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A GREAT deal of ridicule has been aimed at the new Columbian postage stamps, but it appears that three of them are sold to one of the old style.

The "oldest postmaster in the service" continues to bob up serenely. He is liable to lose his hoary head unless he can prove that he has always been a democrat at heart.

ONE man who held office under Harrison is not likely to be discarded. That is Carroll D. Wright, chief of the department of labor, who was appointed by Mr. Cleveland and has proved an efficient and valuable official.

A QUESTION that needs to be settled tightly and permanently at the outset is the question of the disposition to be made of garbage. Many cities are now dealing with it and Omaha is among the number. Our present system must be abandoned or modified at once.

IN ONE county of Arizona the board of supervisors has offered a reward of \$2,000 to the person first developing an artesian well within the borders of the county with a flow of 17,500 gallons for ten consecutive days. They are after water in earnest in Arizona, and they need it.

The crime charged against the condemned directors of the Panama canal was that of contributing to the election expenses of influential deputies and members of the government. The application of such a law in this country would keep our courts busy and fill our prisons to overflowing.

IF IT satisfies the ambition of Isaac Pusey Gray to be minister to Mexico, after having been a candidate for president, vice president and a place in the cabinet, he must be easy to please. Perhaps he has been proceeding upon the theory that a man who does not claim everything will not get anything.

REPRESENTATIVE KECKLEY is not likely to be swerved from the fearless discharge of what he believes to be his duty by any taunt or threat from the boodie organ at Lincoln or by slurs from the representative of the Omaha Daily Weathercock. Mr. Keckley is made up of the kind of timber that is not blown over by fitful gusts of wind.

THE democratic office seekers are diligently reading President Cleveland's civil service reform utterances on the occasion of his inauguration in the hope of finding something between the lines that will encourage them to hope that the victors will get all the spoils. Nobody has yet been able to make out exactly what the president did mean.

IT is probable that the administration will speedily recall the American minister to Hawaii. Mr. Stevens, and replace him with a man who can go there free from any prejudice and not under the influence of the action he is promoting the cause of annexation. There has been no intimation that our minister was prompted in the action he has taken by any other motive than a desire to promote what he conceived to be the best interests of the United States, but his demonstrative interest in the revolutionary cause was certainly uncalled for and it suggests that he may not be a trustworthy source of information as to the real sentiment of a majority of the people of Hawaii. Not a great deal of importance is to be given to the statements of the deposed queen, who of course has no friendly feeling toward the minister, but regardless of this it is clearly desirable that some one be sent there who can report upon the condition of affairs absolutely without prejudice.

THE latest European advices give promise that the present year is to be a period of great political interest in the old world. The matter which is just now giving most concern to European statesmen is the proposed abdication of the emperor of Austria, whose many cares and sorrows have made him utterly weary of power. His retirement would probably be followed by most important results affecting the relations of Austria-Hungary to the other powers, and therefore he is being strongly urged not to abdicate. The situation in Germany is a troubled one for the government, which is in uncertainty regarding the fate of the army bill, while the threatened disruption of the triple alliance has led Emperor William to project a trip to Italy for the purpose of endeavoring to adjust the differences between that country and Austria. In France the disclosures in the Panama canal investigation overshadow everything else and another ministerial crisis seems to be at hand. On the whole European affairs present some very interesting features that seem to assure this as a memorable year for most of the nations of the old world.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUSE.

The committee charged with the investigation of alleged dishonesty in the construction of the new cell house in the penitentiary and the conduct of officers connected therewith has submitted its report, together with the testimony taken. Although the committee was at the outset hampered in its efforts to get at the true state of facts and most of the evidence was given by unwilling witnesses and parties interested in the suppression of information that would criminate contractors and officials, the proofs of corruption and criminal negligence were overwhelming. The conclusions of the committee as embodied in its report are fully borne out by the testimony and if anything are milder than the disclosures of downright fraud and high-handed misappropriation of the state's funds would warrant.

It is the manifest duty of the house to sustain the findings of its committee by accepting its report and spreading it upon the journal of the house. The testimony taken in the investigation should be printed and made part of the legislative documents of the session. On this there should be no division. Any attempt to side track or amend the report on the ground that it tends to cast reflections upon the two ex-governors is a mere subterfuge as a diversion from the damaging disclosures affecting members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings who are still in office.

The committee has performed a disagreeable task, not as partisans, but as representatives of the whole state. It has discharged its duty conscientiously and without fear or favor. Its strictures have fallen impartially upon republicans and democrats whether they were friend or foe. While the most severe censure is at the door of republican officers, it is not for republicans of the house to take exception, much less to condone or defend those who have shown themselves culpable. On the contrary, republicans of the house can render their party no greater service than by rebuking dishonesty and malfeasance in republican officials.

