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PARTIES LEAVING THE CITY.

Parties leaving the city at any time may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business Office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed as often as desired.

All hail! Ak-Sar-Ben IX.

This ought to be Omaha's busy week.

This is the week Omaha dedicates to Ak-Sar-Ben IX.

It seems that Colonel Bryan's daughter has won her first battle.

The wonder is that his pitchfork name-ake has not projected himself for the defense in the Jim Tillman case.

Don't be ruffianly and boisterous. You can enjoy yourself just as much without detracting from the enjoyment of others.

Between Ak-Sar-Ben's pageant, a big retail trade and the republican county primaries this promises to be Omaha's busy week.

As between Judge Cooley and Judge Vinsonhaler, we would take Judge Cooley's unsupported word against Judge Vinsonhaler's written pledge.

Sir Thomas Lipton promises to come back next year to take in the St. Louis exposition. Sir Thomas may take in everything we have except the all America's championship cup.

Just to show President Stikney how glad we are to have him bring his Chicago Great Western railroad into Omaha his welcome will be warmed with a few damage suits to introduce him to our courts.

Brazil is said to be contemplating a prize offer of \$100,000 for an international steerable balloon competition to be held in Rio Janeiro in 1914. If that does not catch all the world's hot-air artists, nothing will.

Who gets the interest earned on the deposits of trust funds in the custody of the county judge? Is there a widow or orphan or litigant of any description who ever got a cent of interest on money belonging to them for the time it was deposited in the banks to the credit of Judge Vinsonhaler?

Presumably the recent interview of ex-Senator Butler as chairman of the populist national committee dilating on the prospects of that party as a national organization was intended solely to prevent Vice Chairman Edmisten from failing under the delusion that he is the only official incarnation of the populist propaganda.

President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase exposition declares that the progress of construction of World's fair buildings at St. Louis is more advanced than it was at Chicago at a similar period before the opening day. It is the completion and installation in time for the first visitors that counts. It took Chicago weeks after the gates were formally opened before its fair was in good working order. That is where St. Louis must score.

The account of the proceedings at the Massachusetts republican state convention discloses the fact that almost all the party leaders participated as delegates. Congressman Powers was permanent chairman, ex-Governor Crane read the resolutions, while Senator Hoar nominated the candidate for governor and Secretary of the Navy Moody named the candidate for lieutenant governor. Here is another object lesson for Nebraska republicans, whose conventions are too often allowed by the leaders to run themselves at haphazard.

AK-SAR-BEN IX.

His royal highness, Ak-Sar-Ben IX, will hold his festival court in Omaha this week, which promises in point of magnificence and brilliant pageantry to excel all the glorious achievements of his predecessors of former years.

The institution of Ak-Sar-Ben is not only firmly rooted in the public enterprises of the community, but its popularity appears to be growing from year to year not alone among its devotees at home, but also among the guests from surrounding cities and towns who share in its benefits.

No one who comes under the spell of Ak-Sar-Ben fails to enter heartily into its spirit. Ak-Sar-Ben stands for push, progress and prosperity, for what is beautiful to the eye, for the picturesque in myth and legend, for the spectacular achievements of modern science, for helpful comradeship and good fellowship, for closer social union between Omaha and the cities and towns in business relations with it.

It is safe to say that no one agency has done more to inspire confidence in the future of Omaha and the west than Ak-Sar-Ben, whose name and fame are rightfully spread over the whole country.

For Ak-Sar-Ben IX and all his good subjects The Bee extends a cordial invitation to all to visit Omaha for the carnival this week and to make merry and be joyful. A grand good time which will fully repay the outlay of time and money is promised. Come and get your money's worth.

OUT OF HIS OWN MOUTH.

In conformity with its long-established policy to give every man, whether he be private citizen or public officer, an opportunity for self-defense against charges affecting his reputation or conduct, The Bee gives publicity to the speech of County Judge Vinsonhaler in justification of the conduct of his office as county judge.

While Judge Vinsonhaler's speech will commend itself for its moderation and pretended candor, we doubt whether any lawyer of reputation would guarantee his acquittal before a jury, if formal impeachment charges were preferred against him.

Against the charge that he has failed to account for and pay into the county treasury uncollected witness fees and other fees that he collected in excess of the amount of money disbursed by him to pay his own salary and the salaries of the clerical force employed in his office, Judge Vinsonhaler virtually pleads guilty in these words:

I have taken the books and gone through them very carefully to ascertain the witness fees on deposit there, or any fees that have been earned or that should have been paid to witnesses who have been sworn and are now there to their credit. Necessarily we have to go through the different dockets to find out which are the credits to these different people for witness fees or whether they are constable fees noted on the docket and to ascertain that it is necessary to refer to the docket. The amount of money on hand turned over to me by Judge Baxter was \$138, putting in everything that could be called witness fees, and I think some things were put in that were not witness fees, but the most we could make of it was \$138. To that should be added the sum of about \$150.

