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It has been decided that the Luskman lottery cannot exist in America. The absolute prohibition of prize fighting will soon be a accomplished fact.

Peru and Bolivia are quarreling again. The period of peace and quiet among the South American republics cannot but reach its limit very long.

It was kind of John L. Webster to "mention" Senator Thurston for the vice presidency and General Manderson for secretary of war.

Samuel Gompers says that the American laborer is better paid than his competitor all the world over. If any American laborer did not know this before he should take Mr. Gompers' word for it.

A few free tickets to the proposed prize fight judiciously distributed among the members of the Texas legislature might do a great deal of good, from the pugilists' standpoint, just at this moment in the game.

The republicans of Douglas county have been assured of the renomination of Judge Norval by acclamation. The fact that various candidates have not bobbed up here and there as usual is very significant, to say the least.

Ex-Oil Inspector Hilton is about to start a newspaper at Blair. With his newspaper he will doubtless contest the claim of the state for \$5,000 withheld by him. He ought to be able to wield a powerful influence in Washington county.

Ambitious applicants for that vacancy on the bench of the United States supreme court are beginning to show signs of activity as the time for the opening of the session approaches. For most of them the lightning cannot strike too soon.

South Omaha has long been pleading with the railroads to place a few electric lights over the crossings in that town. Now a threat is made to force the roads to put in and maintain the lights. The railroad managers, however, are not much alarmed. They know their men.

Reports from all over the west bring assurances that cattle shipments to the Omaha market will be unusually large during October, and that by November 15 hogs in unprecedented numbers will head this way. There is a bright prospect, therefore, for an early revival of business in Nebraska's porkpots.

The tracks of the Illinois Central railroad are built within a few miles of Omaha. Sixty days' time would put its trains into this city. Terminal facilities alone are wanted, and these are to be provided by the new union depot company. It is confidently expected the line will enter Omaha within the next six months.

An Ohio judge has decided that blacklisting is illegal and an employer who shall discharge an employe and seek to prevent his employment elsewhere shall suffer a severe penalty. The employers' blacklist and the employes' boycott go hand in hand and both are growing more and more unpopular as the average mind gets light.

The people who said that the defeat of Senator Hill in his contest for governor of New York last year would serve as a tombstone to mark his political grave are now aware that they still have to deal with what is a very live political corpse. Senator Hill is in control of the democratic party machinery of his state, and the prospects are good for considerable evidence of his activity before he succumbs to political death.

After his action in appointing a new bank examiner in flagrant violation of the law had involved it in turmoil and contention the State Banking board suddenly discovered that no new examiner is needed and decided not to issue the commission to its new appointee. Why didn't its members discover this in the first place? Or are they merely seeking a pretext behind which they can retreat as gracefully as possible from a dilemma that threatened to prove serious?

NON-ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

The present attorney general of the United States has been in office several months and up to this time has shown no intention to enforce the anti-trust law. The Philadelphia Inquirer remarks that since he entered upon the discharge of his official duties a window glass trust, said to be doing business in several states, has been "reorganized," the beef trust has manipulated prices to suit its needs, the Standard Oil has gone serenely forward as before, and the Whisky trust even affirmed its existence in the federal courts, but Attorney General Harmon, calmly oblivious of these facts or caring nothing for them, has done nothing effective to bring the offenders to book for violating an admitted federal statute. It is remembered that the attorney general went into office with a promise to enforce all the laws.

It may not be quite just to Mr. Harmon, however, to blame him for allowing the combinations to flourish without making any effort for their repression. He is undoubtedly largely influenced in the matter by the example of his predecessor in the attorney general's office and of the president. The latter went into office as strongly pledged as a man could be to use all the authority at his command to relieve the people from the interference and exactions of the "immense aggregations of kindred enterprises and combinations of business interests, formed for the purpose of limiting production and fixing prices." Mr. Cleveland said in his inaugural address that the existence of these combinations is inconsistent with the fair field which ought to be open to every independent activity. He declared that they frequently constitute conspiracies against the interests of the people, and in all their phases they are unnatural, and opposed to our American sense of fairness, and said that to the extent that they can be reached and restrained by federal power the general government should relieve our citizens from their interference and exactions.

