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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bees to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper. Insist upon having a Bee on a train from the news agent, please report the fact, stating the train and railroad to the Circulation Department of The Bee. The Bee is for sale on all trains.

ON TO NASHVILLE.

With Bryan and Buffalo Bill at Nashville on Nebraska day the Antelope state will create great future in the Rock City as Joe Patchen and Star Pointer will in Omaha.

President McKinley and Attorney General McKeen have earned their salaries for the whole four-year term by securing a raise of \$5,000,000 on the upset price of the Union Pacific.

Henry George has accepted the nomination of the disunited democracy of Greater New York on a silver platter, and it now looks as if he would be second in the race, with Tammany third or fourth.

The national democrats have conferred a high honor upon Warren Switzer in naming him as their candidate for supreme judge in place of James M. Woolworth, who declined to enter the political field.

If any blotted British capitalist wants to buy up the Union Pacific let him come to Omaha and attend the auction sale which is advertised to take place in front of the federal court house on the second day of November.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts sets Christmas time as the latest by which Hawaii will be American soil. Senator Mason of Illinois, however, still has the monopoly on predicting the time for achieving Cuban independence.

Governor Holcomb has started on another junket with his staff. This time George Gould's Missouri Pacific has generously honored the draft for place car free transportation, but the people pay the freight all the same.

Lieutenant Peary has entered into active competition in the lecture field with William Jennings Bryan. Peary is describing his exploration near the north pole and Bryan is rehearsing the story of his exploration of Salt Creek.

Grand stand plays may hypnotize conventions and platform platitudes may impose on sap-headed dupes, but outside of the state house machine very few populists have faith in Judge Sullivan's sincerity as an advocate of anti-monopoly principles.

The federal judges of Kansas and Nebraska have locked horns over the Texas steer. Judge Foster declares stock yards are subject to state regulation. Judge Munger declares that stock yards are not subject to state regulation. When learned doctors of law disagree it takes the national supreme court to decide.

The proposition to repair the Sixteenth street viaduct and allow it to stand for another year or two should receive no countenance. The plea that there is not time enough for replacing the dangerous old bridge with an iron structure between now and June 1, 1898, is merely an attempt to stave off the erection of a new viaduct.

Bryan is still thundering from the stump against government by injunction, but when he was in position to strike the blow against judicial usurpation and had the privilege as a member of congress to move for the censure or impeachment of the chief justice, he "rolled his fist in his pocket," to use a German expression, and did not say a word.

The only honest man in the court house wants to know why The Bee did not expose his salary grab last spring when he was kuffing the republican candidate for mayor and using all his influence to elect the gamblers' candidate. The reason why, tersely stated, is because The Bee is not edited by Mel Redfield. Its policy has been to hold back its fire until the enemy is within reach and then aim low.

OBJECTS TO RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

The British government has notified the American ambassador that it will not participate in the proposed conference to discuss the seal conditions in Bering sea if Russia and Japan are represented in the conference. One government having invited those countries to participate, they have appointed representatives and courtesy toward Russia and Japan would seem to require that this government shall insist upon their being represented in the conference, unless they are willing to withdraw, or abandon the matter.

The ground upon which the British government refuses to confer with Russia and Japan is that those countries have no interest in the Bering sea seal fisheries, but the real reason is the fear that the British representatives would be obliged to represent the British and Japan have far less interest in the matter than the United States and Great Britain, but there could be no propriety in allowing them to participate in a conference and if Great Britain's position is as strong as she claims it to be she need not fear an adverse decision from a Russian and Japanese representative who must be presumed to be fair and impartial. The decision of the British government was made through Canadian influence, which is the malvolent power that has persistently worked to defeat all efforts of the United States to get from Great Britain a fair and equitable arrangement for the protection of the seal and the prevention of their extermination.

It is suggested that there may be two conferences—one between the United States, Russia and Japan and one between the United States, Great Britain and Canada. It is not apparent, however, that any useful result would come of this, but rather it is probable that the effect would be to complicate the matter. However, the United States having urged an opportunity for a thorough examination by an international conference of the facts regarding seal conditions, should perhaps not now reject any chance to justify its position and claims.

