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The Bell Telephone Patents Sustained. The decision of the supreme court of the United States, sustaining the Bell telephone patents, removes from controversy for a time, and perhaps permanently, an issue that has engaged the attention of the courts for several years...

The decision of the supreme court necessarily strengthens the Bell monopoly. The patents have still five years to run, and during that period at least there will certainly be no effort spared to completely monopolize the telephone business under these patents...

The Cart Before the Horse. The board of education has acted very wisely in deferring the sale of the Dodge street school house. While it is true that the location of this school is objectionable, the board should not lose sight of the fact that three or four hundred children whose education the board is in duty bound to provide for...

Postmaster General Dickinson is reported to be utilizing the spare time of the clerks in the sixth auditor's office in looking up material to be used against the republicans in the coming national campaign...

DR. TALMAGE, in a recent sermon, asks the question: "What right have prominent business men to allow their names to be published as directors in financial institutions so that unsophisticated people are thereby induced to deposit their money in or buy scrip thereof, when they, the published directors, are doing nothing for the safety of the institution?"

THE ways and means committee are having a parrot and monkey time of it in discussing Mr. Mills' bill. The first "joke" was representative Scott and Representative Reed, and was very funny indeed. But the novelty has worn off, and the greater part of the committee on either side is getting ill-tempered.

THE international council of women is to meet in Washington on the 25th inst., and is going to show those wicked men how to run a convention. The coming convention is intended to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the first women's suffrage convention.

A Game of Shuttlecock. Congress is not likely to enter upon an actual debate of the tariff before the end of April. The Mills bill is yet being groomed for final presentation, and Mr.

Randall's measure which will be urged in opposition by the protection branch of the democracy will not be ready for consideration on the house calendar for a number of weeks to come. Meantime the republicans are quietly collating a bill which will, it is said, be a compromise between that of Mr. Randall's and that of the ways and means committee under Mr. Mills.

On the house side it is stated that already one hundred names of members desiring to speak on this question have been handed in to the speaker. When the flood gates of oratory on the tariff question are once let down the country may be prepared to be overwhelmed with arguments upon protection to American industry and overtaxation of the farming interests.

There seems to be little probability of any legislation which will result in a wise reform of the tariff without reference to the pressing demands of local constituencies or the presidential aspirations of a number of ambitious candidates. Congress is so divided, both in the senate and in the house, that the battle for tariff reform which was so loudly heralded by the president's message, is likely to result only in a skirmish in the pages of the Congressional Record without any decisive vote upon a completed bill which will receive the sanction of the chief executive.

The whole question will be relegated to the stump during the ensuing campaign, and the old charges of obstruction on the part of the democratic minority and the subserviency to industrial corporation influence on the part of the republicans will fly like a shuttle-cock from one political platform to another.

The management of the Elkhorn Valley road have offered liberal inducements to the people of Chadron to build water works. Besides patronizing the works, the company offers to transport all material at half rates. The Fairbury Gazette suggests that Judge Dundy should forthwith supplement his first order by another forbidding the men to become "sick."

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not for himself, by such a course, which is really a reflection upon the character as gentleman of his political associates on the committee of whom he is presumed to be the leader. If he adopts this method of emphasizing his displeasure with the course of the majority in not consulting the minority during the preparation of the tariff bill, he ventures to think that the method is ill-advised.

Hot Night in the Chambers. Councilman Hascall broke in on the peace and calm which has developed the council meetings of late by last night getting off one of his long-winded and characteristic abusive speeches against everything and everybody who does not side with him in his pet scheme of locating the city hall on Jefferson square.

Resolved, by the city council, the mayor concerning that a special committee be appointed to consider the best method of proceeding with the erection of the city hall building, that said committee be composed of the committee on public property and building, the mayor, the president of the city hall, the city engineer and a member of the board of education; that said committee shall have power to employ a competent architect to assist in making such alterations in the city hall plans as may be considered necessary to meet the present wants of the city, and that said committee shall report to the city council as soon as possible what further action is necessary to continue the erection of said building to the extent that funds are available.

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Furious Flings Fired by Him in Council Last Night.

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This struggle for their rights and the double dealing of Contractor Drees is only a small part of it. He states to the contractor's union he has four union men broken from the ranks disgraced with union workings, etc., inducing other contractors to hope they may find the same and finally drive others and all from the ranks. But the facts are that these members have joined Mr. Drees in partnership and his agreement are to be submitted to the bricklayers at their meeting to-night, and as to Mr. Johnson's statement of men coming from near and far, their not wanting union men to get along without them, is all nonsense the gentleman should well be ashamed of. There are less non-union men working in the city to-day than there ever were, and none coming in so far except one enticed from Wisconsin, who on his arrival and learning facts, returned immediately, and should these many car loads were threatened with arrival we are satisfied they will do the same or remain to get even for being brought by unprincipled advertisers from their homes to this bonanza that is pictured. The bricklayers do not fear any traveling brothers as they all know there is trouble here and always assist rather than otherwise. The union remains solid to a man, and in the financial and business management, besides this are daily receiving sympathetic and substantial proffers from all over the United States, showing the interest taken in Omaha by the bricklayers by distant members of their craft, still we sincerely hope matters will be settled soon, before harm is done to our city, we will at any time to receive the contractors with reason and assure them when all settlements are made, there will be no ill feeling toward any contractor or their body and trials will be after all matters concerning themselves will be settled in a more sensible manner. BRICKLAYERS' UNION.

HER HONOR SATISFIED.