What effort has been made by the administration to fulfill the pledge implied in this indictment against the trusts? Proceedings were instituted against the American Sugar Refining company on account of its purchase of refineries in Philadelphia, and the case being decided favorable to the trust, nothing further was done. The administration, through Mr. Olney while attorney general, discredited the anti-trust law enacted in 1890, but there was incorporated in the tariff law an anti-trust provision understood to have the approval of the administration and comprehensive enough to meet every requirement. Yet no attempt has been made to enforce it and it is the only feature of the tariff law that is not being enforced. Is it not a natural inference that the administration does not intend to interfere with the trusts? There is good reason to believe that at least one member of the administration, Secretary Olney, is opposed to any action against the combinations, whether from sympathy with them or a belief that they are beyond the reach of law and will not venture to say, and it is well understood that Mr. Olney exerts great influence. That Attorney General Harmon has not been permitted to have his own way in this matter is very probable.

The people ought to bear in mind the shortcoming of the present administration in this respect. They ought also to remember that the democratic party persistently asserted that republican policy was responsible for the existence of trusts, yet these are more numerous and no less prosperous under a democratic tariff than they were before.

THE OHIO CAMPAIGN.

The democrats opened their campaign in Ohio last Saturday at the state capital, the principal address being made by the candidate for governor, Mr. Campbell. Most of what he said was devoted to state affairs, another instance of the anxiety of democrats this year to avoid the discussion of national issues. The democratic candidate in Iowa, in opening his campaign, gave only perfunctory attention to general questions and it is noteworthy that the democrats are not courting controversy on these questions. But the republicans will insist upon keeping national issues before the people and impressing upon voters not only the injuries that have resulted from democratic policy, but what may be expected if that party should be again entrusted with control of the government.

The democratic candidate for governor of Ohio of course expressed his satisfaction with the operation of the present tariff law, notwithstanding the fact that it recognizes the principle of protection, thus antagonizing the declaration of the last democratic national platform, and notwithstanding, also, that it has proved an utter failure as a revenue measure, causing a deficit during the year since it went into operation of nearly \$70,000,000 and compelling the treasury to sell bonds. Mr. Campbell was able to present facts showing that there has been a marked industrial revival, but he was not candid enough to say that this is largely due to the fact that the industrial interests of the country are secure against free trade assault for at least two years, with the probability that this security will be prolonged to a much greater period. Mr. Neal, who presented the anti-protection plank in the national convention of 1892 and who was the democratic candidate for governor in Ohio two years ago, is more honest than the present candidate. In his speech at Columbus he said the tariff law enacted by the last congress is not what he had hoped for or what he thought it should have been and he declared that "protection is forever dead." Undoubtedly Mr. Campbell is in accord with Mr. Neal, but he has not the courage to proclaim his convictions.

Both parties in the Buckeye state having inaugurated their campaign the fight will go on with great vigor, because large stakes are involved. It is not simply a question as to which party shall govern Ohio during two years, but the result of the election will determine

whether a republican or democrat shall succeed Mr. Brice in the United States senate and it may also have a considerable bearing upon the chances of Governor McKinley receiving the presidential nomination next year.

Moreover, it is already assured that if Campbell wins he will take a very prominent place among presidential possibilities. It will thus be seen that the election in Ohio this year will have much more than ordinary significance and that therefore the campaign is really of national interest. At its outset the conditions certainly appear to be most favorable to the republicans, who are united and harmonious, while the democrats are threatened with the defection of the free silver element, which is very strong.

ENGLAND'S DECISIVE ACTION.

