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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 Nebraska farmer will not be fooled on the silver and wheat trick a second time.

Prosperity pointers are calamity extinguishers and calamity extinguishers are wet blankets for poperaic enthusiasm.

If the local weather man does not brace up before the advent of the State fair he will fall into irremediable disrepute.

The list of 1898 conventions captured for Omaha is assuming formidable proportions, but there is always room at the top.

It is worthy of note that not even the World-Herald has seen fit to deny that Chief Sigwart last spring prostituted the paid police of the city to the political work of the Howell campaign managers.

Dr. Jekyl-Peabody seems to have gotten so accustomed to deceiving the public about his official action as member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that he sometimes succeeds in deceiving himself.

If President Andrews wants to resign there is no reason why any one should stop him, but a voluntary resignation knocks the props out of every attempt to make him out to be a martyr to his political convictions.

New York prohibitionists have declined to endorse woman suffrage. When the prohibitionists turn their backs upon the suffragists the demand for the ballot for women must be pretty nearly a dead issue in that state.

The official record of the police board is the best proof of Mayor Moore's position on the employment of supernumerary policemen. That record does not show that Mayor Moore voted for either Gallagher or Sigwart.

When the non-partisan reform police commissioners have to resort to falsifying the records of the board to bolster themselves up in their reckless waste of public funds to pay political debts they must have been driven into a close corner.

Fellow passengers who came across the ocean with Richard Croker have brought the Tammany boss home filled with good intentions. The people of New York, however, like the party from Missouri, will have to be shown before they will put faith in such a statement.

The beet sugar factories in Nebraska are commencing active operations toward converting this year's sugar beet crop into marketable sugar, and another resource of the Nebraska farmer will soon be bringing him a good cash return worth 100 cents on the dollar all the world over.

The petitions required under the law authorizing Douglas county to vote ex-position bonds will soon be ready for signatures and it ought not to take long to get the requisite number of signers.

And when election day comes the bond proposition ought to have the vote of every man of voting age in the county.

There was a time when the cry of yellow fever in a southern city would depopulate it in a few hours and set everybody wild for miles around.

The insurance laws of Nebraska are not exceptionally severe and they should be enforced without favor or discrimination against all concerns doing insurance business in the state.

The motto of Nebraska is "Equality Before the Law."

POPULIST-JONAH-DEMOCRATIC WHOLE.

Notice has been served upon the populist Jonah to make ready to be swallowed by the democratic whole.

From Kansas comes the announcement that ex-Senator Puffer has undergone a change of heart and now proclaims his readiness to be swallowed by the democratic whole, providing only that it consent to compromise with the populist Jonah on a new name.

This is also the keynote of Judge Neville's hysterical appeal to Nebraska populists, who are showing signs of revolt against the state house spoils combination.

Let there be no disparity between the vote on our ticket for judge and regents, as this would be evidence of bad faith and make more perplexing the complications which tend to keep patriots apart.

Let us do no more than the federal courts will tolerate. Let us do no more than the court of public opinion will tolerate.

This appeal to the populist Jonah to slide into the capacious belly of the democratic whole should not be without effect, especially in view of the premium which the learned judge holds out in the added assurance that the division of spoils will be duly considered and fairly adjusted after the battle is over.

TOM WATSON IN EVIDENCE.

It appears that Tom Watson, the populist candidate for vice president last year, has not absolutely retired from active politics, as had been reported.

There are circumstances that would induce the leader of the Georgia populists to reappear in the political arena and raise his voice against fusion. It is stated that in the event of Mr. Bryan going to Kentucky to do campaigning for the fusion candidate there, Mr. Watson proposes to camp on his trail and make it as interesting as possible for him.

As a correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal remarks, Watson is there is no man in the country whom Mr. Bryan would not prefer to come in contact with. The Georgian does not mind words in political controversy and as he has a hearty dislike of the late poperaic candidate for president, not without justifiable reason, it can easily be imagined how he would contribute to the interest of Kentucky politics and to the gaiety of the campaign in that state if he should go there to confront Mr. Bryan.

It is suggested, however, that Bryan will not go to Kentucky if assured that Watson would go there. It seems that the free silverites of that state are very anxious to have the help of Mr. Bryan, which suggests that they are not altogether sanguine of success.

TURNING TO OTHER ISSUES.

While the free silver advocates are by no means disposed to abandon that issue, but insist that it will enter into the campaigns of 1898 and 1899, some of the more astute among them see that it will not be possible, in the event of a general restoration of prosperity and its continuance until the next presidential election, to hold together the free silver votes of last November on that issue alone.