REDFIELD AND BRYAN WITH A BIG 'R'

"He who excuses himself accuses himself" is a French adage that applies forcibly to the case of the only honest man in the court house. The double-barreled explanation of this political Pharisee, who uses the revered name of Abraham Lincoln to bolster his candidacy for re-election on the mongrel ticket, will not be accepted by intelligent people as a justification of his salary-grab. The law expressly limits the salary of county clerk in cities of over 25,000 population to the fees of the office, not to exceed the sum of \$2,500. Redfield seeks to shelter himself behind an alleged opinion given by a deputy to the county attorney. In this instance Redfield is willing to accept as law and gospel the opinion of a deputy who is not renowned as a great authority on law, but he contemptuously rejects the opinion of the county attorney, who is the responsible county adviser, when given in the case of the disputed claim of fees collected by the clerk of the district court.

The only honest man in the court house admits that besides paying \$100 a month for his deputy, Zimmerman, who spends half of his time in scheming, agitating and organizing republican bolters' clubs in the name of Abraham Lincoln, the property owners of this county are taxed \$80 a month for a clerk of the board and \$50 a month for a stenographer to perform duties which by law devolve upon the county clerk, as well as six additional clerks for preparing the tax list. While the county is paying all these deputies and tax eaters, Mr. Redfield finds ample leisure for traveling through the county and tramping through the wards, organizing rebellion against the party to which he owes all he ever has been and all he now is in public life. The only honest man in the court house wants to make the people believe that the juggle by which he draws \$400 a year as clerk of the board of commissioners and charges this allowance up as fees is perfectly legitimate. If it is and he is entitled to the \$2,500 a year no matter what amount of fees is collected in his office, then why charge up the \$400 to fees? With the same sublime assurance Mr. Redfield brushes away the fact that he had drawn two salaries, one as clerk and the other as park commissioner, for nearly a year without wincing and without a conscientious A. B. C. reform connoisseur.

Redfield wants to make believe that the opposition to him is inspired by malice and a desire to punish him for his pretended exposure of Frank E. Moore's alleged shortage and overcharges of court fees. The truth is, and he knows it, that in claiming credit for this action he tries to steal other people's thunder. The exposures were made before he became clerk and his gyrations were the province of his deliberate intent to go over to the enemy for the prize he covets—namely, Dave Morer's congressional biography. His ambition for promotion from the clerkship to congress has been a matter of notoriety among politicians, and it was also well understood by those who know him best that he was ready to go over to the diversities and cohabit with the democrats and populists just as soon as the congressional bedstead was supplied with a hair mattress. It is because he is such a monumental fraud that The Bee has made him a target.

Animated solely by the selfish desire to ride into office on the hobby of reform and craved by an insatiable monomania for notoriety he has donned the cloak of hypocrisy and seeks to play the reformer by the rankst of imposture. While precluding loudly his abhorrence of embezzlers and hoodlers Redfield has gone into partnership with the scum of democracy and tied up with men who have never been known to do an honest day's work. The chief purveyor whom he is parading in public A. B. C. reform meetings was an embezzler in the state of Iowa whose bondsmen had to make good his defalcation, and escaped the penitentiary in Nebraska, by whom he has his Omaha employers, from whom he had embezzled over \$3,000.

Redfield and Reform, with a big R! Redfield and Purification, with Dan

Honin, Charley Fanning, Lee Herdman and Injun Agent Saville!

Angels of Grace defend us from such reformers.