The British government has furnished an interesting lesson as to how to effectively deal with the Chinese government. When it was found that the latter was not disposed to punish the officials in the province where the last outrages occurred and who were shown to be, if not parties to the outrages, criminally derelict in the discharge of their duties, the British government at once formulated demands and prepared to back them up with a naval force. The warning given to the Chinese government that if the demands were not complied with promptly a fleet of British war ships would be sent to Nanking had the desired effect, at least as to the more important of these demands. The viceroy of the province was deprived of office, never to be employed, and other officials are to be punished. Doubtless whatever other demands have been made will be complied with, for as an English paper says the ruling dynasty in China cannot afford, under present circumstances, to get into a quarrel with England. Its power is precarious and its enemies in the empire would take prompt advantage of the opportunity that would be afforded by a foreign war to inaugurate a formidable insurrection.

There are doubtless some who will think that England has been unnecessarily harsh in this matter and will doubt whether she would have taken such action if China had not been severely crippled by the war with Japan. It will be said that the British government has pursued its usual bullying policy toward a weak and practically defenseless power. But the grievance was a very serious one and the demand that the officials be duly punished was certainly justified by the circumstances. Having made the demand there was but one course to pursue when the Chinese government failed to act with reasonable promptness, and that was to take steps to enforce the demand. It is now probable that the Chinese government will see the expediency of giving the freest opportunity to the investigation in progress and of duly punishing all who shall be found guilty of connection with the outrages upon Christian missionaries.

DUTY OF MAYOR AND BOARD.

Mayor Bemis and the Board of Health have a duty to perform which they cannot afford to shirk. The disclosure of systematic fraud upon the city by Poundmaster John Speer and Meat Inspector Israel Frank demand at their hands decisive action. Both of these derelict officials should be summarily dismissed. There is no loophole for them to crawl out of and no explanation for them to offer. The evidence against them is conclusive and cannot be offset by denials. The work for which these men have been employed has been well paid for. If they went wrong they did it because of their natural bent and with their eyes open. While the mayor and board cannot deal with them as criminals, it is their manifest duty to retire them from the public service.

The blame for this scandalous piece of jobbery is not entirely upon the perpetrators. It must be shared by Health Commissioner Saville, who has made his department the breeding place for political cats and dogs and a nest of political vultures. The health commissioner himself has set the example of pernicious political activity and inexcusable neglect of duty. He has foisted upon the public service and retained in it men known to be inefficient and absolutely worthless. These men have been retained for no other reason than their allegiance to the dark lantern councils in which Dr. Saville plays high priest. Had he been as attentive to the duties of his office as he has been to the propagation of sectarian politics he would long ago have uncovered the swindles committed by his subordinates.

The plain truth is that the health department under Dr. Saville has been an imposition on the community and a waste of city money. While it is not to be expected that it will purge itself completely, common decency requires that it at least start a semblance of reform by beholding the culprits who have allowed themselves to be caught.

It transpires that the deal for the purchase by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of some second-hand material which is said to have been purchased by the contractor as one perfectly safe. It will be remembered that Broatch compelled the state to buy several boilers from Dorgan at a low round appraisalment which were within two weeks afterward condemned as utterly useless as boilers and valuable only as old iron. One such experience with second-hand boilers recommended by Broatch ought to be enough. The state can legally buy supplies and materials in only one way, and that upon competitive bids based on the same plans and specifications.

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LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

Broatch and Foster are delegates to the republican state convention at Lincoln, and Vandervoort has been a delegate to every populist convention held this year. The new police board is positively out of politics. Sergeant Corey of the police force peddled derelict ballots in full uniform at the Sixth ward primaries last Friday. Corey knows how much Broatch's talk to the force about keeping out of politics amounted to. By the way, Corey was once relieved by Broatch from the lucrative position of dog catcher for good and sufficient reasons.

While the warrants for pay for patrolmen are stamped "No Funds" and registered for payment, the eighteen special policemen who were put on during fair week and kept there until after the primaries are still drawing pay from the city for the purpose of furthering the political ambitions of W. J. Broatch, derelict candidate for mayor.

