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George B. Teschuck, Secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, in my presence this 21st day of June, A. D. 1900. FRANK A. SMITH, Notary Public, County of Douglas, Nebraska.

George B. Teschuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, that the actual average daily circulation of THE DAILY BEE for the month of June, 1900, is as follows: July, 188,478 copies; for August, 188,164 copies; for September, 188,176 copies; for October, 188,176 copies; for November, 188,176 copies; for December, 188,176 copies; for January, 188,176 copies; for February, 188,176 copies; for March, 188,176 copies; for April, 188,176 copies; for May, 188,176 copies.

The destructive elements cannot be accused of slighting any particular section of the country.

Increased vigilance and competency in the inspection of public works is due the property owners who foot the bills.

No collection of "studies in still life" is complete without an oleograph of the Omaha combine in secret session.

The plunge of woman suffragists into politics in South Dakota infuses a four-cornered campaign and a vociferous domestic disturbance during the dog days.

All accounts agree that the national fish commission is a distinctive family affair with just enough federal coloring to enable the members to laugh and grow fat at public expense.

The enthusiasm evoked by reference to Grover Cleveland in various democratic conventions north and south, envelopes the wigwags of Hill and Dana in a Greenlandish temperature.

The Lincoln business men are all politicians and they are afraid of their shadows whenever a campaign is on. That explains why they did not allow their names to be printed on the anti-prohibition list.

Mr. HAYEMEYER, king of the sugar trust, recently managed to pay over half a million dollars premium on a life insurance policy. This is but a fragment of the saccharine extracted from the public by the combine last year.

There is a walling and a gnashing of teeth in the Chicago railroad bureau. The report of the interstate commerce commission denouncing the present exorbitant grain rates in the west struck a tender chord in the corporation anatomy.

When railroads secretly and persistently quote rates lower than those recommended by the interstate commerce commission, they will find it difficult to convince intelligent men that they cannot afford to make the public and secret rates correspond.

Asphalt, petroleum and graphite are among the latest mineral discoveries in Utah. Gentle push and enterprise are rapidly opening the hidden stores of wealth in the late land of Mormonism. The territory is in the infancy of development. Its future is the most promising in the west.

The certainty of the anti-trust bill becoming a law has already produced a commotion among the combines. The collapse of sugar trust certificates is a gratifying result of the measure. The country is to be congratulated on the prospect of depriving of a legal existence these combinations against the common good.

The fishermen of Newfoundland recently threatened to whisk the British lion's tail unless the French invaders were driven off. Now come the seal poachers of Victoria with dire mutterings against the United States for protecting the Alaskan seal islands. Her majesty's warlike subjects in the Dominion are peppering for a vigorous spanking at both ends.

While congress is struggling to enrich the bullionistas and furnish provender for speculators, there is an almost total absence of serious effort to enact measures of practical benefit to the producers of the west. The agricultural product of the state of Nebraska for last year equaled in value the total output of the silver mines of the west, yet congress devotes days to increase the stress of men already rich and suppress measures calculated to aid the struggling producers.

Professor Mead of Wyoming has concluded an exhaustive examination of the water supply of the territory. He finds the volume capable of irrigating ten million acres of arid land. Several hundred thousand acres of land have been brought to a high state of cultivation by this means, but the area of agricultural land far exceeds the water supply, consequently much of the land must forever remain in its present condition. The empire subject to irrigation, if cultivated, is ample to supply the needs of the surrounding population for generations.

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EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE SENATE.

The United States senate has appointed a committee to take into consideration the state of the administrative service of that body and report what measures should be adopted in respect to the greatest efficiency and economy of the service. Last week, when it was proposed to amend the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill so as to make the pay of clerks to committees eighteen hundred dollars a year there was some discussion of the administrative service of the senate, in the course of which several senators, and particularly Senator Ingalls, showed that there was a demand for a readjustment of the whole committee and clerical force of the senate.

Mr. Ingalls stated that there are at least twenty of the standing and select committees that are absolutely superfluous and unnecessary. It has been difficult to find names and invent functions for them. They have been created and established, said the Kansas senator, merely for the purpose of assigning some senator to a chairmanship, giving him a room and providing for him a clerk. He gave it as his judgment that the committees of the senate should be largely reduced, that they ought to be brought down to the proportions of the business that is to be transacted, and that the clerks assigned to committees ought to do committee work and nothing else, instead of practically being, as at present, private secretaries to the senators. Senator Cockrell stated that there are forty-two standing committees and eleven known as select committees, these latter being in the superfluous class, and he, too, thought it was necessary to reorganize and reduce the committees to such point as the business capacities of the senate require. It is with a view to doing this that the committee on the administrative service of the senate has been appointed.

