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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 15th day of February, 1897.

The man who is not in favor of good roads is not making any noise.

If the depository law is to be altered it must be strengthened, not weakened.

Beneath the rule of men like Weyer the prison pen is mightier than the sword.

Queen Lil may be a queen, but is not a queen without a subject something of an anomaly in political science?

The inspiring news that each pugilist is going to whip the other comes from the most authentic possible source, the pugilists themselves.

Steps ought to be taken to secure that vagrant flying machine seen by imaginative people in different parts of Nebraska as an exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition.

Isn't it pretty nearly time for the bill to appear to extend the time for railroads to put in automatic coupling devices for the preservation of the lives of their employees?

It transpires that the name of the Spanish general who is coming into prominence in Cuba is Pon and not Pin. He thereby escapes the affliction of having innumerable paragraphical jokes hung upon him.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat talks about "the already overburdened taxpayers of this city." There is some consolation in this information for our own taxpaying citizens, even if there is no relief for them in it.

Nevada might as well go into the prize fighting business on the plan of the continuous vaudeville performance. If the number of men announcing their intention to challenge the winner keeps on growing from day to day.

Omaha must have a new system of tax assessment if it ever hopes to make any kind of a showing in the matter of its tax levy. A continuance of the present absurdities in valuation means a continuance of a tax rate that will frighten away investors.

Kansas has a perfect right to enact a maximum freight rate law if it wants to, but it should look at Nebraska's experience first and know that it is legislating itself into a long-drawn lawsuit in the federal courts before the railroads will submit to be governed by it.

Strange, is it not, that the records of the police department contain no official report from the chief of police telling where or when he inspected the Bertillon system during his visit with friends in Chicago, or what officers of the Chicago police force received him and explained the new method to him?

Speaker Reed is going to have a voice in the construction of a new tariff bill. That much may be put down as certainty. The influence of Mr. Reed does not depend upon his occupancy of the speaker's chair. He was a leader on the floor of the house before he was made speaker and he will be a leader wherever he may be.

Thanks to the unnecessary and inexcusable delay of the legislature to act on the exposition bill, the missionaries who are about to visit other states in the interest of the enterprise will not be able to give entirely satisfactory answers to some awkward questions sure to be asked them.

Iowa coal producers are complaining that the Chicago roads are discriminating against their product in favor of that from Illinois simply for the purpose of getting the long haul. If the railroads do not have a plausible explanation by the time the case comes up before the state railroad commission they will not be living up to their reputations.

The Bee protested against the garbage monopoly when the garbage ordinance was first brought forward and said the people would find before long that it contained a job of huge dimensions. The garbage contractor now imagines he owns the town. He has violated his agreement with the city time and time again and proceedings ought to be instituted to have the contract declared forfeited and set aside.

WHY ONLY FIFTY THOUSAND?

The State Board of Educational Lands and Funds has finally made an order authorizing the state treasurer to invest \$50,000 of the life money in the permanent school fund in interest-bearing state warrants. The question is, Why should only \$50,000 of this school money be put to productive use when according to the last treasury statement there is over a half million dollars credited to that fund on which the public is receiving no interest whatever?

The Bee has always opposed the farming of the public funds for private gain, whether by republican or populist officials, and it has a right to voice the demand of the people to know whether the old abuses are to be continued by the new regime. The populist state platform denounced the old board for its refusal to invest the permanent state trust funds, amounting to \$230,000, and pledged its candidates to the prompt investment of such funds, but over six weeks have passed since the installation of the new state officers and the school money is still uninvested and the school children of the state still deprived of the patrimony to which they are entitled.

It is reported on reliable authority that the reason the state board is delaying the investment of the school fund is that the money credited to it on the treasurer's books has not been turned over and the money is not on hand for investment. If this is true something ought to be done at once to recover the funds illegally withheld by private parties. The school children of the state, to whom the interest on his money rightfully belongs, have been robbed long enough. The investment of \$50,000 in interest-bearing warrants, while keeping \$450,000 idle when there are warrants outstanding aggregating several times that sum does not quite fill the bill.

AN EXCELLENT REASON.

One of the very strongest of the reasons that have been presented for ratifying the Anglo-American arbitration treaty was given by Senator Turpie of Indiana, who contended that ratification would have the effect of preventing such war panics as followed the excitement over Venezuela. He said the existence of a treaty providing for the submission of all questions to arbitration would be both a guaranty against war with England and a safeguard in case of war with other countries.