Frank Crawford was named for secretary of the county convention which met at Washington hall on Saturday morning. Most of Broatch's partner acted on the platform and they set up a cheer when Frank Crawford, the attorney and well known athlete, stepped up in answer to the call. It tickled them nearly to death to have some respectability injected into the management of the convention. Still it is doubtful if Lawyer Crawford could have been elected secretary of the convention had his identity been known. The other Frank Crawford would have felt more at home as secretary for the gang.

Herman Timme was turned down and did not appear at any of the republican conventions on Saturday, but his private secretary, the Ylvern, was master of ceremonies at the Ylvern and introduced each candidate to the members of the touching committee, who had taken possession of a small room off the stage, where no candidate could escape them.

Israel Frank has no fear of the populist party. He is one of the men who make police and court officers. He stands in to a greater degree than any other ward hustler. He is the Dick Croker of the South Side. One Peter Schwenk has been slated as a candidate to the judicial convention and very few figs will be permitted to grow from his tufts.

They Hascall bobbed up as a First ward delegate to the republican county and judicial conventions. Only a few months ago the architect of Hascall's folly posed as an explosive pop and ran for the office of mayor only to be beaten. The republican nominee, Isaac Hascall, is a very smooth politician.

The hole in the bottom of the sea is bigger than ever now. In a few short days Congressman Mercer may come home and all will be forgiven, if it's a boy. George H. Payne walked through the derelict republican county convention for the purpose of counting twelve republican business men among the delegates. He says he was able to find only five. No wonder then that the ticket placed in nomination is better than the men who nominated it. That isn't saying much.

Interviews with leading republicans show that there is a general feeling of satisfaction over the ticket named on Saturday. Peyton Frank Crawford, C. Baxter Scott, Sam Mabel, VanAlstine, Claus Hubbard, Charley Potter, Israel Frank, John Speer, Wildow and Orphanes, Earl Rufus Windy Gibson and other eminent representatives of the derelict organization express themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the nominations and will support the ticket from top to bottom.

Victor B. Walker, nominated by the derelicts for justice of the peace, is the same Victor B. Walker who lost his position as court officer; at the police court for signing his name to checks on a bank that carried no funds to his credit.

A well known merchant who has been in business in Omaha for a number of years and has been a lifelong republican was placed before the alleged republican convention on Saturday as a candidate for member of the legislature to fill a vacancy, an empty honor at best. He received three votes more than a saloon keeper whose place has been a hang-out for the south side derelicts. After a look at the men who nominated the candidates one is led to wonder how the merchant secured as many votes as he did.

It was a little tough on Zimmerman to surrender his chances for the nomination for county treasurer; for the promise of a deputyship and then have the man with whom he pooled fail to get the nomination. It will be tough on him now not to have a salary and postage coming from the county while he is out organizing Junior Order lodges.

When men who have spent their time and money in months in canvassing for the nominations for office and then fail to get a vote in a convention the outsider has no doubt but that the matter was fixed up in Council 125 and that the convention simply met to give the matter official ratification.

George Heimrod received the so-called republican convention nomination for county treasurer. He had not been a candidate for the office, but was out for the nomination for city treasurer. A. G. Edwards couldn't afford to have to fight Heimrod for the nomination for the city plan, and so the Council sidetracked Heimrod onto the county race and led the field clear for Edwards for the city nomination. In the meantime Unit, Zimmerman and Bryant spent their time and their money for nothing.

Dick Smith withdrew his name from the county convention as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff "in the interests of harmony." Dick is close enough to the throne to have received a hunch that the deal had been fixed for McDonald and that no other candidate would be considered by the convention.

Few Die, None Resign. Philadelphia Times. The accepted observation, concerning office-holders, that few die and none resign, might be changed at first sight, inapplicable to postmasters, when we read that 763 postmasters died in office last year. But when we compare this number with the number of postmasters in the country, which is 70,964, we find that the deaths were at the rate of less than eleven for each 1,000, whereas the average death rate among all classes is about twenty per 1,000 of the population. It will thus appear that postmasters are really a healthy lot, justifying the belief that none resigns remains practically undisputed.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Stout City Journal: Judge Babbs has asked a good many questions, but has not hit upon the question in Iowa this year.

