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THE BEE ON TRAINS: All railroad newsboys are supplied with complete copies of the Bee...

ISSUE ON HAVING THE BEE: Considering the handicap of the Wilson tariff law, the country is doing fairly well under the republican administration.

The establishment of new brewing enterprises in Omaha is well calculated to anticipate an augmented traffic during the exposition year.

With a Nebraska man as assistant secretary of war the War department ought to maintain its present favorable attitude toward the scheme of mobilizing the militia in 1898.

The Kentucky official who stole 1,000,000 feet of lumber showed a capacity for theft beside which the peculation of a mere sum of money pales into insignificance. Wonder if he was a democrat.

Chronic kickers at the weather can find no fault with the article at present furnished by the bureau without laying themselves open to suspicion that their summer clothes are not yet available.

Climatic conditions are combining with the beneficial influence of a republican national administration to give Nebraska an unprecedented prospect of bounteous crops and ensuing prosperity.

Having invited the universal postal congress to meet at Washington and having had the invitation accepted, congress cannot afford to quibble at appropriating the money necessary for its entertainment.

So far as the deliberative character of the senate is concerned, it makes no difference whether it is sitting in regular or in extra session. The senate's attempts to make haste proverbially result in tardiness and delay.

After its committee concludes its thorough investigation of the operation of the civil service laws the senate ought to be well enough informed to circumvent the civil service commission whenever there is anything to be gained by it for any member of the senate.

Weyler says that all but two provinces of Cuba are completely pacified. It might not be ill-advised, nevertheless, to wait for the report of the special commissioner who has just been ordered by President McKinley to go to Cuba and ascertain the precise situation there.

The National League of Musicians, now in convention at Kansas City, has been officially invited to make Omaha its meeting place in 1898. It is to be hoped that this strong and influential association may be added to the number of those which will gather in this city during the exposition year.

Ex-Senator Blackburn of Kentucky is said to have commenced his campaign to succeed Senator Lindsay in the senate on the expiration of his term in 1901. Senator Blackburn is too modest. He might be the free silver nominee for president by that time. Long range politics generally deals in surprises.

A writer who seems to have personal experience to fall back on is authority for the statement that no use remains for the ruzorback hog except as a coat-of-arms for the worst possible system of agriculture in the world. He forgets, however, to characterize the railroad pig.

One observer of the Grant memorial day celebration gained the impression from his view of ex-President Cleveland that the ex-president would have vastly preferred going on a fishing excursion than riding in state in the memorial procession. Mr. Cleveland has shown his fondness for fishing on several painful occasions and therefore deserves special credit for the self-sacrificing accession to the demand for his presence at the exercises at the Grant tomb.

A WARNING FROM GERMANY.

The American tariff bill was a subject of discussion in the German Reichstag yesterday. The agrarian leader manifested an aggressive spirit, urging a retaliatory policy in the event of the bill as passed by the house becoming law.

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The opening of the Tennessee Exposition very naturally invites attention to the material development and progress of the south since the close of the war of the rebellion. When one considers the widespread devastation which that section suffered from the contest, the prostration of its industries and the nearly universal destitution of its people, the achievement of the past thirty years in industrial growth is indeed wonderful.

Referring to this the Philadelphia Press observes that before the war an exhibition of arts and industries would not have been possible in that section. Today the industries of the south are almost as varied as its resources. It is manufacturing its cotton into cloth and its ore into iron. Tennessee leads in this development. In 1890 that state had 4,559 manufacturing establishments, with an aggregate capital of over \$51,000,000 and turning out annually products valued at more than \$72,000,000.

At the late city election the people ratified a proposition for the issue of \$50,000 of interest paying bonds. It ought to be enough to know that the money will be available at the proper time to stimulate property owners along streets that require paving or repaving to start the petitions going without which the council cannot take action on public improvements. The danger is that the money in the street intersection fund may be exhausted on streets that are of comparatively minor importance while the downtown thoroughfares and principal residence avenues remain in wretched condition. A little method in the work of street improvement will give results of vastly greater benefit to the general public than haphazard indiscriminate patching.

