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The Bee on trains. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bees to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

Insist on having the Bee. Canton and Lincoln are once more in the same class. Repealing bad laws is one thing and enacting good laws a very different thing.

The second dozen of American presidents is admirably rounded out by William McKinley. It will be some time before we have a president who attempts to wrest from Mr. Cleveland the veto record he has made.

In Senator Teller's opinion we have not had a really capable secretary of the interior since Secretary Teller held down the job. The Bee desires to express the sincere wish that Grover Cleveland may get all the ducks he deserves on his present pleasure excursion.

If some one does not sight that alrship by daylight very soon a legislative investigating committee will have to be sent out to bring it in. When our state institutions get all the new wings they have asked of the legislature, they ought to be in condition to fly with the fastest of our birds.

If any one has any good reason why woman suffrage should be inaugurated in irrigation districts created for the purpose of voting irrigation bonds, he has not yet made it public. Colonel McCook may not have secured the attorney generalship, but he had his pictures printed in all the picture gallery newspapers, and that ought to afford a solace to take the edge off his disappointment.

President Cleveland's latest fishing expedition is simply an experiment to ascertain in the interest of pure science whether fish can recognize the difference between a hook baited by a president and a hook baited by an ex-president.

According to a recent consular report there is a good market in Germany for low-priced American bicycles, but no sale for the \$100 wheel that is the standard in this country. Condensed in a nutshell, the American market is the best market in the world.

It is hoped that the Mexicans, who appear to be agitated over certain negotiations for the return of American flags captured in the war of 1847, will not carry out their awful threat of forcibly taking away from the United States the whole of its southwestern territory.

St. Louis is just about to reject its appointive school board and come to a school board consisting of members elected at large for the whole city. The nearer the management of the public schools is brought to the people the safer and more reliable will be their progress.

Ex-President Cleveland has the distinction of being the only president who has ever participated in his official capacity in four inaugural ceremonies. Various predecessors were themselves twice installed as chief executive, but none of them ever helped to install more than one successor.

A New York preacher of the sensational variety has come to the rescue of the trusts with a pulpit defense of their methods and objects and a clerical endorsement for the good they are accomplishing. A census has not yet been taken of the minister's congregation, but it might give results of interest to the public.

NO ANNEXATION OR EXTENSION.

Although President McKinley has in his inaugural proclaimed his opposition to any policy looking toward the annexation of territory or extension of the present boundaries of the United States, the zealots who want the American flag to float over Havana and Honolulu have not ceased their agitation.

Already the dispatches from Washington announce that the scheme for Hawaiian annexation is to be vigorously pushed in congress and out of congress. The Cuban enthusiasts are also active and their clamor for the recognition of Cuba's independence is simply the prelude to a demand for complete annexation.

Obviously it will require all the fortitude which the new president possesses to resist the pressure that will come from political friends who are afflicted with the mania for territorial acquisition and political adventures who hope to make their fortunes as governors of islands or as surveyors of ports.

The craving for an American empire that embraces all of North America as well as all the coral reefs of the Pacific is by no means entirely new. The manifest destiny patriot has been abroad in the land back as far as memory reaches. He occupied seats in congress in the days when the filibustering expeditions of Captain Walker sought to annex Cuba for the purpose of extending the area of negro slavery for the southern plantation lords.

He was very numerous when "Fifty-four, forty or fight" was the political battery. He was rampant after the war of secession when the San Domingo deal was proposed as the preliminary step to the acquisition of Cuba. No man in public life handled the annexation question more ably than did General Garfield, whose terse speech delivered in the house of representatives April 6, 1876, embodies the pith of the issue in the following extract:

I trust that we have seen the last of our annexations, and in this remark I include the whole group of West India islands and the whole of the Mexican territory contiguous to the United States. Both these islands and Mexico are inhabited by people of the Latin race, strongly degenerated by their mixture with native races—a population occupying a territory that naturally enfolds man, a population and a territory that I earnestly hope may never be made an integral part of the United States.

I cannot more strongly state my view of that subject than by saying that if the island of Cuba were offered to us with the consent of all the powers of the world, and \$100,000,000 in gold were offered as a bonus for its acceptance, I would unhesitatingly decline the offer. We occupy a portion of that great northern zone which girdles the world and which has been the theater of the greatest achievements of civilization, especially in the history of the Anglo-Saxon race, and should we extend our possessions into the tropical belt we should weaken the power of our people and government. Hence I disclaim any purpose or suggestion of annexing the Hawaiian islands.

PRIVATE, AND WE FAVOR SUCH LEGISLATION AS WILL PREVENT FOR THE FUTURE THE DEMONSTRATION OF ANY KIND OF LEGAL TENDER MONEY BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

This was a peremptory demand for a change in our money standard and was met by the republicans in the following declaration: The republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1875; since then every dollar has been as good as gold.

We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country. We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved.

