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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION  
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HAWAII has apparently been lost in the shuffle. The annexation question is relegated to the rear until Spain is properly attended to.

THE question of opening the Trans-Mississippi exposition on Sunday is agitating the minds of Omaha divines. It will probably be a repetition of the Chicago affair.

WAR has not yet been declared, and McKinley asks now until Tuesday for time to prepare his message. It may blow over after all. We hope to know not later than tomorrow.

IF the president doesn't get his war message before congress very soon there will be several internal explosions in that body at once. The state of congressional mind is anything but placid under the war pressure that exists just now.

BRANN, the brilliant editor of the Iconoclast, was mortally wounded Friday evening by a man whose daughter had been disgraced by the editor's pen which was keener than a two-edged sword. His equal in the use of invective was not known to exist. Ingrams of Kansas was a lilliputian beside him.

PREPARATIONS for war continue unabated. The fleet at Key West has cleared all decks ready for action and keeps patrol boats out looking for the advent of Spanish war ships. Spain is equally busy, yet in the face of it all McKinley remains serene as a June morning and assures the country that his peace negotiations are likely to prevail.

The people of Nebraska are still wondering why the new popocratic supreme judge, Sullivan, wanted a rehearing in the Bartley case. It had already been passed upon by republican judges and the sentence confirmed, the result being satisfactory to people of all parties, republicans not excepted. The object in asking for a reopening is not apparent, and if it had been requested by a republican the move would have been regarded by popocrats as decidedly suspicious.—Kearney Hub.

SENATOR THURSTON is quoted as saying at Washington that he would not vote a single dollar for feeding the reconcentrados; that such action is only prolonging Spanish tyranny in Cuba. The authenticity of this may well be doubted. Even if we have to whip Spain the Cubans must be fed. They can't go without food while we are engaged in even so short a job as licking the stuffing out of the barbaric Dons. And Senator Thurston, when he was recently in Omaha, contributed \$20 to the relief fund now being raised there for the reconcentrados.—Fremont Tribune.

BRYAN perpetrated a joke on himself recently that is likely to become serious. He had worn the silver question threadbare and in an effort to entice a sleepy audience at Atlanta, he gave Consul General Lee a big send off. The audience cheered for ten minutes and the event was telegraphed all over the country. When the silver candidate awoke next morning, he discovered to his great discomfiture that he had launched the boom of a new democratic presidential candidate, who will likely be the nominee of his party at the next election. The name of Fitz Hugh Lee has not been mentioned by the Nebraska orator in public since.

AFTER the county commissioners had collected \$40,000 of delinquent taxes and helped out both the county and city treasuries, we are informed by the political editor of the Journal that the credit all belongs to H. R. Gering, who happened to be city treasurer when this was done. If the Journal knows how Mr. G. collected any money for the city except to get a check from Treasurer Eikenberry we should like to hear all about it. We haven't heard of his levying any distress warrants or anything of that sort, and if he has done so, the public should know it.

THE Omaha Bee and other sugar trust oracles are congratulating themselves over the fact that Hawaiian annexation sentiment is apparently dead. It would of course be awful if this country should annex a few thousand acres of good sugar land with a climate to fit it. Wheat land or corn land might be annexed and never a voice would be raised in opposition, but when it comes to sugar, then the trust steps in and a great roar is made. It would be more difficult to control prices if new territory is added and the cheapening of the product to American consumers is in the eyes of the trust little short of a crime. The desire to give the sugar kings a blow under the belt and cheapen this great necessity to every household is one good reason why Hawaii should be annexed.

## MCKINLEY WILL LEAD.

War is imminent, but it is not to avoidable even now, says the Chicago Times-Herald. Let it never be forgotten that it is the last resort of nations, and that there may be yet influences brought to bear on the Spanish government that may stay its fateful course. For what can war be to Spain but destruction and loss so great as to bankrupt it forever? What can be gained even in prestige by fighting a losing battle for its already lost island?