The conduct and vote of republicans will be a crucial test as to the fitness of the party to be entrusted with the management of state affairs in the future. The eyes of the whole state are upon the house of representatives. The people will tolerate no horse play in a matter of such grave import. They look to the house to vindicate the laws, purge the state capital of dishonesty and place the seal of condemnation upon public plunderers and faithless officials.

STOP BLUFFING AND SHOW UP.

The following offer was made by the editor of the World-Herald to the editor of THE BEE: "If THE DAILY BEE is found to have more subscribers in Council Bluffs than the World-Herald I will pay you or the above named charitable institutions \$1 for each subscriber that THE BEE may be found to have there in excess of the World-Herald, providing you will agree, in case the contrary is true, to pay \$1 for each subscriber which the World-Herald has there in excess of THE BEE. The offer was not accepted."

It is still open.—World-Herald. If Mr. Hitchcock will stop his bluffing about Council Bluffs and proceed to "business by printing his South Omaha list he will be accommodated. We will give him \$3 for every paying carrier delivery subscriber for THE MORNING WORLD-HERALD in Council Bluffs if he will pay \$1 for every paying carrier delivery subscriber to THE MORNING BEE at Council Bluffs.

As a matter of fact THE MORNING BEE has fully five bona fide subscribers in Council Bluffs for every single subscriber for THE MORNING WORLD-HERALD. THE EVENING BEE is not delivered in Council Bluffs at any price.

But, as we remarked before, let us get to business on Omaha and Nebraska. This is the field covered by THE BEE'S \$5,000 forfeit.

When Mr. Hitchcock bantered the editor of THE BEE about South Omaha he was promptly taken up on his offer and asked to begin with South Omaha as quick as possible. Instead of coming to time promptly he put off his proposed exhibit of the World-Herald South Omaha list to next Saturday. Why this delay? Could not the South Omaha list be copied in a day, or is it to be doctored and stuffed for the emergency?

PRACTICAL TARIFF REFORM.

Since Mr. Cleveland plainly indicated in his inaugural address that it would not be the policy of his administration to follow the promise of the Chicago platform and strike a deadly blow at protection, some of the party organs which were loudest in condemning protection are now admitting that it would not be wise to abandon it altogether and are saying that all that was ever intended, despite the very plain and unequivocal language of the national platform, was a modification of the tariff. One of these organs says that "the aim will be to so reform the tariff on just economical principles as to speedily banish the spirit of protection," which may be possible while retaining in some measure the substance.

Perhaps no newspaper in the country speaks with more authority regarding the intentions of Mr. Cleveland than the Philadelphia Ledger. Indeed it is understood to come more nearly to being his organ than any other paper. In commenting upon the inaugural address that journal, which has always been friendly to protection, construed the remarks of Mr. Cleveland regarding tariff reform as meaning that no attempt would be made to destroy protection, and that the reform in the tariff which he contemplated, and which is expected to be developed in an administration bill to be ready when the next congress meets, will be a very moderate departure from the existing system. It is believed that the Ledger spoke from an accurate knowledge of the sentiments and purpose of the president, in fact that its utterance was inspired by him, and hence there is every reason to accept it with confidence.

Tariff reform of the character thus

suggested need cause no alarm or disturbance to the business interests of the country, and if Mr. Cleveland is properly represented by those who are assumed to authoritatively speak for him, he intends that none shall be caused. He has been for the last four years in a position to closely observe the great business interests of the country and to increase his knowledge of them, and it is to be presumed that he has an intelligent appreciation of what it would mean to change at once from the economic policy under which they were established and have grown to their present proportions. It is undoubtedly a fact, therefore, that he has not the least sympathy with the radical element of his party, which believes, or professes to believe, that the verdict of the people last November called for the ruthless sweeping away of the fiscal policy which has been maintained for thirty-two years.

But can Mr. Cleveland bring his party to acquiesce in his views? Can he induce the extremists, who are perhaps the larger element of the party, to modify their opinions and come to his terms? There have been intimations that they would resent any attempt on the part of the administration to force a tariff bill of its own upon them, and they will be very likely to do so, but there is reason to believe that they will ultimately yield, rather than that the party should do nothing in the way of tariff reform. The safe conclusion would seem to be that while there will be a general revision of the tariff it will be made within conservative limits, and that there will be no attempt to destroy the protective policy and surrender the American market to the foreign competitors of American industries. There is nothing in such an outlook to disturb the industrial interests of the country.

CONVICT LABOR REFORM.