A NEW COMPLICATION

The announcement that the government of Nicaragua has entered into a contract with an English steamship company which if permitted to stand will seriously infringe the rights of the Nicaragua Canal company appears to be regarded in quarters interested in the projected canal as of rather grave importance. Washington dispatches say that the concession to this foreign steamship company is considered a direct attack upon the project and a violation of the Nicaraguan authorities and a violation of the earlier concession, which, although claimed by Nicaragua to have been forfeited for non-compliance with the terms of the contract, is held to be in full force by the friends of the Nicaragua canal in congress and by the owners of the concession. It is said to be considered extremely significant that an English company, while the question of government aid to the Maritime Canal company is pending in congress, should have been able to secure a concession giving it control of waters which will be an integral part of the canal route and it is quite naturally assumed that there has been some shrewd diplomatic maneuvering on the part of the British government. It is urged that the object of England has naturally been to prevent this country from controlling the projected inland waterway and that obtaining concessions by a private British corporation from the Nicaraguan government is a convenient way of circumventing American control of the canal.

Assuming the announcement to be true, it may fairly be doubted whether the British government is in any way involved in the concession. It is true that government expects that the rights which it claims under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be respected by the United States, but there is no reason to believe that it is disposed to resort to any underhand methods to thwart the construction of the Nicaragua canal. If a British steamship company has obtained concessions from Nicaragua the most plausible explanation is to be found in the fact that the Nicaraguan government feels that it has carried out its part of the contract with the canal company and that it is fully justified in making such concessions. That it has warrant for such a view no one who considers the matter without prejudice will question. Nicaragua has been most fair and considerate in this whole matter, not without some sacrifice of her interests, and she cannot justly be blamed if she is now disposed to accept an advantageous proposal from an English corporation, regardless of the fact that it may infringe rights claimed by the Maritime Canal company, but denied by Nicaragua. The company has failed to fulfill its obligations and it can give no assurance now that it will ever fulfill them. In the meantime congress has dallied with the matter in a way well calculated to discourage and disgust the Nicaragua government.

Of course our government would protest against any concessions to foreign corporations which could impair American interests in the Nicaragua canal, which if ever constructed will be under American control. But manifestly it is our duty to Nicaragua to decide without much longer delay what we will do in regard to this project—whether it shall receive the assistance of the government or be abandoned as a national enterprise. In the meanwhile this new complication, accepting the report referred to as true, is not likely to prove at all troublesome.

ORGANIZED TO BOLT.

One of the most enthusiastic and harmonious meetings ever held in the Sixth ward and participated in by over 100 representative citizens and business men gathered last night at P. O. Hanson's hall under the auspices of the Sixth Ward Lincoln Republican A. B. C. club for the purpose of putting up an "anti-bolter" delegation to the coming primaries. The following names were elected as candidates for the delegation: Carr Axford, B. S. Anderson, S. O. Bennett, William Burrill, John D. Daley, R. E. Herdman, T. W. Rickel, J. M. Talbot.

A resolution was adopted inviting John McDonald for sheriff, without a dissenting voice. W. J. Broatch was present and made an enthusiastic address. The club adjourned to its regular meeting night on Thursday, when that arrangements will be made to down the "hooligan gang" which has been running the Sixth ward—World-Herald.

This is the most impudent attempt to steal the livery of heaven to serve the devil in that has ever been proposed in Omaha politics by any party. The organizers of the club who are profaning the name of Abraham Lincoln and masquerading as republicans while they are in league with the populists make no secret of it that they will bolt the republican ticket unless Redfield, the Renegade, is renominated. Everybody knows that such an act would dismember the party. A party that pays a premium to reward deserters and renegades cannot survive and ought not to. The endorsement of the candidacy of McDonald by the Redfield bolters was merely a blind to satisfy the friends of McDonald, and thus to use his popularity, in order to enable the Redfieldites to get into the republican county convention. It does not require a prophet or the seventh son of the seventh daughter to predict what such a delegation would do. The A. B. C. clubs were organized to create discord within the party, under false pretenses and to play them to the populist kite. The most effective way to create dissension would be through the door of the convention from which the reformers are pledged in advance to bolt. It is a pretty spectacle for these reformers to take William J. Broatch as their model of A. B. C. Reform. Broatch has voted for but one republican candidate for mayor in twelve years, and that was when he voted for himself. He bolted and helped to defeat Linniger under pretense that he would be too friendly with the foreigners who keep saloons, and helped to foist upon the city Dick Cushing, who was hand-in-glove with the saloon keepers of all nationalities. As a municipal purveyor of the I. N. L. brand, Broatch stands peerless. During his first