Recorded merely from the material point of view there can be no doubt that this treaty would be of very great benefit. The Venezuelan war scare referred to by the Indiana senator created a financial uneasiness and apprehension which caused a heavy loss to our people in the decline of securities and was detrimental to business generally. Had it not been for the prompt and vigorous expression of public sentiment in both countries against war, which made itself felt upon the governments, undoubtedly we should have had a very disastrous panic, recovery from the effects of which would have taken years. Such a situation would be hardly possible with a treaty of arbitration like that before the senate in force. Under existing conditions a few jingoes in congress can seriously disturb the financial affairs of the country by their bellicose declarations, as has been demonstrated a number of times within the last year or two. The blustering of these gentlemen would have no attention so far as England is concerned, if we had the proposed arbitration treaty with that country. They might go on ringing the British lion's tail for their own gratification, but it would not disturb the vast financial and commercial interests between the United States and England.

To gain exemption from these insulting and damaging influences is something which every patriotic citizen most earnestly desire. It is necessary to our material development that we maintain peace and amity with the world and whatever militates against this should be, as far as possible, removed. This view may be objectionable to those who deprecate the "mercantile spirit," but civilization owes a great deal to that spirit and it has a most substantial claim to assert itself. In so far as it has done this in regard to the arbitration treaty it has asked no sacrifice of national honor or dignity, but only that an American principle shall be given such recognition by the great English-speaking nations as will operate to their mutual benefit and promote the cause of civilization to which those nations are contributing more largely, perhaps, than all others.

WILL LEAVE THE POSTOFFICES.

It is announced that the present administration will make no further extension of the civil service rules. The president has long been considering the question of embracing in the civil service the fourth class postoffices, which number over 65,000, but he will leave these to be taken care of by the incoming administration. Mr. Cleveland may have misgivings as to how an order, extending civil service rules to so many democratic postmasters, made at the close of his administration, would be regarded by fair-minded people. Near the close of his first administration Mr. Cleveland issued an order for placing the railway mail service under civil service rules, that service having been filled with democrats. That order was set aside by President Harrison and the service underwent much-needed reorganization. Possibly recollection of this may have had something to do with persuading the president to leave the fourth-class postoffices as a part of his successor's patronage.

Besides these postmasters the next administration will not have a great deal of patronage to dispense. The annual report of the civil service commission shows that there are now 57,000 places in the classified service and of this number 58,000 were given civil service protection during President Cleveland's two terms, a majority of the incumbents being, of course, democrats. Certainly Mr. Cleveland has reason to be well satisfied with what he has done in extending civil service rules and can very well afford to stop there, even

though a host of democratic postmasters will be replaced by republicans.

However, it seems to be understood that all of them who have efficiently performed their duties will be permitted to serve out their terms. Major McKinley is a very earnest believer in civil service reform and he is not going to begin his administration by giving any encouragement or concessions to spoils hunters.

AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

The delegation about to visit the legislatures of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and other states in the interest of the Transmississippi Exposition has a mission the importance of which to the success of the enterprise is not to be underestimated. The purpose of the tour is to lay the plan of the exposition project before the legislatures of these states and to enlist the co-operation of our nearest neighboring states through legislative provision for their official participation.

What is necessary at the present time is to impress the people of the west with a realization of the far-reaching scope of the exposition and the great benefits which will accrue from it in attracting capital and stimulating the movement of population once more in this direction. In this matter the interests of all the transmississippi states are one and they can work together for a common purpose in no more effective way than that offered by the proposed exposition. In these states are to be found the raw materials for a diversified manufacturing industry capable of supplying half the world. They contain the richest deposits of minerals, metals and oils to be found anywhere. They include an agricultural area unsurpassed and produce the meats on which the greater part of the nation subsists. A Transmississippi Exposition for the exhibit of the resources and products of the transmississippi states should appeal to the state pride and self-interest of every legislator now in session west of the Mississippi.

THE EASTERN CHIEFS.

In a single-handed contest with Turkey the defeat of Greece would be inevitable. Both in military and naval resources the former is superior, though the naval power of Turkey is not very much greater than that of Greece. In view of the difference in the fighting capacity of the two nations it is most natural to conclude that the course of Greece in supporting the Cretan revolt and making a declaration of policy which comes very near being a declaration of war, is assured of the support of some one of the great nations. It may be that this conjecture is unwarranted and that Greece has taken her bold stand in behalf of the Cretans without prompting from any source. In that case the powers will compel her to abstain from interference in Cretan affairs. On the other hand if she has the backing of one or more of the great powers a war that will only terminate with the partition of the Turkish empire may be at hand. The attitude of the Turkish government is a waiting one, to give the powers full opportunity to act, but Turkey will accept war rather than surrender Crete. The situation is evidently very threatening, giving full credence to the reports, and yet the apparent danger may be averted within the next twenty-four hours.

