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TWENTY FIVE YEARS

Quarter-Centennial Anniversary of the Birth of The Bee.

GENESIS OF A GREAT NEWSPAPER

How Edward Rosewater Came to Found an Omaha Daily.

PROGRESS TO ITS POSITION OF INFLUENCE

Successes Achieved Despite Adverse Conditions and Persistent Opposition.

ALWAYS A FIRM FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

Informal Public Reception Tonight in the Court of The Bee Building to All Subscribers, Patrons and Friends of The Bee.

With yesterday's issue The Bee completed the first twenty-five years of its existence and now enters upon the second quarter century of its career.

The history of The Bee is so bound up and intertwined with the history of Omaha, Nebraska and the great west during the same period that to tell of the one is to tell of the other.

In commemoration of its quarter-centennial anniversary, The Bee for today is a special illustrated souvenir number, devoted to the history and achievements of the paper and its founder.

In further celebration of this memorable occasion, the editor and founder of The Bee, Edward Rosewater, will be at home to subscribers, patrons and friends generally from 5 until 10 o'clock this evening in the beautiful court of The Bee building.

BIRTH OF THE BEE.

Founder Tells the Story of How He Came to Enter Journalism.

How did you come to start The Bee? That question has been frequently asked, but never before answered by me in print.

At that period, and for some years previous, I had been the telegraphic correspondent for the New York Herald, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial and St. Louis Democrat, now the Globe-Democrat.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED. In April, 1870, negotiations were entered into with Hon. Joseph Hall of Portland, Me., proprietor of the Monitor Printing Company.

Shortly after I had received the letter from Samuel Bowles, declining to assume the editorship of the new republican daily, an application for the position was received from Mr. C. B. Thomas.

In June, 1870, the prospectus of the Tribune was issued and the announcement made that the paper would be published every afternoon, except Sundays, and its first copy was to appear on Monday, July 25.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE, NEW YORK, March 27, 1870.—Dear Sir: I have yours of the 13th inst. In my judgment, Mr. Herman Brockway of Watertown, N. Y., would make such a paper as you want.

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