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INEXCUSABLE INCONSISTENCY.

When this exposition bill was up for consideration before the house its legislative opponents declared that Omaha was to get the chief benefits and that Omaha should, therefore, bear the whole burden.

The pretext for this inexcusable obstruction of the bill is that the farmers of Douglas county are to be saddled with taxes without corresponding benefits. In the first place Omaha and South Omaha pay nine-tenths of all the taxes in Douglas county.

It is a sad commentary upon the inconsistency of the opponents of the exposition that after insisting on Douglas county paying all the expenses of this great public enterprise, they are now exerting themselves to prevent Douglas county from raising money to assure its success.

GERMANY'S FIRST EMPEROR. All Germany will be aflame with popular enthusiasm today and for some days after. This is the centenary of the birth of Emperor William I, the grandfather of the present emperor, and preparations have been made for celebrating it throughout Germany with great pomp and pageantry.

The celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Emperor William I cannot fail to direct the attention of the world more closely than ever to the characteristics of the present emperor, William II. His whole course since he came to imperial power has been marked by erratic judgment and by singular fatuity in speech and act.

The election of the new tariff bill to limit debate on the new tariff bill in the house to nine days, with night sessions, will be approved by all who understand that delay in passing the bill means loss to the treasury. The house Republicans very properly feel it to be their imperative duty to expedite the measure so far as it is in their power to do so.

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WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR.

Globe-Democrat: The czar must be a reformer. He wants to appoint a ruler for Crete and to submit the question to a vote of the inhabitants of the island.

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SNAP SHOTS AT THE LEGISLATORS.

Schuyler Quill: The legislature should remember that the populist party can count on the support of the people and is for the people. A true regard for all law is the first mark of statesmanship.

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SQUABBLE OVER THE RECOUNT.

St. Louis Courier (rep.): The court has stipulated the recount on the day set for the legislature to do the counting. That is a co-ordinate branch of the state government and out of the courts' jurisdiction.

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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bees to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper. Insist upon having the Bee. If you cannot get a Bee on a train from the news agent, please report the fact, stating the train and railroad, to the circulation department of The Bee. The Bee is for sale on all trains.

After this week the legislature will serve the state and fight its battles without pay. It will be noticed that Dave Mercer and his pull are in this congress just as strong as in the last congress.

Business before pleasure and tariff legislation before patronage distribution appears to be the motto of the McKinley administration. President McKinley takes daily walks for health and exercise. Daily walks will render quarterly duck hunts and monthly fishing excursions unnecessary luxuries.

Congressman Mercer has got the \$200,000 exposition appropriation once more through the house. Now let Senator Thurston see that the senate raises it again to \$275,000. If there has been fraud in the recount, by all means let it be exposed and the responsibility fixed upon the guilty parties. The legislature owes that much to the people as well as to itself.

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