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M. R. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER. Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by mail.

No need of sending Kansas troops over to China—there are no breweries in that country to capture.

Secretary Porter should take a lesson from the wise card player not to tip off his hand too early in the game.

King Ak-Sar-Ben is indulging in royal jaunts to bring new lands and subjects under his dominion. The policy of Ak-Sar-Ben is for expansion.

Bryan will make several speeches on his way from Lincoln to Topeka. The temptation is plainly too great for even such a great man to resist.

If the Chinese keep up the present rate of retreat several high officials are likely to lose a few peacock feathers and get their yellow shirts soiled.

If the weather man will give Omaha its full quota of storms and rain before the opening of the musical festival next month he will have a vote of thanks just the same.

Since the treaty of peace between Dr. Lang and Governor Poynter has not yet become effective, another campaign may be necessary at Beatrice. Strange how suspicious these reformers are of each other.

The Iowa democrats are going through the form of putting up a state and electoral ticket. It is only a form, however. Iowa democrats have as much chance of landing as republicans in Arkansas.

The popocratic organs have stopped trying to deny that prosperity is here. What they are trying to do now is to divert attention from prosperity to side shows and bugaboos with which they hope to bamboozle the voters.

The popocratic candidate for congress in this district has named a congressional committee long enough to reach from Omaha to Papillion, but not quite long enough to reach from Papillion to Washington.

From the way in which the fusion crowd is squirming it is evident something has struck them in a tender spot. They are sparring wildly in the contest with the middle-of-the-roads and nothing but lively footwork can save them.

For fear Secretary Porter would overlook a point all the state house employees knocked off work to attend the hearing on the ballot proposition. Public business is a secondary consideration around the state house when politics is on tap.

The trading stamp controversy revolves simply on the question of the most effective way of advertising. Nothing has been invented or devised for advertising purposes that equals printers' ink in a widely read newspaper like The Bee.

Iowa democrats are a self-sacrificing lot. Otherwise it would be impossible to find enough men to make up a state ticket each year. The campaign has one good feature from their standpoint—the candidates are not kept in suspense regarding the result of the campaign.

In the allotment of routes by which the various companies of the national guard will be transported to the annual encampment at Hastings one railroad seems to have been awarded the bulk of the business under the schedule of the fusion adjutant general. This is accidental of course.

Montague Levenson writes to his Filipino friends that the situation in the Philippines is such that it prevents him from sleeping. Had he been a citizen of any country except this and written such a letter he would soon have been placed in a condition in which his sleep would no longer be disturbed.

NO ARMISTICE.

The appeal from Li Hung Chang for an armistice will be rejected by this government, the determination being to accept nothing short of complete compliance with the demands originally made. A Washington dispatch states that the appeal of the venerable viceroy, now representing the imperial authorities with power to negotiate for peace and a settlement between the Chinese and other governments, is almost pathetic in tone, showing the desperate straits to which China has been driven.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

These apprehensions of Earl Li are undoubtedly well founded, but the determination to push the international forces on to Peking seems to be fully justified by the circumstances. The Chinese government has certainly been given ample opportunity to comply with the fair and reasonable demands made upon it and having failed to do so, either from inability or unwillingness, no confidence can be felt in any assurances it may now give. The foreign ministers have all, in identical terms, informed their governments that they cannot safely leave Peking under Chinese escort, that their only security in departing from the capital is in a sufficient force of the allies to protect them and the other allies. In these circumstances the only wise course for the powers is to go on to Peking, to which the international forces must now be very near, if they are not already under the walls of the city. The result may be to shake the empire to its foundations, but if so the Chinese government has only itself to blame.

LIMITS OF THE DECLARATION.

The only respect in which the position of Mr. Bryan differs from the position of Jefferson Davis is that Mr. Davis interpreted the Declaration of Independence to refer exclusively to white men and Mr. Bryan interprets the declaration to refer to all men.—World-Herald.

WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN?

