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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bee to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE. The military history of the Turkish-Grecian war will not make a very thick book.

The Greeks have only verified the adage that the Lord fights with the battalions.

That concert of European powers may claim a trophy for process along the line of mastery inactivity.

People have to be reminded that the trouble started over Crete, otherwise the occasion of the war might slip out of notice.

No city could be selected which is more favorably located or more centrally situated for the concentration of state and federal troops from all parts of the United States than Omaha.

Iowa farmers have discovered by experiment that razor-back hogs are not disease proof. It has yet to be proved, however, that the railroad hog is not under all ordinary circumstances beyond death's clutches.

Having pacified the Cuban provinces for the twentieth time, General Weyler has finally reached the point where he thinks it safe to introduce a few governmental reforms as a sample of what may follow prolonged good behavior.

California's gold product for 1896 was greater by \$1,847,245 than for the year 1895, while its silver product for 1896 exceeded that of 1895 by only \$177,353.

Missouri has a congressional election to fill vacancy in one district on June 1. This ought to give Bryan another occasion to comment on the significance of the vote, compared with that of last year, when the people declined to elect him president.

President McKinley is beset with invitations to spend his vacation at different summer resorts. Offers of cottages or houses should be accompanied with detailed diagrams showing the improved devices for keeping unwelcome office-seekers at a distance.

A BUSINESS SERVICE. It is stated that more than 3,000 candidates for consularships have filed applications with the State department.

There are only 229 places of that class, so that there are about ten applicants for every place. The great demand for these positions is somewhat surprising in view of the fact that only a very small number of them pay more than a decent living.

While some of them yield less than the actual expenses of the incumbents, but of course the privilege of serving the country in an official capacity abroad has strong attractions and not a few men are willing to make pecuniary sacrifice in order to enjoy it.

There was a time when many of the consular officers of the United States were more than handsomely paid for their services. They not only received salaries, but were permitted to retain large fees.

Now nearly all of the fees collected are turned into the United States treasury and the consular service, instead of being an expense to the country, is more than self-supporting.

Such consular positions as those at London, Liverpool, Paris and Berlin do not now give the multimillion incomes they formerly did.

It is the understood policy of the present administration to put the consular service on a thorough business basis. This is what the commercial interests of the country desire.

The president of the National Association of Manufacturers recently wrote a letter to President McKinley, on behalf of the association urging the importance of a better consular service and condemning the practice of dealing out the principal consularships as rewards for political service.

This practice, it was declared, has been immeasurably detrimental to American commercial interests in foreign countries and there can be no doubt that such is the case.

It was suggested in this letter that the changes in the consular service shall be made only because of demonstrated incapacity; that vacancies shall be filled as far as possible by promotion or transfers; that appointments shall be made solely upon the basis of proper qualification for the position and without regard to political service.

All these are good suggestions. They have been long urged by those who appreciate the importance of giving the consular service a thoroughly business character, of filling it with men having a knowledge of practical affairs and of divorcing it altogether from politics.

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But of course such an outflow of gold would be pointed to by a class of politicians as showing that the country is not prosperous, that we are at the mercy of the European financiers and that the gold standard is a failure.

While gold was flowing into the United States those politicians could see no significance in the fact, but let it be exported to any large extent and they will find in the circumstance a grave menace to the welfare of government and people.

Second in point of urgency but first in importance come the preparations for the great Transmississippi Exposition. This includes not merely financial support of the enterprise and the encouragement of the exposition management in pushing the work of construction, but the advertisement of the undertaking among friends at home and abroad.

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Cartwright. The devil asks his high sounding names for sin. Indecision is quicksand. Determination to do right is rock.

Opinions have made some men presidents; others, monarchs. A selfish man, like Noah's dove, can find no rest for the sole of his foot.

A lie is the devil's sign that he is still doing business in that neighborhood. Our old clothes have lost us some friends, but not so many as our opinions about our neighbors.

The man who is praying in earnest for a revival in his church, will make his longest prayers at home. Now, you see.

It is a clever man that can change another's political opinion, but a five dollar bill will often change his vote. A man may be more careful about the foundation that is under his house, than about the foundation that is under his life.

