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The office does not have to seek the man—not this year.

Bryan's threat to write a book every time he is defeated is his last desperate effort.

We suggest that if the pugilists want to fight Cuba is waiting for them with open arms.

While about it the legislature might inquire whether the state is not provided with a few more oil inspectors than it requires.

Whether the United States interferes in Cuba or not, this much is settled—no other not will be permitted to interfere.

The United States army has had little to do in the way of military operations during the past year, but none of the officers or privates are complaining very loudly.

The popovers who are just spilling for a chance to witness a rupture in the relations of President McKinley and Speaker Reed are likely to be most sadly disappointed.

If the anti-toxine treatment proves to be efficacious in the cure of membranous croup, one of the most deadly scourges of childhood will be removed from the list of incurable diseases.

The geryander, wild, is one of the most ferocious and dangerous animals in the North American fauna.

One way to reduce the deficit in postal revenues to which President Cleveland forgot to allude lies in making Christmas come about twelve times a year and multiplying Valentine day so as to celebrate it weekly at the furthest.

There are said to be people in the south who do not yet know that the war is over.

The attitude of the Treasury department toward the Transmississippi Exposition is entirely creditable to its intelligence.

There is no more need of three paid secretaries to the State Board of Transportation than there is of five wheels to a wagon.

A convention has just been held at Fort Smith to make, with the assistance of congress, the Arkansas river more navigable.

Attention is called to the communication in this issue of The Bee dealing with the order of Jesuits and its work in answer to some of the indiscriminate charges that have been made recently against that organization.

The irrigation congress meets at Phoenix, Ariz., this week and will have a full representation from Nebraska.

Nebraska has almost as much to look for from successful irrigation as any other state in the union and will, therefore, welcome anything that will contribute to this end.

NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.

It is now pretty generally understood that the opposition to any and all plans for revising the relations of the government with the roads so as to secure their safe continuance comes solely from a small number of popovers in both houses.

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THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

If the order of President Cleveland which brought under civil service rules consular offices with salaries not exceeding \$2,500 not falling below \$1,000 shall remain in effect under the succeeding administration, the matter of making consular appointments will not be particularly burdensome.

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

The estimates submitted to congress by the secretary of the treasury for the next fiscal year are a few millions of dollars in excess of those of a year ago, though more than \$10,000,000 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

and that body did not at the first session keep within the limits set by the house, but there is reason to expect that it will be more disposed to do so at the present session.

The grand total of regular and permanent annual appropriations at the first session of the present congress was in round numbers \$515,000,000, which with the exception of the second sessions of the Fifty-first and Fifty-second congresses is the largest amount ever appropriated at one session.

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There is a demand for anti-opium legislation in other European countries and the outcome of the German experiment is awaited with no little interest by the agricultural classes of those countries.

A PERMANENT CENSUS BUREAU.

The question of establishing a permanent census bureau has been discussed for some years and at the last session of congress Commissioner of Labor Wright was directed to report a plan for such a bureau.

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formed and their compensation should be sufficient to induce them to put forth their best efforts. The service should be absolutely divorced from politics and brought strictly to business principles.

GERMAN ANTI-OPUM LAW.

The volume of consular reports for November contains the salient features of the law which recently went into effect in Germany to check speculation in food products, principally grain, and in stocks.

Significance of Church Naps.

The erudite John Bigelow has written a highly interesting book upon "The Mystery of Sleep."

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passed since the eleventh census was taken and all the volumes are not yet in print. It is true that much of this matter has been given to the public, but still there was delay that impaired its value and undoubtedly this will continue to be the case so long as the old method is adhered to.

President Cleveland makes a plea in his message for congress to save the Indian from his professed friends who profit by keeping back the work of his civilization.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Durrant, the San Francisco murderer, is said to be enjoying life and growing fat in jail.

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If the Baltic canal earned operating expenses and 780,000 marks besides during the first year that it was opened, why would not a Nicaragua canal earn operating expenses and also contribute toward an interest and sinking fund to apply on the investment?

Attorney General Harmon is said to be going after the Cashion Pipe trust under the anti-trust law.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

New York Tribune: We are sorry to see that in Mr. Moody's opinion the world is growing worse.

Chicago Journal: A religious crusade has been started in Brooklyn for the purpose of converting the policeman.

Infants Express: The friendly spirit which pervades the Roman Catholic church for good men outside the pale of its own organization was shown when Father Ducey, pastor of St. Leo's church, New York, on Sunday morning asked his congregation to contribute to the speedy recovery of Rev. Dr. Houghton, rector of "The Little Church Around the Corner," who is ill with pneumonia.

Chicago Tribune: The pope contradicts, through Cardinal Rampolla, the recent reports which were alleged to have come from Rome to the effect that measures were soon to be taken against Archbishop Ireland and other eminent American prelates.

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THE ADAMLESS EDEN.

Chicago Post: The Adamless Eden of the south Pacific, recently described by the captain of a ship that passed it, is to have a whole shipload of Adams just as soon as a boat can get there.

Philadelphia Record: Several colonies are being organized in the state of Washington which will start next spring for St. John's island, in the south Pacific ocean.

Philadelphia Ledger: All things considered, this country will probably suffer little loss in the departure of a large number of men from the Pacific coast who are going to an island in the south Pacific which is said to be inhabited only by women.

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WHERE'S MOTHER?

Bursting in from school or play. This is what the children say. Trooping, crowding, big and small. On the threshold in the hall—joining in the constant cry. Ever as the days go by. "Where's mother?"



As Ducks.....

Take to water so are parents taking advantage of our great opportunity sale in the children's department. Yesterday we had a rush that tested our capacity to its utmost, and still we failed to sell all of the bargains advertised—two piece Suits, Kilts, Overcoats, Ulsters, Shirt Waists, etc., and all odd articles were included in this special sale.

We are going to continue it as long as an article remains, which won't be long. So don't wait till the last moment—come early before they are all picked over.

B & K BROWNING, KING & CO. 15 W. Cor. 15th and Douglas Sts.