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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. "Our Lady of Snows" is not having a monopoly of the wintry weather this year.

Santa Claus doesn't come down the chimney of the modern house, but he finds a way of entrance.

Drop a nickel in the reorganized Union Pacific slot machine and you will get a new name for U. P. president.

Mrs. Lease declared in a speech that she wants to be fair. So do many other women and a majority of them succeed.

Sugar beet experiments are out of date. Beets can be grown and sugar can be made from them.

With an excess of exports over imports amounting to \$280,000,000 in five months it is not surprising that duties on imports have not been as great as expected.

The London Jockey club has shut out Mrs. Langtry and the National Trotting association has barred Bob Kneebles.

The "gospel of your majesty's hallowed person" is a new brand Emperor William has just introduced.

It does not look as if Broatch would be mayor of Omaha before his term would have expired on January 1, 1898.

It is whispered, but we don't believe a word of it, that the Bullion bondmen will make the city a Christmas gift of \$71,000.

According to cable advices the Russians have occupied Port Arthur, but that is not the town at the terminus of the Pittsburg & Gulf railroad.

President McKinley has a delicate duty to perform with the new pelagic seal fishing bill before him.

Fast mail trains have been established between nearly all the principal cities of the country.

Last year Hoke Smith gave his heartfelt support to Bryan in his presidential campaign.

The members of the Civil Service Reform league are still able to present excellent arguments in favor of sustaining the merit system.

It is to be hoped that the improved finances of the Union Pacific will enable that company to operate its principal machine shops on full time.

UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

In reporting to the house the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, Mr. Bingham stated that he believed that upon a thorough examination of the work of the clerical force in the departments at Washington there could be made, without any injustice, a reduction in the expenditure for this force of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

It appears that there is a system of "leaves of absence" prevailing in the departments under which the government loses the services of the entire clerical force of about 10,000 one-twelfth of the year and a considerable proportion of it for a longer period.

Senator Wolcott promises a report from his commission next month and says that it will contain information that may be of interest and value to the senate.

A SALUTARY PRECEDENT. The verdict rendered by the jury empaneled to try the claim of the city against the sureties of late City Treasurer Henry Bollin will be hailed with satisfaction.

The fact that the new associate justice of the supreme court of Wyoming used to be a bookkeeper in an Omaha mercantile establishment is not to his discredit.

It is quite safe for every member of congress to assure his constituents that he will secure for them the location of an armor plate plant.

Foreigners criticize the United States because officers are usually changed once in four years.

Checks on Confederate History. "Dear! dear! It is a hard thing to set history writ as she desires."

The shipment of 5,000 tons of Alabama iron to Japan within a single week is a striking evidence of the rapid growth in the foreign demand for this product.

A PROJECT THAT CAN WAIT. The eminent men and worthy women who are urging the establishment of a national university in Washington city are unquestionably actuated by the highest motives.

Undoubtedly President McKinley was fully informed as to the feeling of the Japanese government in regard to the proposed annexation of Hawaii.

FUTILE NEGOTIATIONS. Senator Wolcott, chairman of the commission that went to Europe to promote international bimetalism, stated in the senate Thursday that negotiations for a bimetallic conference are still pending.

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but who is now quite as radical as anybody in England in opposition to doing anything for silver. In Germany the demand for bimetalism is no longer heard and it was recently authoritatively announced that the imperial commission inquiring into the commercial and financial conditions of the empire would not complete its investigations for a year or two.

Efforts are being made to show that the recent six-day bicycle race in New York was an entirely proper affair.

Instead of carving up Turkey and holding a wake over the sick man of Europe, the great powers appear to have had their ostrich stomachs fortified for digesting pieces of China.

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ton less than was asked for iron of the same quality at the furnaces in England, and as the freight rates to Japan are about the same from England and American ports, the difference per ton represents practically the exact saving in cost to the purchasers of the American metal.

As there is no probability that congress can agree upon a currency bill, it may be hoped that action will be taken upon the bill for postal savings banks.

Experienced mathematicians, such as those who make out the mortality tables of insurance companies, for instance, ought at once to investigate the strange problem hidden in the news that there are only fourteen surviving veterans of 1812.

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