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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 upon having a Bee. If you cannot get a Bee on a train from the news agent, please report the fact, stating the train and railroad, to the Circulation Department of The Bee. The Bee is for sale on all trains.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

The vocation of highwayman is unafraid in Omaha, especially on streets never visited by the police.

Is it not time for the populist state officials to commence pelting one another with bouquets once more?

The Lone Star state promises to be with us in the Transmississippi Exposition. We will see to it, however, that it will not be lonely.

The newspaper slot machine is still on tap. You drop in \$10 and draw out a worthless and unlawful certificate of license notice publication.

It looks as if the chief beneficiaries of the new plan of assessment for municipal taxation were to be the railroads and the franchised corporations.

In Japan complaint is made that the adoption of the gold standard is resulting in an all-round rise of prices. How do the Bryanites explain this?

Nebraska never had a third-term governor. And it has had several popular governors too. But Governor Holcomb has a right to try for it if he wants to.

The bankruptcy bill will probably receive some serious attention from congress now that returned prosperity has removed the threat of bankruptcy from the business world.

An increase of 20 per cent in the post-office business in Omaha for the month of November as compared with the November of a year ago is a showing of which Omaha people are not ashamed.

The Ohio State Federation of Labor has formally endorsed the proposed postal savings bank plan. Labor, unorganized as well as organized, would be the principal gainers from a postal savings system and it is very properly speaking out in its favor.

What has Judge Baker to do with collecting unclaimed witness fees due to private parties? What has the judge of the criminal division of the district court to do with the controversy relating to claims and counterclaims of the clerk of the court and the county of Douglas?

The strike record in England the past year indicates an unsettled condition of industrial affairs. A total of 201,635 English workmen affected by strikes and English trade suffering a loss of \$75,000,000, tells a story of industrial and commercial depression that cannot be misunderstood.

During the past few months more than \$10,000,000 worth of British gold coins have been returned into United States money at the mint in San Francisco. In one month gold sovereigns to the value of \$3,500,000 were received at the mint. It seems that the American mint officials do not stand in awe of the British government.

The farmers of Marshall county, Iowa, have formed an organization to further a project for a beet sugar factory at Marshalltown. That is the proper course to pursue. Beet sugar factories are dependent on the farmers and are of greatest good to the farmers who supply them with beets. The farmers should take the initiative in movements looking toward factories.

The efforts of the postoffice officials to make the postmarks more legible deserve popular applause. The postmark on a letter is by no means an insignificant point. The time of mailing and of delivery stamped on the envelope often determines the most important matters. It may be of the very essence of a contract or constitute the determining evidence in a lawsuit or criminal prosecution. Legible postmarks, in fact, are as much to be desired as legible addresses on the correspondence.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER.

With President William McKinley in the sorrow of his aged mother's death seventy million Americans sincerely sympathize. If William McKinley has been all that a dutiful son should be to his parents it has been largely because Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley was a model mother. Between mother and son there was a closer bond than is usual even in this land of homes and loving families, and both mother and son drew from the nation at large affection like unto that which they felt for each other.

The president's mother had passed the meridian of life when the dark war clouds gathered over her country. Young William, though just emerging from boyhood, dropped his books at the academy at the call to arms for the protection of his country. His mother bade the boy God speed and cheerfully sent him to the front to battle for the right. She was 51 and he was 18, but there was no such difference between their sympathies and impulses. She had loved her country and had taught him true patriotism. She had a mother's pride in her son and longed to see him well started upon a professional career in which she never doubted he would succeed. It must have been as great a trial to her as to him that he should cut short his studies to spend four years in the service of his country.

Thirty-six years afterwards Mrs. McKinley sat on the reviewing stand in the nation's capital and saw the throngs march past in honor of her son who had just taken the oath as president of the United States. There was not connected with the inaugural ceremonies a more impressive incident than that of the presence of the president's mother, at the age of 87, participating in the exercises of the day. Her joy was supreme. No American mother ever had greater cause for pride than she on that day.

The intimate friends of the McKinleys have always agreed that the president owes to the good qualities of his mother a large proportion of that inheritance which has enabled him to attain to the highest position in the gift of the people. This tracing greatness back to the mother has been done for many of the world's greatest leaders and for a number of the American presidents, but seldom has the connection been more marked than in the case of President McKinley. Proud of their president, his patriotism, courage, eloquence and wisdom, the American people will not forget how much he and they owe to Mother McKinley.