They profess to believe that the returning prosperity cannot last long and it is needless to say that they hope it will be of short duration. But they cannot forget that in last year's campaign they persistently proclaimed that a return of prosperity was impossible under the gold standard and that this prophecy having failed they are apprehensive that their present prediction of temporary prosperity may also fail, thus eliminating the silver question as a political issue.

Therefore some of the leading free silver advocates are turning their attention to other questions in the hope of thereby keeping their forces together.

Ex-Governor Altgeld is one of these and by far the ablest, if not the most dangerous, among them. In his address to the workmen of Philadelphia on Labor day Mr. Altgeld did not discuss the silver question and devoted his talk almost entirely to corporate monopoly.

He declared that "aside from the financial question, the most serious problem that confronts the people of America today is that of rescuing their cities, their states and the federal government, including the federal judiciary, from absolute control of corporate monopoly."

Having said this the man who more than any other dominated the Chicago convention and who practically framed its platform, proceeded to advocate government ownership of pretty much everything now controlled by corporations, even urging that the coal mines of the country should be taken possession of by the government.

One of the free silver organs is The American of Philadelphia and this journal in its last issue says that while the silver question will be a living issue in the campaigns of 1898 and 1899, it will not be the only issue. It declares that "the next campaign must be fought on broader lines than the silver issue" and takes a position similar to that of Mr. Altgeld, though not going so far.

The question of dealing with corporate monopoly is undeniably one of very great importance, but can the people trust the political element which supported free silver with the solution of this question? Who is there among its leaders to whom it would be safe to entrust the task of suppressing trusts and combinations and monopolies? Who of them has ever shown that he is really

TO INFLUENCE THE GIFT MUST BE CONSCIOUSNESS.

Mr. Altgeld when he was governor of Illinois is not a man among the free silver leaders who has given any practical evidence of hostility to monopoly.

On the contrary most of them are on record in opposition to the legislation passed by a republican congress and approved by a republican president against trusts and combinations.

But the people will hardly be deceived by the attempt of the free silverites to masquerade as the enemies of monopoly. Back of their pretenses in this respect is the controlling desire to debase the currency of the country and they are ready to promise anything in order to bring this about.

Their turning to other questions is simply designed to befog and delude the people in the interest of the greatest of all trusts—the combination of silver mine owners.

TARIFF CONCESSIONS.

It is announced that in the new customs tariff for Cuba the duties on nearly all American goods have been reduced.

On the termination of the reciprocity agreement with Spain three years ago, under which the United States enjoyed peculiar advantages in the Cuban market—advantages which were especially profitable to our agricultural interests—the Spanish government increased heavily the duties on American products imported into Cuba, the effect of which was to very materially reduce our exports to that island.

We are pleased to hear that The Bee's choice of Edward E. Howell for the democratic nomination for sheriff on a platform of vindication is received with satisfaction by his friends.

From the names of the senators who are busy themselves to protect the delay of the foreclosure sale of the Union Pacific and what is known of their former efforts to prevent foreclosure and keep the road indefinitely crippled by the receivership, there is room for a suspicion that the same influence is behind the latest hitch in foreclosure proceedings that was behind the funding bills in congress.

As the result of his personal observation on a tour of inspection Secretary of Agriculture Wilson expresses the belief that there is not an idle man west of the Mississippi who wangs work.

In every other large city of the country the telegraph companies have been compelled to take down the telegraph poles and place their wires underground. There is no reason why Omaha should not follow their example.

Prof. William Hallock of Columbia university, under whose direction a shaft is being sunk near Pittsburgh, hopes to reach a depth of 100 feet by November 1. The work is being done in order to learn something concerning the strata of the earth and the comparative heat of its crust at various depths.

But Don't Get Too Familiar.

It is gratifying to know that the speech of his on rotten money, the Hon. William J. Bryan may yet appropriate the words that nation to scrape acquaintance with them in a very suggestive way.

Something Latin Would Need.

Spain's new premier says that his country cannot "have the sympathy of all Europe" in the event of a war with the United States. It is a pity that Secretary Bryan, who has been so glibly through with her, it's more than likely.

The Con Man Among Farmers.

The silver republican Charles A. Towne of Minnesota is telling his democratic audience in Iowa that under silver reorganization the American farmers would now be getting \$2.50 for their wheat instead of less than \$1. This would mean four or five barrels of wheat for the same amount of money.

