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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 30th day of April, 1898. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

Flag day Saturday. Let the flags go up.

The way to front rooms during the exposition season is to advertise them in The Bee's want columns.

War news may have the call, but no war can permanently overshadow the great Transmississippi Exposition.

It is true that Bryan has hit upon another inexpensive method of getting his name into the newspaper headlines, but the boy babies are being named Dewey this year.

Omaha is to have a mint at least for five months. It will not be engaged in coining the seigniorage, but it will show how the coining process is done where the money is made.

Bryan's fears that his motives might be misconstrued kept him from enlisting as a private, but no such fears seem to have troubled him when a colonel's commission heaved in sight.

Another chance now presents itself to take advantage of that unaccepted offer of the reform police board to hold a position for any member of the force who may enlist in the volunteer army.

Comparison is invited of The Bee's daily market reports and those of the other newspapers in Nebraska that give their readers complete and intelligible commercial news.

It is refreshing to be assured that the telephone and telegraph companies have promised to paint the poles with which they have lined Omaha streets. If we must endure the poles the evil should at least be minimized.

It will not be the fault of the railroad companies if Exposition day is a failure. They are preparing to bring the people here at rates that positively cannot be resisted. Exposition day is sure to be a grand success.

St. Joseph people like their recent prosperity jubilee so well that they have about determined upon having something like it every year. As there are to be no other than prosperity years hereafter the determination is appropriate.

The battleship Alabama got into the water all right, but several months too late to get into the present war. It will form part of the American fleet that will remind other nations that the next war with the United States ought to be avoided.

The house of representatives has voted for a change in the method of electing senators, with a view to getting better material into the senate. The senate has yet to pass judgment on the methods by which members get themselves into the house.

Of course there has been no politics in Governor Holcomb's distribution of military commissions. At all events, there has been no more politics in that than in his appointment of a non-partisan police commission composed of men who all sing the same political song and vote the same ticket.

There is no trouble about the loyalty of the great body of Nebraska people. But Nebraska, like every other state, has a goodly number of self-styled patriots whose fighting is done exclusively with their mouths. Whenever there is a call for troops to uphold the nation's honor Nebraska's quota will be promptly furnished, no matter how large it may be.

The example set by the citizens of Washington county is one that might well be followed in almost every county of Nebraska. A handsome monument is to be erected in memory of the departed veterans of the war of the rebellion, the dedication to take place on Memorial day. Such monuments, however modest and unassuming, serve as teachers of the rising generations. A country where such monuments abound will never be without defenders.

WE MUST BE FULLY PREPARED.

It is said to be the intention to send not less than 50,000 troops into Cuba. The regulars are ready to go at any time, but it may be several weeks before the volunteers are properly equipped. This shows how unprepared we were for war.

It is said to be in contemplation to soon send the regulars into Cuba, so as to prepare the way for the volunteers. It is questionable whether it would be wise to do this. If it is proposed to make the first army of invasion 50,000—and it should not be less—it should be sent as a whole, landing in such numbers as the points selected as to make certain of gaining a foothold.

There has been some doubt as to whether the sentiment in Canada was more favorable to the United States or to Spain, but this will be dispelled by the expressions of the leaders of the liberal and conservative parties, which distinctly show that their sympathies are with this country.

That there are Canadians who would not regret the infliction of serious damage on the United States in the war with Spain is doubtless a fact. Perhaps there are some who hope for our defeat, though it is hardly conceivable that there are any who expect it.

Of the 199,004,389 tons of coal mined in the United States last year nearly 23,000,000 tons came out of mines west of the Mississippi river. Nearly 51,000,000 tons came from mines in the central northern states, including Ohio on the east and Colorado on the west.

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Present Supply of the Cereal and the Coming Harvest. Chicago Times-Herald. The regular monthly report on finance and commerce issued by the bureau of statistics at Washington shows very conclusively that the present high price of wheat is due not to speculation or the manipulation of markets, but to actual shortage of the world's wheat crop.