Here is an open confession by Judge Vinsonhaler that he received from Judge Baxter, his predecessor, the sum of \$138 in uncollected witness fees, but he does not pretend to say that he paid this money or any part of it into the county treasury, as the law requires. The same is true relative to the \$150 of uncollected fees that accumulated in his hands since he came into office.

To the charge that he has on deposit thousands of dollars belonging to the owners of lands and lots that have been taken under eminent domain, and especially the \$15,104 paid to him by Judge Baxter three and one-half years ago for the benefit of Mrs. Stanwood, Judge Vinsonhaler has this to say:

No charge has been made: it is all insinuation. This has been a campaign of insinuation. The funds in that office are there. The case referred to by Mr. Rosewater, the funds of Mrs. Stanwood, are there and she is entitled to them. I have no desire to profit out of that office upon interest. It is not my wish to receive anything more than I am justly entitled to.

While the mode of expression is somewhat evasive, Judge Vinsonhaler admits in so many words that he has had in his possession \$15,104 belonging to the Stanwood estate and had the same on deposit somewhere. It is also clear that the deposits made by Judge Vinsonhaler are drawing interest, and therefore his denial of no intention to appropriate the interest will be taken for what it is worth.

While plainly setting forth his view of the dangers and evils of the situation, Mr. Balfour confessed that he had no cure to offer, merely something in palliation. "The ill has gone too far," he said. "You will not get the great commercial nations of the world to abandon protection. I fear you will not get the great self-governing colonies to retrace the steps which we without retraceance permitted them to take."

made only one payment to the county treasurer for surplus of fees collected and now holds over \$1,000 that should be paid over to the county treasurer. In extension of this failure to pay over the funds belonging to the county Judge Vinsonhaler pleads that he is holding on to this money for fear that there may be a shrinkage of fees in the last quarter of his second term and he therefore wants to have enough money on hand to pay all the salaries without calling upon the county commissioners. What would be thought of any federal officer who would hold back fees for three years on the plea that he wanted to make sure the clerks under him received their salaries promptly at the end of each month?

As to Judge Vinsonhaler's explanation of the marriage certificate holdup, the less said the better. If he tells the truth and does not get any part of the rakeoff with the clerks, it does not make such barter more creditable.

RECOMMENDING CANDIDATES.

Fire-eating factionists who are opposed to harmony in the republican party of Douglas county are raising a great hue and cry because The Bee has seen fit to recommend to the favorable consideration of republican voters a list of candidates who in its judgment would command the united support of the party at the coming election.

Playing upon popular prejudice against bossism and political dictatorship, they pronounce the selection of a harmony ticket impartially selected from both wings of the republican party as rank usurpation if not downright dictatorship.

Wherein, we pray, is there any attempt at dictation? Four years ago the most conspicuous of the firebrand leaders, William F. Gurley, urged The Bee to recommend John N. Baldwin as the most available man to fill the position of vice president of the United States.

More recently Mr. Gurley approved of the endorsement by The Bee of the candidacy of Hon. John L. Webster for the same position. Not many weeks ago Mr. Gurley, with about thirty other lawyers, projected the so-called nonpartisan judicial ticket upon the people of this district. Why the recommendation of a harmony ticket by The Bee, which has only the good of the republican party at heart, should be considered reprehensible and why its efforts to harmonize the various factions by the selection of candidates who are clean, reputable and competent men representing the different elements of the party should be denounced as dictatorship and usurpation is incomprehensible.

There certainly has been no attempt made to foist any candidate upon the party against the will of its rank and file. The Bee's recommendation of candidates has not been a matter of individual preference, but represents the consensus of opinion of a large majority of republicans who have participated in the various harmony conferences held in this city within the past four months. In the presentation of the preferred list all attempts at dictatorship are expressly disclaimed in the following language:

"Let it be understood that there is no disposition on the part of republicans who have endeavored to harmonize the party on these candidates to dictate to anybody; they concede to every republican the right to express his preference for any candidate he may deem most worthy and competent, but they sincerely believe the nomination of the men named would command the united support of the rank and file and insure success at the coming election."

A more explicit disclaimer of intentional dictation could not possibly have been made. But the men who prefer to continue to foment strife and discord because they have not been able to satisfy their own ambitions through party preference may be expected to continue their tactics of obstruction to every effort to harmonize the party and end factional discord.

BALFOUR DEFINES HIS POSITION.

