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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough BEEs to accommodate every passenger.

PARTIES LEAVING FOR THE SUMMER. Parties leaving the city for the summer can have The Bee sent to them regularly.

In the meanwhile the ice trust continues its operations unimpeded. Triangular fusion means simply a triangular lottery for the spoils and offices.

Do not delude yourself into the idea that all of the hot weather of the season has been passed. Now let the World-Herald step up and name the man who brandished \$4,000 in the face of some supposed to own a police commissioner.

So Canada has come out openly as a bidder for Mexican trade as against the United States. Canada may want to annex the United States before long.

Why have three conventions of 2,700 populists, democrats and silverites when three committees of a half dozen members each are slated to do all the work?

While the city of Omaha is trying to pull Mr. Venner's chestnuts out of the fire the exposition is being seriously embarrassed for the want of an adequate water supply.

Put your ear to the ground and listen attentively to the whispered conference of the State Board of Transportation on Yeiser's complaint against extortionate telephone tolls.

The police officer who resigns to get out from under serious charges affecting his official honesty and competency pleads what the lawyers call a confession in avoidance.

What may go up and down as the varieties of the daily market take it, but it will be a long time before a man with a bushel of wheat will exchange it for an ounce of silver.

Will the republican county committee continue the rank discrimination in favor of demo-populistic precincts and predicts that there is no voting population of any kind?

There never yet has been a successful negro colonization scheme and the proposal to plant the Hawaiian islands with American negroes has no more elements in its favor than the others.

That promised bargain counter rush to bid in the Union Pacific for the paltry sum of \$50,000,000 has not yet heaved into sight, although the decree of sale in foreclosure has been entered by the court.

The life insurance companies announce that they draw the line against paying the expenses and profits of Klondike mining expedition companies. The insurance companies evidently think that if they are called on to insure the gold hunters against loss they ought to be insured a share of the profits.

The appointment of S. R. Callaway to the presidency of the Lake Shore railroad will be highly gratifying to the many friends and admirers in this section made by him during his incumbency as vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific. The Lake Shore is an important part of the great Vanderbilt system, which has a reputation for choosing only the ablest railroad men for its managers.

HAWAIIAN RUMORS.

Perhaps from a lack of other matters of public interest, or possibly by way of keeping public attention fixed on the annexation scheme, reports and rumors regarding Hawaii are numerous. The most important of these is the statement that the American minister to Hawaii, Mr. Sewall, has been instructed to establish a protectorate over the islands if in his judgment an emergency should arise justifying such action.

The president and the secretary of state have very properly declined to say anything about the alleged instructions to Minister Sewall and officials at the State department have positively denied that the Hawaiian legation at Washington has been advised of the minister having received such instructions. While it is possible that there is some substantial ground for this report, there are good reasons for regarding it as altogether improbable.

It may be admitted that President McKinley would place in the hands of the minister to Hawaii the power to force an issue in this matter that might eventuate in war, however great his confidence in the judgment of Mr. Sewall. In the second place, if the alleged instructions have been given to the American minister it would seem that our naval force at Honolulu would be strengthened, in order to support any aggressive action on the part of the minister, but so far as known no increase of that force is contemplated.

It may be admitted that President McKinley is heartily in favor of Hawaiian annexation, but those who have any faith in his judgment and conservatism will not readily believe that he would do anything to force an annexation, particularly if there were danger of war resulting from his action. It is said he believes the senate will ratify the Hawaiian treaty at the next session of congress, but whatever his expectation may be in this regard it is safe to say that meanwhile the administration will make no aggressive move in the Hawaiian matter.

BETTER MAIL FACILITIES.

Omaha and Nebraska are suffering for want of better mail facilities. That fact has been patent for several years, but the railway managers have, perhaps with good reason, claimed that existing conditions did not justify them in incurring the additional expense involved in increased train service.

It goes without saying that Omaha would appreciate highly the introduction of fast mail trains over the Iowa line. Denver and Kansas City have recently secured improved fast mail facilities, which enable their merchants and newspapers to reach patrons within the radius of several hundred miles.

Our government has received another protest from the German government in regard to the discrimination against the sugar of that country, alleging that it violates treaty stipulations. Inasmuch as congress paid no attention to the earlier protests it is perhaps safe to assume that nothing will be done in regard to the latest one and yet the matter seems to require some notice.

The American Dental association will break all former precedents by coming west of the Mississippi to hold its next annual convention in Omaha during the exposition. Western tooth doctors will doubtless take advantage of this important meeting by swelling the attendance beyond anything that has been attained by the meetings held in the far east.

lignations toward us. It is not clear what can now be done in the matter, unless we follow the example of England and "denounce" the treaty with Germany containing the "most favored nation" clause.

