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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION: George R. Trebach, secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, says that the actual number of full copies of the Daily Bee, Mornings, Evenings and Sunday

CRIPPLING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Over \$600,000 of the money belonging to the permanent school fund of Nebraska remains uninvested in the hands of the state treasurer.

The income from the permanent school fund is, under the constitution, dedicated to the support of the public schools and distributed periodically to the various counties and through them to the school districts in the ratio of the children of school age.

Why, then, should the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds refuse to order the investment of the school money in interest-bearing securities? We can readily understand why the state treasurer would prefer to have \$600,000 in cash at his disposal outside of the funds which he is required to place at interest in the designated state depositories.

It is presumed that Mr. Dingley, the republican leader in the house, is in full accord with Speaker Reed in regard to the policy of the majority, so that his declaration in the caucus Saturday evening in favor of an early adjournment of congress, perhaps as soon as the middle of May, may be accepted as reflecting the desire of the speaker.

Up to date there are seventy contested seats in the republican national convention. If the double-headers continue to be announced with the same frequency during the remaining period before the convention the predicted 100 contests will materialize without difficulty.

Murderers who choose New York or Ohio as the sites for the commission of their crimes will do so henceforth with the knowledge that they will shuffle off this mortal coil by the electrical route. If they prefer the old hemp line they will keep carefully away from those two states.

While the council is considering the subject of discarding gasoline lamps and substituting arc lights there would be well for that body to inquire whether or not the electric lights south of Hanscom park might not be supplanted by gasoline lamps. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways.

Land Commissioner Russell persists in asserting that Secretary Akers is the best hydraulic engineer in Nebraska. If the secretary of the State Board of Irrigation who started out as a school teacher, then was converted into a lawyer and finally experimented at farming, is the best hydraulic engineer in Nebraska, what kind of engineers does this state boast?

If Ed Howell and Edward E. Howell are one and the same person then we have at least one man in the democratic party in Nebraska with his political legs long enough to saddle both the free silver and the gold standard. Ed Howell is a member of the free silver delegation and Edward E. Howell is a member of the administration and free silver delegation. Where is Mr. Howell at?

Rev. John Williams has just discovered that that exclusive garbage contract is a most disgraceful outrage upon the people of Omaha. The Bee proclaimed this fact while the scandalous garbage ordinance was pending in the council, but the taxpayers did not heed the note of warning. The question now resolves itself into the time-worn interrogatory attributed to Boss Tweed, "What are you going to do about it?"

It is equally just to demand such payment of the express companies and of the fast freight companies doing business in the state where they own no property interests.

According to the acting chairman of the republican state committee the election of three of the candidates for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to St. Louis is generally conceded, and the only fight will be over the choice of the fourth man to complete the delegation.

Contested congressional elections are expensive luxuries. They never cost the taxpayers less than \$2,000 for each person contested and contending and have been known to come as high as \$4,500.

Some of the imitation statesmen who are pushing the imitation cheese bill in congress have been urging that the bill was not intended to discourage the manufacturers and dealers in a stamp duty on the sale under its true name. Of course, putting a license tax on manufacture of filled cheese, but merely duty on the product does not discourage the sale.

Senator Butler of South Carolina thinks that under the constitution the president has too much power and favors curtailing that power by authorizing congress to pass measures over the presidential veto by a simple majority vote in each house.

There are several reasons why the business of the country lags and prominent among them is the unrest respecting the currency. The president of one of the great railroads of the country said in a recent interview that the great need of the business world just now is a sound currency system.

Great Britain's fear that there will be serious trouble if this government attempts to bully Spain is really touching, but quite unnecessary.

The returns of the recent local elections in Illinois and Missouri tend to confirm the impression that these two great states will stand together this year in the matter of helping to elect a republican president.

Senator Gallinger wants the unspcakable Turk wiped out as an "intolerable evil" by a high joint commission of Christendom. As a high joint commission is not much left of Turkey soon so long as Russia is quietly gnawing away on the old bird's bones.

Congress has passed a bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to ex-Governor John Thayer of Nebraska. The bill will undoubtedly be signed by the president in the tempestuous career of John M. Thayer in Nebraska there has been much to criticize, but his honors only brought him hard work and trouble and his hands are clean.

The Iowa senate has just passed a bill prohibiting nonresident aliens from acquiring title to real estate in Iowa, and providing that nonresident heirs who inherit real estate must sell it within twenty years or the same will be forfeited to the state.

Iowa proposes to tax express companies 2 per cent upon net earnings in the state. There is no doubt that these great corporations escape taxation that ought in fairness to be paid by them. It is right to compel the palace car companies to pay local and state taxes

It is not probable that he would have been the candidate two years ago if the opposition of Rosewater to Tom Majors had not drawn votes to him. We trust the contest for the nomination this year will cause no bitterness in the republican ranks and will result in a better man with the utmost good feeling and that the best man may win. Let us have a good, clean man that can go into the fight with his eyes open for, and as far as we are concerned, every man that has been thus far mentioned comes up to the requirement.

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Filly Republican (rep.): Why not move to make the nomination of Hon. Elijah Filly for governor unanimous?

Minden Gazette (rep.): While the Gazette has nothing to say against Jack MacColl personally, it is not for captain Adams, who he believes he will be nominated.

Atchison Graphic (rep.): The Crawford Tribune says that Drexler of Omaha will be the nominee for governor. What about Churchill of Omaha for a second term as attorney general?

Walsley Tribune (rep.): Jack MacColl's friends are looking to the front with great energy. Jack is all right, but he is a little late. Gene Moore has the start of him and will lead him all through the race.

Red Cloud Golden Belt (rep.): If Jack MacColl gets to be governor of this state this fall, the cause will be a curious example of the effect of persistence. However, we have nothing against MacColl, and would be glad to see him nominated.

