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TRYING TO SHIFT HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

When a man wants to pick a quarrel he seldom has any trouble in finding a pretext. In his needless effort at self-laudation, made last Thursday at the Boyd theater McKinley rally, Senator Thurston went out of his way to charge the newspapers of this city and the business men actively interested in the Transmississippi exposition with undertaking to trade off Nebraska presidential support for congressional support of the exposition bill.

These self-constituted traffickers in presidential support had kept entirely out of this matter, the exposition bill would have gone through congress with the greatest of ease, and without any opposition. I do not make the statement lightly. I know whereof I speak, and I add kindly but firmly that if these same newspapers had devoted one-half of the effort in sustaining and upholding the senator that they have in attempting to discredit him before the country and congress, their exposition bill would have been much more certain of success than it is under the present conditions, which they have headlessly and unreasonably created.

These traitors for and baseless aspersions have been supplemented with an open letter over the signature of John M. Thurston printed in the World-Herald, in which the senator disclaims any reference to that paper, but singles out the Bee for his reprimand as follows: "The Omaha Bee is the only paper which has assumed to hold out presidential support in exchange for congressional and state support for our exposition."

Tom Reed and Senator Allison are both too broad and honorable to think of holding our bill in congress because any effort made by me or anyone else to secure delegates who would vote the sentiment of Nebraska republicans in favor of McKinley.

The danger is, however, that the Bee and some of the exposition managers have held out unwarranted inducements to the friends of Allison and Reed and have been asserting that my opposition was all that stood in the way of the favorite son plan, in the success of which they were supposed to have so much interest.

The senator comes about as near the truth in these assertions as he did in his dramatic declamations railing at bosses, politicians and railroad magnates. If he knows whereof he speaks, as he says he does, let him produce his proofs or retract his charges. There has been no attempt whatsoever to barter away Nebraska's presidential vote, unless the rumor is true that a cabinet place is to be held in reserve for the man who delivers the Nebraska delegation to William McKinley.

The efforts of the Bee and those of the exposition managers have been exerted solely with the view of enlisting the good will and assistance of senators and congressmen who are in position to expedite or retard the passage of the exposition bill.

WASHINGTON, March 29, 1896.—Dear Sir: Your letter is at hand. I have not yet had time to talk with Mr. Dingley, but will do everything I can for the Transmississippi exposition, no matter who is president. I believe a national, not international, exposition in the interior of the country will be very helpful in all respects. Truly yours, WILLIAM E. CHANDLER.

To E. Rosewater, Esq. If Senator Thurston is to be believed, the exposition bill would have passed long ago had it not been for the interference of the Bee and the Omaha business men, who are laboring for its success. While this is a very flattering imputation as to the influence of the Bee at Washington, it is also humiliating confession on the part of the senator. Had his open letter been dated from his post of duty at Washington instead of from political headquarters at Omaha it might have afforded some sort of excuse for the delay in securing senatorial action on the bill.

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There are a lot of fellows in politics this year who should have stuck to the peanut business and remained an honor to their sex.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

OMAHA MUST HELP ITSELF.

Those who would be free themselves must strike the blow. Omaha can never hope to raise the railroad embargo and free itself from the domination of Chicago pools until it has a railroad outlet to the Great Lakes that is not under the control of the roads that have so long bottled up its commerce by discriminatory rates.

Whatever hopes may have been built upon the prospect of a seaboard connection through the Baltimore & Ohio by the extension of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad seems about to be dissipated by the rumored absorption of that road into the Burlington system. It is not at all likely that the Burlington road would build any extension that would divert part of its traffic from its Chicago line.

Under existing conditions there is but one thing for Omaha to do and that is to emulate the examples set by Cincinnati, Kansas City, St. Paul and other commerce centers when they were in the same boat.

This measure was sent to the senate endorsed not only by a large majority of the representatives of the people, but by the nearly unanimous sentiment of the republicans of the country.

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The problem in regard to a bank currency is reported to be receiving almost constant consideration in the house committee on banking and currency.

The larger a man of intelligence studies the exposition project the larger and more important does it become in his view.

Constant improvement in the postal service is noticeable in the larger cities and Omaha keeps pace with them all.

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FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

It is not the fault of the republican majority in the house of representatives that no provision has been made for stopping the treasury deficit. As soon as practicable after the house was fully organized the ways and means committee formulated and reported a bill which it was estimated would supply additional revenue to the amount of from \$40,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

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General Casey's Ambition. It would that there might be more of the tribe of Casey, the good general who died so suddenly at Washington recently, in the new national library of the construction of which he had charge.