The old problem of prison labor reform, with which almost every state in the union has attempted to deal in one way or another, seems as far from a satisfactory solution as ever. To provide labor for convicts by which the burden which their support imposes upon the taxpayers of the state may be diminished without placing that labor in competition with that of the honest wage earner is an undertaking that presents some very perplexing difficulties. Even in the state of New York, where the penal system has been the subject of much study and has been brought to a high state of perfection by means of reform measures that have been applied from time to time, the question of prison labor is still an unsettled one. A bill is now pending before the legislature of that state providing that road making shall be a part of the hard labor included in the convict's sentence. The pressure of public sentiment against convict lease is strong in every state. The prison contract system is hostile to the interests of honest labor and meets with condemnation from the tolling masses on every hand. This is not a mere matter of prejudice; it involves the great question of daily bread in which many thousands of men who work for a living are vitally concerned.

BELETTING ENTERPRISE.

The policy of this paper has been from its inception not to blow its own horn, but to let its enterprise speak for itself. THE BEE is the only paper west of Chicago that had a special reporter of its own at New Orleans at the Sullivan-Corbett prize fight and during the stirring contests of the past week. It did not send a syndicate man, hired by a dozen or more papers, but deputed for this work Mr. Sandy Griswold, its sporting editor, who is recognized among the most accomplished men in that line in this country.

It so happened that Mr. Griswold duplicated as a part of one of his dispatches from New Orleans a description of several pugilists that had appeared originally in the Chicago Times, not as a telegram but as an illustrated article on prominent pugilists. This may have been plagiarism, but it is not more common than a reproduction of biographical sketches from encyclopedias and magazines that usually appear in the leading papers of the country, with telegraphic announcements of some great achievement, 'criminal act or death of an individual.

And now the World-Herald, which fabricates most of its news in its editorial rooms, raises a great hue and cry about Mr. Griswold's fake dispatches and seeks to create the impression that Mr. Griswold's name was signed to a set of grapevine telegrams that were gotten up to order in THE BEE office. While THE BEE can well afford any comparison that may be made between its telegraphic columns and those of the Fake-Mill, it may not be out of order to show that every special telegram published over the name of Sandy Griswold was genuine. The following certificate speaks for itself:

OMAHA, March 10, 1893.—I hereby certify that special dispatches received over the Western Union telegraph lines from New Orleans, signed by Sandy Griswold, were delivered to THE OMAHA BEE on the following dates, containing the number of words set opposite to each date:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Words. February 27, 4,775; February 28, 6,775; March 1, 9,275; March 2, 3,459; March 3, 1,920; March 4, 2,766; March 5, 4,008; March 6, 1,527.

Total, 35,044. W. W. HENNING, Manager Western Union Telegraph Company.

This only represents a fraction of the telegraphic news from New Orleans which THE BEE published, but it affords conclusive proof that THE BEE is not obliged to fabricate dispatches with the scissors in order to keep up appearances. The truth is that our special dispatches frequently have to be curtailed for the want of available space.

DO WE WANT SPECULATIVE BANKING?

There has been introduced in both houses of the legislature a bill which may properly be described as intended to encourage speculative banking. It provides that any number of persons, not less than five, may associate together for the purpose of forming a trust company, and such organization is authorized to do everything that constitutes a banking business and something more. It could receive deposits and make loans, purchase, invest in and sell stocks, bills of exchange, notes, bonds and mortgages and other securities and do other things that are common to banking, except to issue bills intended to circulate as money. The proposed corporations would enjoy in addition the privileges and functions of trust companies distinctively. The enactment of this bill into law would open the way for organizing in Nebraska a number of speculative concerns which would bring disaster to thousands of depositors. The proposed legislation would be harmful to all honest banking interests and to the public generally. It would supply no demand that is not fully met under existing law in relation to banking and trust companies, while it would afford an opportunity for unscrupulous persons to engage in this business to an almost unlimited extent. The effect of this would be to seriously disturb and demoralize the banking business in this state, which is now on a quite satisfactory basis. Under the banking law passed a

LEGISLATORS AND RAILROADS.

Crete Vilette: No one denies that the railroads have rights, but the legislator who enforces his duty in a sacrifice every thing for the benefit of those corporations is not representing the people of Nebraska. Holdrege Citizen: It is time those who are in favor of railroad regulation get together regardless of party lines. The people want railroad regulation and railroad freight rates reduced. A law which does that will be just as good whether passed by republicans, dependents or democrats. The main object is to get the law. Those who help pass such a bill are entitled to gratitude regardless of their party affiliation.

