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Parties leaving for the summer can have The Bee sent to them regularly.

Changes in the hemp schedule will not materially affect exports by the hemp route.

The postal congress is nearing its close, but the postal card fund has not yet been touched.

A few bargains in war debts are still to be had on proper application to either Greece, Turkey or Spain.

The senate usually gets the last whack at the tariff bill and the last whack leaves the impression.

The senate ought to offer a prize to the senator who contents himself with the shortest speech on the tariff.

The fourth of July falls on Sunday this year. This means that Young America will revel in noise three days instead of the customary one day.

War is something like the handle bars of an electric battery. It is easy enough to pick them up while the current is turned on, but not so easy to let go.

With each recurrence of national anniversaries, calling for patriotic songs and declamations, the need of a suitable American anthem becomes more apparent.

President McKinley's visit to the Tennessee Centennial exposition at Nashville next week ought to make that one of the red letter periods in the annals of that enterprise.

The appearance of a newly-formed mud island off the coast of California is taken to show where, at least, part of the mud thrown during the late political campaign was finally deposited.

True, there are fewer veterans of the great war than ever, but that only gives deeper significance to the custom of decorating the graves of the heroic patriots with flowers in the springtime of the year.

What a pity Bruisers Corbett and Fitzsimmons did not have presence of mind enough to pose properly for the microscope camera at the moment of the blow that determined the possession of that championship belt.

THE UPWARD TREND

Attempt as they may to conceal or disguise it, the calamity-howling popocratic press cannot suppress the fact that for this country, commercially and industrially, the upward trend has set in.

In view of the prevailing nascent stage of so many industrial enterprises, the tendency of investors is to look to that part of the country that offers the most promising outlook for their operations.

What is wanted, therefore, to attract capital to Omaha, Nebraska and surrounding states is the dissemination of reliable information on the opportunities offered for profitable investment.

By moving along with the upward trend already here, Omaha and Nebraska should not only maintain their high standing abroad, but also gain upon their competitors less favored in natural resources.

The Chinese Equal Rights league of America, by its president, has issued an appeal to the public asking co-operation in its efforts to remove the legal barriers that have been imposed upon Americanized Chinamen.

The burden of the complaint of the Chinese Equal Rights league is that "in 1882 an outrageous law was smuggled into congress and hastily passed and almost as hastily signed by the then president of the United States, Hon. Benjamin Harrison, by which the rights and liberties of nearly a quarter of a million lawful and industrious people of the United States were swept away."

It is generally admitted that congress went to extremes with the exclusion law in discriminating against the Chinese and its rough edges will have to be smoothed down eventually to accord to the Chinese already here better protection and greater privileges.

One of the most noteworthy facts in the business world is the tendency to bank consolidation. Recently two of the largest national banks in New York were consolidated and it is reported that the example set by these two institutions may be followed by others in that city.

Nebraska prohibitionists are in the field already with a prohibition state ticket for next fall's campaign. This we believe breaks the record in this state for early nominations.

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of a good many of the banks of that city during the past three or four years. Another thing that has unfavorably affected the national banks is the growth of trust companies, which are able to do anything with their resources that is legal, while the banks are restricted.

There have been hundreds of bank failures since the business depression began and many have gone into voluntary liquidation. Of course new banks have been established, but still the number of national banks in the United States is less now than four years ago.

One by one the roses fade. One by one the demagogues is uncovered of the men who posed under the popocratic banner last fall as the implacable foes of trusts and combinations.

Yet the same Jones is now engaged in launching what is expected to be the most gigantic trust ever conceived. That good popocratic organ, the St. Louis Republic, that served so faithfully during the campaign as the mouthpiece of Jones and the popocratic managers and candidates has announced the fact and enlarged upon it with all the important details.

An eastern paper says it is apparent that a very much more encouraging and cheerful view of the business conditions exists in financial centers than at any time since the election of President McKinley and it observes that this is in part due to the prospect of its prompt action on the tariff bill.

It is proposed by a fertile-brained genius to inaugurate a gigantic insurance scheme against enforced idleness. Paying a man for being unable to find employment might be worked down to the law of averages if we had enough data on the subject, but for a while the venture would be almost wholly experimental.

How quickly the railroads adjust themselves to existing conditions! It was only a few weeks ago that the cry was raised that the supreme court decision applying the anti-trust law to railroad pools was sure to bring on a general rate war more destructive to the railroads than any in recent years.

Upon what theory can that jury have acted that in a \$600,000 damages brought against a railroad company by members of a well-known theatrical company awarded the same principal twice as much money as the handsome dashing leading lady? What was the usual gallery of the members of that jury?

Banker Johnston, Indiana's prize embezzler, has pleaded guilty and accepted with as good grace as possible a sentence of ten years imprisonment, which may be good behavior be reduced to about seven years.

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arrangements as well as to rates which are proposed in pooling contracts. Judge Knapp of the commission thus states the matter: "The paramount and vital question is the authority of the commission to determine what is the reasonable rate or the just relation of rates, when specific complaint is made against existing rates, and such complaint is investigated upon notice and opportunity to be heard and with all the formality of a judicial inquiry."

The importance of enlarging the powers of the commission in the direction proposed being recognized, congress should not delay unnecessarily the legislation required for that purpose. There appears to be no question as to the constitutional authority of congress to confer such power upon the Interstate Commerce commission and the interests of the public clearly demand that it shall be done and done as promptly as possible.

Some promising facts. "People are actually doing more business than they realize," says the last report of Dun & Co. It is true that prices are low and profits small, but it is evident that consumption has increased. This means that more people are able to buy what they need than a year ago, that the labor of the country at large is better employed and that enforced economy is not so general as it was.

