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ARE THEY INNOCENT VICTIMS?

In these degenerate days of mercenary journalism it is not uncommon for conscienceless publishers to prostitute the editorial columns of their papers to mold public opinion against the public interest.

One of the most conspicuous examples of such degradation of the press is furnished by a recent editorial in the Lincoln Journal, which undertakes to justify the outrageous verdict recently rendered against the state in its suit to recover on the Bartley bond.

The Bee has no political affinity to the attorney general and no financial relations with the bank that cashed the sinking fund warrant.

Some of these bondsmen are entitled to public sympathy and some are not. Some of them doubtless signed this bond as a matter of friendship, but most of them signed it because they were partners of Bartley in his illegal farming of public funds.

Knowing that Bartley was feloniously appropriating state money these bondsmen still went his security to help him repeat his crimes, because they were sure to profit by it.

It will not do for these bondsmen to play the ostrich and imagine that the people are blind to facts to which they want to shut their eyes nor will they gain anything by annexing newspapers as mouthpieces of their lawyers.

SPANISH PROVOCATION.

Spain may provoke war with the United States. The Sagasta government undoubtedly is anxious to avoid a conflict, but there are strong influences working upon it which it cannot wholly disregard and which may force it into a position that our government would be compelled to resent.

The reported desire of the Spanish government that Consul General Lee be recalled from Havana, if true, is a concession to that spirit which would not hesitate to provoke war.

There is more danger that Spain will do something to provoke war than that our government will take any action that might bring on a conflict.

FULFILLING EXPECTATION.

In August last, the first month under the Dingley tariff law, the receipts were \$6,987,702. There has been a steady monthly increase, the receipts for February amounting to \$15,040,680.

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reason to believe that within the next six or eight months the revenue of the government will overtake the expenditures and may somewhat exceed them.

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all rests upon himself. It was happily brought out at this conference that all these classes appreciate the responsibility mentioned, and through the agencies of the schools and colleges for colored people, this uplifting process is going steadily forward despite all discouragements.

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NEBRASKA CAMPAIGN OF 1898.

Blair Pilot (rep.): If the republicans make no mistake in their nominations this year the result will be no fear of the result on the state ticket.

Edgar Post (rep.): The name of Judge Hayward is being advanced by the republicans all over the state in connection with the office of governor. If there is a better, cleaner man in the state of Nebraska we don't know where he is.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): James Whitehead of Broken Bow is being prominently mentioned as the republican candidate for governor this fall. If the republicans elect the East part of the state will again concede the Sixth district gubernatorial candidate.

Columbus Telegram (dem.): If the populists will do the wise and graceful thing they will concede the office of governor to the democrats and have no more fuss about it.

Exeter Democrat (rep.): The new post-office building at Omaha was opened Thursday with ceremonies led by the mayor.

Schuyler Quill (pop.): The verdict of the jury in the case of the Bartley bondsmen is a travesty of justice.

Tremont Herald: The trial of the bondsmen of the estate of Bartley, which has been continued for several weeks at Omaha, has finally resulted in the bringing in of a verdict by the jury that the bondsmen are not liable for the shortage.

Mr. Fivecoats lives in Anderson county and Mr. Fewcoats in Cowley county, Kansas. The Chicoutaw club of Boston has decided to give the Boston should restrict the club's ration of beans.

In about 10,000 years, the forecasters say, the North Pole will be at or about our locality. Perhaps Nansen will think better of it.

Spain has an area of 197,670 square miles, 76,680 square miles less than the state of Texas. Her population is between seventeen and eighteen millions.

War in Cuba means prosperity to the Florida cattle trade, particularly since the Spanish authorities have removed the duty on the export of cattle to the island.

In the prison of William Rash of Nebraska, N. J. is to be found the greatest jingo in a land where they are by no means scarce.

All kinds of inventions and suggestions will be made as a coming into the War and Navy departments in these days. A genius who undoubtedly regards himself as brilliant writes to the Navy department suggesting that the government buy a man-of-war which shall be painted like a merchantman.

The Philadelphia Record announces that the death of editor, William M. Slingerly, will make no change in the future policy and management of the paper.

And one of the most valuable lessons that old Father Time teaches is, that it doesn't pay to buy what is called "cheap" clothing.

If the clothing that we make is better than the usual sorts it is because we take pains with it and won't cheapen it for the sake of an extra profit.

BARTLEY JURY NOT POPULAR.

Old Quill: The verdict of the Bartley jury as one of the worst outrages ever perpetrated upon justice and upon a long suffering people. There was no expectation of such a result; an explanation of it can only be based upon one theory and that would not be very complimentary to the honesty of those twelve peers.

York Times: An Omaha jury has decided that Bartley's bondsmen are not responsible for the shortage of money. Governor Holcomb's neglect of duty. Nobody will blame the bondsmen particularly for trying to get out from under an obligation that would probably have been more onerous than the governor's for his lazy, easy-going way of doing business that allowed them to escape those twelve peers.

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of the shortage occurred before the second bond of Bartley was signed and that Governor Holcomb knew of this shortage and had not made a public mention of it and let the bondsmen sign the bond believing at the time that the accounts in the treasurer's office were straight. The mess is a bad one, but had Governor Holcomb refused to allow Bartley to commence serving his second term until he had straightened matters relative to his first term the shortage would have been much less and ten to one the jury would have compelled the bondsmen to make the shortage good to the state.

BRIGIT AND BREEZY.

New York Mail and Express: Western monopolists are now organizing a colossal hay trust. The men behind it are as yet unknown and it is a wise hay trust that knows its own fodder.

Chicago Post: "Is your wife interested in all this war talk?"

Detroit Journal: Member of the Firm—Your last employer informs me that you were not very faithful.

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