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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.

The Princess Chimay, having danced, is now called upon to pay the fiddler.

The number of citizens who are expecting the unexpected increases as the city campaign progresses.

In the forthcoming appointment of a successor to General Ruger it is expected that Merritt will receive his just reward.

Representative Rich and Senator Ransom seem to have forgotten that they were both elected to the legislature on the same fusion ticket.

According to Broatch, the chief duty of city officials, whether elected by the people or appointed by him, is to plug for Broatch in season and out of season.

Passed as it was without the emergency clause, the exposition bill will have to wait three calendar months after the final adjournment before it can become effective as law.

The monster Durrant in San Francisco is complaining of the "unbridled license" of the press. What the press chiefly objected to was Durrant's unbridled license in the matter of homicide.

So the legislature is already passing bills to remedy defects in the new Omaha charter law. But then new patches on the charter are vastly better than keeping open the holes disclosed since its passage.

Local political aspirations are bidding just now a good deal faster than the leaves on the trees. The equilibrium of nature will be maintained, however, by the fact that the leaves will outlast most of the booms.

The moving picture of Corbett and Fitzsimmons treating each other to soft drinks and amiably fighting their battles over again with mutual compliments and expressions of esteem is a lesson to a warring world which the turbulent monarchs of Europe will do well to heed.

Attorney General Smyth talks about "the Corbett recklessness" displayed by the men who have proffered charges of fraud against the work of the recon commission. The influence of the events of the day must leave its mark upon the epistolary interchange at the state house.

King George of Greece has arrived at the conclusion that the reform promises of the sultan of Turkey are not worth the paper required to record them. King George must be an experienced politician who has learned to his own cost that promise and performance are not necessarily identical.

Senator Allen has introduced his resolution for an investigation into the cause and manner of the recent removals in the meat inspection bureau at South Omaha. It is apparent that nothing will satisfy Senator Allen in this matter short of a post-mortem upon the late secretary of agriculture.

Students in the State Normal school are supposed to be in full possession of all their faculties and as able-bodied as students at the State university. There is no more reason why the state should provide board and lodgings for the erection of dormitories for one set of students than for the other set of students.

Candidates for nomination by the republican city convention will do well to consider whether they want to run on a ticket weighted down at the top by political deadwood. It is to the interest of the aspirants for minor positions to have a man nominated for mayor who will give them strength rather than hold them in check. Those who prefer to make their bed with dogs must not be surprised if they get up with fleas.

NEBRASKA'S CREDIT AT STAKE.

The time seems to be again at hand for reminding the fusion majority of the legislature of the pledges and promises that were made for it by party leaders and which are apparently in danger of being forgotten. The populist party has, fortunately or unfortunately, secured a reputation abroad for radicalism and reactionary policies. Deservedly or undeservedly, populism has come to be regarded in the east as a concentration of hostility toward capital and property and the focal point for socialistic attacks upon contract rights.

It was for this reason that the announcement of the complete success of the fusion state and legislative tickets in Nebraska last fall was received in the money centers of the east with misgivings, to state it mildly, as to the continued safety of investments in this state. It was for this reason, too, that Senator Allen and Governor Holcomb, who thought they had a right to speak with authority for the fusionists, took it upon themselves publicly to assure the country that nothing need be feared from Nebraska in the form of class legislation or unjust attacks upon property rights. Senator Allen went so far as to vouch on the floor of the United States senate for the personal integrity and good intentions of every member of the fusion legislative majority, and Governor Holcomb, in his message, laid special stress upon his admissions against legislative excesses.

While the work of the present session of the legislature has been so far largely directed to the enactment of political measures, a number of bills are receiving the attention of the legislature, some of them even having passed one house, that are distinctly designed as blows at foreign investors and tend to undermine the credit of the state to an extent that will inflict untold loss upon the people. Foreign capital is absolutely necessary for the development of Nebraska's resources and the upbuilding of Nebraska's manufacturing interests. Anything beyond adequate protection to the debtor that makes it harder or more expensive to secure loans is bound to retard the state's growth and obstruct it in competition with neighboring states.

Nebraska wants capitalists, no matter where located, to invest their money within its borders and it wants its population steadily swelled by an influx of new settlers. It wants to encourage immigration in every legitimate way and to make it easy for immigrants to acquire homes in this state and to improve them. The great majority of debtors pay their debts without going to law over the transaction and decline to take advantage of the laws by which they might gain temporary advantage. The people who pay their debts are the people who have raised the credit of the state to its high position in the past and they look to the legislature to strengthen that credit, if possible, or at least not to destroy it.

