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SO LONG as France and Germany pay heavy bounties to their best sugar manufacturers American cannot expect home sugar makers to meet European competition without governmental assistance.

MARRIAGEABLE incidents who are inclined to slight the opportunities afforded by 1892 must not forget that after this year rolls by there will be but one more leap year until 1904. The year 1900 will have 365 days.

THE BEE does not understand why the Board of Park Commissioners should deem it advisable to grant the right to conduct the refreshment booth in Hanscom park free when responsible parties stand ready to pay \$1,000 or more for the privilege.

WHATEVER may be true of the country at large, Nebraska is not ready to approve a law revealing the sugar bounty or making binder twine free. But sugar and binder twine manufacturing are "infant industries" in this state which we desire to see encouraged.

UNTIL the 5-cent bridge arbitrary is removed, a fair rate on Texas cattle is secured, milling-in-transit rates are conceded and the local switching charges are reduced, there is no time for the transportation committee of our various business organizations to take pleasure trips or enjoy leisure.

THE opportunity is presented our jobbers to secure a first class wholesale dry goods firm with ample capital. If Omaha people will take a little stock in the institution there is scarcely a shadow of doubt but this branch of our jobbing trade can be strengthened within a few months to the advantage of business generally.

THE African who concealed himself in the woodpile long enough to turn a water pipe loose upon the federal building site the night before Supervising Architect Edbrooke's visit has not yet been discovered. The fact is, no effort has been made to locate him. "A remarkable coincidence" is scarcely dense enough to hide him from public view. He should be smoked out some way.

IF MR. THOMAS MURRAY would expand his heart and tender this city a tract of the dimensions of Hanscom park the citizens of Omaha, regardless of creed, party or sex will petition the park commission to accept the gift and keep the memory of Murray perpetually fragrant by giving the park his name. And most of our citizens would favor the enlargement of Murray park by the purchase of the fifty or sixty acres of additional land adjoining the park, providing always that it can be bought at a reasonable price.

THE coming general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will pass upon the question of the eligibility of women to preach the gospel and to representation in that body. The question has been voted upon at the annual conferences and a majority of 480 out of a total vote of 10,756 is reported. No question of church polity to come before the general conference will be quite so interesting as this, or will so thoroughly test the executive ability of the presiding bishop, for no other will arouse so much acrimonious discussion.

MILTON E. FREE has deposited \$100 with THE BEE as the nucleus of a fund to be used in providing treatment of men addicted to the alcohol habit who are unable to pay the expenses for themselves. He has set an example worthy of emulation and THE BEE hopes other persons who believe in extending a hand to the victims of dipsomania will send in contributions. This is a practical charity and the instances in which habitual drunkards have been cured are so numerous in our midst as to relieve the charitably disposed from all doubt as to the efficacy of the treatment proposed.

MR. CHARLES F. WELLER of the Omaha Commercial club states that the prospects for the abolition of the bridge arbitrary of 5 cents per 100, which now stands in the way of Omaha's jobbing trade east of the river, are very encouraging. The justice of the claim of Omaha for this concession in rates cannot be gainsaid. Council Bluffs is admitted to Nebraska and western points without the bridge charge, and there can be no reason why Omaha should suffer a discrimination on its Iowa business. The jobbing trade of this city has grown to sufficient importance to warrant our demands for fair treatment.

Officers of penitentiaries who undertake to assist ex-convicts and there is reason to believe they are able to accomplish a vast amount of good to mankind. They certainly reduce the number of criminals very materially and do the kindest acts which can be performed to follow men. In Minnesota an agent employed by the prison and reformatory boards to look after the cases of men who return to the communities of that state from the gloomy cells of the penitentiary. Other western states would find it both profitable and charitable to do likewise. We are doing a great deal to reform the dissipated all over this country and to lift young persons out of temptations through one sort of missionary work and another. It will be well to take this further step and save to good order and decent livelihood the men not incorrigible who return to society from the penitentiaries year by year.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AND MORALS.

People generally do not associate morals and physical training. To the average mind they seem incompatible, if not antagonistic. But there is no necessary hostility between them. On the contrary, they may not only exist together, but physical training may become a positive help to the growth of morals. One of the most earnest advocates of such training is Dr. John S. White, head master of the Berkeley school, who in a recent address declared that of all that tends to improve the character and morals of men there is no one element of greater value than judicious physical training. The best accomplishment of the mind and heart cannot be expected if that most marvelously intricate of all machines, the human body, be not kept in perfect order and at the point of highest efficiency.