term this year reformer, who was on the payroll of Uncle Sam at \$2,000 a year as Missouri river commissioner, was drawing \$2,500 a year as municipal employed 400 street sweepers and several gangs of ratty rippers at the probable expense to carry the primaries of A. B. C. reform. When he was up for re-election last spring Broatch and Cushing, who is now linked with Redfield for Reform and an \$1,500 job, spent \$4,000 for political street sweepers and A. B. C. reform. An hour before Broatch went out of office ten years ago he signed the \$45,000 gas job ordinance, which was \$40,000 pure water and \$5,000 water gas. When the champion of A. B. C. reform was made appraiser of Bill Dorgan's penitentiary jail, with his intense desire for I. N. L. purity Appraiser Broatch pocketed \$500 of state money for helping Mosher's party to unload \$25 miles at \$200 and wormed and condemned boilers for \$3,000, thus finding \$25,000 out of the taxpayers for what nobody in or out of Lincoln would have been willing to pay \$5,000 for. This was A. B. C. reform with a vengeance. If the Sixth ward republicans propose to endorse this kind of reform the sooner we know it the better.

RAILROADS ASK MORE TIME.

Say They Are Not Ready with Safety Appliances.

FIVE YEARS IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THEM.

Interstate Commerce Commission Asked to Again Suspend the Law—Only About Half the Freight Service Equipped.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—By far the most important question which will come before the Interstate Commerce commission this fall will be that of the extension of the time in which the railroads of the country engaged in interstate commerce must equip their trains with train brake systems and automatic car couplers. The act compelling the railroads to equip their trains was passed in the closing hours of the Harrison administration after a protracted and bitter contest. The act was approved March 2, 1893, and gave the railroads about five years, or until January 1, 1898, to comply with the law. The same act provided that the railroads should equip their cars with hand rails and uniform drawbars before July 1, 1895. The whole purpose of this legislation was to insure greater safety for passengers and other railroads employees in coupling and uncoupling cars. During the five years previous to the passage of the act the statistics showed that each year there were in each year about 100 men killed and one in every thirty-one injured. Before the time for equipping the cars with hand rails and couplers had expired many of the railroads petitioned the commission for an extension. This the commission was empowered to grant, and after an examination, extending to the time when operation of that portion of the act relating to hand rails and drawbars should go into effect on July 1, 1895, to February 1, 1896, the commission is now beginning to receive petitions asking for an extension of the time in which the other sections of the act providing for automatic couplers and train brakes should be put into effect before January 1 next. The railroads ask from one to ten years longer than the law provides. The last report made to the commission upon their equipment (April 1, 1895), shows that the passenger trains were almost entirely equipped as required by law, but that only one-third of the freight cars and 20 per cent of the freight and passenger cars had been provided with the proper safety appliances. The figures on that date showed that of the 3,275 passenger cars owned by the railroads of the country, 32,224 were equipped with automatic couplers and 32,262 with train brake appliances.

FREIGHTS NOT EQUIPPED.

Of the 1,217,319 freight cars, 458,410 were equipped with automatic couplers and 20 per cent with train brakes. Of the 36,245 locomotives, freight and passenger, 29,196 were equipped with the driving wheel brakes provided for by the act.

Since this report the work of repairs has gone steadily on, but it is doubtful whether more than 10 per cent of the freight cars supplied with the safety appliances required by law. Should the commission decide not to grant an extension the railroads whose cars are not equipped by January 1, 1898, would be liable to a fine of \$100 for each and every offense against the act. By the terms of the act, the fine is to be levied by the Interstate Commerce commission or by the court in which the case is tried. The penalty is not to be deemed to have assumed the risk occasioned thereby, although continuing the employment of the road after the unlawful use of such locomotive, car or train has been brought to his knowledge.

