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THE 1898 meet of the League of American Wheelmen would look well in the list of Omaha's exposition year attractions.

Mexican silver dollars down to 45 cents and steadily declining. There must be new crimes against silver committed every day.

Why is it not as easy to present the owner of a slot machine for keeping gambling devices as for failing to pay the license?

It must be remembered that the State fair will be held in Omaha in September and as usual will be greater, grander and better than ever.

With the tariff law a reality, some of those various local projects for new manufacturing enterprises at Omaha ought to take tangible form.

The people of Nebraska are slowly but surely becoming convinced that a division-of-the-spoils fusion does not mean retrenchment or reform.

The republican county committee should be called at once. There are only four weeks from now to the state convention and the voters should have at least two weeks' notice of the primary election.

Powderly will take the reins as commissioner of immigration and the senate may have something to say yet as to whether his new position shall be a permanent one for the usual four-year term.

If the proposed home-seekers' excursions really consist of home-seekers they ought not to want to visit any other state after inspecting Nebraska. When it comes to inducements held out to home-seekers Nebraska stands at the front.

The Ak-Sar-Ben is doing great work in establishing and cementing an era of good feeling between the people of Omaha and the people of neighboring Nebraska towns.

Should the secretary of war determine to send a detail of United States troops to Alaska he may feel safe from an avalanche of applications from officers to be assigned to a post whose special attraction is a north pole climate ten months out of twelve.

Property owners along streets ordered paved have thirty days under the law to designate the paving material they wish used. But there is nothing in the law to prevent them from signifying their desires in this respect within ten days, and if a majority agree on any one material the work can proceed without further delay.

Pat O' Hawes is entitled to a gold medal. He is the only republican in Nebraska who could induce a populist legislature and a populist governor to give him 25 per cent for collecting money due Nebraska from Uncle Sam, when we have six congressmen and two senators in Washington capable of attending to the state's business.

In spite of all the assertions to the contrary, The Bee has reason to believe that the Omaha and Council Bluffs bridge is one of the best paying investments in this section. It is the policy of the owners of all such corporations to minimize their revenues in order to head off popular demands for reduced fares and increased tax valuations.

SECRETARY GAGE ON CURRENCY.

Secretary Gage is a conservative man and there has hardly ever been a time when there was greater need for such a man at the head of the financial department of the government. It is understood that in a general way the secretary of the treasury is in sympathy with the demand for a reform of the currency.

The secretary still believes that the currency system needs revision, but he is not among the extremists who think that there can be no confidence and no recovery of prosperity until this revision is had. Mr. Gage's speech to the business men of Boston will be reassuring to all but those who want an immediate overhauling of our currency—the impatient and persistent so-called reformers who can see nothing but harm in existing financial conditions.

This paper can heartily endorse the views of Secretary Gage quoted above because they are in complete accord with what we have repeatedly said, that the anxiety manifested by some for currency reform is needless and that the agitation of the subject at this time can accomplish no good and may do harm. Certainly there is danger of ill effects when men of responsibility in financial and business circles persistently proclaim distrust of the currency system and constantly declare that there can be no great or permanent improvement in financial and business conditions until the currency is reformed according to their notions.

The exports of gold from this country recently have been so small as not to attract much attention and there is nothing to indicate any enlargement of the movement in the near future. On the contrary, the conditions appear likely to cause the importation of the yellow metal.

According to late London advices such shipments of gold as have been made from this country caused no stir there, because it is evident that with a rising market for wheat and the prospect of a phenomenal demand for breadstuffs from Australia, as well as Europe, gold will soon be moving toward this country.

One of the most substantial and reassuring features of the financial situation is the ample supply of gold in the United States for any probable exigency. The treasury reserve is now \$144,000,000 and the New York banks are well supplied so far, therefore, as the available stock of gold in the country is concerned there is not the slightest reason for any apprehension that every demand will not be met without causing the least financial disturbance.

THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION. President McKinley has gone on an extended vacation and the entire American people will wish him the greatest possible enjoyment of a well-earned rest. Mr. McKinley may not have worked harder, during the little more than four months since he became president, than did some of his predecessors, but he has been kept pretty fully occupied and much of the time his duties have been of a rather arduous and exacting nature.

Notice has been served on the police board by the council that it must keep expenditures within the proceeds of the levy for police purposes. Inasmuch as the charter prescribes the pay of police officers, the only way for the police board to retrench is by reducing the force. There is certainly no need of two chief detectives or seven detectives who do not detect anything.

Many honest populists are discovering that the cheap money will-of-the-west is nothing but a delusion and a snare utilized by clever demagogues to keep themselves in political favor. When their eyes have been fully opened to the deceptions that have been practiced upon them these populists will be found

FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS.

It is an axiom of economics in the United States that when the farmers are prosperous the whole country is prosperous. In 1897 the condition of the farmer is better than it was before in half a dozen years.

The British government explains how it came to buy American steel rails for the government-owned East Indian railway by the simple fact that the American bid was over \$400,000 less than the lowest competing British bid.

The road seems clear to Union Pacific foreclosure and reorganization. But it must be remembered that the Huntington syndicate is resourceful of expedients, and it is not certain whether it has given up the task of obstructing the termination of the Union Pacific receivership.

Others Don't Count. As a whole the Dingley law is satisfactory to protectionists, and it is immaterial whether the free traders are pleased.

What, Indeed? When the wheat market is so hot the country will be \$100,000,000 richer from this year's wheat than last year.

Important Geographical Fact. The current discussions of Alaska serve to recall a geographical fact that is not of general knowledge. It is that when we include Alaska, the United States extends farther west than it does east.

It Will Be Scrutinized. The idea of paying cash for signatures for the proposed amendment to the Nebraska constitution is being elaborated by ex-Treasurer Barley of Nebraska.

To Encourage Thrift. The establishment of postal savings banks would do much to inculcate in persons of very moderate incomes the habits of thrift for which the American once was noted.

NO DISCRIMINATION AT KLONDYKE. If Canada Permits, This Country May Adopt Retaliatory Measures. The Canadian journals which are howling for the exclusion of American miners from the Klondyke region are not doing much to encourage them elsewhere on the continent.

SILVER AND WHEAT. Recent Events Have Swept Away Popularity of the Gold Standard. It may have been noticed that the exuberant silver orators, who were formerly fond of assuring the western farmers that "an ounce of silver is worth a bushel of wheat" have ceased to take any interest in the recent quotations of American cereals.

IRON INDUSTRY ACTIVE. At Present Rate, Production Will Be Greater Than Last Year. The shutting down of a few iron furnaces during June has been pointed to as evidence that the iron market is slackening, since the iron industry has been generally considered one of the thermometers of trade conditions.

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