Hastings Independent (rep.): The candidate for the post of superior is one of those growing more popular with the people the more they know of him. That he is a strong man is beyond dispute, and that he will make a good governor is self-evident. He is elected is generally conceded.

Abland News (rep.): Hon. Jack MacColl of Dawson county is a candidate for governor and the republicans of that county will advance his interests. Mr. MacColl will be a strong candidate should he be nominated. The time is long way off yet before the state nominating convention.

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Grand Island Independent (rep.): Hon. Claire Adams has been endorsed by the Nekeola county convention and Hon. Judge Hayward by the Cass county convention as the republican candidates for governor. Both are gentlemen of high standing in the republican parties, and both have honorable war records that certainly entitle them to the honor.

Stanton Picket (rep.): Jack MacColl, the Leavenworth man interviewed in our columns by mail, as to his chances for becoming Nebraska's next governor. MacColl is a candidate of the republicans, and is well known to the people, but his candidacy at the present time is unimportant, so far as that section of the state is concerned.

Wakfield Republican (rep.): The republican press of northeast Nebraska is practically a unit for Hon. Eugene Moore as its candidate for governor. There is no doubt that the republicans of that section of the state are in the best of spirits and will support Moore for the chief executive office in the state.

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BENJAMIN AND HIS BRIDE.

Denver Republican: Evidently the wise denver of his grandfather takes little stock in the observation of the philosopher who said that a second marriage is "a triumph of faith over experience."

Philadelphia Record: To General Benjamin Harrison of Indiana the people of the United States, of all colors and conditions and of all political and religious beliefs, extend the hearty congratulations. Well done, Benjamin Harrison! And may nothing ever to mar your happiness or to make you afraid!

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Harrison is to be congratulated on choosing the severity of domestic life in place of the turmoil that prevails in the ranks of the politicians, big and little, who are striving for favor. The rivalry of the St. Louis convention or not, he will occupy a warmer place in the hearts of the people, because he has found a heart in the heart of a worthy woman.

Brooklyn Eagle: If Mr. Harrison had planned his marriage for the purpose of increasing his popularity, he could not have planned more wisely. Whether his name is presented in the St. Louis convention or not, he will occupy a warmer place in the hearts of the people, because he has found a heart in the heart of a worthy woman.

New York Commercial Advertiser: The best wishes of the American people, irrespective of party, got out to ex-President Harrison and his bride today. As a citizen, legislator and president, he has deserved well of the republic. His private and public record are alike honorable and praiseworthy. His administration stands out in history as one of the most prosperous, dignified and successful the country has ever known.

Boston Herald: Although the bridegroom is now a private citizen, and as such prefers to have his wedding considered a purely private affair, the prominent place which he has occupied and continues to occupy in the nation, invests the ceremony with a public interest which can scarcely be repressed. It is not long since that the nation joined in congratulations to a president on the event of his taking office, and it is no less the privilege of extending its felicitations to an ex-president on a like occasion.

Truth: Arizona Bill-I hear that Cayuse Pate and Besio, the desert shooter, are to be married today. As a citizen, legislator and president, he has deserved well of the republic. His private and public record are alike honorable and praiseworthy. His administration stands out in history as one of the most prosperous, dignified and successful the country has ever known.

Chicago Record: "Did you give Louisa anything for a bridal present?" "I gave her a ten store vase just like the one she gave me."

Philadelphia North American: Milson-Haven's you gone to housekeeping yet? Newly Married Man-No, we're waiting to have our wedding. We're waiting for the ex-president to get on his wedding style.

Chicago Record: Wandering Waldo-Do you believe in sound money, Win? "Whimpering Winnie-I say I do. Ever since you've been married you've been 'winking' me 'g'm' the other day my fair 'in' it has been firmly established."

Washington Star: "What do you think is the strongest phase of my boom?" asked the candidate. And his candid friend unhesitatingly replied: "His advertising department."

Atlanta Constitution: It always rains when you leave your umbrella at home, and you always love it when you find it in your pocket. It is the same in growing about the weather?

Chicago Tribune: Alarmed Citizen (In St. Louis next June)-What is it? Is anything wrong with the breakers? "No, your honor. The breakers are all right. The seven men from Ohio have been run over."

Brooklyn Life: Justice-What's your name? "Victim-S-S-S-S-Justice-What?" "Justice-Officer, what is that man charged with?" "I guess, your honor, it's soda water."

FEARED A PROPOSAL: "Er-will you?" asked he of the maid. "Have a little lemonade?" "And then the maiden, blushing red, said, 'I think I will, but I'll be back in a minute. The youth turned to the white, and then he fled, far through the night."

MODERN LOCHVAN.

Oh, young Lochvan has come out of the west. Of all patent bicycles his was the best; And save his revolver, arms had he none. Except his two arms of skin, muscle and bone. His covetous rivals would have to look far To find a bike rider like young Lochvan. His sword, his dagger, his rapier, and his lance, His seven men from Ohio have been run over. But ere he alighted at Pere Shady's gate The white had been contented, the game had been late. For Count Sauer Kraut, with a sinister bar, Was to win the fair Ellen of brave Lochvan. But brother he glared at the tall porter who bowed, and he asked for the maid's name. "Telegraph?" "Answer?" said flunky, "Indeed!" For which when the "For the daughter, you say; can't you read?" Here's a lender to quicken your steps, tra So trip up the dancera," said young Lochvan. The lackey flew up and the maiden tripped down. Arrived home for her flight in the last style of the town. So light to the cycle the fair one he swung, So high over his own bike his long legs he flung. Then down the deal road, through the haze of dawn, "Let them catch as catch can," said the young Lochvan, "I'll be back in a minute. The youth turned to the white, and then he fled, far through the night."

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