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A Paris correspondent of the United States Investor describes the French postal savings bank as one of the greatest triumphs of French finance. It is a bank which would be the immediate and absolute guarantee of the government, and in order to bring the French people to the habit of saving, it is everywhere the vehicle of the French postal and telegraph departments in place of the deposit of the postal savings bank. The postal savings bank is almost entirely deposited in the world's most prosperous countries. It is a bank which would be the immediate and absolute guarantee of the government, and in order to bring the French people to the habit of saving, it is everywhere the vehicle of the French postal and telegraph departments in place of the deposit of the postal savings bank.

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understand. The result, however, was an evidence of the resulting evil. Laws are passed that cannot be enforced. They are either declared unconstitutional and thus inoperative, or they are so amended that they are completely nullified, and thus weaken respect for the law.

Clemency Under Pressure.

Julio Sangullu, under sentence of imprisonment for life for alleged conspiracy against the Spanish government, was to be released, assurance to that effect having just been received at the State department from Minister Raimundo Taylor, at Madrid. The prisoner is to be banished from Cuba, however, during the continuance of the war. It is singular that it never occurred to the Spanish authorities to resort to the well-known method of ridding themselves of a suspect which they now propose to adopt. Sangullu was arrested at a time when every Cuban who ever left the island had a large Spain was suspected. The fact, however, that Spain has yielded only to strong pressure of the interests of Nebraska, as a whole, Every dollar appropriated by the legislature will be returned to us an hundred-fold inside of the next ten years. Let there be no more delay in the matter. The Progress favors a \$250,000 appropriation by the state for the Transmississippi Exposition. We want to see the money put to use before the fair is held in the United States, barring the Nebraska fair. On our own liberality depends the appropriations to be made by other states. Let us not be the only ones to be disappointed. A successful exhibition will be worth millions of dollars to Nebraska.

Senators in the Role of Scolds.

Scolding is rarely a dignified performance, and it rarely does good; but it seems to be the only remedy which the dignified American senators can apply to prevent the leaking out of reports of what is done in their secret sessions. As might be expected, the result is that the scolding is reported as promptly as the real thing, and the senators who serve to bring ridicule upon the members who engage in it. It is known that the scoldings are reported by senators themselves, and it is known that they are not positively known, who the guilty persons are; but there does not seem to be any way to stop them, and so they take up and help scolding, which does no harm to anybody but the scolder. Practical common sense would suggest that it is impossible to keep secret sessions secret, therefore they should be abolished.

Validation of the American Hog.

The American hog has been splendidly vindicated by the reports from the thirty-three districts of the union, awaiting the report regarding the discovery of trichinae in pork. The war on the great American hog in Germany has been a bitter one, and the animal has been terribly abused by the agricultural area unsurpassed and produce the meats on which the greater part of the nation subsists. A Transmississippi Exposition for the exhibit of the resources and products of the transmississippi states should appeal to the state pride and self-interest of every legislator now in session west of the Mississippi.

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Albion Argus: We believe the appropriation should be not less than \$200,000 and just as much more as the legislature thinks the state can stand. Of course, we realize the fact that times are hard, but the expenditure of the state is not a matter of dollars and cents, but of the greater advertising cards which are being sent out to the people.

West Point Progress: The state appropriation for the Transmississippi Exposition should be prompt and liberal. Any legislator who seeks to delay this appropriation or to cut down the interest of Nebraska, as a whole, Every dollar appropriated by the legislature will be returned to us an hundred-fold inside of the next ten years. Let there be no more delay in the matter. The Progress favors a \$250,000 appropriation by the state for the Transmississippi Exposition. We want to see the money put to use before the fair is held in the United States, barring the Nebraska fair. On our own liberality depends the appropriations to be made by other states. Let us not be the only ones to be disappointed. A successful exhibition will be worth millions of dollars to Nebraska.

Crete Democrat: The Democrat has not expressed an opinion on the question of a large appropriation by the state to the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha next year. For the reason it realizes the unfavorable condition of the taxpayers of the state and their reluctance to incur additional burdens at this time. But it must not overlook the fact that this exposition will attract to our state thousands of people from the east, west and south, besides affording an opportunity to the states west of the great river. This will be an educator for the world's fair, and in addition to all this, may expect to see hundreds of persons here to investigate as to Nebraska's soil and climate with a view to new homes within its borders. We have not and do not take into consideration the money that will be expended in Omaha preparatory for the exposition, for such will largely only benefit that city, except as it may increase the demand for our products. We are convinced that the exposition will be a benefit to the state and for this reason would favor an appropriation by the state for the building of a state exhibit. From the information we have been able to gather at the state house there is little doubt that the legislature will do just toward making the exposition a success.

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