

honor given it in the list. And that is not merely our opinion naturally prejudiced. It is the opinion of every one of the GLOBE's tens of thousands of readers and is brought in by us every morning.

But the esteemed Herald made one omission. It should have added itself to the list. And it could have done so becomingly, for the Omaha Herald is in Nebraska what the St. Paul Globe is in the Northwest, a newspaper without a peer, in a land where excellent newspapers abound.

ON SLIDING GROUND.

When a man gets to be a chronic office-seeker he ceases to be an important factor in the world's movements. HENRY GEORGE is a lamentable illustration of this assertion. As long as Mr. George was contented with his position as an able writer on economic questions he well might have attracted the attention of the world. His ability and exhibition of fairness in the discussion of great subjects excited the admiration of even those who differed with him. But Henry George, the office-seeker, is entirely different. Many have known GEORGE, the writer. As soon as he got to running for office Mr. GEORGE stepped down from the high pedestal he had formerly occupied. He is no longer regarded as a philosopher. He is simply looked upon as a demagogue catering to the lower instincts of humanity. The consequence is that everything he says or does is supposed to originate from selfish motives. This popular suspicion of an office-seeker's motives is not always just, but it always exists whether it is just or unjust. There was one stage in the arena of politics where Mr. GEORGE's abilities could have had public display without reflecting upon his suspicion of self-interest. That was the national congress. When he declined to accept the opportunity to go to congress that was once offered he missed the one opportunity of his life to make a reputation as a reformer.

RAILROAD BRIDGES.

The deadly car stove and the fatal kerosene lamp have a rival in the wooden railway bridge, which has been able easily to lead both in the number of casualties occurring through its agency. All railway bridges, however, do not occupy the same unenviable position. It is the wooden bridge that is too frequently the cause of death and destruction. The fact that we have abundantly demonstrated that the wooden bridge is never reliable. It may be sound when first erected and thoroughly capable of enduring any ordinary strain, but in the nature of things there must come a time when the bridge, through decay, even setting aside the danger of fire, becomes unsafe. Because of the lax system of inspection prevailing on many railroads, it may reach that dangerous state without discovery, and then all the conditions are present for another railway horror. The iron bridge, on the contrary is comparatively flawless. It is in no danger through the sudden and unexpected failure of any one of its members. It is not subject to decay, and its safety is provided against, and is not nearly so susceptible to decay. There should be a law requiring the building of all railway bridges of iron, for in no other way can the railway companies be forced to realize the false economy resulting from the erection of the cheaper wooden bridge. The public has a right to be insured against accident, so far as it lies in the power of man to do it, and when corporations of their own volition will not take the proper precautions the law is not justified in interfering.

THE RESERVOIRS.

St. Paul has no more energetic and capable public officials than the men comprising the water board. The water service of the city always excellent has only been maintained at its present excellent standard by constant vigilance. With a rapidly growing city it is a matter of no small difficulty to make the extension of, conveniences keep pace with the city's growth, but St. Paul's water board has solved the problem admirably.

But the system of direct pumping which has been hitherto employed, while good enough for present needs, has always evolved the possible danger of inadequacy of supply. The building of two large reservoirs will remedy this defect, and with their construction St. Paul will have a water service second to none in the country. The copious supply of wholesome running water in every household is one of the most potent factors in the maintenance of health, and this city has an enviable record for healthiness which it should use every effort to maintain. The reservoirs will be expensive, but they will be worth many times their cost in the future.

Money spent for public improvements is the wisest possible expenditure of the city's money, and St. Paul can congratulate herself upon the fact that in the appropriation of money for such purposes she is receiving a greater return than has been the fortune of almost any city which has expended so large a portion of its receipts in the same direction.

ST. CLOUD'S BOOM.

The good little city of St. Cloud is enjoying a boom all to itself. The occasion of the recently little revolution in the location of the Manitoba shops at that place. It is an event over which St. Cloud has a right to be hilarious, and we are not surprised at the cheerful aspect things are wearing in that locality. It means the addition of several thousand to St. Cloud's population. It means the giving of employment to many of the unemployed in the town and surrounding country. It means a greater development of flouring and lumbering interests. All these things are desirable. But with all their good luck our St. Cloud friends must remember to keep level heads. Boom towns and cities are not to be trusted. But don't let anything boom into the realms of fiction. Many a good town has had its prospects blighted by setting a fictitious value on its booming capacity.

INTERSTATE EXTRADITION.

While Gov. HILL's call for an interstate extradition conference was not as universally responded to as it ought to have been, still there was a fair delegation in attendance when they assembled in New York last Tuesday—twenty-two states being represented. It is singular, however, that while the call was for the governors to meet in conference there was only one governor in attendance—Gov. BEAVER, of Pennsylvania—who said he considered the question of extradition of so great importance that he thought it his duty to give it his personal attention. The other governors were represented by proxies, generating the impression that the conference was for the attorney general and his staff, represented in the conference. This was probably well enough, as in most cases the attorney general would have a better knowledge of the legal points involved in a settlement of this matter than the governor. It is an exceptional case when a good lawyer gets into an executive office. Minnesota was represented in the conference

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LEW SPENCER fishes for complimentary notices. He deserves all he catches. Still there are very few end men that can get the compliment. His tongue is on a pivot, and is well oiled, and he has a voice like JUPITER.

MR. CLEVELAND, the manager of HAVRELY's company, is a dangerous misanthrope. He organized the SLAVIN, JOHNSON & McNISER company, which has made more money than half the railroads in the country. CLEVELAND is not in the lead to the press, but he has executive ability, all the same.

A FULL season's success, such as Col. HAVRELY has started out with here in the Northwest, will put him on a square financial basis. He deserves it, and it looks as if he was going to make it.

THIS "child wonder" with the HAVRELY company has a remarkable voice for a twenty-year-old boy.

There was another audience last night that made a solid mass, reaching from the parquette to the ceiling.

LEW SPENCER's song in the opening part of the comedy features of the performance.

HARRY HANWORTH, the tenor singer, has been singing on the stage for several years, and has a voice in such a right manner as to bring it up to perfection. His song "Called Away" gives splendid opportunity to exhibit the force of feeling and pathos of his voice.

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