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Spurns to before me and subscribed in my presence this 1st day of March, 1898. N. P. FEHL, Notary Public.

The new 16 to 1 is the policy of providing sixteen new war ships for one navy already formidable to cause Spain to hesitate.

The Nebraska Exposition commission seems to be greatly exercised lest too much of their appropriation runs away before the campaign of 1898 sets in.

That Indian supply depot may be a trifle slow in coming, but when it arrives our business men should clutch its location so that it will not even try to get away.

Licensed liquor dealers have a just grievance against the drug store saloon and they will have popular approval in any move they may make for its suppression.

"Coin" Harvey, who is now sure that there will be war, was also sure that the country would have a panic unless his theories of finance were acted upon promptly.

The recent snowstorm which covered the northwest tipped the croakers who had been sure all along that there would not be enough water in the ground this spring to start the crops.

Massachusetts may not have secured many miles of good roads by its system of forcing the towns to work on the roads, but there are fewer cramps and less complaint about the roads.

The fusion managers of Union county, Oregon, asked the populists for a vote on the question of fusion and the returns showed 227 against to 64 for the scheme. They will not ask a referendum in other counties.

Canada may put up barriers to keep Americans from carrying off the gold of the Klondike, but New York brokers seem to know the secret of extracting gold from London coffers and the steady stream across the Atlantic continues.

In furnishing up store fronts and hanging new business signs, artistic work costs no more than tasteless bungling. There is no reason why any one should attempt to attract patrons by hideous signboards that drive trade away.

The Pacific coast railroads report an increase of 33 per cent in earnings for the month of February over the previous February, while the increase of business on all the railroads of the United States averaged only 13 per cent. This gives some indication of the direction of the present prosperity curve of the world.

Now Mr. Bryan denies that he ever said all those good things about the president and congress and their attitude toward the Maine disaster for which he has been commended by patriotic Americans the past ten days. He says he has never been interviewed in regard to the prospective war and preparations for defense.

A popocate contemporary describes in its news columns how Nebraska railroads are troubling their shipments of farm machinery and implements and how more men are now employed in Omaha freight depots than ever before, yet it keeps right on howling calamity and asserting that we can never get within reach of permanent prosperity until we bring the country down to a monetary basis of 50-cent silver dollars.

The fund available for paving street intersections is limited in amount. For this reason it ought to be appropriated first to the streets that engage the heaviest traffic or constitute the thoroughfares leading to the exposition visitors. It is the duty of the commission to see that the intersection paving fund is not exhausted on out-of-the-way streets that can be as well left unimproved.

A contributor who signs himself a subscriber and reader of The Bee inquires why, if the gaubling dens are being broken up, those that are operating in alleged cigar shops are allowed to run wild open. That is very much like the question why when the recent raid was made did Chief Gallagher feel called on to apologize to the gaublers who were caught red-handed, and why did he protest so vehemently that he had nothing to do with instituting it? The chief of police is the man to answer these questions, although The Bee and the public may have well grounded suspicions.

UPON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

In his annual message President McKinley said that intervention in Cuba upon humanitarian grounds had not been frequently suggested and had not failed to receive his most anxious and earnest consideration, but he thought it was not timely to take such a step.

The new government in Spain had given assurance that reforms would be instituted in accordance with the needs and circumstances of the time and a new military commander in Cuba had professed a broad clemency to the people of the island in arms against Spanish rule.

The president urged that it was honestly to Spain and to our friendly relations with that country that she should be given a reasonable chance to realize her expectations and to prove the asserted efficacy of the new order of things to which she stands irrevocably committed.

Further the president declared: "If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed by our obligations to ourselves, to civilization and humanity to intervene with force, it shall be without fault on our part and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to command the support and approval of the civilized world."

Has the time come when our obligations to civilization and humanity demand that our government shall take steps to terminate the work of death and desolation in Cuba? Are the circumstances such as justify action on the part of the United States to this end? It is well known that there has been little if any improvement in the situation in Cuba under the present administration of affairs.