There was thus disclosed a condition of affairs that has long prevailed which is anything but creditable to the senate, and which undoubtedly would have been continued had not the question of rearranging and equalizing the pay of clerks arisen. The fact developed is that for years the senate has been wasting thousands of dollars of the public money upon the clerical employes of superfluous committees, such employes rarely performing any other service than that of private secretaries to the chairman of these committees. Herein the country is afforded one very interesting example of the way in which the higher legislative body manages to provide comfortable positions for the personal or political friends of senators at public expense, and a thorough investigation would disclose other examples of senatorial waste and extravagance. Senator Hale, in referring to this question of clerical salaries, said: "The tendency all the while is to increase the force of the senate and to increase its pay, and some day or other the result of it will be that public attention will be called to the expenditures of the body, and if a scandal is not created at any rate great public censure will be visited on this body." The Maine senator said further that the best-paid places in the whole range of the government are the subordinate places about the senate. For the same work, for the same time, for the same responsibility, they are better paid than any other employes of the government in any department.

The United States senate, with a membership of eighty-four, costs the people very nearly as much as the house of representatives with a membership of three hundred and thirty, and if the increase of the force in the senate now proposed is allowed the expenditures of that body will be greater than those of the house of representatives, Senator Allison stating the figures for the respective houses at four hundred and eight thousand dollars and three hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars, a difference of sixteen thousand dollars in favor of the house. Obviously the time has come for a readjustment, and while the senate committee is engaged in that task the house will perform a duty to the people by refusing to allow the increased expenditure asked for by the senate. Under existing circumstances the proposal to largely increase the already extravagant expenditures of the senate indicates an indifference to the general welfare which it is the imperative duty of the representatives of the people in the house to rebuke.

IS NOT THIS GENEROUS?

A SHORT time ago Congressman Henderson submitted in the house an estimate of one hundred and sixty-seven million dollars as the amount of the appropriations made by the present congress for the benefit of the old soldiers. This was a conservative estimate made by a representative most friendly to the men who defended the government, and is more likely to fall below than to exceed the expenditure of the government on pension account for some years. For example, Mr. Henderson estimated the cost of the dependent pension bill at thirty-five million dollars, while Senator Davis, chairman of the senate committee, thought the cost of that measure would not be less than forty-two million dollars per annum. But granting that the estimate of Mr. Henderson will not be exceeded, is not the amount generous? It is a sum nearly three times the total yearly expenditures of the government just before the war, and without intending any invidious comparison, it is a larger amount than is expended by any of the great powers of Europe, except Germany, for sustaining their immense military establishments. The army of Germany costs the people of that country about one hundred and ninety million dollars a year, that of France one hundred and twenty million, Russia one hundred and thirty-five million, Great Britain's army and navy eighty-five million, and Italy's military establishment sixty million dollars a year. There is of course a wide difference in the character of these expenditures, but the money required for all of them must be obtained in practically the same way, by taxing the industry and enterprise of the whole people.

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the government has made for the old soldiers who have a just claim to its bounty, there continues to be a demand for still further enlarging pension expenditure. Men whose controlling motive is the desire to advance their political fortunes are still inciting the veterans to insist upon demands which if complied with would absorb the greater portion of the revenues of the government. Of such are the bills in congress providing for the repeal of the limitation clause of the pension act of 1879. Commissioner Raum a short time ago furnished figures showing the number of applications filed and the number of certificates issued, together with the number of claims pending since 1879, and he estimated that to pay arrears to pensioners now on the roll would require two hundred and sixteen million dollars, and to pay arrears in cases still pending would require two hundred and fifty-five million dollars, making a total of four hundred and seventy-one million dollars that would be taken from the treasury by the repeal of the limitation clause of the pension act of 1879. The statement of such figures ought to be conclusive with every representative of the people against the proposed repeal, and yet it is believed that a bill for this purpose has a chance of passing the house.

A Solution of the Ice Problem.

It is more than probable that in the course of a few years every family will have its ice machine and make the day's supply before breakfast. Yankee genius has solved harder problems than this.

Thayer's Best Support.

The Omaha World-Herald's report that Governor Thayer was to accept a government position and not be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor is making him lots of friends, and it may yet succeed in giving him a third term if it perseveres.

Having Fun with Mr. Cleveland.

It seems to have become a recognized joke in the smaller colleges to hold mock conventions and nominate Mr. Cleveland for president. In fact there is a lamentable tendency in some of the colleges to use Mr. Cleveland as a sort of a substitute for and successor of that celebrated academic lecturer and human universal dictionary, the late Hon. Daniel Pratt, G. A. T. Such a tendency ought to be checked at once. It is downright unkindness to make a man of Mr. Cleveland's waist measure write letters in hot weather.