THE POOLING PROBLEM.

The development among western shippers of a strong opposition to proposed legislation for railway pooling will, if it assumes the proportions now indicated as probable, exert a very decided influence. While it has been known that there was a good deal of hostility in this section to the legalization of pooling, it appears to be much stronger than had been supposed and the promise is that this opposition will manifest itself with a force that cannot fail to make an impression on congress. The common ground of this opposition is that to allow the railroads to make pooling contracts would be to sacrifice all the advantages from competition. Meanwhile another and no less serious objection to the proposed legislation is in the unsettled condition of the railroad mind in regard to the terms of an acceptable pooling bill. Interest in this subject has recently been very much stimulated by the public expression of the views of the president of the Louisville & Nashville Railway company, Milton H. Smith, adverse to giving the Interstate Commerce commission the authority to regulate rates proposed in the bills that have been introduced in congress from time to time. Mr. Smith is not opposed to an amendment of the law authorizing carriers to apportion traffic, but he contends that to grant the commission authority to adjust rates of transportation would result in the bankruptcy of most of the corporations operating railroads in the territory south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi river. This railroad president also appears not to regard legalized pooling as an absolutely certain remedy for rate cutting, for he says: "Some temporary and partial relief may be experienced if carriers are given the right to apportion traffic, and yet, though they possessed that right as to interstate traffic for many years prior to the enactment of the act to regulate commerce, 'wars of rates' were as common and prevalent then as now." On the other hand, Mr. Chauncey Dopey, who may be presumed to represent the views of the eastern trunk line managers, believes that if pooling were allowed it would put a stop to rate cutting and he is entirely willing that the Interstate Commerce commission be given the fullest authority in regard to the adjustment of rates. Mr. Dopey takes the position that whatever might be the danger of entrusting to the commission the powers proposed, he would prefer to do business under a uniform rate fixed by a public body rather than under a denationalized rate.

There are many other railroad officials besides the president of the Louisville & Nashville road who object to any interference by the commission in the matter of rate adjustment and there are some who are opposed to any pooling legislation. With such divergence of views among the representatives of the railroads and with a numerous body of shippers opposed to any change in the law, the chances of any pooling legislation are obviously not great. One thing is entirely certain, there will be no such legislation that does not give the Interstate Commerce commission ample authority to protect the public in the matter of rates. This is an absolutely essential condition to granting the railroads the privilege of apportioning competitive traffic. In regard to this there can be no question that public opinion is practically unanimous.

The Central Pacific wants to reorganize and pay off its indebtedness to the government without going through the tortures of a receivership. If the Central Pacific wants to pay its debt in full it will not require the permission of the government to pay it. All Mr. Huntling has to do is to plank down the cash and take a receipt in full from the treasury.

The longer the populists study the election returns, the plainer it becomes to them that the new election law while facilitating their schemes for duplicating names on the official ballot also complicates matters to their disadvantage. It is hard to enact partisan legislation that will not cut both ways.

The local political fence directs column after column of instructions to Judge Baker, in which it commands the judge to institute criminal proceedings against Mayor Moore. Why doesn't the political fence call upon Judge Baker to

levy in recent years has varied from 2 to 2.8 mills, and in view of the fact that the total levy for all purposes runs from 50 to 85 mills, according to the county and city, it will be seen that Iowa taxpayers have little cause for complaint about their state taxes.

Last June the state debt of Iowa was represented by outstanding warrants to the amount of \$477,500, which was exclusive of cash in the treasury and amounts overdue and collectible, and even a bare statement of the net liability unfairly represents the condition of the Iowa treasury, for the reason that the biennial period ended at a time when collections were small and expenditures larger than for the year. But at its worst the state debt is not large enough to frighten anybody, and the state auditor estimates that the state tax levy can be reduced to the 2-mill standard and the debt paid in a few years without stinting the state institutions. As a bugaboo Iowa's debt is a failure. That it exists at all is due to a combination of unusual circumstances and it will disappear quickly enough under normal conditions.