NO RETROACTIVE LEGISLATION.

It is hardly necessary to say that the suggestion of legislation by congress intended to affect merchandise imported under the present tariff law, if taken out of bond before the proposed new law goes into effect, is fallacious. It has been reported that the ways and means committee of the house contemplated something to prevent importation under the existing rates of duty, but it is perfectly obvious that nothing of this kind is practicable. Even if anything of this kind should be done by the house, which is not at all probable, it would fail in the senate, so that there is no reason to believe that the republicans of the house will propose anything of this extraordinary character, however desirable it may be to head off heavy importations pending the passage of the new tariff bill. The simple fact is that importations made before the new tariff goes into effect which have paid the duties under the existing law cannot be reached by the new law. There can be retroactive tariff legislation, so that whatever goods come in under the existing law and pay the duties will enjoy the benefit of the present tariff. Only merchandise in warehouses which has not practically been withdrawn at the time the new act becomes operative will be liable to the new duties.

AN IMPROBABLE STATEMENT.

The statement that the secretary of state has thanked the Spanish minister at Washington for the release of American prisoners in Cuba is very questionable. Under ordinary circumstances the demand of our government for the release of American citizens from imprisonment in Cuban jails would be of a nature to involve no concession or apology on the part of this government. We should make the demand on the score of treaty rights, as has been done, and this does not require that we should make any concession to Spain. It follows that it is in no wise incumbent upon our government to make any acknowledgment, either by thanks or otherwise, to the government of Spain for action on the part of that government consistent with the obligations due to the United States under the treaty arrangements between the two nations. Instead of our government making an explanation, it was the duty of Spain to apologize, she having been the offending party, but under the circumstances neither party was called upon to make any acknowledgments to the other in the matter, beyond the most formal statement of what had been done. Consequently the report from Washington that the secretary of state had thanked the Spanish minister for the release of American citizens from imprisonment in Cuba must be accepted with many grains of allowance, since there was no demand or requirement that our government should put itself in a position of this kind. The treaty arrangements between the two nations are perfectly explicit. There can be no misunderstanding as to their meaning. They accord rights to American citizens that have never been questioned. As we understand the matter our government simply asks that these rights be recognized and accorded and when this is done there is

no reason why this government should thank Spain for performing a simple duty. It is possible that Secretary Sherman has expressed his personal friendliness to the Spanish ambassador and his personal gratification over the action of Spain, but improbable that he has thanked him in his official capacity.

Deserves a Higher Class.

The Hon. Scott Drooper of West Virginia is about to land a fourth-class postoffice.

Moisture of Success.

A man can accomplish almost anything by advertising, except getting a first-class wife.

The Man for the Place.

Hon. K. I. Crocker is a candidate for minister to Brazil, and Senator Pitman, who indorses him, says that, notwithstanding his qualifications, he possesses all the qualifications desired for a diplomatist.

Sample of Pennsylvania Nerve.

If President McKinley can see his way clear to give Pennsylvania about one-half of all the appointments he has at his disposal at home, he has hopes after the nomination will see the other half divided among the other forty-four states without very serious feelings of envy.

The Slaughter in Cuba.

During the present revolution in Cuba Spain has sent to the island 19,947 troops and forty generals. The official record of deaths from disease and casualty in the army is 27,731 and 22,000 wounded, homes invalidated. It is doubtful if Weyler has at the present time 100,000 effectives for field and garrison duty.

Merely a Matter of Courtesy.

The six papers are at pains to notify the United States that their fleets have formally begun the blockade of Crete. But, in spite of notifications and high and mighty thunders, Greece has the sympathy of the people of the United States, who hope to see all Turks and tyrants handled as that brevet-American Gladstone would have done. It could get hold of the right end of the stick.

Foreshadowing the Future.

The nominal candidate of the Democrats for the Democratic nomination for speaker of the house, the father of all the silver cranks, and a consistent popocrat, McMillin of Tennessee, is during the four years, his term of office would not have expired until March 19, 1888.

The Point of View.

It will be remembered that the captain of the Puritan returned with enthusiasm of the action of the mentor in a storm, and of how much he enjoyed the sweep of the waves across the deck, curling up 40 feet against the turret, creating a very different account, describing the horrors of imprisonment in darkness and heat, with all the attendant horrors of the sea, and what Jonah suffered in "the stomach of the whale." The point of view, as usual, must be considered in reading the remarks of the two sailors.