CHIEF SIGWART'S RESIGNATION.

When a man resigns in the face of charges affecting his official conduct he practically admits his guilt. Had Chief Sigwart resigned promptly when asked to do so by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners he might have availed himself of the excuse that he did not care to serve under a board that did not have confidence in him and on whose support he could not depend.

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PARLIAMENT PROLOGUED.

The British Parliament has been prorogued and there is little to be said regarding the late session of the body. The so-called queen's speech, which as everybody knows is a merely perfunctory deliverance emanating from the prime minister, is quite as tame and colorless as those deliverances usually are.

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The convention of the republicans of Iowa, to be held at Cedar Rapids on the 18th inst., will consist of 1546 delegates. Polk county has the largest number of delegates—fifty-seven—and Osceola stands at the foot, with six.

There is every reason why a full attendance of delegates should be present. Irrigation is a very live question in a great region of the west and anything that contributes to its systematic and successful application contributes to the growth and expansion of the great transmississippi country.

The editor of the paper that has been so free in making all sorts of unsubstantiated charges against reputable people will have a chance to keep to the question in the police commission investigation of alleged attempted bribery.

The republican county committee should not hesitate to change the apportionment of convention delegates to a basis of republican votes. A reform in this direction has long been demanded and should be no longer deferred.

Strange, but True.

A curious circumstance about prosperity's curfew hour is that the more factory chimneys smoke the brighter will grow the skies.

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Teeming Nature's Stores.

On the whole, the corn prospects are up to the average, and so much of the wheat has been harvested in good order that it is hardly possible that any future weather conditions can prevent this from being an unusually good crop year.

The Flattery of Imitation.

If it is true that imitation is the sincerest flattery, the people of this country have a right to be proud. The British admiralty has ordered a supplementary naval grant for the construction of four naval vessels which will practically be duplicates of our United States Navy.

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THE PRAIRIE STATES.

Surpassing Growth and Productive Wealth of the Middle West. Philadelphia Press. The most interesting of the series of articles on the progress of the prairie states, which Prof. Michael G. Mulhall is preparing for the North American Review, appears in the August number of that magazine and relates to what he calls the prairie states.

Much of this region was practically unknown in 1850, the year with which Mr. Mulhall begins his comparisons, and five of the states did not then exist. In 1850 what is now the prairie group of states had 4,020,000 population, an increase of 314 per cent. Its population is now estimated at 28,320,000 and by 1900, when the present census is taken, will doubtless be nearly 29,000,000 people.

As agriculture is the chief industry of these states the progress they have made in this line is the nature of the most remarkable. In 1850 the prairie states produced fifty-eight bushels of grain per inhabitant and a total of 634,000 tons of beef, mutton and pork; but in 1890 the section produced 115 bushels of grain per inhabitant and 2,138,000 tons of meat.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Chitral, the scene of the present outbreak, has been in a disturbed condition for several years, and has before this been the objective point of a British military expedition. The trouble began in 1892, with the murder of the Mehtar, Amanul-Mulk. His eldest son, Nizam, seized the throne, but was quickly expelled by a younger one, Afrul, and the latter was a year later murdered by his uncle, Sher Afzul, whose son, Amir-ul-Mulk, was then made mehtar, to be in turn succeeded by the present incumbent, Shuja.

Portugal does not extract much but glory from the possession of Mozambique, which in her hands is no more profitable to her than it was two centuries ago. In fact, the Portuguese possessions in East Africa are "run" at an annual loss of some \$250,000.

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MERRY JINGLES.

Detroit Free Press. The boy stood on the burning deck, That did not flinch, or budge a spot; He knew there was no earthly spot Which wasn't every bit as hot.

Chicago Tribune. Above the sleeper's nose, Trembling at every joint, Buzzed the young mosquito; "I want to sup," And I'm trying to screw my courage up, Up to the stinking point!"

Washington Star. The lazy days of August gleam; The hot-chorus chimes And bid us sleepily drift and dream And wait for better times.

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are, "It might have been." But none can cause one so much woe, As these short words: "I told you so."

Chicago Journal. Of all the men in a crowd There's not one who may inspire To stand as high, and none who can, As does the truly "quiet man."

Chicago Journal. If so he drops a word or two, His thought he mutters plain through and through.

Washington Star. Surprised approval greets him then, And you shall hear from other men: "Some weighty reason lay behind An act so foreign to his kind."

Washington Star. When the mercury is waiting Just at society or so, And you find a gladsome reprieve From the cruel summer's glow, A roset crown stealing over you, As you watch the sunbeams play, And you sigh in mournful accents, "If 'twould only stay this way!"

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