The Iowa people deserve congratulations because of the comparative insignificance of their state debt. Educational, charitable and penal institutions have been built and supported in a manner commensurate with the greatness of the state, and this while the state is growing rapidly, yet Iowa has been paying its bills. All that Iowa people can now reasonably demand of their representatives in the legislature is that the conservative policy shall be continued, that no interest shall be allowed to suffer and that the state shall be kept in its proper class in the family of states in every reasonable and proper way. The state debt affords no excuse whatever for any backward step.

The Denver people are working up great interest in the forthcoming convention of cattlemen and stock growers to be held in Denver in January. Several cities will be applicants for the location of the next convention, but not one can offer greater advantages than Omaha. May Denver make of the convention a success and then take pleasure in what Omaha does for the second convention.

Five of the Iowa congressmen have expressed themselves in favor of Hawaiian annexation and the six others are either opposed to it or have not yet decided on their course. Mr. Conins of Iowa is a member of the subcommittee of the house foreign affairs committee to consider the subject of Hawaii, and he has not expressed any opinion on the subject.

Referring to the Iowa "debt" about which some persons in Iowa are so much concerned the St. Louis City Journal is reminded that the state treasury of Missouri has just called \$400,000 of Missouri state bonds for payment; but when this is done Missouri will still have a bonded debt of \$4,500,000.

The Habits of Foots.

The silly talk of "sham poverty" when work is increasingly abundant and wages higher, is the bubble of fools, and the fool conceals the bubble of his own folly by making no political capital by continuing it in the face of accomplished facts.

Fillibuster Prevented.

Secretary Gage shows very clearly that the United States has practically prevented filibustering by Cuyahoga and if Spain had made half an effort there would have been none at all. The Cubans rather than the Spaniards have cause of complaint against Uncle Sam.

A Century Behind the Times.

The manner of the French government in dealing with the Dreyfus case is strongly suggestive of old-fashioned methods. This case is a notable example of the fact that a prisoner was kept ignorant of the testimony against him, as well as the torture to which he has since been subjected. In its judicial methods it is a century behind the times.

Boston's Limited Klondike.

Others may get excited over and prefer Klondike, but Boston is satisfied with copper. The Boston Herald says that the company has just declared another \$10 dividend, making \$50 a share in all paid this year on shares of \$25 par value. The original investment was only \$10 and the dividend for the year amounts to 400 per cent for the original investment. He could not be drawn to Alaska with a certainty of a palful of gold a day and immunity from starvation.

Prevention of Deficits.

The republican party, according to Secretary Gage, has found a tariff which will produce a deficit for the year ending June 30, 1898 and a deficit for the year ending June 30, 1899. It is plainly the policy of wisdom, unless expenditures can be so reduced as to be less than receipts, to raise the tariff revenue by legislation. Every country has had enough of deficits. It wants an ample revenue. During the Wilson-Gorman regime there was every opportunity to observe that a country which has the political opponents of the party responsible for it. Much that republicans said about deficits two years ago is equally true now.

Coining Silver Dollars.

It will be Secretary Gage's report that the coinage into standard silver dollars of the bullion purchased under the Sherman act of 1890 is steadily going on. About \$78,000,000 of bullion have been struck from the bullion, of which 17,215,322 represent seigniorage or the flat element in the operation. We said at the time that this was a very good thing, providing for this coinage that it would inevitably be executed, whether commanded by congress or not, and that some of the silver-temperatures threatened to go into a panic over it. If they are ever to have a panic on that score, now would seem to be the time.

NEED OF BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Congressman Strode Dismisses the Necessities of Business.

Washington Post, Dec. 4.

Hon. James H. Strode, of the First Nebraska district, who succeeded William J. Bryan in the house of representatives, was among the noted congressional arrivals yesterday in this city for the purpose of attending the Nebraska bankruptcy law. He has given much time and attention to the bankruptcy question, which he expects to see discussed in this column.

Judge Strode, in speaking of the prohibitions of legislation by the coming session, said that he had no thought that any emergency bill could be passed in the senate in its present condition, and doubted that any trial would be made by the administration. He believes that if the senate does not raise the pending trust with its amendments, a resolution will be passed providing for an amendment of the laws, and that the Cuban difficulty will also be settled as far as the United States is concerned. As for himself, Judge Strode said he would exert himself to the utmost in the interest of a bankruptcy bill, which he trusted would be passed during the coming session.