MAIZE PROPAGANDA.

The \$6,000-a-year do-nothing state railway commission announces its intention to go after the railroads with a view to making them reduce rates of freight shipments within the state.

It is some consolation to know that even if ex-Minister Hannis Taylor succeeds in breaking into congress from an Alabama district it will be after the public has ceased to manifest any curiosity about that inside information.

Patent Office Surplus. The patent office came out with \$250,000 ahead last year and has more than paid expenses in the past by nearly \$5,000,000.

Work for Two Hands. On Thursday last nineteen steamships were chartered to load grain and shell for European ports, their aggregate cargoes being 3,000,000 bushels.

Pointer for "Divine Righters." Prominent Europeans who have declared that the ruler of the world is God and a failure will no doubt be surprised to note, by the plans for securing pleasant inauguration weather, that the country looks forward to electing presidents as usual.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The trade of the United States with Cuba decreased from \$46,000,000 in 1894 to \$25,500,000 in 1897.

The two Brazilian cruisers transferred to the American navy have been named New Orleans and Albatross.

The New York World expects calculations that an hour's battle between our ships and the Palayo of Spain would cost \$1,000,000 in powder and shot.

Benefits of a War Scare. The factories of the country are working double time on war orders.

Blanco's "Human Treachery." Captain General Blanco's new device for clearing Cuba of rebels, by forming a line of troops to encircle the government.

March of Prosperity. Indications of the country's growth in prosperity appear on every hand.

INTEREST IN THE EXPOSITION.

While recent events have militated in some measure against the efforts of the state of Georgia, our people should not lose sight of the important facts attached to the proper display of Georgia's resources.

Georgia cannot afford to miss the opportunity of the present exposition at the Omaha exposition.

Illinois. While the press is occupied with "wars and rumors of wars" it should not be forgotten that the gentle arts of peace also are making commendable headway throughout the country.

Missouri. It is declared that the Missouri schools shall make an exhibition at Omaha.

Montana. A practical plan for representing Oregon worthily at Omaha has been evolved.

Iowa. Des Moines Capital. Papers that speak of the Transmississippi Exposition as the "Omaha show" can usually be put down as holding the ticket.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Onions are cheaper than they have been for years. A great deal of fragrance can be procured with little money.

Polio, Not Bernabe. When the new Spanish minister was born his name was Polio.

General Wallace spoke at South Bend, Ind., on Tuesday evening in aid of the fund for the erection of a statue to Schuyler Colton.

Substantial Advance Noted in the Eastern States. Good roads are wanted by everybody in every section.

Habitual Criminals in Iowa. The debate in the Iowa legislature on a bill for a law to punish habitual criminals more severely brought out some statements suggestive if not startling.

AS TO ARBITRATION. In the course of his speech in the senate yesterday in regard to the situation in Cuba, Senator Gallinger said that if it should appear that the lives of the 250 American sailors were "purposely taken" it will not be a question of arbitration.

THE NEW ALLIANCE.

My native country, thee, My other country, free, I love thy mountains, I love thy valleys, I love thy Yankee folks, I love thy little towns.

THE OMAHA EXHIBITION. A practical plan for representing Oregon worthily at Omaha has been evolved.

YOUTH'S COMPANION. The solar system puzzled us, And so the gods thought it would, And so the gods gave it such a name, And made it all into a game.

Always On Deck. Is to be always prepared for any kind of weather—whether it's a cold wave and a demand for overcoats—or a sudden spell and a run on linen dusters.

Advertisement for B & K Brownie King & Co. featuring the slogan "Always On Deck" and listing various products like overcoats and dusters. Includes an illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman in a dress.

Detroit Free Press: "Why does the professor say that he is just finding out how life and love are together?"

Chicago Post: "How is it that these war rumors do not seem to disturb the correspondents who send them out?"

Chicago Tribune: "I ask you for bread and you give me a stone!" cried the beggar.

Judge: Brown-Tom Jackson says he is greatly troubled with cold feet.

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