At a meeting of women in Omaha not long ago the subject of Christian Science came up for discussion. An adherent said: "You know Mr. X. Well, he is doctoring for his eye, but the medicine did no good. He had discontinued its use, but was suffering great trouble. I induced him to have one of our healers come in. Well, the doctor entered the room the pain ceased and he never suffered a moment's pain. Was that not wonderful?" "But," remarked another, "he also went blind the next day and has never seen since."

In Russia, at least, American citizens must not be allowed to depart for the frontiers. The Russian law interprets the Russian law. Subjects of the czar cannot become citizens of another country without his permission, which is not easy to obtain. Consequently, Russian subjects cannot come to the United States, procure a veneer of American citizenship and hope to return to Russia under its protection.

The royal family of England costs the British government, in round numbers, \$3,000,000 annually. Of this sum the queen receives nearly \$2,000,000 a year, besides her revenues from the duchy of Lancaster, which amount to a quarter of a million. The lord lieutenant of Ireland receives \$100,000 a year for services rendered to the crown of Wales \$200,000 a year. The president of France receives \$240,000 a year for salary and expenses, an enormous salary when it is remembered that the republic is sweating under a stupendous national debt of over \$6,000,000,000—the largest debt ever incurred by any nation in the world.

These statistics, taken from the American Grocer, give the per capita consumption of strong drink—spirits and wines—in the United States in the last five years: Spirits, Wine, Gallons, Gallons.

The decline of 51 in the use of spirits from 1893 to 1896 means a decrease of 36,000,000 gallons or one-third of the total consumption in 1893. The decline of 22 in the use of wines in the same period means a decrease of 16,400,000 gallons, or nearly half of the 35,000,000 gallons consumed in 1893.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-two was a "flush" year and the consumption of drink was enormous. Eighteen hundred and ninety-three was not a good year, but the people who had made money in 1892 evidently thought the depression was temporary and spent their surplus on 1893 liberally.

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about seven years. If some of Nebraska's state officials who are awaiting trial on charges of embezzlement would plead guilty and save the taxpayers the cost of convicting them through expensive court proceedings, they might have an opportunity to pose as repentants.

A scheme is on foot to supply Kansas City with electric power generated at Leavenworth, Kan. The scheme, however, that should attract attention is the plan to utilize the friction on the river bed of the Missouri for transforming it into electricity and supplying electricity to all cities and towns on the river from a single plant. When it comes to exercising the imagination, why not draw on it without limit?

The government has just awarded a contract for six locks at an aggregate cost of over \$600,000. Were it not that these locks are to be built for a river canal instead of for doors the announcement would certainly give the taxpayers a jar.

The Pelize for a Run. Chicago Tribune. It is said that the Greek private soldier receives only \$4 a month. He will be seen at once that at that rate Greece has had a good run for her money.

A Universal Union. Globe-Democrat. The Universal Postal union has admitted Cuba as a member. The Free Trade state membership, which completes its organization throughout the civilized world. About eighty nationalities are represented in the union.

American Corn for Egypt. Globe-Democrat. Corn for Egypt acquires a new meaning in the recent shipment of 140,000 bushels of Indian corn for seed from this country to dwellers along the Nile. They will feel sorry for their ancestors when they make the acquaintance of roasting ears.

Cost of Future Wars. Chicago Tribune. The cost will soon be eliminated as a factor in war. About the next one that comes along the newspapers will pay expenses if the general will act as correspondents, and the governments can have the kinetoscope earnings as clear money.

A Christian Science "Miracle." New York Independent. At a meeting of women in Omaha not long ago the subject of Christian Science came up for discussion. An adherent said: "You know Mr. X. Well, he is doctoring for his eye, but the medicine did no good. He had discontinued its use, but was suffering great trouble. I induced him to have one of our healers come in. Well, the doctor entered the room the pain ceased and he never suffered a moment's pain. Was that not wonderful?"

Good Country to Stay Away from. Philadelphia Ledger. In Russia, at least, American citizens must not be allowed to depart for the frontiers. The Russian law interprets the Russian law. Subjects of the czar cannot become citizens of another country without his permission, which is not easy to obtain.

Shoes and a Half Tans

That's an ordinary price here for an extra-ordinary shoe—Tans in all the latest shades and toe shapes—Tans for either men or women at this price—Better values—better styles than you've been used to—Come and see them—they'll surprise you—

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Detroit Free Press: The missionary in the Pittsburgh conference who will not touch money that is offered until convinced that the gift is clean must have a bank account of his own to fall back on.

Chicago Tribune: A Dubuque preacher has admitted that the Sunday newspapers are all right. Of course they are if they are of the right sort, and more of the clerical brethren could afford to admit it than do.

Chicago Chronicle: The world is certainly becoming more liberal when a woman may be graduated from the Union Theological seminary to preach in a Presbyterian pulpit. The woman who has been raised to such a position has no less a person than the daughter of Prof. Briggs, who was suspended for heresy in 1894.

Under a pine on the side of a hill, Where the plaintive note of the sad whippoorwill Echoes soft on the breeze, is a lonely grave, Where sleeps in its stence a soldier brave.

The clang of war's weapons no more will be heard, The charge of the foe no more will be feared; The conflict and strife for ym are all past, And the heroic marches are ended at last.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. If the sultan has his way he will remove a few Greece spies from the map of Europe. Forty-five scorchers were cooled off in Detroit in one day with a fine of \$5 and trimmings.

Speaking of Clothing. We would like to say that old men and young are equally sure to be well suited in this store. Boys and children have the same advantages. The man of moderate means is just as sure of fine treatment and honest values as the man of wealth.

In short we make clothing as well as it can be made, we use none but trustworthy cloths and materials, and if any alteration is necessary in a suit we make it, just as the tailor would do if his custom-made suit didn't fit on the first trial.

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