DISCUSSING THE CURRENCY. The visit of Mr. Gage, secretary of the treasury, to New York City last week gave him an opportunity to meet prominent financiers in an informal way and to discuss with them the currency question. The secretary was the guest at a dinner where this subject was the chief matter of conversation and he is said to have been singularly frank in expressing his views. According to trustworthy report there was practically unanimous opinion that there is peril in our currency system, by reason of the greenback and the power of the secretary of the treasury to reissue it after it has been once redeemed, and it appears that the financiers were not at all unanimous in their view of what should be done or what could be done. Some urged steps for the immediate retirement of the greenbacks, while others took a more conservative view and said that it was wise and necessary to "unlike haste slowly."

Everybody knows the World-Herald would have preferred to have had Broatch win in the republican primaries, but the majority of reputable republicans do not take their inspiration from the popocratic organ. There is also the well grounded suspicion abroad, even in fusion circles, that the World-Herald would also have much preferred Broatch to Howell if it came to a choice between them.

Should Attorney General Smyth succeed in bringing the state house embroilers to justice and recovering the money stolen by them from the state treasury, handicapped as he has been by the inactivity and obstructions of other fusion state officials, he will be

eliminating from the currency the legal tender paper, everywhere as gold and silver, and substituting for it bank issues that are not legal tender and which would place in the hands of the national banks at the financial centers the power to control and regulate the volume of the paper currency of the country. The latter, unquestionably, are in the minority in banking circles, but they are a potent force because they have the people back of them.

We have insisted that the present agitation for so-called currency reform is ill-timed and therefore harmful. Its tendency is to create distrust and dissatisfaction, when all efforts should be directed to the restoration of confidence. Grant that simplification of our currency system is to be desired, it does not follow that there is necessity for at once making a radical departure, as the currency reformers demand, from a policy that has prevailed for a quarter of a century and under the operation of which there was no currency disturbance until the revenues of the government fell below the expenditures and created apprehension respecting the national credit and solvency. Let the government be restored to a paying basis—that is, given an income at least equal to expenditures—and it will be time enough then to seriously consider the question of currency reform. In the meanwhile the agitation of that subject must do harm rather than good.

Can it be that in trying to prejudice in advance the case of the state against defaulting ex-Treasurer Bartley by hinting at collusion between the prosecution and defense the World-Herald is endeavoring to prepare an excuse for failure of the fusion state officers who have the proceedings against Bartley and his bondsmen in charge? If so, what does it mean when it insinuates that because one of the attorneys for the defense has had business relations with the county attorney of Douglas county, the cases of the state are liable to miscarry? Does not everybody know that the prosecution of Bartley by him devolves upon the fusion attorney general and his fusion associates, and that while he is entitled to the assistance of the county attorney in whatever county the cases may be brought, the responsibility for their direction and outcome belongs exclusively to the attorney general?

What right has the World-Herald or any one else to intimate that because the county attorneys for Lancaster and Douglas counties happen to be republicans they are not ready to perform their full duties in conjunction with the fusion attorney general? Quite the contrary, it is a matter of general knowledge that the republican law officers in both these counties have stood ready at all times to co-operate with the attorney general in every way required in the prosecution of Mr. Bartley.

One other aspect of this onslaught upon the county attorney presents a significant feature. What did the World-Herald mean by alleging a partnership with one of the attorneys for the defense when it knew that the dissolution of that partnership or the withdrawal from the case had been decided on and when it had the dissolution notice in its own office? Does not the World-Herald know that the former law partner of the fusion attorney general is the retained attorney for the principal surety on both Bartley's official and bail bonds? How unjust would be the inference that the attorney general would not do his full duty because of this relationship?

