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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 20th day of April, 1898. (Seal) N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

There will be a hot time at the exposition grounds all summer no matter what the thermometer may register.

Householders who wish to entertain exposition visitors should list their accommodations in The Bee want columns. Results tell.

The night illuminations should be a feature of the city as well as of the exposition grounds. A little light shines a great way.

There are occasional business failures now and then in the United States, but it will be noticed that few of them are in Omaha or Nebraska.

Gambling for money under any disguise is a violation of the criminal code and the police should be made to enforce the law without fear or favor.

Push the paving contractors. They have had ample notice that their work will be expedited and should be required to live up to the understanding.

Emilo Zola's second trial may be just as sensational as the first, but it cannot play for American interest as a counter attraction to the war drama now on the boards.

Thanks to Admiral Dewey the residents of Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, San Francisco and Los Angeles do not lie awake at night listening for the sound of heavy cannoning off shore.

Under existing conditions the military feature in the great parade on opening day will necessarily be eclipsed by the civic demonstration, which should be made imposing and impressive.

Now if some of the other respectable gentlemen who got into trouble by associating with Frank Ransom will make public apologies we may finally learn who constituted that little poker party.

Italy is said to be protesting against the Cuban blockade on the ground that it is not effective. The way for Italy to find out whether it is effective is to try it. The chances are that one trial would be sufficient.

An interesting debate on revenue and financial measures is promised by congress this week, but the thoughts of the people are far, far away, and many pretty speeches will be unheeded by constituents provided the war news comes up to expectations.

Reliability is the first consideration in The Bee's war news reports. The reading public has learned to appreciate this fact and for that reason looks to The Bee for verification before it believes anything seen in the yellow kd fakeries.

Of course if more soldiers are needed to bring the war to a successful conclusion the administration will ask for them, but there is nothing to show that the army already collected in the big camps is not quite willing to undertake the task at hand.

The fact that the United States supreme court seems to be dealing deathblows to the anti-oleo legislation of several state legislatures reminds us that there is an anti-oleo law on the Nebraska statute book which may fare no better if it ever gets into the federal courts.

The wheat crop in Texas is now ready for the sickle, while that in Minnesota and North Dakota is hardly advanced sufficient to form an opinion as to its quality. In a short time new wheat will be on the market and this should make prices steadier even if it does not bring them down to old levels.

The fact that a number of skin gambling concerns are running unmolsted on the principal thoroughfares under the very noses of the Omaha police can be interpreted only in one way. The public authorities either stand in with the gamblers and professional swindlers or they are grossly incompetent and inefficient.

MAKING WAR IN HASTEN.

The New York Times, a paper which has not shown any disposition to criticize the military and naval authorities, suggests that "we make war too good-naturedly" and that "it is time to make war in serious earnest." It points out that our government has been derelict in several respects and contrasts its course with that of the Spanish government, which from the beginning of hostilities has been conducting operations in very earnest fashion, especially observing the utmost secrecy in regard to its plans.

There is unquestionably a quite general and growing feeling that it is time to make war in earnest. This does not necessarily imply that there is want of confidence in the authorities. It means simply that after a month of preparation the public feels that there should be a forward movement—that troops should be headed toward Cuba, that an ample force to occupy the Philippines should be well on its way there and that our naval force in West India waters should have accomplished something more than making an almost fruitless attack on San Juan de Puerto Rico and wasting powder and shot on a few unimportant fortifications on the Cuban coast.

We do not think there is any good reason for distrusting the ability of those who are conducting hostilities or of doubting the purpose of the president to prosecute the war with all possible vigor, but we are not disposed to quarrel with those who urge that we should make war in earnest. There must be no tramping, no paltering, no unnecessary delays. There must be no toleration of inefficiency in any quarter and if there is any one in authority anywhere who is an obstruction he should be promptly shoved out of the way.

ON TO THE PHILIPPINES. The first detachment of the army that is to occupy the Philippines has started for its destination. Another is expected to start today and perhaps within a week the whole force will be on the way to the islands. It is a long voyage, but with the ample supplies that have been provided the troops should arrive in good condition.

It is impossible to foresee whether the task devolved upon the United States in the occupation of the Philippines is to be simple or troublesome. Perhaps our soldiers will not have a great deal of fighting to do, but it is evidently the opinion of General Merritt that it is not going to be a holiday affair to overcome the Spanish force there and maintain peace and order.

CRUISERS AND BATTLESHIPS. It appears that our naval experts have come to the conclusion that the weak point in our navy is the lack of armored cruisers. The superiority of the Spanish squadron in the important matter of speed suggests this. Composed of fast cruisers, that squadron can keep the American fleet on a merry chase, for of course the speed of the latter is that of its slowest vessels, the battleships, which under the most favorable conditions make only fourteen or fifteen knots an hour, or several knots less than the cruisers are capable of.

FABRICATING FIGUREHEADS. The dominant majority of the executive committee gained no laurels when they perversely refused for months to carry out the order of the board of directors requiring the appointment of a general superintendent. They gained no laurels when they sought to frustrate the main object of the selection of a general superintendent by depriving their own choice for the position of all power to execute the work devolving upon him.

pression at Washington and undoubtedly congress will in future provide for armored cruisers of the highest speed attainable. We may need them at some future time and we may not, but it is well to be on the safe side.

