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KEEP IT BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

The aggregate carrier delivery circulation of The Evening Bee is double the aggregate carrier delivery circulation of the Evening World-Herald...

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It goes without saying that the number of copies of The Evening Bee or The Morning Bee sold by dealers and newsboys exceeds by a very considerable number World-Herald dailies, morning and evening, sold by dealers and newsboys.

Remember that this is the year of the Transmississippi Exposition.

The new tariff law made a grand finish in the last month of the old year.

Railroad receiverships are not as popular under a republican administration as under the administration preceding.

The only nonpartisan member of the police board is the man who was elected mayor of Omaha as a straight republican.

Several dark war clouds are visible on the horizon as the new year is ushered in, but storms do not follow every threatening flurry.

The wheat deal was closed without a single farmer in the United States losing a cent, and the state is fresh and clean for another year.

The Sick Man of Asia might learn something of value from the late Sick Man of Europe about playing the nations against each other.

It is all right for the lawyers to keep busy in a turmoil when there are fat dollars in sight. It is another matter, however, for the man who pays the freight.

The chief of police will soon have his hands full in enforcing the law that requires him to keep the saloons closed that have secured no license for the next fiscal year.

The Missouri state experiment station reports that Missouri beet does not contain a sufficient amount of sweetness for the making of sugar. But Missouri has other resources undeveloped.

We are still looking for the member of the school board who is willing to take the trouble to inquire how the school board can add \$100,000 a year to its income without paying out a cent.

An Iowa bank went out of business the last week of the old year, but there was money enough on hand to pay all depositors in full on demand. Business was suspended simply because the long felt want for money has been supplied.

Special courses in dairying are given to farmers' sons and daughters at nearly all the western agricultural colleges. The dairy business can be greatly improved by the education of those who engage in it and the careful training of specialists.

Governor Adams of Colorado, although interested in a savings bank at Pueblo, comes out strongly in favor of the establishment of the postal savings bank system. In this he puts his sense of duty to the public above his individual interests.

In looking after your New Year's earnings you may encounter some difficulties that might have been foreseen by dealers in liquid refreshments who have failed to comply with the law in inserting their application notices in the paper of largest circulation.

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THE NEW YEAR.

In greeting the new year the disposition should be to look hopefully ahead, to take on renewed courage for the conflict of life and to determine to meet whatever cares or difficulties confront us with a brave heart and a firm purpose to triumph.

The beginning of 1898 finds the American people in a much more prosperous condition than a year ago and with every reason to expect that there will be further improvement as the year advances.

FOR INCREASING BANK ISSUES.

President McKinley stated in his annual message that he concurred with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the face value of the bonds which they have deposited for circulation and that the tax on circulating notes secured by the deposit of such bonds be reduced to one-half of 1 per cent per annum.

Dismissing these recommendations in his annual report, Secretary Gage said that the complaint uttered against the national bank act as it now stands is not directed toward the method of bank organization or the absolute safety guaranteed to the noteholder, but toward those restrictions it embodies, which result in its failure to accomplish the full benefit it ought to carry.

It is now said that there is favorable promise of a measure embracing these proposed amendments to the national banking law receiving affirmative action in both houses. Some members of the house committee on banking and currency, while desiring a general measure which would include every feature of the currency question, are inclined to favor the reporting of a separate bill relating to the national banks.

It is said there can be no doubt such a measure will be reported if it shall become apparent that agreement cannot be reached on a general bill. The proposal to allow national banks to be established with less capital than the law now requires, in any place having a population of 2,000 or less, is important to a large portion of the west and to a considerable part of the south, where better banking facilities are needed.

SPAIN IN NO HURRY.

It is understood that the Spanish government will take its time in replying to the last note of the American minister, in which the course of this government in regard to filibustering expeditions is defended. There will be no serious objection to whatever delay Spain shall be pleased to make in this matter, for the statement of our government must satisfy the impartial judgment of the civilized world that the United States has done its duty with respect to filibustering.

