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State of Nebraska, Douglas county, ss. I, George H. Tschuck, secretary of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, say that the within number of full and complete copies of The Daily Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee, printed during the month of April, 1898, was as follows:

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Exposition day parade should be a marker in the record of Omaha's public demonstrations.

As usual the republicans of the Second district are first in the field with their candidate for congress.

The cotton growers would not object if Mr. Lester should do into cotton what he has done into wheat.

The Omaha High School ends constitute a living confirmation of the wisdom of military instruction in the public schools.

Permanent sidewalks are cheaper for the taxpayers than constantly recurring damage suits brought against the city for injuries received from defective walks.

It cannot be said that Memorial day has a new meaning to Americans this year, but it certainly has a meaning the people feel and appreciate more than ever before.

We have yet to hear of the out-of-town visitor who has viewed the exposition grounds and buildings and gone away with anything but good words for the great enterprise.

Iowa is enjoying the distinction of having a young man with a pull who threw up a commission as a staff colonel to enlist as a private. Such things happen once in a while.

Will the executive committee of the exposition ratify the plot to make the exposition a partner with the Herdman gang of police bondsmen who are ready to protect crime for a price?

The automatic gambling machines seem to be operating without let or hindrance from the police, notwithstanding the prohibitive order of the police board which was never intended to prohibit.

Few persons realized before that there are so many cables in West Indian waters. Cable laying has been going on steadily for many years and after the war there will be a big job of cable repairing.

Governor Holcomb's anxiety to have Nebraska furnish twice its quota of troops to the volunteer army is conclusive evidence that he has more promises of commissions outstanding than he can possibly redeem.

One Iowa railroad, exclusively, an Iowa line, reports that earnings for April were 20 per cent more than in the corresponding month last year, and the increase was not caused by immense profits in transporting troops.

The man who is to be chairman of the next democratic convention in Iowa once ran for congress on a platform of his own making, which contained a plank in favor of abolishing all laws in regard to legal tender money and all laws for the collection of private debts.

The Republican league convention to be held in Omaha in July will be the only national convention of republicans of the year. It will bring together nearly all the great leaders of the republican party and should serve to inspire Nebraska republicans with a determination to wage a successful campaign for the redemption of Nebraska at the next November election.

The scheme of the Herdman gang to open the town wide to pickpockets and professional crooks of every description by roping the exposition managers into serving to the present incompetent chief, is the climax of impudence.

How an rational business man could for a moment contemplate or countenance the deliberate exposure of visiting guests and our own people to the unannounced raids of organized bands of thieves passes comprehension.

MEMORIAL DAY.

A correspondent of the Springfield, Mass. Republican, who signs his communication "A Veteran," refers to a fact not generally known in regard to the beautiful custom of decorating soldiers' graves.

This is, that it had its beginning in the south. According to this authority, on May 30, 1865, the graves of Union soldiers who had been prisoners at Belle Isle, near Richmond, were decorated with flowers.

When these charges were filed the governor set up as an excuse to evade his duty to hear the testimony in person that he was too busily engaged with other public matters and appointed an impartial substitute to sit in the case and act for him.

What the impartial substitute has been waiting for is now disclosed. The little fishing party consisting of A. S. Tibbets, Robert E. Lee Herdman and J. W. Peabody.

Just at this time, when the public is engrossed with war a Kansas scientist very pleasantly relieves the strain by a paper which discloses that the pollen mother cells in the Division of the Pollen Mother Cells at the University of California.

Look out for the fish stories. Look out also for the joint report of the impartial substitute and the impeached police commissioner and the Herdman-Gregory-Peabody impeachment charges.

THE FALLACY OF ARGUMENTS. The fallacy of the arguments of the Hawaiian annexationists is easily shown.

One of their organs says that annexation of the islands is a necessity because they are the half-way house to the Philippines and our troop ships must touch there for provisions and coal on their way to Manila.

Another suggestion of the advocates of annexation is that Spain might have not only a ground for just complaint, but for a claim for damages against Hawaii, on account of the favor shown the United States, despite the fact that Hawaii has not declared neutrality.

While this state of affairs must continue in a large measure, yet the exposition with its accompanying festivities, congresses and conventions, attracting delegations of men and women distinguished in every walk of life, can and should absorb the attention of all who are interested in having Omaha perform its part with credit.

The exposition affords Omaha an opportunity to advertise the city and earn the lasting good-will of the people not only of Nebraska and neighboring states, but of every state in the union.

Such an opportunity has never before presented and it will be long years before it is repeated. If not completely utilized now, the mistake can never be corrected.

AMERICAN NAMES FOR NAVAL VESSELS. The last batch of names for new vessels in the United States navy indicates that all the good Americans must have been sent to the front leaving the ship-making job to some minor attaché of the diplomatic service.

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STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS.

Ord Journal (pop.): The populists are entitled to the nomination for governor and the democrats say they should have it.

Howell Journal (dem.): A reform official who rides upon a railroad pass and solicits favors from the railroads will bear watching, or perhaps it would be a better idea to retire him to private life and put a true reformer in his place.

Nebraska Sun (rep.): Populists individually and conventionally have declared time without number that a pass is a bribe, but when it comes to the point of choosing a successor to Hon. W. V. Allen in the senate, they are going to work for with might and main.

Chadron Journal (rep.): Nebraska politics this fall will be mighty warm and this state promises to be the seat of a memorable battle.

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MIX POLITICS AND PATRIOTISM.

Tekamah Herald: Governor Holcomb's distribution of military commissions is in keeping with his appointments of non-partisan boards contemplated by statute.

Harrison Herald: Governor Holcomb has given W. J. Bryan permission to raise a regiment over which he is to command.

Leigh World: It is to be regretted that the brave Nebraska troops had to be used to designing demagogues to further a popular governor's political schemes.

Wood River Interests: Governor Holcomb has had a good many republicans who have looked with friendliness upon him as an executive, but his conduct as a war governor in mixing up politics with the soldier boys is bringing down upon his head the wrath of every man who believes that politics should emphatically be left to the politicians.

Stanton Register (pop.): Judge Westover is talked of as a candidate for governor, but the people are not so easily deceived.

North Platte Tribune: Now that W. J. Bryan has secured a commission as colonel of the proposed Third regiment of Nebraska volunteers and that he and Governor Holcomb will virtually appoint all officers above corporal, let neither of them forget that North Platte has several jobless populists who have done nothing but talk "reform" for six months.

Allen News: To appoint a man colonel who has not even ever thumbed the touch hole of a cannon takes considerable nerve.

Edgar Post: Holcomb promised the young men who organized the heavy artillery regiment that should there be another call for soldiers he would be ordered out.

Schuyler Quill: Governor Holcomb has certainly shown very poor judgment in his late official acts as to the militia.

Today, we better understand why Decoration day is kept. For we have watched our soldiers go to fight for right, while mothers wept.

We hear our country's call for men. And see them rise, by thousands strong, Holding more dear than home or friends That right should triumph over wrong.

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