What about the women who are governed without their consent? What about the foreign-born who are governed without their consent for five years before their naturalization is completed?

WHAT ABOUT THE ALIENS, SUCH AS THE CHINESE, WHO ARE GOVERNED WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT AND DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF NATURALIZATION?

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SO-CALLED IMPERIALISM.

nor does the cry of militarism disturb them, and for the simple reason that they know there is no such danger. Mr. Bryan said in his notification speech that a large permanent increase in our regular army is intended by republican leaders and referred to the fact that in his message of December 5, 1898, the president asked for the authority to increase the standing army to 100,000. "In 1865," said Mr. Bryan, "the army contained about 25,000. Within two years the president asked for four times that many, and a republican house of representatives complied with the request after the Spanish treaty had been signed and when no country was at war with the United States."

RE-FERRING TO THE BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

Referring to this Boston Transcript observes that as a matter of fact the increase of the standing army of the United States was not to 100,000 men, nor was it permanent. Congress authorized the increase of the army to 65,000 and the enlistment of 35,000 volunteers. The president was given power to maintain this army until July 1, 1901, and it is understood that at that date next year the army becomes again about 27,000 men, the volunteers being mustered out. As the Transcript says, "With less than one soldier to 1,000 citizens, it does not look as though there is at present any grave menace in the standing army, and to misstate figures easily corrected is not to strengthen the democratic case against 'militarism.'"

FUTURE OF THE STATE FAIR.

Lincoln papers are appealing to the pride and public spirit of that city to make the coming State fair a financial success, arguing that its future depends largely upon the support it receives at the hands of the local merchants and people of the community.

THE IDEA, HOWEVER, THAT THE STATE FAIR CAN BE PERPETUATED AS A PURELY LOCAL EXHIBITION IS NOT FOUNDED ON FACTS.

The only way the State fair can be made a success in all respects is to keep it up to the highest standard and fulfill the design of its original promoters.

THE STATE FAIR SHOULD BE AN EXHIBIT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND NOT A COLLECTION OF SIDE SHOWS LITCHED UP TO A HORSE RACE.

The chief trouble with our state fairs in the past has been that the system of premiums employed produces only a partial exhibit representing but a small part of the state instead of a general showing of the agriculture, commerce and manufacturing interests throughout the state.

THE FUTURE OF THE STATE FAIR WILL DEPEND NOT UPON ITS LOCAL FEATURES, BUT UPON ITS INHERENT VALUE.

Unless it can be made to reflect the prosperity of the entire state and serve its purpose to advertise the resources and openings for investment, attract immigration and open the eyes of our own people to their opportunities, it cannot receive the support necessary to keep it going, nor will it have any valid claim for a greater subsidy from the state treasury.

Governor Beckham has issued a proclamation conveying the Kentucky legislature in extra session to modify the Goebel election law.

The Goebel law, a democratic party measure and was upheld by democrats big and little, even to the message of congratulation from Bryan to Goebel on the effective operation of this legalized fraud in accomplishing his election as governor. If the democrats could defend the Goebel law a year ago, why should they want to modify it now. If it was fair and just when used to aid in seating Goebel contrary to the public will expressed by the popular vote, why would it not be equally just in the coming election? This move on the part of the democrats to modify the Goebel law is the most severe arraignment of its authors that could be made.

THE BRYANITES HAVE STARTED A NEW PIPE STORY OUT OF LINCOLN ABOUT THE ALLEGED INDIGIBILITY OF WHARTON BARKER TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE SOME YEARS AGO THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT CONFERRED ON HIM THE TITLE OF LORD OF ST. WENCESLAVUS IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES HE HAD PERFORMED AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS COUNTRY.

The pretense is made that the acceptance of this title without special authority from congress would be a cause of constitutional indigibility. This is all in the imagination, however, because the constitution does not forbid a private citizen accepting honors from foreign governments, but lays its prohibition only on persons holding office under the United States. The Bryanite fakirs will have to try again.

THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST CONVENTION AT INDIANAPOLIS HAS SHOWN ITS HAND IN AN UNMISTAKABLE MANNER.

It has been generally and justly believed by those who watch events that its sole object was to embarrass the present administration under the guise of high patriotic purpose. The condemnation of the government for the course pursued in sending troops to China for the protection of Minister Conger and the American residents uncovered that purpose. No man not a blind partisan could take such a stand. In their efforts to aid democracy the promoters of this convention have overreached themselves.

UNLESS COUNT VON WALTHERSE HURRIES HIS DEPARTURE FROM GERMANY HE IS NOT LIKELY TO ADD MUCH TO HIS MILITARY EXPERIENCE IN CHINA.

So far events have justified the position taken by the United States in urging the advance on Peking without waiting for the collection of a vast army. Both in a diplomatic and military way the officials of this country have shown that they understand the conditions and people with whom they have to deal better than any of their foreign associates.

CHINA'S IMPERIAL ANCHOR.

The public debt in China, which is principally held in Europe, amounts to \$500,000,000 in round figures. In this is included the amount of the loan for the construction of the Chinese empire.

AMERICAN PUSH IN CHINA.

He is no American who fails to appreciate the virile spirit of Americans in China. The American people are not alarmed about

SEULMONT OF BUSINESS MEN.

The gold democrat who said he would not vote for the best man in the country if he stood on the Kansas City platform, nor for Bryan if he stood on the best platform ever drawn, has neatly expressed the sentiments of the business elements of the country. Neither the candidate nor the platform could be made acceptable under any circumstances.

SITUATION TENSELY STATED.

Amid the mass of wild and incoherent news which has come from Peking it is refreshing to come upon a sane, phlegmatic message like that of Sir Robert Hart, who sends word: "The sooner we can get out of this the better, for it is inconvenient for the Chinese government and unsafe for ourselves." Sir Robert is not a man who loses his head.

NOW THE WORLD'S BANKER.

The financial center of gravity has shifted and the United States has become the world's banker. The transaction by which this country was awarded half of the recent British loan was not a matter of choice with the British government and the Bank of England, but a very pressing necessity. The Bank and newspapers will probably cease to rave and criticize when they realize clearly the situation in London. The action of American financiers in taking up so much of the British loan has temporarily averted a crisis in London and if the fall market of this country may bring permanent relief. Had the entire loan been taken in England payment would have been made from the Bank of England reserves and the rates for money would have become very nearly prohibitive.

PHILADELPHIA NORTH AMERICAN.

The democracy is beginning to resent the "full dinner pail" argument which the republicans put forward to win the votes of the workmen.

WHAT! CRY THE DEMOCRATIC ORATORS, "THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SUNK SO LOW IN SORDIDNESS THAT NO LONGER APPEALS TO MEN'S MINDS AND HEARTS, BUT TO THEIR STOMACHS?"

Are the republicans not ashamed to ask the workman to fix his eyes upon his dinner and forget the higher things, such as constitutional liberty for the shanties of the war-won islands and the danger to his own freedom which the creation of a great standing army in the service of imperialism involves?"

THE DEMOCRATS TAKE THE FULL DINNER PAIL LITERALLY.

It means more than plenty to eat for the workman. It signifies national prosperity, for if the workman has to eat because he has a place over and factories are closed down and commerce paralyzed, as they were under Cleveland. Moreover, the workman

POLITICAL SNAPPINGS.

Washington Post: It is unkind in the Nebraska banks to get stuffed up with money just at a time when Mr. Bryan is engaged in exploiting his theory of savings.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: CONCERNING THE PHOTOGRAPH INTO WHICH MR. BRYAN TALKED HIS INDIANAPOLIS SPEECH A DAY OR TWO AGO, IT IS TO BE OBSERVED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH COULDN'T GET AWAY.

Minneapolis Journal: Webster Davis tells the Associated Press that within the past three weeks he has declined 623 applications to deliver political addresses, which only proves there are at least 623 places in this great and glorious country that haven't yet found out what a chump Davis is.