It may be put down with certainty that the people of Nebraska will not submit to any questionable procedure in connection with the Bartley embezzlement on the part of either fusion state officers or republican county officers.

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All real rascals are great and good before they are exposed. Exposure is the signal for their downfall. It is not necessary now to rake over the corpses in the political graveyard to enumerate the great and good men whose corruption has been shown up by The Bee, because The Bee's record in this line of duty is well known to the public. Unlike the World-Herald, The Bee never proclaimed Henry Bolla's honesty to the world after he had himself admitted his guilt.

What is everybody's business is nobody's business. While every state officer professes to be anxious to locate the responsibility for tampering with the salary appropriation bill passed by the late legislature, each would prefer to depend on the others, and in the interval active investigation hangs fire for lack of official self-assertion.

BRITISH RAID ON TRANSVAAL.

Chicago Times Herald: The great majority of Englishmen, including the most influential men in English social or political life, would give enthusiastic approval to a war for the complete subjugation of the Transvaal, and, as recent declarations of responsible ministers indicate, war is considered by no means impossible quarters where rests the responsibility of declaring war.

Indianapolis News: The compact between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, which was reported on in this month, is the result of an understanding between the two republics, and would seem to indicate also that the Dutchmen are apprehensive of further trouble with their British neighbors. If there is aggression it will be by the British on the Boers, not the reverse.

Chicago Post: One enemy at a time is enough, especially when the enemy is the victor of Majuba Hill. Yet it is probable that nothing would be more liable than an attempt to coerce Kruger to precipitate a conflict with Kaiser William. Mr. Stead has lately called "the lord chief justice of Europe," and who seems so determined to maintain "the peace" that he is quite prepared to leave the bench and punch the heads of the malcontents.

St. Paul Globe: Millions for conquest, but not a cent for freedom is her motto. Let the people of Great Britain contribute millions of their earnings in order that the hardy pioneers of one continent shall be deprived of their freedom and made subject to a power to which they owe neither allegiance nor tribute, but give not one penny to save Christianity and property and the life of a man and the honor of women from a race whose dealings with its subjects are like nothing else in history but the hideous vengeance which the Apache Indian dealt out to his enemy.

Philadelphia Record: It is unlikely that Mr. Chamberlain's exasperating language toward the Boers for military purposes at the Cape were more than a means of exhibiting his own impetuosity. The colonial secretary does not really desire war with the Transvaal, and he explains the exasperation of his policy to Sir William Harcourt. The latter had added insult to injury by exposing the hollowness of Mr. Chamberlain's anti-Boer policy, and he is now being accused of harboring a war plot, but "a war plot which had missed fire."

IOWA PRESS COMMENT. Sioux City Journal: Years ago the grasshoppers destroyed the crops of farmers in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and many other states, but there has been no complaint of the grasshopper plague for a long while. Now the news is that the fields in the Argentine Republic are being devastated by grasshoppers, and millions of acres of wheat will be a total loss. The ways of the ubiquitous "hopper" are past finding out.

Switzerland in Switzerland. Switzerland is not addicted to giving away franchises. In the permit for a railway to the top of the Jungfrau the Swiss legislature required \$20,000 to erect an observatory on the mountain, and \$200,000 to pay for weather reports and other scientific work. The fare is fixed, and the government reserves the right to terminate the franchise at any certain number of years. A passenger pays \$3 and the ascent will be made in 120 minutes.

What's the Matter with Jim Jones? Before the time comes for another campaign the democracy needs to restore its principles and its sense of honor. It can follow. It is not an easy task, nor one to be accomplished without generous self-sacrifice and a willing co-operation for the sake of the larger ends of peace and liberty. But it ought not to be impossible for men who hold with democratic principles and believe in them as essential to human liberty.