Putting the Wool.

As one of many things indicating the necessity of prompt action in passing the new tariff bill, it is shown that, in their eagerness to increase duties, the tariff bill, if increased duties become effective, the importers brought into the country during the month of February 38,000,000 pounds, against 18,000,000 in the corresponding month of 1895, when similar conditions confronted the trade. Unless the new law goes into operation soon, it is predicted that a two-year supply will be in the hands of manufacturers and dealers before the new duties are levied. One Bostonian is said to have already a four-year supply on hand.

Speakership Balked.

The lower house of congress lost no time in passing the tariff bill, but it made one change in the Indian appropriation bill which may lead to delay in the senate. This was the striking out of the section on the reservation of land in Colorado for settlement. It is alleged that this section was drawn in the interests of a ring of speculators who wish to acquire some of the reservation land, but it appears to be a pet measure with the senate, and that body may insist on restoring it to the bill. Nothing of the sort occurred in the senate during the recent record of the senate warrants the expectation that it will put public interests above private ones in this or any other matter.

Japan and American Trade.

The Japanese government sent a commissioner to the United States to study our markets and conditions with a view to becoming a competitor. The report of this commissioner is that Japan cannot compete because its methods and tastes are so radically different from those of Europe and the United States. In fact, the Japanese are so rapidly and so cheaply producing goods that they are a serious rival to the United States in the market for many of our products. For that reason, the Japanese government is endeavoring to afford a better field. This should quiet the excited apprehensions of those writers who have been telling us that some day the Japanese will capture our markets and capture a considerable portion of our markets.

NEW IDEAS IN FARMING.

Some Returns Proposed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Secretary Wilson, the new head of the federal agricultural department, in reply to a resolution from congress, has outlined his ideas on what he will get under a different system, which he hopes will develop new reserves and bring about a greater diversification of agricultural products. Any innovation which promises to increase the output of the land is of interest to the farmer, and Secretary Wilson is interested in knowing some details of the new plan. According to Mr. Wilson's observations, the people are now growing and marketing nitrogenous foods, and are not requiring such quantities of the class of food obtained from the fat-producing grain, which is the staple of the farmer's crop, but for which the demand has late somewhat fallen off. Accordingly, leguminous plants, which are rich in nitrogen, and nitrogenous plants generally will be largely distributed among the farmers this year in place of seeds which they have hitherto received.

Experiments at the Iowa agricultural station have shown Mr. Wilson that by a combination of these deep-rooted plants it is practicable to furnish a succession of crops which shall give from the opening of the season until November a constant supply of nitrogenous food for animals, which may be very greatly to their value for food. Mr. Wilson is also of the opinion that corn, which is the staple of the farmer's crop, is not as profitable as it is supposed to be, and he is already planning experiments with reference to the utilization of corn and other farm products for feeding sheep.

For the benefit of farmers who may be inclined to amend derisively at the idea of a new system of farming, it is worth noting that his business it should be explained that Mr. Wilson is himself a practical farmer, as well as an earnest devotee of agricultural science, and he is not to be taken in by any of the theories which would seem to follow logically from actual experiment and research. For these reasons his ideas deserve general approval, and it is to be hoped that the better judgment that paternalism in the matter of seeds is in their interest.

THUMMEL TO BE MARSHAL.

President McKinley Nominates His First Nebraska Appointee.

CHOICE CONFIRMED WITHIN TWO HOURS.

Senator Thurston Presents the Urgency of the Case to the Judiciary Committee and Prompt Action Follows.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Special Telegram)—George H. Thummel was made United States marshal for Nebraska today in time that is very close to the record. His nomination was sent in with the regular list from the president in the morning. Within two hours after the nomination was received the senate had confirmed the president's selection. The judiciary committee was polled for Thummel on the floor of the senate and instead of being referred and held up for the day, as is usual in all cases of this character, his confirmation came as a result of the personal canvass by Senator Thurston. The committee on marshal White expired on Saturday, and this was given as the reason why immediate action should be had in order that his successor might qualify at once.

A surprise was given Nebraska today in the removal of R. B. Wahlquist from the Hastings postoffice and the nomination of Leopold Hahn to be postmaster in his stead. It was not expected that the nomination would be sent in for several days, but the postmaster general in reviewing the charges that were made against Wahlquist decided upon speedy action, and accordingly this nomination is thought to be the first case passed upon by the postmaster general in removing from office parties antagonistic to the present administration. The evidence against Wahlquist was regarded by the postmaster general as conclusive. Senator Allen addressed a letter to the postmaster general, pointing out Wahlquist's good character and endorsing upon a letter of explanation from Wahlquist his belief in the veracity of the Hastings postmaster. Had Wahlquist been allowed to resign, and act accordingly, his term of office would not have expired until March 19, 1888.