A popocratic exchange published in Iowa, in attempting to combat the argument of prosperity based on the showing of larger deposits in the state banks, declares that it is unfortunate that "while better prices have improved the condition of the farmer, enabling him to pay debts and to start a bank account or add to one, they have not improved Iowa industries other than agricultural."

While the enterprising Yankees do not hesitate to import any new industry that promises well they have a way of developing industries of their own. With factories for converting cornstalks into useful products, paper mills working up basswood trees and glucose concerns converting corn juice into India rubber the end has not been reached, for a big factory is to be built at Richmond, Virginia, to make castile soap out of peanut oil.

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GAZEVATING A BATTLE CRY. All the members of Colonel William Jennings Bryan's regiment are supposed to be in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver without regard to other nations. They will fight hard to avenge the demoralization of silver and their battle cry will be "Remember the crime of '73."

A GOOD PENSION PLAN. Let there be no pensions for widows, original or limited, married subsequent to the death of their husbands in our war against Spain. The country has learned one very expensive lesson in this respect as the result of the uncalculating liberality in bestowing pensions on summer tourists.

IDOL OF THE FARMERS. There is something almost humorous in the way the hearts of the farmers go out to Joseph Letter of Chicago. Who would have thought that we should ever see the horny-handed granger and the bloated capitalist hobnobbing together and swapping the sweetest of names? Wonder if the "farmers' friend" will elbow the boy orator of the Platte out of the race and himself become the man whom the populists shall delight to honor with the presidential nomination?

BASES OF NATIONAL STRENGTH. A government of the people can remain strong and stable only so long as the individual citizen keeps up his government contributions true, virile and self-consumptive. Freeman should forget that he is a part of the government and sharer in its burdens as well as its blessings.

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VALUE OF GOOD ROADS. The farmers of the United States in marketing the produce of their farms haul 500,000,000 tons of freight yearly over 1,500,000 miles of public roads. As a rule the roads are bad. General Ray Stone estimates that the loss because of the difficulty of transportation is not less than \$600,000,000 per year and that this yearly loss would pay the interest at 3 per cent upon an outlay of money sufficient to rebuild the bad roads and maintain them in proper repair afterward.

and the contractors combine which he represented. The estimated cost of repairing the lagoon embankment is \$3,000. Instead of \$3,000 it is safe to say that a competent and honest general superintendent of directors could and would have saved the expenditure on not less than \$75,000.

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GREAT PROSPERITY OF THE WEST.

The Imperial Domain Reclaiming the Currents of Trade. Kansas City Star. The tenor of the trade reports grows more favorable with each passing week, and the basis for most of the encouraging conditions lies in the west, though the steady improvement in business extends all over the country.

With these facts in mind it is easy to understand why the tide of prosperity continues to rise, why industries are growing more and more active, and why the general business of the country goes on improving, notwithstanding the obstacles to commercial progress that might be expected to arise from the existence of a war.

When the Transmississippi and International Exposition opens its gates to the public on June 1 next there will be housed in advantageous locations in the various magnificent structures erected a dignified and creditable display from Colorado.

Those who have paid even the slightest attention to the efforts of the state commission to have a Colorado representation at the Transmississippi Exposition will not be lax in giving credit to the enterprising organizers for their persistence in accomplishing the result they have aimed at.

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MIST OF THE WAR WAVE.

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STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS.

Wahoo Waap (rep.): We hope to see Congressman Mercer returned to congress from the Omaha district. He has made a faithful representative and the good work that he has accomplished will be appreciated when the people get an opportunity to express themselves.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): Reformer Edmisten's bill for railroad fare, and which was paid by the state, amounted to \$716.17. But Edmisten did not pay a cent of railroad fare—rides on a pass, just the same as do all state officials. And this is what some people call "reform."

O'Neill Independent (pop.): In an able article the Clay County Patriot last week advocated the renomination of Governor Holcomb. Many able men have been mentioned, but notwithstanding their special fitness for the place the Independent believes no better choice could be made to harmonize all sides than Governor Holcomb.

Leigh World (rep.): There is no question as to the superior qualifications of Judge Norris for the place now held by Representative Maxwell. The Judge could hardly have been elected two years ago, but if nominated at the next congressional convention can easily be elected.

Madison Citizen (rep.): Judge Robinson of Madison is being mentioned for the governorship of Nebraska this fall. As the Judge is safely housed officially for another year and Allen a candidate for another term in the senate, wouldn't it be more in the shape of "politics" to make the younger son of the firm, W. E. Reel, an offer of the gubernatorial plum?

Nebraska City Press (rep.): Things have certainly come to a pretty pass at Lincoln when the chairman of the state committee of the reform forces cannot violate the gambling laws without being pulled by the police and janked off to jail.

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portant that no corporation not be allowed to ride into office under the banner of reform. Let none but tried and true friends of the people be placed on guard. No man can serve the corporations and the people at one and the same time.

Seward Reporter (rep.): The state committee of the populist party has been called, and the first steps in the state campaign will soon be taken. No move has yet been made by the republicans, but doubtless the committee will be convened before long.

York Times (rep.): The fall campaign in Nebraska will be a lively one, the contest centering on members of the legislature. Everybody realizes that the most important officer to be elected this fall in Nebraska is the United States senator.

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