All our silver and paper currency must be maintained at parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolably the obligations of the United States and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

With the issue of 16 to 1 free coinage versus the existing gold standard thus squarely joined, the indisputable decision of the ballot box was against any change in our monetary system until an international agreement shall have been secured. To arrange McKinley for recommending to congress prompt compliance with the platform pledges of "ninety-six" is an imputation upon his political honor, as well as upon his sense of duty to the American people who elected him.

AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES. It seems to be practically settled that the next ambassador at the court of St. James will be Colonel John Hay, who was one of the private secretaries of Abraham Lincoln and has been identified with the diplomatic service of the country to an extent which fully qualifies him for any position in that service.

Colonel Hay was first assistant secretary of state under Secretary Evarts, in the administration of President Hayes, and he made an excellent record in that position. Besides that he has had diplomatic experience and is fully equipped for the duties that would devolve upon him as the representative of the United States at the British court.

Colonel Hay is an accomplished gentleman, of well established literary attainments and of attested ability as an orator, and there can be no doubt that he would maintain the character which the United States has established at the British court as the foremost of all nations in literary utterances. For a number of years the United States has easily held precedence in this respect and it is entirely safe to say that it would maintain this precedence with Colonel Hay as its representative.

WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY CONSTRUCTED WITH A VIEW TO THE SAFETY OF THE INMATES.

The housing of helpless wards in fire-traps and tinder-boxes is scarcely less than a crime against humanity. The time ought to be not far distant when every state institution for defectives will be practically fireproof to the best knowledge of the modern architect.

That was a noteworthy feature of the inaugural parade to have five sons of five former presidents among the mounted aids. These presidents' sons rode along just as did the hundreds of other aids, characteristic of the democratic principles underlying the American government.

Before the legislature memorializes congress to enact legislation to prevent trusts and corporations dictating the economic utterances of college and university professors, it might not be entirely out of place to verify a few of the alleged instances where such influence has been exerted and avoid protesting against some pretended abuse that nowhere exists except in the minds of imaginative zealots?

Rev. Frank Crane, formerly of Omaha, but now of Chicago, is the progenitor of a new theory of peopling the stars with the souls of departed men. As the author of the theory disclaims either belief or disbelief in it, he must not be disappointed if no one else expresses willingness to subscribe to it.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Minneapolis Journal:—I take the whole-hog side on the Jonah theological controversy but would probably remark that it was pretty hard to keep a good man down. Chicago Times-Herald: A New York preacher recently said that "our Jonah was swallowed by a shark." Then why not let the sharks swallow that story?

Chicago Chronicle: David should feel highly complimented when he hears that Dr. Abner believes that some of the psalms are worthy to rank with "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Philadelphia Press: A Chicago clergyman has set his fellow citizens to discussing the question whether the earth is being made by God as a breeding place from which to populate the planets.

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BLASTS FROM RAMS HORN.

The man who rides a hobby, thinks nobody else is making any hobby. The way to get a better position is to more than fill your present one. When self-righteousness gets up in the night to pray nobody else can sleep.

Brooklyn Life: Cassiott—Fiddleback is making love to an heiress. "Ah, I heard him say that he was trying to get a large amount of capital interested in a reorganization scheme."

Washington Star: "It is my firm opinion," said the tall, pointed lady, "that I shall return to this earth in a different form." "Oh, how nice for you!" exclaimed the lady of average proportions.

A VITAL QUESTION. The earnest question of the hour. "And general them, no doubt, but will the coal hold out?"

THE POOREST OF THE POOR. Written for The Bee. Rattling and riches and rest, And peace and plenty withal; Freedom from war or care, Till pleasure itself doth pall; Kensington, dinners and balls, These are the joys of the good; And hunger and plagues and cold, A life of penitence cease.

Blow Hot Blow Cold. ONE IS NOT SAFE TO GO WITHOUT AN OVERCOAT THESE DAYS. HE OUGHT TO HAVE TWO OVERCOATS, IN FACT, AND WHERE CLOTHING IS AS INEXPENSIVE AS OURS IS, THERE IS NO VERY GOOD REASON WHY NEARLY EVERY MAN SHOULD DENY HIMSELF THE LUXURY OF A MEDIUM WEIGHT COAT FOR STREET WEAR AND AN ULSTER FOR STORMS.

USING THE BEST OF MATERIALS, THERE IS STILL MORE VALUE IN THE WORKMANSHIP, THE SEAMS, THE TAILORING OF A GARMENT OF OUR MAKE THAN APPEARS ON THE SURFACE. TEN DOLLARS OR FORTY DOLLARS, WHATEVER YOU PAY HERE, GETS YOU THE BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS FOR THE PRICE.

THE MOTES OF KANSAS.

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Japan in the Procession. Japan has cut loose from China and Mexico and taken her stand with the enlightened nations of the world. She does not propose to herd any longer with the unprogressive silver nations and to submit to the losses of a fluctuating currency.

Value of a Man's Life. The New York appellate court has recently decided that damages of \$5,000 are by no means an overvaluation for the death of a man earning \$125 a day.

