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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION: George H. Tschack, secretary of The Bee Publishing Company, reports that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily Bee during the month of February, 1896, was as follows:

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It is apparent that the new gasoline lamps do not shed light uniformly upon the heads of the councilmen.

The council is receiving the bills for its city hall jail folly and it is safe to predict that there will be very little left in the city hall fund by the time all these claims are adjusted.

At the county convention held at Springfield, Ill., ex-Governor McKinley got the cheers, but Senator Cullom got the votes.

The republican state convention to select delegates-at-large to St. Louis meets in Omaha six weeks from today.

There were but nineteen cases of contagious disease reported in this city during the month of February.

Congress is apparently of the opinion that borrowing money to pay running expenses of government can be justified only on the ground of war expenditures.

The recent snow was general throughout the state and has already given slight impetus to trade.

Should the proposed new electric lighting plant at the state penitentiary serve to keep the light of publicity on all transactions connected with the management of the institution and the lease of the convict labor, it may be well worth the price which it will cost the taxpayers.

Secretary Carlisle's proposed removal to New York is becoming a common topic of newspaper discussion.

The battle of Nebraska is on. The pronouncements and counter-pronouncements to the republican rank and file have been issued and it only remains now for the men who carry the torches and march in the processions to range themselves in battle array.

Attorney General Churchill had to go all the way to Washington at the state's expense to let the people of Nebraska know through a public interview that in his valuable opinion the free silver democrats will nominate William J. Bryan for governor.

Naturally the United States expects nothing from the foreign press but adverse criticism of its position on almost every question affecting its foreign relations.

Secretary Morton has made official proclamation that although his friends in congress may be able to make him invest an appropriation in seeds and distribute them to their constituents, yet they cannot compel him to hire people on their recommendation to put the seeds up into packages.

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

It would be well if public attention could be diverted for awhile from the consideration of international issues and controversies to a contemplation of the practical affairs and questions which concern the future material welfare of the American people.

We are in the first month of spring, when there ought to be exhibited some signs of what the immediate future of business is to be.

There is no probability of this until the advent of a republican president and congress no very decided improvement in the condition of the cotton and woolen industries is to be expected for some time.

There is an abundance of money in the country, as the heavy bond subscriptions fully demonstrated, for all the requirements of legitimate business, but there is hesitation about putting it into enterprises, and this feeling is likely to continue pending the result of the presidential election.

How much our international issues have to do with preventing a restoration of confidence it is difficult to determine, but that they have a more or less disturbing and unsettling effect is unquestionable.

AS TO GOLD CERTIFICATES. The treasury having an amount of gold on hand considerably in excess of \$100,000,000, with more to be paid in for the last bonds, it is reported that the secretary is considering the question of resuming the issue of gold certificates.

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ON OCCASION TO JUSTIFY THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ACTING ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER.

Nor can he ignore the fact that the retrenchment committee, with the approval of the council, had decided as a measure of economy there should be no assistant city engineer until a resumption of public works should require it.

Two novel proposals have been made heretofore which are of peculiar interest to the commercial world. Stock buyers object to watering cattle upon arrival at the yards and before they are weighed.

Carlisle's proposed removal to New York at the end of his term goes to show that since Kentucky has become a republican state he prefers to live where he will not be constantly reminded of the fact.

There is no such political condition. Of course, the republican party is the party of the future, but there is not one who would not vote a bill which added a dime piece to the present amount of the national debt.

When President Cleveland sent out his Venezuelan message the English papers sneered at the national machinery.

It would be a wise thing on the part of the Spanish government to recall Weyler and replace him with a soldier who has no such blemish on his military record and his character as a man.

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NAVY PROGRESS OF THE WORLD.

Interesting Facts Set Forth by the Intelligence Bureau. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The intelligence bureau of the navy department has just issued its annual volume of notes on the year's naval progress.

The leading feature of this number is a set of preliminary notes on the Japanese fleet, compiled by Lieutenants M. M. Witzler and K. Karmay who were present in Chinese waters during the late war.

The surprising extent to which electricity is now being used on board men-of-war is strikingly exhibited in an article contributed by the late Lieut. J. A. Pike.

One thing is certain. We did not want war with Spain or Cuba, and we are not likely to have it.

Germany Metal Workers Are Proving Their Superiority. WASHINGTON, March 4.—Frank Mason, United States consul general at Frankfurt, in a special report to the State department tells how the Germans are steadily mastering the English metal workers.

The report is based upon the findings of a commission of British iron and steel workers which has made most exhaustive examinations of the factors in the competition.

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THE CUBAN ISSUE.

Chicago Times-Herald: If Spain will not listen to friendly interposition for Cuba, the American people will not hesitate in due time to consider their responsibility as to Cuban independence or annexation of the island to the United States.

Chicago Chronicle: War talk is glibly uttered. He jests at scars who never felt a wound. If Americans were plunged in a war of aggression, such, for instance, as a war with Spain, would the great editors who are egging on public feeling to the point where declaration of hostilities would involve a good deal of horror and loss at least give the lie to our professions of faith in the superiority of arbitration as a means of settling disputes between nations.

Chicago Tribune: There is no use in mining words. This act of congress, if carried out by the president, will probably mean a rupture of friendly relations, and possibly a declaration of war.

Chicago News: Is this Spain that we are about to wipe off the face of the earth that same Spain upon whose venerable neck we are shedding tears of official affection some three years back?

Philadelphia Times: Congress is not presumed to know all the delicate complications of our relations with foreign governments, and it is wise, therefore, to give the president some latitude in declaring the belligerent rights of the Cubans.

Yvette Gulbert scooped in \$34,000 in this country. French riches come high. Charles Carleton Coffin, the distinguished war correspondent and author, died in Boston a few days ago.

It may be stated without fear of contradiction that democratic presidential candidates are not numerous enough to crowd the bandwagon.

New York believes in maintaining peaceful relations with foreign lands. Having kicked out Dunraven, the city took on a large shipment of a London firm's cigars.

Attorney General Harmon follows the ruling of his predecessors in pronouncing "bond investment" schemes lotteries, and not entitled to admission to the courts.

The famous reformer W. H. Doble, who is dying, was the first man to drive a trotter faster than 2:17. This feat he accomplished in 1872 at Mystic park, when he drove Goldsmith Maid against Lucy in 2:16, and beat by a quarter of a second the time his more famous son, Budd Doble, had made with the same mare.

Those Passed by the House Likely to Be Accepted. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The senate committee on foreign relations today voted to recommend that the senate should non-concur in the house substitute for the senate Cuban resolutions and should ask for a conference.

The greater part of the committee meeting was devoted to the Cuban question. The senate and house resolutions were carefully analyzed and compared. Several of the members expressed themselves as satisfied to accept the house resolutions and the opinion was ventured by one or two of them that the house substitute was in better form than the senate's original measure.

VENEZUELA WILL NOT GIVE UP. Declines to Make a Separate Issue of the Yucatan Incident. NEW YORK, March 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Caracas says: Venezuela has refused the demand of Great Britain that the Yucatan incident be regarded as a distinct issue and that reparation be made and an indemnity paid.

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