"Some bill," said Judge Strode, "is sure to get through the house and senate, in my judgment, during the form of the bill in its present shape. I shall work for its passage on the lines of the Nelson bill, and trust that it or a similar one can be passed. The bill is intended to provide for the involuntary feature only, leaving it for any man to decide whether he should go into bankruptcy. This, however, realistic would be difficult to obtain, and I would then favor a bill carrying the provisions for involuntary bankruptcy only in such cases where there has been no fraud."

"My city of Lincoln and my state of Nebraska contain many men that have lost everything they own, and are dependent on the government for relief. The very best men in most of the enterprising towns of my state and district are financially ruined, and are being driven over them and prevent them from again engaging in business enterprises until such time as they can make some money. The state has no prospect of ever being able to do except through the agency of a favorable bankruptcy law."

"I am in Nebraska as Lincoln, Grand Island, and other enterprising towns of the state have numbers of men in this condition, and they need relief by a bankruptcy law. The only way to give relief is to have active and open business in their own names and not under the names of their wives or other relatives and not with the aid of having property secretly in the name of other persons' names. The whole country west of the Mississippi river demands relief by a bankruptcy law. As outlined by the Nelson bill, and the passage of a good bill would be a big step toward a more general revival of business in our section."

STATE PRESS EXPOSITION NOTES.

WASH. NEWS PRESS: The birds-eye view of the exposition grounds and buildings by the Omaha Daily Bee that accompanied its last Sunday issue has been widely and favorably commented on. The Omaha Bee gave a beautiful full page view of the exposition as a Sunday supplement to the Bee. It was a daily and shows the Bee's usual enterprise. Tokamah Herald: The Sunday Bee contained a beautiful view of the Transmississippi Exposition that reflects much credit upon the board of management. When completed it will almost equal the World's fair grounds at Chicago in 1893.

Blair Courier: The Omaha Bee's Sunday supplement was a most excellent piece of work. We could see little similarity between this and the other Transmississippi Exposition and the one that recently appeared in Harper's Weekly.

Exeter Democrat: A Transmississippi teachers' convention to meet in Omaha at the exposition would be a great benefit to our educational workers and every one of them should lend their assistance by words of encouragement if nothing else.

Stoughton Herald: The Omaha Daily Bee's view of the Transmississippi and International Exposition, which was a supplement to the Omaha Bee, was a beauty and shows that the Omaha Bee is not just a newspaper of the kind held in the United States since the World's fair.

Kearney News Era: The Omaha Sunday Bee presented its readers with a very handsome birds-eye view of the Transmississippi Exposition. The only startling feature discovered is the long tail flying machine which hovers over the Indian camp. No supplement, however, is handsome enough to frame.

Townsend Chief: Omaha will have the opportunity of its life next year to impress its views on the minds of the people on the rest of the world. Its citizens are alive to the possibilities awaiting them, and if Omaha doesn't force recognition of every citizen's rights, it will fall short of its privileges.

Ord Quiz: The Omaha Sunday Bee contained a handsome birds-eye view of the proposed Transmississippi Exposition grounds and buildings. The picture is a dream of beauty, but no doubt will fall short of the reality. It is called official, so that the big air ship floating high over may set the record straight upon when the season opens.

Bertrice Democrat: The Omaha Bee of Sunday last issued as a supplement a well executed picture of the exposition grounds, and the Omaha birds-eye view is a most creditable enterprise, and gives a much more perfect idea of the location and elevation of buildings than could possibly be obtained from descriptive reading matter.

West Point Advertiser: The Sunday Bee contained a beautiful steel engraving birds-eye view of the Transmississippi Exposition grounds, and the Omaha birds-eye view is a most creditable enterprise, and gives a much more perfect idea of the location and elevation of buildings than could possibly be obtained from descriptive reading matter.

Yonkers Times: The Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha is taking delicate shape and is a much larger affair than was supposed by most people. Omaha is taking a lively interest and the interest is gaining ground in the state. It will be a grand success and a big thing for the state. Every citizen of Nebraska ought to feel that he has a personal interest in it and do what he can to push it along.

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VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Holdrege Citizen: If any one can tell of any great boon the present State Board of Transportation has conferred upon the people of Nebraska since they took their office the public would be glad to hear from them.