Plattsmouth Journal: Clever Church legislators have routed the anti-railroad agitators, but Porter saved the report on the railroad bill. The railroads have no fear of remedial legislation so long as Tom Majors holds the whip in hand in the senate. The appearance would be better if the house which is supposed to contain a safe majority of representatives of the people, should fail to fulfill the expectations of the country who look to it for relief.

York Democrat: Honorable gentlemen of the senate of Nebraska, will you give the people of Nebraska a maximum freight law, or will you take the awful responsibility upon your shoulders of denying the demand of the people? It is about time to speak out. There is a lurking suspicion on this way that you intend to transfer the responsibility, with all its direful consequences, to your political future. Your friends at home are asking for bread; will you give them a stone?

LET NO RICH SWINDLER ESCAPE.

Plattsmouth Journal: When a self-confessed scoundrel and bankrupt can make an extra dime into the pockets of friends and a promise of immunity from the consequences of imprisonment, we believe he is entitled to entry for the swindlers' prize. Mosher is a Napoleon of finance, and Nebraska is a producer of millionaires is climbing dangerously near New York.

Scioto Pilot: And why should Mosher be acquitted, even if his friends paid back every cent of his stealing? Or is there anything in the law that permits its officials to compound this or any other felony for a money consideration? These things are perhaps beyond the comprehension of the common people, but they can yet readily comprehend that corruption and dishonesty are more powerful than any high places, than candor and honesty can ever hope to be.

A Break in the Monotony.

Chicago Mail: There is at last a break in the revolutionary record of those southern nations. Honduras, determined to be original, is having two revolutions instead of one.

A Sample Bull.

Chicago Mail: There was never a more beautiful specimen of an Irish bull than the willingness of the Ulster men to take arms against the government of England in order to show their loyalty to it.

J. Sterling's Crop.

Minneapolis Tribune: J. Sterling, Morton's partner, got confirmed the report that he once raised 1,575 bushels of corn on a twenty-acre lot. Perhaps the figures were wrong. Possibly he raised twenty bushels of corn on a 1,575-acre lot.

Blooming Innocence.

St. Louis Republic: Is it true that every member of the Missouri legislature has a free pass in his pocket? Or that a majority of them are this country? If it were true, how could they exist in the present respect for laws that are made by lawmakers?

Should Have Retired Two Years Ago.

St. Louis Republic: General James S. Clarkson announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election as president of the National League of Republican Clubs. It is not known whether Mr. Clarkson retired from politics entirely and devote himself to the Mexican enterprises in which he is interested.

One of the "Immortals."

Denver News: Gresham is one of the immortal 306 who went down fighting for a third term for Grant in the Chicago convention in 1880. The reunion of the stalwart 306 will be held next month. It is not known whether Mr. Cleveland's premier will appear again within the ranks of the stalwart old guard.

The Pneumatic Plume.

New York Tribune: The mail pneumatic tube system appears to be a complete success, judging from a dispatch by Postmaster Field of Philadelphia to Mr. Wanamaker last week. The system is capable of indefinite expansion, and the introduction of it during President Harrison's administration is one of the things that will help to make that administration memorable.

Where Reform Comes In.

Globe-Democrat: Democratic statisticians are figuring out that the duty on tea, coffee and sugar would yield a revenue to the government of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a year, in proportion to the rate of the duty. The republicans have these articles in their list of duties which are likely to restore the duty on them. They will try to do it anyhow. The democrats, you know, are the "friends of the working-man."

Regenerating Social Outcasts.

Philadelphia Record: Ballington Booth proposes to try in this country the plan of farm colonies for the regeneration of social outcasts which his brother Simon introduced successfully in "Darkness and Dawn" in England, and the first colony will probably be settled in New Jersey. It will be an experiment, of course, but one of the proudest and most industrious as well as morally, and it cannot fail to enlist the sympathies of all who feel a sense of concern for their fellow-men who may have fallen by the wayside.

Attacking Freedom of Contract.

New York Times: It is reported from St. Paul that a bill has been introduced in the senate of Minnesota prohibiting the preference of one precious metal over another in the making of contracts, the object being to abolish what are known as gold mortgages. There is no reason to suppose that such a bill could become law in Minnesota, which state has been notably free from the influence of the more daring populist ideas. But if it could be passed it would be a most unfortunate precedent. Freedom of contract is a right far too dear to the American mind to be restricted or abolished by any legislative body. Even if the law should be sustained by the courts, which is doubtful, any attempt to carry it into effect would arouse a fatal opposition, and that not among lenders, but among borrowers. It is the latter who would be restrained and embarrassed and not the former and it would take a very brief experience to show them how deeply they would be injured by such a law.

