. The Reed club of Ames is in receipt of reports from counties which held conventions last week indicating a landslide in favor of the man from Maine. The Brooklyn Eagle serves notice on Governor Morton that the ten delegates to the national convention from that city and county will vote solidly against any man who favors the treaty of New York concluded in 1842 without the consent of the voters of Brooklyn.

A quiet laugh at Major McKinley's expense is afforded by the fact that when called to the floor of the Ohio man sent to Senator Cockerill of Missouri a decorated badge and letter, informing the noted burban of his election as vice president of the McKinley league.

The Massachusetts republican convention to choose delegates to St. Louis will be held at Worcester March 27. Three of the delegates at large to be chosen are also chosen—Senator Lodge, Eben S. Draper and W. Murray Cross, while Congressman Barrett and Curtis Guild, are running even for fourth place. It is generally conceded that the state delegation will be solid for Reed of Maine.

Accorded by the Philadelphia Ledger there is every likelihood that ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison will be the unanimous choice of the Pennsylvania national delegates for the national convention for president at the Chicago convention in June next. There is a strong sentiment in Philadelphia and throughout the state among active democrats that the ex-governor should be proposed for the presidential nomination this time, and his friends are in control of the national delegation. It is believed that nothing will prevent the presentation of his name except his positive refusal to be a candidate.

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