Jens Kristensen Marries the Girl He Discovered. Jens P. Kristensen, who has languished in the county jail since the 8th of February last, cogitating over the rugged ways of the transgressor was yesterday given his freedom upon his agreeing to be joined in wedlock with Sophia Peterson, a comely looking Swedish girl, who alleges that Jens led her from the paths of virtue. It will be remembered that the case was tried before Justice Anderson and occupied several days. Justice at the time stoutly denied that he was in any way responsible for Sophia's condition, and in tragic tones announced that he would sooner rot in jail than marry her. Consequently he was given a chance to carry out this latter threat, and six weeks of Douglas county did seem to have altered his expressed purpose, and yesterday he announced his intention to marry Sophia, Mrs. Kristensen. Accordingly the girl was summoned to the bastille, and she and Jens, in company with a male friend, went before Judge Shields and procured a marriage license.

Armed with this paper the trio immediately returned to the county of Justice Anderson, who presented a bill of \$11.40 for a groomsmen to cover the costs incurred at the trial in February. Jens himself was, in a financial way, brought to the rescue, and then the magic words were said which made him a full-fledged married man. He then left the county with an air of gloom, his wife following close at his heels.

Licensed to Wed.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Judge Shields: Name and Residence. Age. Isaac Abrahamson, Omaha, 24. Rosa Cooper, Omaha, 20. Jens P. Kristensen, Omaha, 24. Sophia Peterson, Omaha, 23. Burton Porter, Omaha, 25. Charles Porter, Omaha, 25. Anders N. Anderson, Omaha, 27. Menning Jorgensen, Omaha, 30. John A. Ross, Omaha, 28. Matilda Erickson, Omaha, 28. James J. Douglas, Omaha, 28. Emma Kirkindall, Omaha, 21. Albert E. Bullock, South Omaha, 28. Rosa Young, South Omaha, 20.

This Year's Assessment.

Douglas county's assessors yesterday afternoon took full possession of the rooms of the county commissioners and laid out their work for this year's assessment. The statutes were consulted, maps looked over, and figures debated. There was a slim turnout of tax payers, and only one suggestion was made. That was from Schuyler Skoldfield, who argued for an assessment the same as that of last year. This the assessors did not consider equitable, and resolved among themselves to lay on 10 per cent more than last year, thereby making the total valuation at between \$15,000,000 and \$16,000,000.

The Great Contract.

Marianne Brandt, the renowned contralto, who is now making a tour of this country, will sing at Boyd's opera house on next Friday night in connection with the Apollo club, our own home organization. Marianne Brandt has sung but a few cities of the country. Her visit to Omaha is not of a per-

sonal nature. It has been improved, however, as a means of enabling our people to hear the greatest contralto who has ever visited this part of the country. There is no doubt that she will attract the most original and best of audiences, especially in connection with the Apollo club, which has already many friends and admirers.

Two of a Kind.

Yesterday there were in town the superintendents of two state institutions, both of whom are already well known in this city. They are Dr. Armstrong, who has charge of the institute for the feeble-minded at Beatrice, and Dr. E. A. Kelley, who has charge of the insane asylum at Norfolk in this state. Dr. Armstrong says that his institution is crowded now with sixty-five patients, but that an addition is to be made to it, which will be completed in June, which will accommodate about seventy more. The doctor has already filed applications for all the accommodations which he expects to have for some months to come. Dr. Kelley says that his asylum now contains 107 patients, all of whom have been received from thirty-two counties in the Platte. Some of these unfortunate were formerly quartered in the asylum at Beatrice, but were transferred to Norfolk, when the new institution at that place was opened a few months ago. Every bed in the asylum is now occupied, and some of the patients are compelled to sleep upon the floor. This addition now in course of erection will be completed on the 1st of August, when accommodations will be provided for 130 more patients. Drs. Armstrong and Kelley are the youngest doctors in Nebraska who have been entrusted with the care of large state institutions.

On Duty Again.

Mr. Ed Morearty, the obliging and gentlemanly clerk to Judge Shields, was at his desk yesterday, still lame and sore from an accident that happened to him at his residence some days ago. He was swinging in a hammock when the stays gave way and prostrated him with great force to the ground. It was feared at first that he had received internal injuries, but happily this was not the case.

Republican State Convention.

The republican electors of the state of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from the several counties, to meet in convention at the city of Omaha, Tuesday May 15, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing four delegates to the national republican convention, which meets in Chicago June 19, 1888.

THE APPOINTMENT.

The several counties are entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Hon. Samuel Maxwell, supreme judge, in 1887, giving one delegate to each county and one for each 150 votes and major fraction thereof:

Table with 4 columns: COUNTIES, VOTES, COUNTIES, VOTES. Lists counties and their corresponding votes for representation.

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention, except those held by persons residing in the counties from the proxies are given.

WALT M. SMITH, Secretary.

Four new cable cars and one grip arrived yesterday and will be put on the track as soon as possible.

BROTHERHOOD OF LOGGERS AND ENGINEERS!

The locomotive is the grandest piece of mechanism the human brain has ever conceived. The men who drive it must be men of great ability and unflinching nerve. That they are not only men who have the courage of their convictions but men of sterling character as well, their manly bearing and gentlemanly behavior during the trying days of the past few weeks amply proves. We sympathize with the Brotherhood and propose to manifest our sympathies in a practical form. From and after this 21st day of March, 1888, L. O. Jones, the American Clothier, 1309 Farnam street, will make a special discount of ten per cent from regular prices on all articles of Clothing, Furnishing Goods and Hats that members of the Brotherhood may need.

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