The truth is, as was pointed out by Secretary Gage, the landing of filibustering expeditions in Cuba was due to no lack of vigilance and precaution on the part of the authorities of the United States, but to the inefficiency of the Spanish naval force in Cuban waters. The secretary of the treasury declared that if this force had been watchful and efficient not a single expedition could have landed in Cuba.

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fully observed the obligations of neutrality. It is a matter of small consequence when Spain answers the last note of our minister or what may be the nature of the answer.

A QUESTIONABLE PROCEEDING.

At the meeting held in the council chamber by citizens who are opposed to the extension of the time of purchase of the water works, Mr. Henry W. Yates presented the following resolution: Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the rights of the city should be protected by proper appeal being taken in the case of the city against the water works company, lately decided against the city by Judge Munger, and that the city council direct the city attorney to take the proper steps for that purpose.

This resolution was unanimously adopted, which only goes to show how easily men who have not given a subject the slightest thought can be bodily carried off their legs because some prominent man, who probably is equally unconscious of the practical effect of a declaration on a question of public policy, has ventured to father it.

On friendly terms with all the world, peace at home, an abundant supply of the necessities of life, ample capital for every legitimate demand and more to come from abroad, the credit of the nation high and the revenues of the government growing surely with all this the American people ought to be the happiest people in the world.

WHERE TROUBLE IS BREWING.

The kaleidoscope of events has suddenly made the Pacific the center of interest. China divides the attention of the day with Hawaii and Alaska.

ESTABLISHMENT ABANDONED.

Spain is willing the United States should feed the women and children of Cuba whom the order and the reduction of the price of this, at least, is a practical proof that the idea of castrating the island by slowly exterminating the inhabitants has been abandoned.

SHADY STORIES FROM THE ARTS.

If we place side by side the various interviews about the condition of things at Dawson City, the conclusion is inevitable that somebody is doing a big lot of lying. One man reports enough food, and the next gives us tales of certain starvation, and thus the contradictions multiply.

WHOM IT PLEASES.

President McKinley's Cuban policy does not seem to make an appeal to the general newspapers. They and the jingoes of this country are agreed on the point that it is a bad policy. Fortunately Mr. McKinley does not seem to care for the approval of the American jingoes for approval.

UNION PACIFIC REORGANIZATION.

The interdependence of the railroads of the United States is strikingly shown in the attempt to reorganize the Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific. The claims and interests of almost all the railroad systems between the Missouri river and the Atlantic coast are affected.

EXCHANGE OF SHOTS.

There is an unusual tone of enthusiasm, as well as of sincerity, in the formal speeches exchanged between Mr. Hagedorn, the British minister to Venezuela, and President Crespo, when the minister presented his credentials. The queen's representative displayed a genuine pleasure in the renewal of the relations between the two countries.

PAINFUL SINK AT BYRAM.

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As a contribution to the current discussion of Iowa's little warrant indebtedness the Sioux City Journal points out that "in the last eight years the number of those who are provided for at the state institutions of Iowa have increased 80 per cent. This simple fact," adds the Journal, "shows the enormous increase of expense. Yet the rate of taxation has increased very little. The levy is only 2.8 mills, while the assessed valuation has actually been reduced."

If the men in the business world were all like "Deacon" S. V. White of Brooklyn, who has just paid debts aggregating over \$1,000,000, there would be no business for bank examiners, surety companies and laws for punishing dishonesty in business. White failed four years ago, but his creditors voluntarily

permitted him to go on with his business on the promise that he would pay all his debts. He has done so, though he might have escaped payment had he been so disposed. It may be of interest to know that White's business habits were fixed while he was yet a western man struggling against fate for a start in the world.

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New Year's Resolutions. Gentlemen who have been spending money on merchant tailors under the impression that they couldn't be well dressed otherwise ought now to discover their mistake. We think the garments we make are just about as well made and stylish as any tailor can offer, and our prices from 1/3 to 1/2 less—and we guarantee fit and quality.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER. The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes over a third further than any other brand.