Stout City Times: The democrats of Nebraska to the democrats of New York: "Shake! In division there is great newspaper notoriety."

Des Moines Leader: Des Moines possesses every advantage to make it a great manufacturing center. To attain to this, however, the city must scale up to the fact that no affirmative assistance is absolutely necessary, and the sooner the better.

Davenport Democrat: Iowa produces this year over 550,000,000 bushels of cereals, corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley. Not another state in the union can equal it. Aside from this immense yield, Iowa grows enough to live on. Think of it: fruit, vegetables, hay, cattle, horses, pigs, butter, cheese, sorghum, buckwheat, and the many other articles, Iowa is all right. Iowa is altogether lovely. Iowa is enjoying the finest autumn weather she has ever known.

Des Moines Register: The figure of Victory which surmounts the Iowa soldiers' and sailors' monument was placed in position yesterday. The figure, which is of bronze, is 22 feet high, and is a perfect specimen of the sculptor's art. The crown of Victory's head stands 136 feet from the ground, but notwithstanding this great height, the workmen crawled up and stood on the figure's head just after it was placed in position. It was a piece of heavy seldom seen! Every eye that looked upon the towering figure yesterday was dazzled because it was placed on top of the shaft so that it faces the capital. The monument cannot be seen now, but the best advantage will be gained by going to the south steps of the state house. This was a very foolish piece of work, but not the only one by any means that has been perpetrated since the idea of erecting the monument was first proposed.

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EXCLAMATION POINTS.

Republicans are ungrateful.—Colonel H. A. Aikin. "Ow in 'ades did it hail 'appen?—Charley Unit. If the party thinks it can get along without me I am willing to let it try it awhile and see what a mess it'll make of it.—E. E. Zimmerman. Those letters I wrote to my secret society friends must have got lost in the mails.—E. B. Bryant. It's plain to me that the republicans of Omaha don't recognize a good thing when they see it. They didn't seem to know I was a candidate.—Dick Smith. This is the thing I long have sought and mourned because I found it not.—Jim Walsh.

The next time I talk poetry in a campaign it will be some other fellows. I can't afford to be a victim of brain fog without getting a better show for my efforts.—Judge Horke. I'd like to have a hunch at the Eighth ward fellow who sold himself to three candidates and then delivered the goods in thirds.—Frank Moores.

There are a lot of larks in this town. I was told that I was right in it for sheriff and then they made the other fellow's nomination by acclamation.—John Lewis. It has come to a pretty state of affairs when a faithful servant is turned down by a man who belongs to a boodle combine.—Henry Livesey.

THE PASSING SHOW. "There's a hole in the bottom of the sea." Moore's play. The fact that Northern Pacific receivers threw up their \$18,000 jobs throws a shade of doubt on the assertion that few officeholders resign.

Contrary to the patriotic traditions of Texas, Governor Culbertson persistently refuses to recognize Corbett and Fitzsimmons as belligerents. Five women, each claiming to be the widow of one dead man, jawed and wept over the remains in the corner's office in Chicago recently. Evidently there are cases in which death has no terrors.

Krupp, the cannon king, has set aside 1,000,000 marks as a fund for the benefit of his employees. In addition to this he gave on Sedan day 10 marks to each of the 1,520 veterans of the war of 1870 working for him. If the Herreshoffs are given the contract to build two of the new torpedo boats for the United States navy it will put to the test their abilities to turn out a record breaker. One of the Russian boats built in England attained a test speed of thirty-seven miles an hour.

Social events in Florida are frequently enlivened with unlooked for explosions that make good the heart of the crowd. At Mr. Glenn, Fla., recently, three disturbers tripped the bells of the ball. The lights went out and trouble began. The funeral of the disturbers, two days later, was largely attended.

The army mule and the Kentucky breed have achieved distinction in various feats of pugacious endurance, but they are clearly outclassed by the Missouri brand. One of the latter disputed the right of way with a locomotive. Fragments of the latter were distributed in and about the neighboring ditches.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says that Governor Claude Matthews of Indiana, is an openly avowed candidate for the democratic nomination for president. The Courier-Journal quotes Myron D. King, Governor March's private secretary, as authority for the statement that the Matthews boom has been officially launched.

