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The Christian Endeavorers at Nashville find it hard to distinguish between revival hymns and patriotic songs.

The fact that the United States needs the money and must have it is a sufficient excuse for the war revenue measure.

The armor plate placed on American war ships was a little high-priced, but it seems to have been worth the money paid for it.

The Gloucester might not be able to take Spauld a blow, but Wainwright could give Cadiz a bad fright with his one little fighting vessel.

Two women have detected and prevented an attempt of pickpockets to ply their vocation at the depot. Why not employ them on the detective force?

And now comes David B. Hill with a confession that he voted for Bryan two years ago, but his political condition is such that the confession will do him no harm.

The Cervera family is famous in Spain as wine makers. After he returns home the admiral will do well to start a vineyard and save the family reputation.

The Spanish fleet that is returning from an inspection of the Suez canal seems to be operating on the theory that the longest way round is the shortest way home.

The wheat harvest is well under way in Nebraska and while in some places the grain has been injured either by the hot weather or the wet weather the condition of the crop is on the whole very satisfactory.

It is said that the European powers will not intervene in behalf of Spain until one of the belligerents asks for their good offices. They will have to wait a long time before the United States asks their assistance.

London newspapers intimate that the first overtures for peace ought to come from the United States. Making, Schley and Shafter have been making such overtures some time, but Spain appears not to take the hint.

Congressman Bill Greene expects to come under the political wire in the race for renomination at Broken Bow July 14. This jockeying is intended to head off a possible dark horse from the state house stables who might seek a place on the entry list after the popocratic state convention hippodrome.

There are plenty of strong, clean and capable republicans to fill every place on state, legislative and county tickets. No excuse can be offered for loading the party up this year with played-out machine politicians or with jobbers and ringsters or their associates. Every republican candidate for the year 1898 should be able to add strength to the ticket rather than to discredit it or weaken it.

The defunct Herdman police commissioners announce their intention to hold on as long as they possibly can in spite of the fact that the supreme court has declared unconstitutional the law from which they pretend to draw authority. But this is only on a par with their other exhibitions of lawlessness. Nothing else could be expected from men who sought their appointments for the purpose of feathering their own nests by the sale of police protection to the vicious and criminal classes.

WORKING A BUNCO GAME.

The course which The Bee has pursued with regard to the exposition from its inception to the present day has been honorable, unselfish and consistent. Its sole object has been to insure the success of the exposition from every point of view and thus make the enterprise redound to the credit of its producers and promoters and the glory of Omaha and the transmississippi country.

When public sentiment was still waxing as to its practicability The Bee exerted all its influence to inspire popular confidence in the colossal undertaking. When it was in danger of being wrecked by dishonest employes and defaming contractors, it sounded the alarm and stopped the perpetrators of the frauds and jobbery from continuing their operations. When the exposition required substantial financial support it came to its rescue cordially and generously not only by urging others to contribute but by placing at its disposal both money and credit and invaluable space.

While mediocre would-be rivals have by turns blundered and erred and have at every stage sought to embarrass the editor of The Bee in the laborious task assigned to him as one of the expositions managers, their malicious assaults have not and cannot divert him from the responsible duty of protecting the interests of the exposition and the people who have generously contributed to its support. For this reason The Bee will not allow itself to be inveigled or driven into a controversy which would tend to damage or cripple the exposition.

That the internal affairs of the exposition need reforming and reorganization in some particulars is admitted, but the demand for a public investigation comes from a source everybody knows to be insincere and hypocritical. If G. M. Hitchcock were an honest friend of the exposition instead of a sneaking, covert enemy, he would not persistently seek to arraign the country press against it by false representations nor would he have attempted to create contention inside of the direction over trivial matters when its attention is imperatively needed to devise ways and means for supplementing the efforts of the managers to secure the largest possible results out of the enterprise.

If he really desires an impartial and searching investigation into the management of any or all of the departments, he is in position to institute it through the board of directors, of which he is a member. It is not to be expected, however, that he will do anything of the kind, because his aim and object is to force the washing of soiled exhibition linen in public or try to make it appear that the strictures of The Bee concerning complaints made and reforms demanded are inspired by hostility to men in the executive committee.

SCANDALIZING THE REFORM PARTY. Chairman Edmiston has found at least one sincere but deluded champion in the editor of the Fremont Leader, who professes to see in the published report of the self-styled reform committee convincing proof that the popocratic campaigns in Nebraska "are conducted in such an honest, straightforward manner that they can bear the closest scrutiny." We are further assured that they have been conducted as a business house would conduct its business.