It is true but a few days remain ere the final decision must be made, but we are living in a time when events move swiftly. We do in days what once occupied months, and in hours what once occupied days. If Sagasta means peace let him summon his cortes at once. If war come now he would be obliged to convoke it without delay. Why should he not do so in the interest of peace?

But, war or peace, the president must still be the leader. The country owes it to his wisdom, courage and high sense of responsibility that we were not plunged headlong into war six weeks ago without preparation or defenses. When the yellow journals and Jacobins were shouting "war exults," and that we must "On to Cuba," they would have forced us to another "Bull Run" if they could. But the president knew the condition of our army and navy better than noisy congressmen and irresponsible newspapers and firmly and resolutely held the reins in his own hand and proved himself to be the master of the situation. He was organizing victory silently but with exhaustless energy.

His wisdom, too, was shown in his taking the leaders of all parties into his confidence and convincing them of the rectitude and patriotism of his purpose.

Having manifested his skill in leadership thus far, why should we not trust him to the end. He will not lead the nation into any mad or quixotic adventures, but will guide it steadily in paths of duty and of right, which will justify us forever in the eyes of the world and of history. The "Cuban question," which has perplexed our statesmen for more than half a century, has at last reached its crisis. It is the legacy of President McKinley to solve and end it.

The hour has struck, and whether peace comes or war the Cuban question will be settled.

If it is peace, it will be peace with honor. If it is war, it will be war for humanity and not for revenge.

## AN EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

The popocrats have made so much noise about prosperity that the word in itself has become not only a moth eaten chestnut, but a misnomer in every sense of the word. They had their laugh, and now it is our turn. Prosperity has struck Plattsmouth business enterprises in more cases than one, but not more forcibly than in the telephone business. The Nebraska Telephone company is increasing its business to such an extent that it has reduced its rates in this city from \$3 and \$4 per month to \$2 and \$2.50 per month—\$2 for residences and \$2.50 for business houses. Under the management of Harry Groves, the ex-change of this city has increased its 'phones to the number of fifteen or twenty, and more subscribers coming in daily.

WESTWARD the trend of traffic takes its way. The Pacific coast railroads reported an increase of 33 per cent in earnings for the month of February. The Alaskan gold craze helps the Pacific roads mightily; but there is fast developing the solid foundation of mighty states on the Pacific coast compared with the volume of whose industrial production the gold of the Yukon region will be insignificant.—Philadelphia Record.

THE people of Montana submit cheerfully to taxation that the state may pay annually more than \$85,000 in bounty for wolf scalps. Since they hold the sheep growing industry so dear they ought to be willing to vote for it as well as pay a bounty to prevent its destruction. Free trade is worse than wolves in a flock of sheep.—Bee.

## INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

While the governor is considering the proposition to acknowledge the belligerency of Rosewater or grant him autonomy, Hitchcock is harvesting quite a profit from the publication of a juicy list of saloon notices.—Bixby.

John McGowen of Holt county was on a load of hay when the wagon tipped over in about two and a half feet of water. He had been under the load two hours when rescued and was still alive, but soon expired. The effort to keep his head above water was prolonged beyond physical endurance.

The executive committee of the Nebraska State Sunday School association has issued an address to the Sunday School workers of the state designating Sunday, May 1st, next, as state Sunday school day and request that special prayer be made for the Sunday Schools of the state and that particular mention be made of the association and the work in which it is engaged. They also request that a contribution be taken on that day to help the work.

not set aside the verdict. Just before the jury came in at the close of the former trial Judge Powell said rather emphatically that he would not set aside a verdict, no matter which way it went. At that time no one seemed to anticipate that the jury would fail entirely to find for the state in some amount, and it is known that even Judge Powell was surprised by the verdict. It is possible that he may find that the verdict was not justified by the evidence, but he must ignore his former declaration to set aside.

The most successful teacher's Institute ever held in the county was brought to a close at Weeping Water Friday. Dr. Humphrey's lecture on hygiene was one of the several good things which the teachers enjoyed with profit. Cass county has a splendid corps of teachers who believe in keeping abreast of the times. Supt. Farley is deserving of congratulations for his good work.