The Interstate Commerce commission will hold a full meeting in this city the latter part of next week. This will be the first meeting held here in some months. Chairman McArthur, who has been taking "testimony" in some cases at Chicago and Kansas City, has returned to Washington. Commissioner Clement of the country is at Philadelphia hearing the case of the warehousemen against the Pennsylvania and Reading roads, which it is alleged, give free storage at depots and yards to certain shippers and thereby injure the business of the warehouses. Commissioner Kepp has just returned from a tour of inspection in the West and will make an address and also serve on the jury of awards of the exposition. Commissioner Prouty has just concluded the taking of testimony at Effingham in several cases and is expected here in a few days. There is no business of immediate importance pending before the commission.

THURSTON ON OHIO CAMPAIGN.

Says Hanna and Himself Have Had Big Crowds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Thurston is in the city in connection with several appointments which he desires to make in Nebraska before his election. He will return to Ohio for a speech at Cleveland on Saturday night, and may then enter the campaign in Greater New York. He said, speaking of the Ohio campaign, that he had seen so large and enthusiastic audiences as came out to hear Senator Hanna and himself. "If the republicans of Ohio are as pathetic, as the democrats of Nebraska are, they will be promptly removed to see where they base their conclusions." "First Assistant Postmaster General Heath today appointed Edgar A. Hensworth a stamp in the postoffice at Lincoln, vice Albert Pentzer, removed. It appears that on September 1st the postmaster at Lincoln, who is a democrat, appointed Pentzer chief clerk because he was an ardent Bryan man and in spite of the fact that Hensworth, who is a republican, had been taken out of office by reason of the fact that he was the senior substitute on the roll, have been given the place. When the attention of Mr. Heath was called to the matter, Pentzer promptly removed and ordered the promotion of Hensworth.

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The following transfers are made in the Eighth infantry: First Lieutenant John Adams Perry, from company H to company E; First Lieutenant Edward N. Jones, Jr., from company E to company H; First sergeant, court-martialed, and Captain James Parker, Fourth cavalry, are made in being ordered to meet at West Point.

The following changes in stations of officers of the Medical department are ordered: First Lieutenant Leigh A. Fuller, assistant surgeon, from Fort Meade, S. D., to Fort Assiniboine, Mont.; First Lieutenant James J. Munson, assistant surgeon, from Fort Assiniboine to Fort Adams, R. I.; Captain George McCreary, assistant surgeon, from the Soldiers' Home, Washington, to Fort Myer, Va.; Captain Edgar A. Mears, assistant surgeon, from Fort Myer to Fort Clark, Tex.; Captain James D. Glennan, assistant surgeon, from Fort Clark to Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Captain John D. Clark, to Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Captain Nathan Strong, assistant surgeon, to duty at Fort Myer, Ariz.

Lieutenant Henry C. Cabell, Fourteenth infantry, has been detailed to duty with the Oregon National Guard, relieving Lieutenant James Lankford, First cavalry. Colonel Guy V. Henry, Tenth cavalry, has been relieved from duty with the Third cavalry, and ordered to join his regiment.

Leave of absence granted to Lieutenant George E. Houle, Third infantry, extended one month; Captain Walter T. Duggan, Tenth infantry, extended one month; Lieutenant Colonel B. M. Clifford, Cavalry, extended one month; Lieutenant William J. Elliott, Missouri, Breckinridge, L. B. Robinson; Dexter, Thomas, J. Ulen; Pleasant Hill, Bernard Zick, Jr.

Appointed by the President.

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Spanish Pretenses.

Philadelphia Press. One of the insults continually hurled at the United States by the Spanish press is that we are moved solely by commercial reasons, while the Spaniards placidly assure themselves that whatever else they may be they are not mercenary. The Spaniards' satisfaction is a curious comment on the inability of any one to make a true estimate of his own character, for if there be one characteristic that has distinguished Spanish officialdom it has been greed. In fact, the weakness of Spain lies largely in the corruption that steals the funds which she needs to carry on her war. It is that which has brought it low. Stealing, gross and petty, seems to be the order of the day, so that it is not natural that the Spaniards should be so much interested in the fortune he has made out of his Cuban campaign. If he had not been the government would not be in the impotent situation in which it is. 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