There is nothing particularly new in the address of Premier Balfour at Sheffield last Thursday, defining his position in regard to British fiscal policy. He merely amplified what he had given out in the pamphlet which was the prelude to the address, designed to prepare the public mind for the reasons and arguments that were presented in the later enunciation of the premier's views. What this conclusively shows is that Mr. Balfour is in full accord with the advocates of a change in British fiscal policy, which he believes to be utterly unsuited to existing conditions and circumstances. While admitting the necessity, at the time, for the reforms of 1846, which gave England free trade, he declared that every year of the last thirty had contradicted the prophecies of the reformers. These contemplated the following of the British example by other nations, but instead of this "for fifty years England," said Mr. Balfour, "without making a sign had watched the wall of hostile tariffs growing up and dividing nation from nation." He pointed out that even the British colonies are building up a wall of vested interests after a system of protection which, when it reaches its logical conclusion, "will make it as hard to export to them as to America or the other protective countries." Yet nothing has been done to hinder a state of affairs which the premier asserted is absolutely inconsistent with free trade as Cobden understood it.

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WAR WILL BE AVERTED.

The assurance comes from Vienna that the foreign ministers of Austria and Russia have decided to continue the Balkan policy arranged last winter, which contemplates radical reforms in Macedonia, the failure of Turkey to put which in effect is the cause of the existing disturbance. The dispatch states that in consequence of the agreement the powers need not fear war between Turkey and Bulgaria, nor any great difficulty in the execution of the reforms. It would seem from this that the Austro-Russian policy respecting the Balkan states has received the approval of all the other powers and that upon those two nations rests the entire responsibility of seeing that the proposed reforms are carried out.

There is no information as to what these are, but everyone familiar with the situation knows what the Christian subjects of Turkey want. They desire in the first place religious freedom and then relief from the tyranny and oppression of the Turks, with an opportunity to develop the country. In a word, these people want the rights which civilization elsewhere gives and proper protection in the enjoyment of these rights. It is the imperative duty of the powers to insist that they shall have this and that the Turkish government shall be held to the strictest accountability for any failure to make and maintain the needed reforms. Doubtless that government is now quite willing to accede to any demands, but it is essential that it shall also be given to understand that it will be sternly held to the performance of its pledges. Otherwise it will not be a great while before there will be a repetition of the massacres that have lately shocked the civilized world.

WHY AMERICANS SUCCEEDED.

Foreign investigators who have come to the United States within the last year or two to study industrial and commercial conditions have differed somewhat in their conclusions as to American success and achievement, but there is general agreement among them that our people excel those of any other country in energy, enterprise and push. They do not all commend this, some seeing in it an extreme daring that is perilous, yet they cannot but admit that it has accomplished wonderful results. One of the most intelligent of these foreign observers, Mr. John Foster Fraser, expresses the opinion that our growth and development is not due solely to our great natural resources, but mainly to the excellence of our business methods and the daring and energy with which our enterprises are conceived and carried on. He points out the respects in which he deems us to be superior to all rivals and although the estimate is not wholly complimentary, it is yet on the whole candidly fair and sincere.

This English critic finds the American more optimistic than the Englishman and that he succeeds largely for the reason that he has an abiding confidence in his ability to win. He is not as a rule influenced by circumstances or conditions which would lead the European business man to exercise great caution and conservatism. Then the American is superior to the Briton in adaptability, more readily meeting the demands of trade in all parts of the world. He is more watchful of the public and more prompt to supply what the public desires; moreover he pays better wages and salaries than are paid by European business men, and finally he is younger and more pushing than his European rivals. This is in the main correct, though it may be remarked that in the matter of meeting the demands of trade in all parts of the world American manufacturers and merchants might do much better. It has been repeatedly said that we would have a much larger share of the trade of South America than we get if greater attention was given to the requirements of the southern markets, and it is not unlikely that there has been neglect in this respect as to other markets.

Mr. Fraser sees the chief advantage of our business methods in the opportunity given to young men and on this point he says: "In England responsible positions are given to elderly men. It is considered that they are safe and will be inclined to do nothing rash. The American, however, does not want that kind of man. He wants a man with youthful vigor, with ideas, a man who has his way to make, not one who is content to glide from middle age to an elderly age by just keeping things going in a respectable, decorous way. So young men in America are placed at the heads of departments. They make mistakes. The employer, however, is wise enough to see the young man can do something else besides make mistakes. He forgets the occasional slips in recog-

nizing merits in other directions. A young man, therefore, feels confidence is placed in him and he never relaxes energy in his ardor to produce something better, more attractive, something that will lift him up and make him worth a huge salary." This American method unquestionably has its advantages, but there are some who think it is perhaps being carried too far. As to the general conclusion of this British observer, that American business men as a whole are superior to those of Europe, we think there can be no question of its soundness.