RECORD SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Minneapolis Journal: Very Rev. C. O. Brown, who made a decided record in San Francisco, has been called to an Englewood (Ill.) Congregational church which pays \$1,200 for the luxury.

Philadelphia Times: A New Jersey minister is said to pronounce the benediction by phonograph. It's right perhaps to call this a novelty, but it should hardly be confided with a blessing.

Cincinnati Tribune: A Chicago preacher who went out on a midnight expedition through the streets a few nights ago to see if there was any of the police doing their duty, was arrested as a suspicious character and locked up all night. He is convinced that the report was correct.

St. Louis Republic: A Kansas City preacher in attacking the sins of modern society last Sunday, said: "You talk about 'keeping pace with the crowd,' and being 'in the swim.' The crowd is swimming rather than the minority. The minority had a good deal of the best of it during the flood. The majority was 'in the swim' during the flood, just the same."

Philadelphia Record: A prize fighter received a severe drubbing at the hands of Rev. Charles I. Stengle, the athletic pastor of the Methodist church at Leipsic, Del., yesterday afternoon. John Stout of Dover came here and asked the preacher if he could rent the old Methodist church building for a sparring exhibition. The preacher, who recently came from Dover, knew Stout and gave him a lecture for thinking of such a thing. Stout resented the parson's talk and started to attack him. Rev. Stengle, in the meantime, was in the crowd, and rather than be hit in the face, when the preacher released his hold on Stout, he seized the prize fighter by the throat, choked him until he was blue in the face. When the preacher released his hold on Stout, he seized the prize fighter by the throat, choked him until he was blue in the face. When the preacher released his hold on Stout, he seized the prize fighter by the throat, choked him until he was blue in the face.

How Good. Not how cheap—but how good can a shoe be made—after it's made we can fix the price—low enough. Our ladies' 20th Century shoe is the most desirable shoe made—in brown or red Russia calf or tanned kid—fashionable toes—\$4.00.

F. P. Cartwright & Co. any use for it in the world. Wife—But just think, it was marked down from \$1.30 to 87 cents.

Harper's Bazar: Wife—How very extravagant you are, George, to pay \$7 for a hat! Husband—Why, confound it, you paid \$27 for yours! Wife—Such thing; I told them to send the bill to you.

ESTRANGED. New York Journal. With distant nods they meet—Lost friendships' tokens; Faded are memories sweet—Few words are spoken. Who does each play the part? Alas, slack! Oh, Hers is the marble heart; His is tobacco!

MOVING SCENES. Harper's Bazar. 'Tis now the bustling tenant, with a smile upon his lips, Doth sit upon the road long which his landlord trips; Arise, with a lease that's near run out, which, held above his head, Doth fill the poor old landlord's soul with horror and with dread.

He brandishes that fearful lease, that constricts his throat, And through its dying word he diminishes the fund. The landlord—poor old duffer he—had fondly hoped at best To keep to pay his taxes and a little interest.

"I'm going to leave," the tenant cries, "upon the first of May, I vow I will not rest with you another single day. The house is cold, the house is vile, the plumbing is so bad, That were the roof not careful almost anything I'd had."

"Yet if you'll put a new roof on, extension in the rear, A brand new furnace, and some paint, I'll stay another year; Though goodness knows, as I have said, 'Than move I'd rather have these things and stay a little while.'"

"But," gasps the little landlord, Says the tenant, "Not a bit! New paper, paint and plumbing, or I leave your shabby hut; And, furthermore, I wish to say—on this I'm truly bent, I will not stay a minute if you don't reduce the rent!"

And then the landlord sorrowing goes back unto his home, And tears the gloomsome view on May from "The gladiest day of all the year!" he sneers and rubs his pate— "Tis evident that Tenyson had little real estate!"

A Suit of Black is always in season, and while the Spring styles are rather gay in pattern, we always carry a full line of the standard materials in suits of solemn black. But really, if you are thinking about a Spring suit, let us show you the beautiful variety of new fabrics that we have made up for this season's wear. They are attractive and becoming and make a man of middle age feel like a boy again. Every taste is considered however, in our new Spring stock of wearing apparel, from the wheelman's to the clergyman's. In a quarter of a century of manufacturing we have never shown handomer garments than we are now ready to put on your back at a moment's notice. Hats and Caps to match the dignity of our Suits.