Pretty Liberal Treatment.

Congress has dealt liberally with the veterans. The bill reported from the conference committee adds about \$50,000,000 to the present pension roll, and the next annual pension appropriation will be fully \$160,000,000. Dependent parents, the disabled, the widows of all soldiers and their orphans are included in the bill. The new pension feature is omitted. The classes named above should of course take precedence in pension matters. With the contemplated decrease of fifty or sixty millions in the revenues and the heavy increase in the ordinary expenses of the government the time does not seem to have come for a general service pension.

Beet Sugar and the Tariff.

If the beet sugar experiment is to be a success congress should hesitate before it takes off the duty on raw sugars, depriving the government of \$60,000,000 of revenue and saddling it with the payment of bounties which may soon run up to \$10,000,000 a year. If Louisiana could furnish all the raw sugar the country needed the duty would not be taken off. Why should it be taken off in America as in Germany? The duty on raw sugar is 10 cents per pound. Congress should wait to see about the beet industry. If it is to be a failure it should not be bolstered by a bounty. If a success it will need no bounty. The Nebraska experiment will settle the question this ensuing fall.

COUNTRY BREEZES.

A Precautious Measure. Census Enumerator Adams has ordered a cast iron patch for his pants, as he finds some people who are not convicts, and never were, but they are awful kickers.

Setting a Brother Right.

"The town of Ripcord in this state was literally wiped out of existence Tuesday night," is the way the late Battle Creek Twin Freak reported a recent calamity. The same thing will happen to Battle Creek one of these days if the champagne keeps on.

The Editorial Mouth.

We heard a lady who attended the picnic at Wabash on last Friday discussing the delicious dinner she had, and it made our mouth water, so we concluded to announce that we were ready for all such engagements while our appetites are still keen. Ladies, if you would like to dine with us in the future, we hope you won't forget us.

This Muse Needs Mending.

He who fishes and fishes and gets no bite, May fish again some other night; And if he would the fishes dead sure seek Let him go 'way down to Davis creek.

Why We Are Sad.

We are sad. Almost heart-broken. When we publish something that puts a strong man on his car and causes him to clamp the bit and paw the earth with rage, we only smile. But when two or three of earth's angels who have passed the "pallet" age and may now be properly classed as "old hens," with Roman noses and their dignity and honor, because of something we did not say, then it becomes entirely a different matter.

GREAT MEN.

The King of Siam has a private fortune of \$50,000,000, with an annual income of \$10,000,000.

Adolph Busch, the St. Louis beer king, is at the head of an establishment which employs 3,000 men, and he receives a salary of \$400,000 a year.

Senator Quay, it is rumored in Washington, has a large-sized surprise in store for the Pennsylvania "pupils in the shape of Postmaster-General Wainmaker as a candidate for governor.

Chicago gazed in solemn awe one day last week at the spectacle of the chief justice of the United States, in a long coat, going shopping with his wife and carrying her parcels for her.

A historian who is compiling the letters, etc., of President Lincoln has finished a search of the records of the republic in Ohio. But one autograph letter was found. It is dated April 28, 1864, and accepts the offer of the governors of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin to furnish 50,000 troops for 100 days' service.

The due d'Orleans, when he left his recent prison, addressed a letter "to the Congressists of the United States," in which he begged to be a soldier and, "keep me the place in the ranks which I dreamed of—in your midst, near the flag, I shall come and take it."

The Rev. John Atkinson of Boston Harbor, Mich., the best living preacher in the United States, and perhaps in the world, was born in Flemington, N. J., in 1797, and was pushed behind his ears and into the Methodist church in 1814.

Theodore Tilton is described by a lady who recently saw him in his new Salon in Paris. He has grown stout, and his long, white hair was pushed behind his ears and his face had a rosy look peculiar to men of leisure. He was sauntering around, seemingly unconcerned about people or pictures and only caring while away a moment of ennui.

Wordsworth's cottage and garden, which remain almost the same as when he lived, are to be purchased and put under a trust, like the White House, as a permanent memorial of the poet.

Poisoning in India.

The Bengal police have published the following extraordinary warning to passengers at all the stations on the Eastern Bengal Railway: "Passengers are hereby cautioned against taking anything to eat or drink from unknown persons, as there are many who live by poisoning travelers. They first of all court acquaintance with passenger in an easy and unobtrusive way and then gain their confidence on the plea of being fellow-travelers going to the same place. When they reach a place convenient for the purpose they poison the water or food of the passengers, who become immensely ill and, between breakfast and luncheon, and sometimes breaks the back of his work before breakfast, writes George Makepeace Towle in Frank Leslie's Monthly. His invariable habit is to take a long walk before luncheon, ac-

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