This is decidedly refreshing. When a well-conducted business house employs an agent to disburse its funds, he is not expected or allowed to pocket a part of the funds or to pay his private debts out of money that belongs to his employers. This is precisely what the report shows was done with the contributions assessed upon popocratic officeholders and aspiring statesmen of that political creed.

Another and more pertinent point overlooked by our Fremont contemporary is the fact that according to the Edmiston report the reformers have adopted and pursued the very policy for which they had been denouncing both of the old parties. It shows that the reformers have been scaling salaries and levying forced contributions on officeholders, from Senator Allen down to the janitor in the state house. It shows that a large part of the money collected, including \$700 wrong out of Bryan, has been absorbed by a half dozen political leeches and hoodlums who turned reformers after being speared out by the old parties. It is this scandalous knocking down of campaign funds that justly subjects the reform forces to rebuke.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

In reference to efforts in Europe looking to the bringing about of peace between the United States and Spain, a London dispatch states that the German government is the only one whose representations to the Madrid cabinet have not been marked by unreserved urgency. This is ascribed to a fear on the part of the German government that the developments in the Philippines would not be sufficiently advanced if peace should be concluded now to afford a pretext for the executing of the designs generally attributed to Germany in respect to those islands.

This statement would have been more interesting if it had indicated what the designs of Germany are. There has been a persistent effort to make it appear that the German government has settled upon a policy which contemplates the partitioning of the Philippines after the war, whether this country likes it or not. A few days ago there was an announcement, quickly followed by denial, that Russia, France and Germany had come to an understanding as to how the Philippines should be disposed of and the later intimation in regard to Germany's designs is very likely of a piece with the report of a combination of powers to dictate the future of the Philippines. The probable fact is that the German government is not seriously concerning itself about the islands and has no definite policy in regard to them. That Germany will at any time assume to dictate what the United States shall do with this territory, when it shall be in our complete possession, is most improbable. That any combination of European powers can be formed with

reference to the disposition of the islands must be regarded as well nigh impossible. If any European government is seriously concerning itself about the final disposition of the Philippines it is due to an apprehension that our government might turn them over to Great Britain. There is no ground, however, for such fear. The United States is no more likely to transfer the islands to England than to Germany, or any other European nation. What policy will be pursued is a matter for future determination. It is a problem the solution of which no man can foresee. But it is safe to predict that if the United States does not, as it should not, decide to hold permanent possession of the Philippines, it will not commit the mistake of turning them over to any European power.

Apprehension in regard to Germany's alleged designs does not appear to have any substantial foundation. Nor is there any good reason to doubt the entirely friendly disposition of the German government, despite the fact that the sympathy of a large number of the German people is not with us. Ambassador White, whom all intelligent Americans will regard as excellent authority, has recently declared that the German government understands the real heart of our struggle with Spain and the questions bound up therein and does justice to our motives. Such testimony from their diplomatic representative of the American people should accept as conclusive and dismiss their doubts and apprehensions in regard to Germany.

CAPITAL IS WAITING.

A great deal of eastern capital, it is said, is being withheld from investment waiting for the new channels for profitable employment which are expected to be opened after the war. It is the opinion that there will be great opportunities for American capital in Cuba and undoubtedly the development of that island, which it is reasonably expected will be rapid when a stable government shall have been established there, will give employment to a vast amount of capital. Porto Rico, also, is looked upon as a promising field for American enterprise. The former American consul to the island says that it awaits only American capital and energy to make it one of the richest tropical islands in the world. Undoubtedly more or less American capital will ultimately go to the Philippines and also to the Hawaiian islands, though the latter are not likely to draw very heavily upon our financial resources.

While opportunities for the profitable investment of capital will certainly be afforded in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, the probability is great that enterprise in those quarters will assume a speculative character and become so evanescent that losses will be nearly balance gains. It is to be borne in mind that American capital will not monopolize these fields, though it should have much the larger share in their development, at least those nearest to us. We shall undoubtedly, however, find the competition of European capital very active and we cannot hope to get all the best chances that will be offered. Doubtless foreign capitalists are waiting for the opening of these fields as eagerly as ourselves and will be found fully prepared to enter them as soon as they are opened. The measure of our success will be determined by our ability to meet this competition.