Prophet Bland Reformed.

It was gratifying to know that the pathetic spectacle, and the Republic feels justified in calling the attention of Missourians to the fact that they have a "prophet in the land" who says that the fact that, as has been the common experience of prophets, he has been denied the fall meads of glory to which his faithful laborers entitled him.

A Partner of Providence.

The criticisms in German newspapers of the Kaiser's latest "me and God" outburst are just, but they are dangerous. Less majestic is a more persuasive man in Germany than he is in any other country in Europe except Russia, and the person against whom it can be invoked is usually made to feel its rigors.

Wild Guesswork of Poperaics.

There seems to be a serious disagreement among the silver men as to what the price of wheat ought to be. Bland says "under a good government" what would be worth \$1.75 instead of a dollar to ex-Congressman Towne says wheat ought to be selling at \$2.50 and Altgeld declares that \$1.50 would be the price if this country had free silver.

THE FUSED TABLETS.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: The democratic party in Nebraska hardly knows whether it is standing on its head or on its feet. It is standing on its head, and there is more noise in the land.

Buffalo Express: As Mr. Bryan is preparing to make the fight in Nebraska this year on the silver issue, his challenge should be accepted by the republicans and the best oratorical talent of the party in the country should be employed to beat him on his own ground.

New York Mail and Express: The populist party, supported by the sound money democrats, should be able to defeat this combination of poperaic forces in Nebraska. Business conditions and political events have discredited the issue upon which Mr. Bryan carried the state last fall, and the populist question is inspired not by any vital public question, but by a desperate realization that his defeat now will render him an impossible candidate for the presidency in 1898.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The Nebraska populist convention adopted one resolution expressing thankfulness to Providence "rather than to any man for the measure of prosperity with which our state has been blessed, and we attribute the rise in wheat to foreign scarcity rather than suppose it to be the result of dear sugar or an increased price of fertilizer."

Detroit Free Press: The results in the fall elections are bound to have an important bearing on the future of the silver agitation. The fact is undoubtful inspiring the party managers to keep up their spirits and make the best possible showing.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The influenza fever is spreading. A Chicago man has procured one to hold his job, according to all accounts, his own inferiority to the American good man whose followers have gone wrong.

No matter what the jury may do in the case, the press of Chicago is determined to prosecute the railroad officials to the hilt. There is a marked degree of harmony between the populist fanatics and weather prophets. Both cling to predictions shattered by the facts.

The St. Louis Republic touched on a tender subject when it said that Bryan's voice had become "more metallic." It called for 300 planks at Burlington, Kan. Years ago Prince Bismark used to spell his name without the "c's." The present spelling does away with the monetary significance of the name Bismark—two marks.

Chicago threatens to hold a fall exposition. Meanwhile the town is regaled by a fall exhibit of the crookedness of the Chicago river. It is the hole made by the dive of a submarine.

From the tremendous fuss made over the municipal election New Yorkers appear to be in a state of mind that would tip up or collapse unless the result is just right. Erie goes before a full court.

The war against the mosquito in New Jersey has attained huge proportions since the Polish doctor has discovered that the mosquito is the cause of malaria. While the war goes on in the rest of the country can look on with confidence.

Chicago has opened its first public playground with an attendance of 4,000 children. The ground, which is in the heart of the city, is equipped with sandpits, swings, see-saws and other apparatus designed to make the young life happy.

The experiment of using oil on a railway roadbed to allay the dust nuisance has been successful. In other words, the railroad managers talk of adopting the scheme. It takes 5,000 gallons of the fluid to the mile, and one sprinkle is said to be effective for a year.

That Stevens once had a colored servant in Washington named Matilda, who one morning smashed a large pitcher on the buffet, and said: "I have you, you black nigger. I'll show you a black nigger's trick." She responded: "Tain't no four commandment, but I'll show you a white nigger's trick."

It is a constant in Breathitt county, Kentucky, that every county there are any number of moonshiners. In other words, the moonshiners are as numerous as the stars in the sky.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Davenport Democrat: Scott county carries the banner. It held the first national democratic county convention; it opened the county to the "home" democracy. Scott county will cast the best vote of any county in Iowa for the principles laid down by the great democratic leaders. The state will be grateful to have an earthquake and not shake it from the true course.

Des Moines Capital: Sioux city is putting in considerable asphalt pavement this year and the contract price is uniformly \$2.27 per square yard. County commissioners are exercised over the fact that Omaha, but 100 miles away, is getting the same kind of road for \$1.25 per square yard. From this divergence of price it seems that Sioux city might profitably undertake an investigation of its city council. The rake-offs are manifestly too large.

