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THE BEE ON TRAINS: All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough BEEs to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE: When it comes to the inflicting business it seems that more than one can play at the game at the same time.

The originator of the Pullman sleeping car is dead, but the Pullman porter promises to remain with us indefinitely.

The public schools should be divorced strictly from partisan politics. Only the best men should be given places on the school board.

As a self-constituted martyr Redfield is not the shining success he had planned. The political martyr act has been played too often to catch even the gallery these days.

Governor Holcomb has done four columns of explaining and yet has not explained why he should not be held jointly responsible for the Bartley state treasury default.

The newspaper in which Bryan says he is a stockholder is now making complimentary remarks about Coxy and his Ohio followers.

Bryan declines to express any opinion whatever as to the mayoralty situation in Greater New York.

The appeal in the criminal case against defaulting State Treasurer Bartley sets up only 235 allegations of error in the trial.

The Iowa middle-of-the-road populists get their ticket on the official ballot after all by favor of the supreme court.

It may be worthy of note that that Goddess of Justice surmounting the court house dome turned black while Redfield was occupying office under it.

That sixteenth street viaduct is still a standing menace to life and property.

When Weyler was appointed captain general for Cuba nobody knew anything about him.

The former chief draughtsman in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury has been appointed to the position of supervising architect.

Bryan is now going around the country telling the people that he was really elected to the presidency last year.

When a man wants to ride into office on the strength of some one else's alleged misdeed he admits that he is not capable of sustaining his claims to preferment on his own merit.

WHOM SHALL THE PEOPLE BELIEVE?

"A fraud was perpetrated on the masses! That fraud was perpetrated on the one hand by the governor of the state of Nebraska and on the other by Joseph S. Bartley."

This is what Frank Ransom declared in open court on the 7th day of October in support of the offer of John C. Cowin to prove that Governor Holcomb knew that there was a shortage of \$350,000 in the state treasury at the time he approved the second term bond of Treasurer Bartley.

Four columns of fine type are taken up by Governor Holcomb in an attempt to vindicate himself from the charge of co-responsibility for a large part of the Bartley defalcation.

And yet no intelligent person who reads the first half column of the governor's lengthy and labored defense can fail to note that he lays more stress upon blackwashing the republican party than he does upon presenting a clear case for himself.

From the outset of this partisan trade he poses as the victim of a foul conspiracy and rings in matters that have no relevance to the point in controversy, namely, his neglect to carry out the provisions of the statute that require the chief executive to exact a settlement in cash or its equivalent from the custodian of the state funds.

Granting that Governor Holcomb had taken every precaution to secure an adequate bond from Bartley, the governor does not make clear why he closed his ears against repeated warnings of Bartley's crooked methods in farming out state moneys and his threats to resign if required to settle in cash and accepted pieces of paper purporting to be certificates of deposit without verifying their genuineness or investigating the solvency of the banks.

The trump card played by Governor Holcomb to elude his vindication is a letter from Ransom in which the attorney for Bartley enters half-way denial of facts that can be readily established and seeks to discredit the veracity of The Bee's court reporter.

While we do not believe that Bartley's shortage in January, 1895, amounted to \$350,000, there can be no question whatever that he was a defaulter at that time for many thousands of dollars and that the taxpayers would have been saved from further spoliation had Governor Holcomb performed his duty fearlessly and firmly.

The report of the director of the mint for the fiscal year 1897, just completed, is an exceedingly interesting and instructive document, which should be carefully studied by all who take an interest in the financial question.

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period of 1871-75 to 168,300,000 ounces for 1895. Such figures are conclusive as to the prime cause for the decline of silver. The mint director also points out that while silver has been "demonetized" in the leading commercial countries there never was a period when so much of the white metal was used in coinage or in some monetary form as now.

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