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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 comorants or vernal vampires 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. Tobe Castor's recent visit to Washington are not yet apparent to the naked eye, but Tobe'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.

LEGAL RESCUE OF A BRIBER.

The supreme court of Ohio has just decided a case which illustrates the advantages of legal shrewdness to a defendant in a tight place. A man was indicted for attempting to bribe one of the board of commissioners of an Ohio city. The evidence against him was strong to be overcome and he seemed to be in a fair way to face a verdict of "guilty as charged."

But his lawyer was not discouraged in the least by proof of his client's guilt. Instead of vainly trying to prove him innocent he attacked the constitutionality of the law creating the board of commissioners. The supreme court has decided in his favor. This decision says in effect that you may with impunity try to bribe a citizen when he is not a public officer.

The chief of detectives and the six assistant sleuths who are vouchered for by the police commission as efficient and vigilant officers have so far failed to discover that lottery tickets are being sold in Omaha by an agent whose regular place of business is within a stone's throw of the city hall.

An interesting computation places the number of worthless canines in Chicago at 150,000 and concedes to every able-bodied dog the power of eating or destroying \$10 worth of property a year. This makes the cost of worthless Chicago canines not less than \$1,500,000.

It is proposed to convert this money to better uses by taxing the useless dog on its existence. We fear that nothing short of dogged persistence will accomplish this laudable object.

Requid by Precedent. Louisville Courier Journal. It is not credible that England is thinking of buying Cuba. England has enough trouble on her hands without buying more.

The Main Issue. Globe, Democrat. Senator Davis is right in saying that the main issue of the coming campaign will be "the incapacity of the democratic party to administer the affairs of the government."

Libel Law Reform. Chicago Chronicle. A bill is pending in the Ohio legislature to amend the libel law of that state. The proposed amendments are substantially on the lines of a report to congress, asking the passage of a bill to carry it into effect.

Harrison Solves the Question. New York Sun. No ex-president of the United States has done more to solve the question what to do with ex-presidents or has done it in a more quiet and dignified way than General Harrison.

Preparations for Defense. New York Sun. The preparations for possible war which England is making are being carried out in a most thorough manner.

INDIAN WHEAT CRUP.

Every bushel raised needed to feed the natives. Chicago Tribune. 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 available to feed the natives. 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 Calcutta is suffering from drought. The Australian wheat crop is a considerable part of which has been drawn from our Pacific slope. The news supports the prediction made in this Tribune some weeks ago to the effect that the annual demand for wheat to go from San Francisco to Australia might be accepted as proof that the wheat crop of India is not so plentiful 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 might 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.

Advantages According to Both Government and People. Chicago Tribune. A Washington dispatch says the postal savings system in the United States has been revived.

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.

Schooner Believed to be Wrecked. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 27.—John P. Weston, co. owner of the schooner John W. Weston, which was wrecked in the three gales of December, is believed to have been killed.

King Prempch still has a palace, but he has given the English an advance. The sultan of Turkey smiles and smiles and remarks again that he has nothing to arbitrate.

Old Men in Politics. M. P. Handy in the Times-Herald. Speaking of old men in politics reminds me of a man I once saw in a newspaper office. He was a man of about 70 years of age.

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows available cash balance, \$178,018,958; gold reserve, \$49,732,691.

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There will probably be very little heavy weather until the wind changes. Captains Wardell and Mulligan of the Monmouth Beach and Tahamasee life-saving stations have been ordered to the 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.

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THE ASHANTI RAID.

Indians News: The Ashantis are such good warriors! England proposes to stop the homage. Chicago Tribune: Prince Henry of Battenberg, according to the English newspapers, has a great many virtues, now he has one while he was alive. The princely son-in-law business seems to be very profitable if you are willing to die to win.

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