There is now an abundant supply of capital in the United States and the diversion of a few hundred millions to Cuba and elsewhere would not interfere with our own steady development. Indeed, if American capital should be so largely drawn away from the country as to render the supply for home requirements inadequate the deficiency would readily be made up by foreign capital. There is not the least danger that development of the United States will ever have to halt because of an insufficiency of capital.

A PLEA FOR THE GAMBLERS.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things for Attorney Ransom, who represented the gamblers who were recently prosecuted in the criminal courts, to appear before the district court on behalf of the defunct police commission under whose protection the convicted gamblers were operating. It is also in accord with the eternal fitness of things for the chief of police who makes affidavit that Omaha is better policed now than ever in its history to permit the reopening of a resort whose keeper only a few weeks ago came into court to plead guilty to the charge of setting up and maintaining gambling devices. This is done boldly in anticipation that the courts will permit the Herdman board to continue its career of law defiance during the remaining period of the exposition.

It is an open secret that \$5,000 a month was subscribed by the gamblers combine on a guarantee of the police protection. That guaranty can be made good only by the Herdman police board retaining in power for the next three months. Attorney Ransom's pathetic plea on behalf of the outlaw police commission is therefore nothing more nor less than an effort on behalf of gambler clients who are anxious for an opportunity to receive the visiting strangers attracted by the exposition.

The man who was made chief of police without a day's experience in police work has called upon members of the force to testify to the efficiency of the work done under his direction. The only responses he was able to secure, however, were from men who either have had less police experience than himself, if such a thing could be, or whose records are disgraced with all sorts of scandal and connivance with crime.

Checking up the accounts of public funds is of little value unless tested by an exhibit of the cash represented by the balance. That much has been proved several times to the taxpayers of this city, county and state by costly experience. The auditing of the books of all

city and county and not merely of the city and county treasurers, should be accompanied by a showing of where the funds are located. In no other way and the trouble repeatedly encountered in settling with outgoing officials be successfully headed off.

We presume that Mr. Rosewater will support the baker if there is enough dough in sight.—Omaha World-Herald.

This contemptible fling is in keeping with the policy pursued by the hold-up organ. Neither Rosewater nor The Bee has ever asked or received pay for supporting or opposing any candidate or issue. In striking contrast with the World-Herald The Bee has contributed by honest labor and its income derived exclusively from legitimate sources. While The Bee has contributed thousands of dollars of its own money to defray the campaign expenses of candidates whom it believed to be worthy, it is notorious that few men get the support of the World-Herald without buying it. The paper that four years ago sold its editorial space for \$75 a day to a rotten candidate for governor whom it was pretending to oppose and fopped from one side to the other on the silver question for a cash consideration should be the last to indulge in intimations that "dough" will purchase the favor of The Bee. The paper whose chief proprietor had a slip in the drawing of an advancing stolen public money and was kept on his legs by the financial favor of Bartley cannot reprove public confidence in his sell-out sheet by malicious and baseless innuendoes assailing the integrity of The Bee.

The Bee reproduces an interesting sample of the made-to-order war news inflicted on the public by the sensational fakery. It is the detailed description of an imaginary attack on Santiago printed in the Saturday World-Herald, telling how the bombardment had begun and the Spanish were returning a weak fire. As a matter of fact, no attempt was made Saturday to bombard Santiago and even a gun was fired by army or navy. But of course this was no obstacle in the way of the fakery's fiction writers, who wanted to make papers sell, who will continue to practice the same kind of fraud upon that part of the public gullible enough to catch up good money for such fakes.

The board of control which has just taken charge of the Iowa state institutions is well qualified for gallantry in having resolved upon paying men and women the same wages for equal services. The compliment in that form obscures the real merits of the action. If the board raised the salaries of the women employed in state institutions because of gallantry the board blundered badly. It is probable the new rule was adopted for business reasons. The board ought to be complimented for business sense and not for gallantry.

The Iowa City Press, a democratic free silver newspaper, declares that "if Iowa democrats consent to fusion this year in our judgment the party will be committed to a policy that must of necessity give us more trouble than we now think in the future." The fear of fusion is an indication that perhaps the democratic party has not lost all conscience.

If Spain has any more naval squadrons it is anxious to lose it may be of interest to the Spanish government to know that there is hardly a town of any size in the United States but what has one or more bottling works of adequate capacity.