Des Moines Leader: The unprecedentedly hot weather of the last seven days has unquestionably greatly reduced Iowa's corn crop. The crop has been matured so that no longer is there reason to fear frost, but the ripening has been too sudden and numerous ears will be lost unless otherwise would have been full ears. Director Sage of the state crop bureau estimates the loss to the farmers of the state at \$10,000,000. Perhaps this is an overestimate, but certainly a great loss has been sustained.

Burlington Hawkeye: Probably the Nebraska republicans are correct in saying that the platform of the silver question is a dead issue, and doubtless there are many republicans in Iowa who think likewise. Every chance they get they will vote at what they call a "silver election." The situation seems so favorable and the prospect of republican success so certain that the members of the party may think it needless to vote. This confidence is natural, but it is always well to make a good thing sure. Indifference is dangerous and must be guarded against.

GUATEMALA IN A FERMENT.

Central American Republic About Ready for Another War.

COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION IS BAD. Many Large Firms Fail—Political Situation as Uncertain as the Financial—Revolution Impending.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

American use 2,000,000 tons of sugar annually.

A peach (thirteen and three-fourth inches in circumference) was raised in McMinn county, Tennessee, this year. It weighed 20 pounds.

The test of the sphygmograph in England, in which 4,000 words a minute were transmitted successfully by wire, shows that the new invention could almost keep up with a sewing circle.

Two thousand men and twenty-five acres near Paris produce all the vegetable necessary for the 2,000,000 inhabitants of that city. This is done by a system of irrigation.

On the contrary, the "demonition bow-wow" seem to be coming to France in increasing ratio.

Chicago now has two horseless vehicles in use as delivery wagons. Each weighs 2,000 pounds and is capable of carrying 1,500 pounds. It costs about 15 cents a day to run.

The electric wonder of the world is to be a revolving chair. To wit: a chair 30 feet high, at the Paris exposition of 1889. The chair is intended to contain an exhibition of the electrical appliances which have been devoted to the glowing of the chair. The chair will be built on a central pivot, on which axis it will revolve by means of a powerful hydraulic engine.

The most expensive book ever published in the world is the official history of the war of the rebellion, which is now being issued by the United States government at a cost up to \$2,000,000. Of this amount nearly one-half has been paid for printing and binding. The remainder is to be accounted for in salaries, stationery, miscellaneous expenses, including the purchase of records from private individuals. In all probability it will take three years to complete the work and an appropriation of \$2,000,000 has been asked, making a total cost of nearly \$3,000,000. The work will consist of 112 volumes.

TAPPING THE FUNNY BONE.

Chicago Tribune: "How goes the campaign?" asked a candidate. "I'm not sure," replied the other. "It goes smoothly on."

Washington Post: "Never mind; I'm going to the gold fields next spring, and if you don't know where to go, I'll show you." "And if you come back here?" "I won't know you."

Brooklyn Life: "Were the sanitary police in your house this afternoon?" "What was the matter?" "It was smoking that cigar you gave me."

Chicago Post: "Here's the story of a child who was kept on taking medicine to relieve the toothache until—'Yes?'" "Until she died."

Washington Star: "So that young man wants to marry you?" said Mabel's father. "Yes," was the reply. "Do you know his salary is?" "No, but it's an awfully strange collection."

Detroit Journal: "Why," she finally ventured to ask, "do you look so tender when we are sitting thus?" "Because," he answered, "spending so long always looks sad when he holds a lovely hand."

She was something reassured, although she did not altogether understand.

Indianapolis Journal: "Yes, I met her father last night," said the sad young man. "And did you get along with him?" "Worse than that. He is going to get out an injunction against my coming near the house."

Chicago Post: "I am afraid Colonel Poyser is losing his patriotism. Have you when he met his quack, taking off his hat?" "The colonel is getting bald."

FORCING THE PASS.

Cleveland Leader: "They used to cry as men passed by, 'Where did you get that hat?'" "But that old wail is very stale, and profitless and flat."

Just now the thing they like to sing— "Where did you get that hat?" "But that old wail is very stale, and profitless and flat."

THE MAD MILLION.

Richmond Post-Express: Mad Mullah, on a summer's day, through the Khyber pass did make his way.

Remoth his turban glowed the wealth of many millions, and a rugged health. Prowling, he rode, and his glances fierce each covert and open to the breeze.

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