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VALE, GROVER.

ALL eyes are centered on Washington.

We doff our hat to President McKinley.

WAR has been declared in the populist camp.

Doc MATHEWS has resurrected the Stuttgart Free Press.

WONDER if the county attorney got a new hat Wednesday morning.

THE trans-Mississippi exposition is booming. That's right, shove it along.

THE last of the John Brown raiders is dead, but the soul of old John is still marching on.

PROSPERITY is coming, but if you expect a shower of gold eagles today you are liable to be disappointed.

THE collection of views expressed in old speeches by men of prominence is classed as enterprise by some newspapers.

MRS. ELLA WHEELER WILCOX may not get any money for her poem used in Bryan's book, but she is getting considerable advertising out of it.

If a good president and a good cabinet can make a good administration, that of President McKinley will be one of the best the country has ever had.

It would seem to a disinterested party that if the Memphis convention was a fairly representative body that the "Reform Press association" is misnamed.

THE Carnegie baby will go several points ahead of being born with a silver spoon in its mouth. It can have diamonds for playthings if papa Andy so wills.

It having been definitely settled that there is to be no factional fighting among Ohio republicans, the democratic and assistant democratic newspaper men will have to find another subject to exercise their imaginations upon.

BRO. WILLIAMS, of the Blair Pilot, will soon become a bloated bond holder. Last week he was elected a member of the board of directors of a patent medicine company at Blair. Judging him by his paper, there is nothing too good for him.

SENATOR SHERMAN is one of the last men in the world who would choose a sensational newspaper as the medium for making public any intended line of policy of the new administration. This is a fact which recent publications should cause all sensible people to keep in mind.

THE authorities of the Washington and Lee university, who have elected Postmaster-General Wilson president, and those of the University of Virginia, who have invited Mr. Bryan to address the students during commencement week, evidently differ widely in their idea of men.

THE people are more interested in the coming inauguration of a new administration, and it is believed a new era of prosperity, than in the doings of the dying Fifty-fourth congress. Yet congress is engaged in the very necessary work of making the appropriations to run that administration for the next fiscal year.

If lies could be kept out of the news from Cuba for a while, it would be much easier for President McKinley to decide upon his policy toward the unfortunate island.

From the way populists are squirming, in our sister state to the north, the republicans made a happy selection when they elected Senator Kyle to succeed himself. He will vote with the republicans on the organization of the senate.

Ex-TREASURER BARTLEY was arrested last week charged with the embezzlement of about a half million dollars. He was released on bail and will be given a hearing today. He gave the following statement, in regard to state money in his possession, to the press a few days ago: "When Mr. Messerve took charge of the office he requested that all moneys which were not covered by depository bonds be paid to him in cash, amounting to some \$670,000. I informed him that the times were such that it was very hard to make a settlement in that way, but I would comply with his request although it might take some time to do so. I have proceeded on these lines and have collected and turned over to him about \$154,000 and am settling with him as fast as it is possible to do so without endangering the loss of funds. There is no necessity of making a mountain out of a mole hill; every dollar that is due from me to the state will be paid in reasonable time. There is not a penny of the public funds entrusted for and while I have heretofore avoided any newspaper discussion of my affairs I desire to say that the state of Nebraska has not and will not lose one dollar through any shortcomings of myself. When Mr. Meserve took possession of the office there was due from myself to the state in all funds, including bonds and securities, some \$5,050,000. Of this amount I have accounted for and turned over to Mr. Meserve some \$4,530,000, balance due \$520,000. This is about the amount I owe the state."

DECRYING OMAHA—DESTROYING NEBRASKA.

It is the duty of every representative of the people in the legislature to oppose such measures as are in his judgment detrimental to the public welfare. It is his privilege to oppose any bill or appropriation which he cannot conscientiously support. When this opposition, however takes the form of unreasoning sectional hostility it is discreditable and inexcusable.

The opposition to the Trans-Mississippi exposition appropriation on the grounds of its questionable constitutionality is perfectly legitimate, although precedents established by nearly all the states with reference to the Centennial exposition at Philadelphia and by Nebraska in conjunction with other states in the expositions at New Orleans and Chicago leave no room for doubt on that score. It is perfectly legitimate to interpose objections on the score of economy and the plea of hard times, and an embarrassed treasury, although the justification is found in the assured returns which will more than repay any sum invested, and the impetus the exposition is sure to give to the further development of the state's resources.

But when a representative of this commonwealth declares that he would rather the exposition be held in Kansas City than in Omaha, and when others, inspired by local prejudices and stupid jealousies, assert that they will not vote money to help build up Omaha, they exhibit a narrowness of vision and lack of state pride that is truly humiliating to every loyal Nebraskan.

In 1880 Omaha had a population of only about 30,000. Did the growth of Omaha from 30,000 to over 125,000 in the succeeding ten years hurt the state of Nebraska? Did this growth of Nebraska's metropolis retard the growth of any other part of the state? Would Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, Columbus, Central City, or even Fairbury, have grown more rapidly than they did had Omaha remained stationary? Did not Omaha capital

help to build up scores of Nebraska towns and villages, and, what is more, help to develop industries that have made a home market for Nebraska's products? Would any town in Nebraska have been more prosperous if the city of Omaha were on the east side of the Missouri and paid tribute to the state treasury of Iowa, as does Sioux City?

Omaha is virtually Douglas county, and Douglas county has paid into the state treasury in the last twenty-two years more than \$2,500,000. Over \$700,000 of this money has been contributed toward state government and for maintenance of state institutions since 1892. And yet Omaha is decried as a cormorant eating out the vitals of the state!

Kansas City has been built up on the trade of Kansas, but Kansas never receives a dollar of taxes from Kansas City. If Nebraska, like Kansas, were drained by a city in an adjacent state which did not contribute toward maintaining its government there might be excuse for refusing to tax the state for a project that would increase its population and wealth. Even then an exposition appropriation could not be rationally withheld on the ground of sectional prejudice. The legislature of Iowa voted an appropriation for the exposition at Omaha before Nebraska was even approached, and other states are following its example.

It is an everlasting disgrace that Nebraskans cannot see beyond the village horizon and rise to the level of broad-minded public spirit which seeks to develop the state and draw attention to the advantages it offers to investors and homeseekers. Instead of decrying Omaha and attempting to block its enterprise, the state at large ought to rejoice at the opportunity presented for joining with Omaha in a grand effort to lift city and state up and hasten the revival of prosperity.—Omaha Bee.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONFERENCE.

The bill providing for an international monetary conference has passed both houses of congress and will now go to the president. It is a question whether the bill will receive his approval, without which it could not become a law at this stage of the session. Mr. Cleveland is believed not to have any faith in the proposed conference, having failed to act under the authority given him to appoint delegates in 1895, and if he should sign the bill he would do so out of consideration to the next administration.

The failure of this measure in the present congress would, however, but postpone its enactment. It would very likely be again introduced at the extra session of the Fifty-fifth congress, and promptly passed, it being the determination of the republicans to make this effort, agreeable to the pledge of the national platform, to promote an international agreement regarding silver. Mr. Dingly voiced the general sentiment of the party when he said that having promised the country to do this it is the duty of the party to redeem the pledge, although few may believe that any practical result may come from the effort. The fact that there were only three republican votes against the bill in the house shows how strong the sentiment is that the party is bound by its pledge to make an honest endeavor to promote the free coinage of silver by international agreement. The outlook, it may be remarked, for securing such an agreement does not improve, even if it does not grow less promising.—Omaha Bee.

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