Prof. Bremer's Job. Prof. Lawrence Bremer of the University of Nebraska has called for Buenos Ayres on a mission of peace and good will to the Argentineans how to fight the armies of grasshoppers that are devastating their wheat fields. The destruction of wheat by these pests in Argentina and Uruguay last year has been estimated at 23,000,000 bushels. If Prof. Bremer shall put a check upon this enormous destruction he will not achieve only fame, but also the gratitude of the most expert at what Thackeray called "the noble art of murrering," but he will deserve more than they.

GERMAN DRUMMER INDUCES THEM TO ENDOSE DRAFTS.

TACOMA, May 3.—From Tacoma to the Cape efforts are being made to apprehend the pseudo drummer who, while pretending to represent the Oswego Starch factory, went by the name of A. E. Harmon, and after selling a bill of goods had C. C. McKinnon cash a draft for \$100 a few minutes before the train started. The draft was returned unendorsed a few days ago. Officers were immediately set upon the forger's trail and coast towns were notified. It is learned that the swindler has operated in Tacoma, Helena, Spokane, Salt Lake, Denver, Tacoma, Seattle, Bismarck, St. Paul and nearly every city of importance in the west. In Anacosta he went by the name of A. E. Harmon, and had a complete drummer's outfit from the starch company, with several letters, one of which gave him authority to draw on the New York office. He is described as 35 years of age, slim, weighs 130 pounds, has sandy hair and moustache, blue eyes, is a smooth talker, and exceptionally neat in his dress.

Denver, May 3.—A dispatch to the Journal from Berlin says: When the minister of war a few months ago demanded an appropriation of several hundred millions of marks for new quick firing guns, giving as a reason that France was armed in a similar manner, the question was debated in the press whether, in view of the large deficiency, the amount asked for could be granted. Now it becomes apparent that in a short time ago several regiments of field artillery were provided secretly with the new quick firing guns. For instance, the Sixth regiment of artillery is using the new guns.

ARREST THE BETRAYER OF MACEO. Spaniards Will Send Him to a Penal Settlement. NEW YORK, May 3.—A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says: Dr. Maximo Zentula, Antonio Maceo's physician, who is alleged to have betrayed the Cuban general to the Spaniards, was arrested at his home near Guines yesterday and brought to Havana under close guard. He is now in the military prison in the fortress of La Cabaña, opposite the city. He is held incommunicado. It is understood at the palace that Weyler is in a hurry to get Maceo's physician out of the island, the Spanish penal station off the African coast.

Considering the Nine-Hour Day. INDIANAPOLIS, May 3.—The committee of the International Typographical union having in charge the arrangement for a day to shut out the nine-hour work day met here today. The committee is composed of James J. Murphy of New York, Hawkins of San Francisco, George P. Rutledge of Chattanooga, D. V. Hastings of Hamilton, N. Y., and W. B. Brown of Chicago. This committee is the outgrowth of action taken at the convention of the International Typographical union at Colorado Springs last October, and its results will affect all members of the union in the United States, Canada and the Hawaiian Islands—about 60,000 members. The members of the committee were non-committal as to what will be done, but it is thought some steps will be taken looking to the shortening of the hours constituting a day's work.

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BOURDONVILLE, May 3.—Harley Davidson, the well known Canadian bicyclist, will challenge Michael, the little Welshman, for a series of races of one and five miles, the short distance to be decided by the toss of a coin.

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LIFE'S EPITOME. Richmond Dispatch. There was a man in our town. Invested all his wealth. Was mostly avaricious aim. To win the goal of wealth; And when the same he had attained, With all his might and main, He only lavished all his wealth. To get his health again.



Green It is the prevailing color—it is the very latest fad of all. And nowhere does the new green show up to such good advantage as in a pair of shoes. We are in receipt of all the styles in green. Green Oxford Ties—Kid—Cloth—vesting tops..... 2.50 Green Oxford Ties—in all kinds..... 3.50 Ladies' High Boots in green.... 3.00 and 4.00 T. P. CARTWRIGHT & CO., 16th and Douglas Streets.

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