Railroad Fares and the World's Fair.

Harper's Weekly: The World's fair in Chicago is not a private venture for private gain, but a great public undertaking for the benefit of the states and the national government have contributed directly to this undertaking, and the railroads must do their share towards its complete success, both directly and indirectly. The purpose of the fair is in the main educational. That purpose will be defeated if a very great number of visitors are unable to visit Chicago, and by studying the exhibits learn the lessons that they teach. The great majority of these visitors go to Chicago by rail, and the railroads, by ungenerously high fares, discourage the visitors who must count each dollar of expense when the railroads will have fallen in their duty towards the public. The very people who will be most benefited by visiting the fair are those who most carefully count their every cent. A rate of \$10 or \$15 in railway fares is nothing to rich men, but it is a great deal to the artisans and mechanics and farmers of the country. Besides being wrong in itself, such a policy would be short-

DECLINES TO PLAY THE SNAKE-OIL.

Philadelphia Record: George Parsons, Lathrop says that Princess Kaulani has no royal blood in her veins, and that he is tired of hearing her talk of "royal blood" and "royal people." Mr. Lathrop was born in Honolulu, and is familiar with the political history of Hawaii. He calls attention to the fact that the ruling power there has not even directly been connected with blood or lineage, but has passed at hazard from one individual to another, and in one instance was determined by popular election.

No Place for Jim-Leg Lawyers.

York Times: The bill providing for a commission to assist the supreme court has passed both houses and awaits the signature of the governor. It is a bill of some importance, and of more or less ability and prominence who have made a rush for the appointment. The supreme court will undoubtedly seek to have composed of men who will be able to appoint them upon whom they can rely to a certain extent and in whose judgment they have confidence. If the commission is to rate lawyers the commission would place any confidence in their findings and the result would be a failure. There is no danger, however, that such appointments will be made. The judges are fully awake to the position, have every member of the commission, and the commission men are and will act accordingly. The commission will be composed of one able demagogue, two able republican lawyers, and one takes any risk in venturing that statement.

True Test of Popularity.

Philadelphia Times: It is a good test of a man's character that he is thought well of at home among the people who have named him and honored him with him and who know him in private life as well as in public position. Judged by this the outpouring of Indianapolis people to welcome Benjamin Harrison to the city, who left the same city four years ago as the president-elect of the United States, is a tribute to the worth of the man of which he or any other man could justly be proud. Returning to the associates of a lifetime with no rewards to give in return for any services rendered, Mr. Harrison could rightly accept yesterday's demonstration by his old friends and neighbors as an unfeigned tribute to his worth as a citizen and public official, and not a mere political feat. It is a tribute which he should be proud of and of which he should be proud of the record and career of their distinguished fellow-citizen, no matter how much many of our legislators agree with him upon the questions that divide political parties.

Honesty vs. Equivocation.

Crete Vilette: The members of a legislature are not elected on a state platform, and are not particularly bound to adhere to it. They are elected distinctly republican in their nature except it is adopted by the convention that put such members in nomination. State journals are not the idea exactly. It is this identical theory of political integrity that has given the republican party the exalted position it holds in the state today. It is this shirking of responsibility, outlined in the above clipping, and assiduously followed by the Journal for years, that made W. V. Allen a member of the United States senate, and it may do as a cloak behind which to hide the inefficiency or treachery of a member of the legislature, but it has taken Nebraska from the reliable republican states and placed it in the republican column, and if that pernicious doctrine is followed by the rest of the country, in the past, Nebraska will not even be a doubtful state. To place one interpretation on a platform during a campaign and another when the time comes for action may be repudiation in the eyes of the people, but it is not that of brand of republicanism which has given the republican party its exalted position. It is not that of brand of republicanism which has given the republican party its exalted position. It is not that of brand of republicanism which has given the republican party its exalted position.

WHAT WON HEEL.

He told her of his high estate
As he sought her love to gain;
Which she had in vain;
Which also was in vain;
He named the sum he was insured—
The million caught her mind;
He had sought rest upon his breast;
She said: "I'll rest you till death."

MUCH MEAT IN SHORT MEAT.

India has 130 cotton mills. Vented boots are worn. Uncle Sam has 16,000,000 cows. Glass was our first manufacture. The female inventor in book or crook, combination or deal are elected in those districts to represent just one idea and a minority vote. The platform was adopted by a unanimous vote of 87 delegates, and those delegates represented the republican party—not only of Lincoln and of Omaha, but of the whole state. It was the highest authority in republican councils so far as state matters are concerned. No honest republican would attempt to go behind it. No republican with any regard for his future bill dare go back on those declarations. 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