The fact that for years athletics and athletes have not been of the highest repute does not militate against the value of physical training when pursued in a proper spirit and with a proper aim. Many kinds of sports and many forms of exercise have been brought under the ban of the critic and the church because of the evil associations which have been made to surround them, but this does not prove that they are essentially evil. Much harm has been done by injudicious opposition to the ordinary forms of harmless sport and exercise by people who ought to have known better. Forty years ago students of divinity were practically excluded by public opinion from participation in any form of athletic sports. They were forced to conform their lives, their dress and their diet almost to the ascetic standard of the middle ages. This idea is still rife, but is not so general as it was a generation ago and is steadily losing ground.

The fundamental maxim of the new physical training is not to produce a few great athletes, but rather to raise every individual to the highest symmetrical development, and the maximum of health and physical beauty of which nature has made him personally capable. Not quantity, but quality, efficiency of form and muscle, are the desideratum. Dr. White declared his confident belief that if to every schoolhouse in every land there were added an extension, or a story, giving a single large, sunny room, into which a judicious variety of the appliances of a well equipped gymnasium could be put, and if every child, from the youngest to the oldest, could receive forty minutes of drill by a competent instructor each day, and have that training supplemented by instruction in the important laws of health, the total of crime and the numbers of the criminal classes would, in the following generation, be diminished fully one-half.

To develop strong arms and chest and legs is the surest way also to produce a clear and powerful brain. In other words, the best form of physical training must needs bring a powerful contribution to the moral and intellectual well-being of the subject. The testimony of professors and physicians in the universities all over the world establishes the fact that hand in hand with the diffusion of the athletic spirit goes an improvement in the morals of the students, and that in a large majority of instances the men who are most successful in athletic sports excel also in mental attainments.

THE prime object of penal servitude is the reformation of the criminal. The very name of penitentiary implies penance for crimes committed and the expiation of the crime is intended to be coupled with the reclamation of the criminal. One of the problems that confronts society under our form of government is, how can the ex-convict be placed in position to gain a livelihood and become a useful and law-abiding citizen? How shall society deal with the men and women who have undergone the ordeal of penal servitude and desire to resume their places in the social fabric? The ex-convict is despised by his fellow-men, shunned by old associates, and often forced by the cruelty of the world to commit crime to secure subsistence. Almost every day in the year some Jean Valjean steps forth into the world from one of our so-called reformatories to seek a livelihood and renew the combat against the prejudices which prevail among all classes against the ex-convict.

In reform schools the boys are managed with some degree of success and many a bright lad is cured entirely of evil habits which if they had not been corrected would have forced him into the garb of a convict sooner or later.

The severest test of manhood comes to the poor fellow who perhaps more from the force of circumstances than any innate wickedness has taken a wrong step and fallen into a prison cell, and after a term long or short endeavors to live down his disgrace. He has acquired regular habits. Perhaps he has learned a trade. His life in prison has forced him to be abstemious and he is really better fitted to make his way in the world than if he had not suffered the experience of imprisonment. But the mark of Cain is upon him. If he disagrees with a fellow workman or his employer the fact is flaunted in his face. He must be a man of iron will, exceptional ability in his line of employment and he needs the virtue of a saint to overcome the obstacles which the cruelty of society places in the way of his complete reformation.

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OMAHA BEER is the best abused paper published in Nebraska. It has been for a long time now, and is still being scored by almost every paper in the state of any prominence, regardless of party politics, but it keeps right on fighting the bootleggers and ring-man operators and railroad payers, but little regard to snarling and barking at its heels. The Bee has done more to bring the city government of Omaha up to its present standard of purity than all other influences combined. It cannot help being patron to a disinterested spectator that the influence of that paper in molding public sentiment is so much greater than any one or even all of the others, is the cause of a petty jealousy with them that cannot be overcome.

Prayers, Preaching and Poking.

Through the courtesy of Watrous & Bangs of the Denver Exchange, the games in the club room were stopped last night to allow a minister of the gospel to address a crowd which had gathered to hear him. The sight was most curious—a crowd of such men as are found only in a Colorado mining camp listening with close attention to prayers to the throne of grace, meanwhile clinking together in their palms the red and white chips left over in their interrupted game.

When the minister had finished, the keno table, which had done duty for a pulpit, was again surrounded by the players, and "Keno!" "O!" and the rest of the players' exclamations contrasted with the monotonous voice of the roulette man, crying, "Twenty-one black, high, nobody there!" and then the chips rattled into his box.

Boyd's Private Secretary.

We see that Governor Boyd has appointed Frank R. Morrissey as his private secretary. Let us see, who is this Frank R. Morrissey? Isn't he the man who black-listed a lot of doctors and members of the legislature because they voted for Van Wyck for United States senator? Isn't he the man that was the heavy man on the Omaha Herald just before Dr. Miller deemed it necessary to sell that paper on account of this black list roll of democrats who were carrying out their pledges to the people? We believe so.