One of the most striking figures at Chickamauga this season was Sergeant Franktonberry, the man who from the top of Kenesaw mountain, waved the signal to General Sherman, which inspired the song, "Hold the Fort." Mr. Franktonberry still has the signal flag in his possession, and says that he will leave it to his children as a heritage.

Nasrulla Khan, son of the amier of Afghanistan, who recently recited a Mahometan prayer at St. Peter's tomb, is trotting about Europe with 7,000 pounds of baggage. He is accompanied by brass band, cooking utensils and other paraphernalia of royalty for 200 men. The continent as well as England is weary of rushing the Khan.

Among the "self-named men" whom Dr. James M. Buckley lectured about at Chattanooga the other day, were Adam, David, Solomon, Marc Antony, Thomas, Carlyle, Shelley, Byron, Poe, Benedict Arnold, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Roscoe Conkling and James G. Blaine. All of these illustrious persons seem to have found guilty of fatal errors which ruined their careers.

There is a suggestive warning to whom it may concern in a bit of news from Oklahoma. A political convention refused to renominate a local judge for second term, which action ruffled the dignity of the bench, reflected upon its integrity and impeded its ambition. The chairman of the convention was promptly arrested and charged with contempt of court. Sentence was reserved pending a reconsideration of the action of the convention.

A TROOP OF SMILES.

Someville Journal: If everything that politicians say to newspaper men was printed, most of the politicians would be over a new job fast day. Harper's Bazar: "Son—As I am about to enter my career as an M. D., father, what motto would you have me observe? Father—Live and let live. "Truth: Bixby—What droids girls are when they flirtate about? Miss (glances at) Do you think you're better than me? What's the initiation is.

Detroit Free Press: "Did the jury find the prisoner guilty?" "Inquired a man concerning a burglar. "No, sir," responded the policeman. "They didn't find him all at. He got away." Indianapolis Journal: Teacher—Are there any exceptions to the rule that heat expands and cold contracts? Tommy: Yes'm. The ass man heats a lot bigger twenty-pound chunk since it got colder.

Life: Jack: Half a dozen of my girl cousins are growing up, and I am considering the question as to when I should stop kissing them. What do you think? "There's a only one way to stop kissing them. When they are old enough for you to enjoy it, then it's time to stop." Washington Star: "There's one good thing about the melancholy days of autumn," said Sweeney. "What is that?" "When a man gets a plain, ordinary cold he can't go about calling it hay fever."

Someville Journal: "Well, you are a peach!" exclaimed Adam enthusiastically, as he caught his first sight of Eve. "No, dear, I'm a good deal less so. When they are old enough for you to enjoy it, then it's time to stop." Washington Star: "There's one good thing about the melancholy days of autumn," said Sweeney. "What is that?" "When a man gets a plain, ordinary cold he can't go about calling it hay fever."

SUGGESTION. McClure's Magazine. How shall we tell ourself? How from the common worldly herd, One of the best? Hint of suppressed hero. From another good. Warfare of heavenly frankness—Which of these things?

The old Sphinx smiles so subtly: "I give to golden truth. Yet would I that the world, treat well Whom thou callest fool!"

POLLY AND I. Someville Journal. When Polly puts her apron on Each evening after tea, With elbows bare, sweet Polly is A pleasing sight to see. She has such quaint, homely ways And looks so trim and neat— I'd wager I should like to see My Polly can't be beat.

And I, as clumsy men will do, Stand by to lend a hand, And as I smile, with awkward zeal, Why, not in all the land, Is there a happier man than I. A better I than that, when Polly puts her apron on Each evening after tea.

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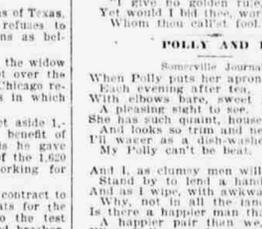
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