One of the stock charges of candidates for office opposed by The Bee is that they can get no fair treatment from this paper. Yet it is a fact attested by successive campaigns that no paper is freer with its columns to afford full ventilation of both sides of every controversy. The very complaints of unfair treatment are given publicity in The Bee and the speeches and explanations of the candidates under fire are printed without distortion, so that the public may take them for what they are worth. The readers of The Bee constitute the most intelligent class of the community, and with all the facts before them are apt to arrive at a fair judgment as to the merits of the claims of rival candidates. It is by reason of its reputation for fairness through this very practice that The Bee enjoys the special confidence of its readers in so marked degree in the judgments it reaches.

The Bee invites comparison of its special Ak-Sar-Ben number with those of other papers published hereabouts. The Bee always leads in quality as well as quantity of attractive features presented in these special numbers. It does it, moreover, without any great flourish of trumpets, believing that its enterprise will be appreciated at its full worth by both its subscribers and its advertising patrons. The few cents charged for each copy is a mere bagatelle beside the cost of producing such an expensive paper.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Oyster Bay has receded from the front page and donned the autumn tints of rural obscurity. Street car owners may be depended on to encourage the fashion of narrow hips. It will make more room up in front. The concert of Europe has developed a ragtime tendency in the Balkans, where dirges would be more appropriate. A few more editors have fallen under the displeasure of the empress of China. This is equivalent to "getting it in the neck."

The assertion that "a statesman is a dead politician" needs revision. His status is not definitely fixed until the price of the cigars is announced. An eastern genius has invented a device for drawing things by suction. If the inventor can show that the device will draw indifferent voters to the polls his fortune is made. A Chicago professor wastes valuable time in giving slang a passport to smart society. Smart society could give the professor a thirteen-point hand and beat him at the game.

There was a brilliant display in Chicago of the deft, artistic touch by which currency and jewels were transferred to strange pockets. It wasn't down in the Centennial bills, either. The versatility of court injunctions grows apace. A Tennessee dog has been judicially muzzled from "baying at the moon," a woman who talked too much has been hushed, lovelorn youngsters have been judicially separated from the front gate and city governments have been manipulated by court orders. Now comes an Indiana court with an injunction against swearing. Modern jurisprudence is a source of unceasing gaiety for laymen and litigants.

In consequence of the abolition of "cold tea" rooms in the national capital, Washington tailors are enlarging the size of hip pockets. Any port in a drought is welcome. Truly, this is a hard world for the elect. Imps and the impious combine to make the straight path as tough as a gumbo road in midsummer. Down in West Virginia the other day three villainous rascals plugged a wagonload of watermelons and got busy just outside the tents of a camp meeting. The melons sold like hot cakes on a frosty morning and were disposed of with the appalling swiftness for which camp meetings are famous. Every member of the pious band agreed that the melons were the best ever, and their voices rang in joyous unison in the old favorite, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." The pluggers managed to get out of sight with the proceeds before the juice reached the hilarious point.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. "The fact is, my husband doesn't seem to know his own mind," said a woman. "Oh, that's a very small matter," Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mrs. Newblybush—But you certainly don't object to such a wee little baby as that? Janitor—Oh, it ain't the size as counts, mum—it's the principle up the thing.—Judge. Mrs. Subbubs—We must give a dinner party, dear, that's all there is about it. Mr. Subbubs—Why, you haven't any cause for giving anybody a dinner party. Mrs. Subbubs—Yes, I have. It will give me a chance to borrow back the fine dishes.

BE FRIENDLY TO THE WAY. Lizzie C. Hardy in Pittsburg Recorder. I have journeyed on life's highway till the dial points to noon. And I've learned some useful lessons on the road. I have proved them o'er and o'er, and I bribe them more and more. And I think you see I depend on what I say. You may hold yourself aloof, and may you think it is a proof. That you're made of some superior sort of clay. But you'll always find it pays in many different ways to be friendly to the people on the way. If the day is dark and dreary, and the way is rough and steeped. And some weary brother falters on the road. You will never feel the weight, be the burden never so great. If you turn about and ease him of his load. And you'll often see the time when a dollar will be a friendly offering most meet—When to give a little sum some mishap to overcome. Will keep some needy fellow on his feet. I have learned that shabby garments often clothe a noble soul. And misfortune lies in wait for great and small. Better help a friend today who is stranded by the way. For who knows but that tomorrow we may find ourself before the crowd, let your voice ring clear and loud. And put your heart in every word you say. For a friendly word, you know, or a hand-shake and "well, how do you get on?" Will help the other fellow on the way.

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