Large Truth in Few Words.

New York Sun. As a genius and a corker, the Gloucester is a destroyer of destroyers.

Some Things Europe Learned.

New York Tribune. The governments of Europe may not have learned much in this war about the conduct of modern war ships in battle, but they have assuredly learned something about the ability of Americans to handle such ships.

Let the Battle Proceed.

Louisville Courier-Journal. The War department made public recently a dispatch from General Shafter stating that the son of the secretary of war, the son of the United States senator and the son of the adjutant general are all well. This ought to be good news enough for one day.

Surprising Facts of War.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The two Spanish fleets sunk at Manila and Santiago numbered in all eighteen ships. They lost over 2,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. The American loss was one killed, eight wounded and not a ship was damaged. This is one of the most surprising facts in all history.

Cheering the Heroes.

Kansas City Journal. It would be a distinct privilege for any American patriot to witness the welcome given the men of the Merrimac by the crews of the war ships and the soldiers on land.

Loyalty of the Germans.

Minneapolis Times. Carl Schurz, in a letter printed in a German newspaper, informs his fellow countrymen in Europe that German-Americans will stand by their adopted country. "His friends are their friends, and his enemies are their enemies." There has never been a doubt on this subject in the United States. There are no more loyal citizens than our German citizens. If any misconception on the subject exists in Germany or elsewhere it cannot be too soon rectified.

Splendid Work of the Regulars.

New York World. The regular troops of the United States army have done so exactly what was confidently expected of them that their splendid performance before Santiago have excited less comment than have the equally heroic deeds of the volunteers. We all accepted, as a matter of course, that the regulars and their West Point officers would set up to the high standard fixed by the history of their organization. But matters of course should not pass without recognition. All but three regiments of the army which accompanied Shafter are regulars, well trained, perfectly disciplined, hardy, intelligent American soldiers, not men whose superiors are not offended by the armies of the world. The work of the regulars has proved this.

FAKE NEWS MADE TO ORDER

Bombardment of Santiago Graphically Described in Saturday's Fake, Although Not a Gun Was Fired by Army or Navy.

(Reproduced from Saturday's World-Herald.)

BOMBARDMENT BEGUN, SPAIN'S REPLY FEEBLE

Bombardment Began Promptly. (Special to the World-Herald.) Washington, D. C., July 9.—The bombardment of Santiago began promptly at noon. The war department was so notified by Signal Officer Allen, from Siboney. The cable was received at 12:20.

By Land and by Sea. (Copyright, 1898, The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., July 9.—Both army and navy are attacking Santiago. The Spanish fleet is replying.

Spanish Reply is Weak. (Copyright, 1898, The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., July 9.—Spanish batteries seem to be weak. It is thought that the fighting will be short and that the city will be ours in a couple of hours.

Holding Back News. (Copyright, 1898, The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., July 9.—For some reason news from the front is being guarded with great secrecy. Some officials of the war department deny the story of the bombardment. I and several other correspondents got a positive statement of the bombardment at 12:20 from Victor Mason, private secretary of Alger.

Another official in the same office said at 2 o'clock that firing at Santiago was becoming very heavy.

People Just as well might the robber steal your purse of gold return the empty purse hoping thus to gain your confidence and secure an opportunity to repeat the theft. The present is a pretty late day for the officials who have broken every pledge made to the people before election to inaugurate a system of reform that will be effective and lasting.

Washington Post (rep.): Candidates for state office are still springing up on every side. There is no dearth of available men. They are plenty, which is all the more reason why the right ones should be chosen. The republican party stands today before the voters of the state just as the American forces stand before the shadow of a victory to win. But, like the American soldiers, its leaders should be men of courage and capacity, enjoying the esteem and confidence of the people. We may succeed with any old candidates. With the right ones we must and will. The responsibilities of the state convention are onerous and imperative. Sift out the old hacks and ringsters that made the party the prey of spoilsmen and embezzlers and winked the other eye at rascality. There are black sheep in every flock and those acts were the mistakes of men, not the faults of the party. They so grossly misrepresented, its aspiring and lofty principles, like stars in a cloudy sky, still glow as brightly and undimmed as if their light had never been obscured for a moment by the shadow of selfishness and personal aggrandizement. Sift them out. Sift them all out. There are true patriots in politics just as there are in armies. Let it be the duty of the state convention to find them.

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