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WELL WATER SWANDLE.

According to the World-Herald and other state papers the water is coming up from below at a rapid rate, and it is contended by some that it will be a few days past, the people in the lowlands will have to move out, or they will find themselves floating around in the water two feet deep.

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IN THE GUBERNATORIAL FIELD.

Geneva Journal (rep.): There will be plenty of time to take up the selection of governor after we have harvested the presidential hay crop.

Grand Island Independent (rep.): Wherever there is a convention these days you will find Jack McColl and his gubernatorial boom. And both seem to be welcomed everywhere.

Grand Island Independent (rep.): Any one who imagines that Eugene Moore as a gubernatorial candidate will have a hot reception in the state convention reckons without his host.

Grand Island Independent (rep.): It is stated that Judge Hayward of Nebraska City is a candidate for governor by the veterans of Nebraska, and as he has a clean candidate with a splendid record as an old soldier and civilian.

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AFTER THE STATE OFFICES.

Blair Pilot (rep.): Looks from the favorable comments of the state papers, as if C. C. McNish of Winnebago is several lengths ahead of all competitors in the race for state treasurer.

Calloway Courier (rep.): Custer county has two aspirants for state offices: L. H. Jewett, who wants to be treasurer, and J. H. Chapman, who would be satisfied with the auditorship.

Kearney Hub (rep.): George A. Brooks of Hazlett Mills is being whooped up in eastern Nebraska for the republican nomination for state treasurer, and if half of what is said about him is true he is one of the best equipped men in the state for the position.

Niobrara Tribune (rep.): The boom for Hon. George A. Brooks for state treasurer still grows. Like the boom for McKinley his strength is not confined to metes and bounds. He is the choice of the people and the people must be heard in Nebraska this year, while the politicians take a back seat in the gallery.

Niobrara Tribune (rep.): From the Fallerton Journal we glean the fact that Louis Helmer of Valparaiso is to be a candidate for state treasurer. By the way, Mr. Helmer gets to the state convention he will find the ground pretty nearly all occupied by Hon. George A. Brooks of Knox. But there is nothing like giving the matter a trial.

Ashtland Gazette (rep.): Mr. Louis Helmer of Valparaiso was in the city Friday. He is a very pleasant appearing gentleman. He has served the people of Lancaster county in the capacity of treasurer, and made, we are informed, a capable official. He is an aspirant for the position of state treasurer of the republican party, and is strongly recommended by those who are acquainted with him.

Seward Reporter (rep.): H. B. Frey of Omaha sends a card bearing his picture and announcing that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer. Mr. Frey appears to be a good looking man, and he has a commendation of having served with credit as treasurer of Douglas county for four years. He will find plenty of competition for the nomination as several candidates for the place are numerous.

Chicago Record: "Papa, what is a 'walk in life'?" "It is that procession my boy, in which everybody has to run like mad, or get left."

Indianapolis Journal: "The democratic outlook for '96" began the hopeful one. "I fear there will be nothing but an in-bloc said the experienced one. 'Got to be on the inside to have an outlook.'"

Chicago Tribune: "What has become of Plouder, who used to be one of the assistant judges of the supreme court?" "He was fired for incompetence, or something of that kind. They found out that whenever he took up a street he replaced the paving stones exactly as they were before. A man with a record like that couldn't hold his job in this town or here."

Puck: "What on earth are you doing?" demanded the indignant dining car conductor of the novice waiter, "serving soup in a straw track?" "I'm sorry, sir, I'll strike a curve!" You don't know the first principles of railroading."

AN EASTER SHOCK. There was a pretty maiden, And she saw a young man, With ribbons and some roses, And nothing else upon it. The ribbon cost a quarter, And the roses cost a dime, And she pretty maid pronounced it A military rhyme.

Advertisement for Children's clothing by Browning, King & Co. featuring various suits, ties, and caps. Includes text: "Children - We are going to devote all this week to the little ones. All our Spring Suits are here, and we will hold an informal opening the entire week. Mothers and children especially invited to call and inspect the great lot of elegant clothing we are showing."

Continuation of the text from the left column, including sections on 'Having defeated Cambridge seven years in succession', 'Missouri democrats like Nebraska democrats', and 'Another installment of the Smyth-Martin silver-administration democratic interchange of mutually recriminating epistles'.