TITLE BY PURCHASE.

Bryan's Paramount Issue in the Light of History.

Mr. Bryan says: "It is impossible to secure title to a people by force or by purchase." "Impossible" means that which cannot be done. We assume that by "title to a people" Mr. Bryan means sovereignty over a people. That is not ownership, as a right can be transferred to another government. In our case sovereignty implies the right to govern according to our constitution. That is the Post's contention and the democratic contention. Our fathers secured the sovereignty of this country by a deed of arms. The title to the land and the slaughter of the inhabitants were directed by the God of Israel.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Buffalo Express: It is a little bit embarrassing for Mr. Bryan to have one of his most prominent supporters, the New York Journal, say his scheme for the treatment of the Philippines is all wrong.

The Journal affirms that "we do not want to give up the Philippines," but should induce the inhabitants to come voluntarily into the union. The Journal evidently does not think imperialism the paramount issue.

NEW YORK SUN: IT MUST BE A JOY TO DEMOCRATS TO READ THE LIST OF STATESMAN WHO ARE TO TAKE PART IN THE SECOND BRYAN NOTIFICATION SHOW, THE ONE TO BE HELD IN TOPEKA.

The Hon. James B. Weaver of Iowa, the Hon. Cyprien Davis of Texas, the Hon. Dabster Wycius of Missouri and the Hon. J. Jennings movement—these are names to fill the democratic heart with pride and the democratic eye with happy tears.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Chicago has served notice on the census bureau that nothing less than a population of 2,000,000 will be satisfactory.

The German emperor has commissioned a German manufacturer to make for him three electric cars of different shape and design, in one of which he intends to travel to the summer manuevers in Saxony.

President Loubet of France is a musician and a fact scarcely known even in his own country—and not only plays the piano and violin with remarkable skill, but composes, and has given their life to that art.

Seven men have been found on a farm in Schenectady county, New York, who didn't know any one had been nominated for president or that there had been any trouble in the Philippines.

Yerkes synagogues has long been a New York synonym for ignorance and rusticity.

Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago tried to run an electric automobile last Thursday with results that were almost disastrous. He inadvertently turned on all the power and the wagon dashed away at a terrible speed. Fortunately, however, it brought up safely against a telegraph post before any damage was done.

A Washington stenographer who is often called in to assist the White House corps says: "President McKinley is the ideal man for a stenographer. He speaks just as fast enough with perfect distinctness and never hesitates for a word. Unlike New York, he is evidently known exactly what he is going to say before he tries to say it."

General Miles has received from a private soldier in the Philippines a box of cigarettes native to those islands. Included was the note: "Dear Sir—When you were riding in Porto Rico you once overheard me say how much I wanted a smoke, and you immediately had an orderly give me several cigars. I now desire to return the compliment."

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS IN NEBRASKA

The eyes of the whole nation are on the Nebraska campaign and elections of this fall, partly because Nebraska is Bryan's home state and partly because they are anxious to learn whether our republican party will be successful enough to gain its old ascendancy. Until ten years ago the republican party ruled Nebraska to such an extent that a republican nomination was equal to an election. But its leaders in the meantime had become the obedient tools of the corporation interests and had committed such gross blunders that they drove thousands upon thousands over to the populists and alienated especially the German element. A decade ago they betrayed the true republican cause by putting an honest republican judge of the supreme court, when his term was out, on the shelf for ten long years because the corporations did not like his stubborn and incorruptible independence. And some years later they elected with a great flourish of trumpets one of the most obedient railroad tools to the United States senate. These were a few of their misdeeds and hundreds of similar vicious and stupid blunders had the natural result that every candidate was in bad repute when he was known that he was a favorite of the republican railroad attorneys and other corporation leaders who controlled republican nominations by packed caucuses and packed conventions.

THE DOWNFALL AND DEFEAT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS THE RESULT OF THIS DISHONEST LEADERSHIP.

If the rank and file of the republicans will be wise and