Nebraska postmasterships are expected to fall thick and fast, and a duplicate check drawn by Charles E. Machesney, Indian agent at Rosebud, is issued to C. J. Holman of Chicago for \$2,819.40, the original check having been lost.

Senator Thurston introduced a bill for the relief of Mrs. Emily Gillespie, widow of the late Captain Gillespie of Lincoln, Neb.

Nominated by the President.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Justice, Alex. J. Cole of Mississippi; to be marshal of the United States for the northern district of Mississippi, George H. Thummel of Nebraska; to be marshal of the United States for the district of Nebraska, Le. O. C. Dana, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Rufus Johns, Idaho Falls, Idaho; John L. Underwood, Montpelier, Vt.; Arthur H. Kelly, Washington, Ill.; James Innerness, Canton, Ill.; Frederick J. Hermann, Tell City, Ind.; James F. Lawson, Spencer, Ind.; James Ward, Lincoln, Neb.; Eva Gibbons, Dyserville, Ia.; Joseph E. Watson, Bronson, Mich.; George W. Smith, Sweet Springs, Mo.; Albert L. Jordan, Marshall, Mo.; Leopold Hahn, Hastings, Neb.; William W. Hopkins, Oakland, Neb.; Benjamin Howell, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Trocary, Harry K. Chomeweth of Arizona, to be collector of customs for the district of Columbia, Wm. C. Leonard, U. S. Army, Fifth infantry, to be captain, Navy; Tilled Assistant Surgeon H. B. Pitts, to be surgeon.

The senate has confirmed Binger Hermann of Oregon to be commissioner of the general land office, E. G. Timme of Wisconsin to be chief of the land office, and the exchange of political favors. The shifting sands of today's Mississippi always will be a danger and until congressmen put political considerations aside and go so far as to work at this task as if the people of the Mississippi valley will always be a menace.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The edict has gone forth in Chicago "Boil your fog."

Real estate in the Missouri river is in a state of suspended animation.

Abdul Hamid's opinion of William E. Gladstone is evidently too hot to print.

In his Arbor day proclamation Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania says "Nebraska where Arbor day originated" planted 350,000 trees in five years. The governor de-lights in superb figures.

The old Washington hall in Durham, Eng., which was supposed by some to have been the seat of George Washington's cabinet, has been bought by an American for only \$2,600. It is picturesque and full of roushment.

One branch of the Wisconsin legislature has passed a bill providing that a list of the ingredients shall be pasted on the outside of every package of patent medicine. The measure is regarded as "a deal give-away."

Frank A. Vanderbilt, the private secretary of Secretary of State, is a successful financier. He was for some time the financial editor of the Chicago Tribune. He afterwards purchased a half interest in the Economist, of which he is now the assistant editor.

Prof. Wallace, the Oxford "Jon" who was killed while riding a bicycle recently, had a great reputation for his attainments in moral philosophy. His first lecture at Oxford was so thronged by his fellow students that most of the undergraduates were crowded out.

Sarah Bernhardt has taken up the theater hat business. She suggests that women take to using mantillas in the evening at restaurant dinners and suburban parties to the theater. The use of wraps for the head, which are easily removed, has long been customary in Germany.

President McKinley's mother name is Nancy; so was that of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Of the other presidents' mothers' given names there are four Elizabeths, three Sarahs, two Marys, two Annes, one Susan, Nelly Abigail, Sarah, Phoebe, Harriet, Sophia, Malvina and Maria.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, in a recent lecture, cited statistics to show that a great effect the weather conditions have on crime. There is a larger proportion of crime in the hot months than in the cold ones, although there is much more indictment of crime in the winter. From the records compiled by

THE GREAT HOLE.

Globe-Democrat: Greece cannot fight the whole of Europe, and she will have to wait for an opportunity to give the sultan a left-hander over the speen.

Chicago Tribune: Russia wants it understood that she is a staunch friend of Greece, and is prepared to blow Greece out of the water in an effort to convince her.

St. Louis Republic: The argument that the Greek struggle for liberty has been crushed before it is not a good support for another attempt at suppression, but it will serve for the instruments of tyranny.

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