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PARTIES LEAVING FOR THE SUMMER

Parties leaving the city for the summer can have The Bee sent to them regularly by mail.

Hobson's heroism has not deserted him. He refuses to go on the lecture platform at \$1,000 a night.

Senator Allen is altogether too modest. If he thinks he is the ablest man in the populist party why not say so?

The pendulum swings the other way in China, and Li Hung Chang is again virtual ruler of the Chinese empire.

The Indian congress is now open and its sessions will not be terminated by adjournment until the close of the exposition next November.

Negotiations have reached the stage where free advice is pouring into the president's waste basket again in a stream suggesting a spring freshet.

It is true there are many Indians in and about Omaha, but that need not deter intending visitors to the exposition. The Indians have all been tamed.

The occasional capture of a prize ship by an American canoe is almost the only thing happening nowadays to remind the public of the blockade of Cuban ports.

After all that can be said about the Klondike, it is generally admitted that it is a better proposition than that of "Rev." Jernegan, in the matter of getting gold out of the sea.

It will be observed that Mr. Dingley of Maine has not deemed it necessary to follow the example of Prof. Wilson of West Virginia and make apologies for the tariff law which bears his name.

What a pity Speaker Gaffin was compelled to reconsider his acceptance of Johnny Allen's silver inkstand. It would have been so handy for his use as the new chairman of the populist state committee.

Kansas democrats who dislike the popularizing of their party have sensibly decided that the right way to kill populism is to support the republican ticket.

How much longer is the free pass abuse at the exposition to go unchecked? How can people be expected to patronize the exposition liberally when they know their neighbors are on the free list without any better right or claim than they?

The greatest surprise of the popocratic circus is that which enveloped Governor Holcomb when he found his announcement that he was not a candidate for renomination taken so seriously that the vote accorded him could not be regarded as even complimentary.

The populists have dumped the chairman of their state committee and chief of inspector into the tank without ceremony. Republicans and republicans may be ungrateful, but what shall be said of the populists after this exhibition of the basest of cardinal sins?

The problems growing out of the war are difficult enough, but they are not impossible of satisfactory solution, provided the United States adheres to its traditional policies in a broad sense, and particularly to the policy outlined by the president at the beginning of the war.

The local popocratic organ has sprung the Poynter pun. But the real pointer on the popocratic nomination for governor the public received was through the columns of The Bee, which sized up the situation in the triangular convention correctly while the stereopticon of the popocratic organ was throwing out portraits of every candidate except the successful one.

THE PRESIDENT IN VIEW

Spanish diplomacy is proverbially dilatory. Procrastination is a national trait. It was expected that Spain would do more or less parleying in connection with the peace proposals, finding one pretext and another for delay, if not with any serious hope of obtaining more favorable conditions, than to gratify the national characteristic.

Thoroughly convinced the Spanish statesmen and people are of the hopelessness of the struggle and of the suicidal folly of continuing the war, a prompt acceptance by the government of the terms of peace offered by the United States would doubtless have brought upon the government a great deal of popular condemnation. It probably would have been regarded by many as an abject surrender, damaging to the dignity and honor of Spain, and would have been used by the elements hostile to the government to stir up trouble.

Spain should by this time have learned the unprofitableness of temporizing with the Washington government. President McKinley has shown that he can deal firmly with conditions that demand firm treatment and having carefully and deliberately decided upon what terms the United States will negotiate peace with Spain no efforts of the Spanish government will avert him from that decision.

The conditions proposed by the president are what he believed would receive the approval of a majority of the American people and having had strong assurance that they are generally approved by this people he will not recede from them. The danger from Spanish delay in accepting these terms is in the possibility that they may be changed in a direction less favorable to the Philippines.

The latest information from Washington is to the effect that President McKinley has positively declined to modify the terms of peace in any material respect. Some unimportant concessions asked for have been made, but the president firmly adheres to the conditions submitted to the Spanish government and there is not the slightest probability that he can be induced to recede from any of them.

REDUCING WAR EXPENSES. One of the matters under consideration at the cabinet meeting yesterday was that of reducing war expenses.

It is stated that steps have already been taken for the disbandment of the auxiliary navy and the secretary of the navy is devoting his attention to the matter of retrenchment in other directions. There is no doubt that a very considerable reduction in naval expenditures can be made at once, but probably little in the way of retrenchment in army expenditures can be effected pending peace negotiations, which promise soon to be entered upon.

With the restoration of peace probable within a short time it would seem that the government might safely forego the issue of new bonds, if it is under no legal obligation to issue them. On a peace footing, even though it be found necessary to keep a considerable military force in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, there will be ample revenue to meet all such expenditures and perhaps leave a surplus.

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Only in the presence of cold statistics can one realize the vital relationship between the distilling and brewing industry in the United States and agriculture. The amount of grain consumed in the manufacture of liquors is enormous. The internal revenue records show that 45,792,665 bushels of malt were consumed in the breweries of the United States in the year ended June 30, 1896, or 32,459,471 bushels of barley and 1,340,001 bushels of rice. In the same period there were used in the

distilleries 19,019,243 bushels of corn and cereals and 2,055,833 bushels of rye. This is a comparatively small proportion of the entire grain crop of the United States, but it is a large proportion of the surplus grain above that used regularly for the food of man or animal. But this is not all of the agricultural product consumed directly as the result of the industry of manufacturing liquors.

THE GERMAN AGRARIANS HAVE SHOWN NO great interest in the sparring for public notoriety going on in the Philippines, but they have been preparing to prove that American pork consists largely of trichinosis germs, that American apples are covered with dangerous scales and that American canned and preserved meat and fruit are all unfit for use.

It is pleasing to learn that the Third Nebraska regiment has been assigned to a camp in Florida where the soil is sandy and conditions favorable to continued good health of the men while waiting to be sent to the front.

According to Senator Allen, the war with Spain is nothing but a gigantic conspiracy of goldbugs to intrude the national banks behind more noted issues, based on new war bonds.

Satisfactory Business Conditions. Chicago Times-Herald. The financial, commercial and industrial conditions of the country may be said to be satisfactory, while the outlook for the future is more encouraging than it has been for years.

No Cheap Dollars for Them. Indianapolis Journal. The \$60,130,787 assets of the League of Building and Loan associations is a factor which we are not yet in possession of a cheap dollar should take into their account of the opposition to their scheme.

Introduction of Cost Money. Springfield Republican. If Promoter Hooley's statements in bankruptcy are trustworthy it cost him as high as \$25,000 to be introduced to one English nobleman. But that seems entirely creditable; it has often cost American business men more.

While talking about "returning" the Philippines to Spain it might be as well to remember that we are not yet in possession of any one of the 800 or more islands, nor even of the city of Manila. We have simply sunk some Spanish ships.

Complaint is made that the people of the east are not attending the Transmississippi Exposition in as great numbers as had been expected of them. If the eastern people are to be disappointed, they would see nothing new and learn nothing at the Omaha display they are fooling themselves.

THE PHILIPPINE WHITE ELEPHANT. Philadelphia Record. The latest news from Manila is disquieting. It is one thing to take Manila, and quite another to establish the authority of the United States over the Philippine archipelago.

Effect of Their Establishment Upon Loan and Building Associations. Chicago Record. At the annual national convention at Omaha last week of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations the postal savings bank system was one of the principal subjects of discussion.

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