Nebraska Farmer: Buying range bred cattle for our corn belt feed lots is all well enough to a certain extent, and during an off season the outfit fars from cattle, but the prices that are ruling today on such cattle show to what extent the feeder of the corn belt places himself at the mercy of the range cattle kings, when he can no longer fill his feed yards with a fair proportion of cattle raised on his own farm. The farmer has no business to be paying out for such a high price for cattle when he can raise his own. Let him grow good cattle of his own.

Holdrege Citizen: The State Board of Agriculture has announced that it can pay but six per cent of its premiums. The State fair of 1897. Somehow the state board as managed during the last few years has not been such as to inspire the people of Nebraska with any enthusiasm. A name is wrongly many people have not the idea into their heads that the business has been run too much for the interests of a few favorites largely at the expense of the rest of the state. It is too bad that this should be so, for the state fair has been and ought to be an important factor in the development of the state. There seems to be a need of a change of some sort in the board.

North Platte Tribune: Past experience shows that the present method of electing county officials of receiving security or bonds from bondmen, is in some instances entirely inadequate. As the state grows larger, the amount of security bonds required by the men who handle the state and counties' money will increase in proportion, which, in fact, excludes the man of moderate means and restricts the number from holding office where a bond is required, for he is either private individual or bank, whoever goes on an official bond for \$100,000, the bondsman's duty is to see that compensation in proportion, and herein lies the inception of speculation—robbing Peter to pay Paul. But the greatest danger is the fact that the county's money is being spent for the working of the bond, as has been proven whenever a case of default has come to light. The bond is so full of loopholes that the bondholder may lose his money, and the state or county recovers a cent. Would it not be advisable that some new method be embraced and tried; for instance a bond of the same amount as the amount required by the bond company's appointment, and the premium to be paid by the state and county. This plan would be more secure, and it would be the duty of the issuer to attend to his business unhampered by any obligation. The matter should be acted upon by our legislature at its next session.

State Press Pleasantries.

Plainview News: A Plainview girl told her best fellow that she was tired of Mr. Jones and when he got home and looked it up he found the Venus of Milo was chiefly distinguished from having no arms. But he was fast on his feet.

Wayne Herald: A "Jack-the-bugger" tackled a lone Winside girl the other night. After he had embraced the dame and printed his kisses upon her cheek, she was surprised that she offered no resistance, but politely said "thank you" and went on.

Rushville Standard: A man jumped into the Mississippi river at St. Louis last week and was rescued by the life guard. He was 12 feet from the water. The press report says, on coming to the surface he was arrested and at once released. It seems reasonable that the man jumping 129 feet into 700 feet of water he should be at once baled out.

Nelson Herald: Here is a drouth story told by a traveling man: "I was driving back to the country a little while ago when I met a farmer hauling a wagon load of water. 'Where do you get water?' said I. 'Up the road about seven miles,' he replied, 'and you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?' 'Yes.' 'Why in the name of sense don't you dig a well, or buy a pump?' 'I have done so many times, but they are too expensive for me.'"

Allen Reporter: There is a reporter on the Omaha Bee who deserves to lose his job. In a recent issue of the daily he gives a very graphic description of a runaway, the runaway of an old and staid family horse, which nearly resulted in the death of the driver. The fraud was caused by a blacksmith, who was running the horse, and tackling the driver's dog, which was minding his own business under the buggy being drawn by the horse. A desperate fight followed, which resulted in the death of the reporter left his readers and told what happened to the driver and vehicle. Now, what the writer wants to know is how that dog fight came out?

Central City Democrat: Postmaster Agnew is receiving mail addressed to Wornos, Merick county, Neb. The communications are from the Omaha Bee, and it is a name that you Uncle Samuel knows what he is talking about. What does "Wornos" mean? Is it a name for a place? Tuesday he suggested that he get a bottle of worm medicine, or better still, he might get the feline cat bird. What will the bean-eaters of Boston do for the P. O. Y. A. think they find we Nebraska Worms? This is too much. We in Nebraska have been accused of nearly every crime in the catalogue, but this is the first time that the fact has been established that we had Worms. Probably it is owing to the late republican victory in Merick county. If that is the case, I will give us worms, we do not know what they give us worms.

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