A Parallel.

Ignatius Donnelly, presiding over the organization of the third party at St. Louis in 1852, is a figure so striking as to be singularly suggestive of Mirabeau, according to the members of the legislature in 1870. Except that the farmers alliance isn't in the least like the third estate, that St. Louis isn't in the least like Versailles, and that Ignatius Donnelly isn't in the least like Mirabeau, the parallel is exact.

Brilliance of Brice.

The coroner's jury in Illinois, which brought in a verdict that "deceased came to his death by being found dead in bed," had doubtless been reading the deep philosophy of Senator Brice, to the effect that Mr. Cleveland, if he received the necessary two-thirds majority in the Chicago convention, would be nominated for the presidency.

What Did St. Paul Get—Wind Pudding?

St. Paul Pioneer Press. FOOTBALL OMAHA.

NEBRASKA'S METROPOLIS MUST TAKE THE PEOPLE'S PARTY CONVENTION.

ONLY SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX DELEGATES WILL BE THERE.

An Element of Popularity.

Kansas Democrat. One thing that makes THE OMAHA BEER so valuable to Nebraskans and so popular, is its columns of state telegrams, fresh and reliable. Kansas has no such paper—Kansas dailies, too, are reported as not paying.

Investing in Futures.

New York Advertiser. The fact that Jay Gould has subscribed \$10,000 to church work is a fair notice to the spirits of evil that they have an antagonist who has never yet been whipped.

The New York Terror.

New York Commercial. Turn Perry loose. Editor Garza wants him. Garza and Perry as a chapparral next would not give Diaz a walkover in the next presidential campaign in Mexico.

Don't You Go Tommy, Don't Go.

Minneapolis Tribune. Waste no tears on Edison. A great many of us would be glad to be "frozen out" just as he has been. One-tenth of \$100,000,000 is not half bad, even for Edison.

Or the Theft of a State.

New York Tribune. The negro who stole a red hot stove is rivaled, if not overmatched, by the Frenchman who have perverted government dynamite.

ATCHISON GLOBULES.

An angel is always amiable because it has no stomach. Children would grow folks did as they tell. No children, in the eyes of their mother, are ever old enough to take care of themselves.

In the good old-fashioned times kings did not have the luxuries that a poor man now calls his necessities. The more worthless the man a woman marries the more affectionate she begins to feel toward her father.

Too many women forget when a man flatters them that the deeper the coating of sugar the more bitter the pill. Almost any man can reconcile his wife to being left at home when he goes to conventions and excursions by carrying her photograph with him.

There are times in every man's life when he covers his ignorance by saying that the wisest man in the world could not answer all the questions of a few women.

Did you ever notice that a man who does not "talk" about others is generally admired? You can be admired in the same way and far better in that tender spot away down deep in you.

BLASTS FROM RAMS' HORN.

'Sin is most fascinating when you cannot see its face. Fit a man who doubts and you find one who is weak. Nobody ever gets to be any better than they want to be.

It doesn't make a lie any whiter to put it on a comb. When truth goes into battle it always fights in the front rank. The man who proves that there is no hell is the devil's best friend.

A religion that consists only in ideas does not make any body better. The gold handle on an umbrella is not admired when it is raining hard. People who try to hide behind one another in charity will try to do the same thing in the judgment.

The devil never throws any stones at the preacher who is trying to prove that salvation begins and ends with the head. The man who hides behind a hypocrite is about as safe as the soldier who hides behind a rotten stump on the battlefield.

TICKLING TOPICS.

Somerville Journal. It always looks funny to see another man fall over, but it seldom seems funny to a man when he has fallen down himself. Kate Field's Washington: "They've got a name for making rain now. Haris," said Sillas. "Lawsy me! What if they do next?" retorted another. "I've heard of boy rain, but thunder, but I never thought they'd make rain."

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 27.—At a conference before P. P. Sargent, grand chief of the Locomotive Fireman's brotherhood, and Superintendent of the Santa Fe railroad, the grievances of the unemployed firemen of the road were again discussed. The officials of the road held out against all the demands of the men, and as a result, many were reduced from 40 to 25 cents, and they announce that still other reductions are now being arranged.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION OF GIANT POWDER.

GRASS VALLEY, CAL., Feb. 27.—In the Omaha mine, at a depth of 1,000 feet, this morning a box of giant powder exploded. Phillip Cadden was killed and Thomas Penberthy fatally injured. Several others were hurt.

LITTLE GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH.

MARIANA, ARK., Feb. 27.—Two little negro girls were burned to death in a shanty. The children were locked up in the house along while their mother was absent.

A MEMORY.

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