The pen is mightier than the sword, but it isn't in it with a dynamite mine or torpedo. A gassing gun will sometimes knock a man out with a pen, hence you must not bank too much on old adages.

Speaking about raising the Maine calls to mind how they raised sunken boats on the Mississippi. B. Kincaid who was there in 1891 says he saw a boat raised that had foundered in twenty feet of water, and the way it was done was indeed novel. Hundreds of empty air tight barrels were drawn down under the boat by a windlass one at a time, until finally the barrels lifted the old craft up out of the water so that it could be floated near the land, and all valuables recovered.

Some free silver cranks hung President McKinley in effigy yesterday out in Colorado. We will wager a dollar that if war is declared these same men will make a straight shirttail shoot for Canada.

The politicians were out last night "making votes."

Ten tramps were housed last night at the council chamber. As the Trans-Mississippi exposition draws near so do the tramps. What are we to do with them, that's the question.

As the gentle springtime waxes, The assessor leaves his lair; Nothing's sure but death and taxes, In this world of woe and care.

—Exchange.

The latest fad is a state Whist Association and a meeting is called at Lincoln for the 15th and 16th of this month. The following clubs have promised to send representatives to this meeting: Omaha, Kearney, Hastings, Seward, York, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Norfolk, Plattsmouth, Sterling, Union-Commercial club of Lincoln and the Lincoln Light Infantry. The formation of the whist "industry" will do much in developing the state and it is hoped great results may follow this meeting.

Plattsmouth Turn Verets. The following are the hours of instruction of the Plattsmouth Turn Veroin classes:

BOYS CLASSES.  
Boys Class—12 to 14 years, Tuesday 4:30 to 6 p. m. and Friday 4:30 to 6 p. m.  
Boys Class—8 to 12 years, Monday 4:30 to 6 p. m. and Thursday 4:30 to 6 p. m.

GIRLS CLASS.  
Girls Class—12 to 15 years, 10:30 to 12 a. m., Saturday.  
Girls Class—8 to 12 years, Wednesday 4:30 to 6 p. m. Saturday 9 to 10:30 a. m.

LADIES CLASSES.  
Ladies Class—Wednesday 8 to 9:30 p. m.—English. Friday 8 to 9:30 p. m.—German.

MEN'S CLASSES.  
Active class (18 to 30 years old) Tuesday 8 to 10 p. m. and Thursday 8 to 10 p. m.  
Senior class (30 years and over) Monday 8:30 to 10 p. m.  
Fencing, boxing and wrestling class, Sunday 10 to 12 a. m.  
Applications for admittance will be received at the gymnasium during class hours by Instructor O. E. Ernst.

A Cheap Trip. The opportunity to visit the southern States afforded by the semi-monthly excursions of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad is one that should be taken advantage of by every one interested. These excursions are arranged for the first and third Tuesdays of April. The tickets are good on the regular trains of those dates leaving northern terminals, and can also be purchased through from agents of connecting lines. Tickets are sold to points in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, the Carolinas, Mississippi Georgia and the western portions of Florida. They are good for return passage on any Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days, and allow fifteen days on the going trip to stop off and examine the country. The cost for the round trip is about the regular one-way rate, and on some dates one-way tickets are sold at about two-thirds of the regular rates. For full particulars, write to C. P. Atmore, G. P. A., Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Pearl Steam Laundry. B. F. Goodman has his new laundry fully equipped with latest devices, now in running order, and asks a share of your patronage. His work is his best advertisement, and if you try the new laundry there will be no longer any excuse for sending goods away. Nothing too good for our patrons is our motto. Work called for and delivered.

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Easter Week at St. Luke's Church. Divine service, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock. Wednesday evening, lecture at 7:30; Good Friday, 10 a. m.; Passion service, 12 to 3 and also service at 7:30. Saturday afternoon the church will be open for decoration. Easter Sunday, holy communion at 8 and 11; baptism and the opening of the pyramids at 2:30; regular service at 7:30 p. m. H. B. BURGESS, Rector.

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