According to figures which are thought to be reliable the world's wheat crop last year was 2,139,549,168 bushels, against 2,430,407,000 in 1896, 2,646,944,000 in 1895 and 2,676,651,000 in 1894.

The wheat crop in the United States last year was larger than at any time since 1883, and a large part of it is still in the hands of the farmers who produced it. It is estimated that on March 1 the farmers of the United States held 131,320,500 bushels, against 88,149,072 bushels at the corresponding date a year ago and 74,399,790 bushels on March 1, 1896.

It will thus be seen that while a shortage of wheat crop abroad has sent prices upward the actual producers of wheat in this country are in a position to profit by the increase. Grain can also be marketed more cheaply now than ever before. Freight rates by rail from Chicago to New York have fallen from 16 1/2 cents a bushel in 1888 to 12.32 cents in 1897.

Without an efficient police which will enforce the city ordinances against willful littering of the streets with sweepings, paper and refuse, every civic movement for keeping the streets

THE MAN IN THE RANKS.

It must be remembered that in this war the private's part will be no more important than in any war in the past. The contest will be fought in the ranks, and it will be largely fought on account of the precision and rapidity of fire of modern small-arms and machine guns, makes the individual soldier more dependent upon himself and less dependent upon his officers.

One thing is clear, the Spanish admiral has succeeded better in keeping his movements secret than have our own naval commanders. It was understood from the first that if he could get among the Western islands and coast he would have a good chance of slipping behind the squadrons in search of him and either escaping into a Cuban or Porto Rican port or making a dash against some point on the American coast.

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MIST OF THE WAR WAVE.

The outcome of the war is sure to boom business for map makers. Commodore Dewey's only son lives in New York and is in the commission business, having graduated from Princeton in 1896.

Spain is about to replenish its treasury by coining the gold plate of the churches, which Spanish honor permits it to confiscate. Complete success is not possible by merely cutting the cables connecting Cuba with the rest of the world.

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MEMS OF THE HOUR.

Officers of state militia, regular and recently appointed, are receiving much criticism for arbitrary exercise of power. Members of various regiments of New York have enjoyed certain liberty even when on duty, but when mustered into the United States service the lines were drawn taut and the officers turned on the screws with all the vigor of newly acquired power.

The Seventy-first New York had been ordered to move three different times and stopped by new orders. During one of these delays a well dressed man appealed to Colonel Grant for some day's furlough for his son in order to visit his mother, who was said to be near death.

The unknown sons of well known fathers are going to the front on the army pay roll at a lively pace. Soft berths in the commissary department and command positions are most in demand.

A gallant Indian fighter, known to the whole army for an act of conspicuous personal courage in 1879, has just been honored by President McKimley with a long-delayed and much-deserved medal of honor.

The battle of Manila reveals to the astonished gaze of the Paris Gaulois, as it frankly admitted the real existence of an American navy and the great bravery of its commanders; for it says, though the squadron was numerically superior to the Spanish squadron it was in reality numerically inferior, and probably received information and proved by the rapidity of its evolutions, the precision of its firing and the certainty of its maneuvers its possession of indisputable naval and military qualities.

Among the men who have enlisted in Colorado is Lyulph Stanley, a brother of the Scotch earl of Airli. In 1881 his father, the late earl, purchased for him a large tract of land near Greeley, Colo., where he has since been engaged in stock raising.

"News as is news" would be sought abroad. According to a Paris newspaper when the Vizcaya was leaving New York at the end of the visit made us after the blowing up of the Maine, thousands of Americans stood on the pier and hissed. Captain Eliate then ordered out his flag and was rewarded to the nearest wharf. He leaped ashore, drew a revolver and shouted: "I will blow out the brains of the first man that hisses!" Then for half an hour the captain paced up and down the pier, waiting for hisses from the crowd multitude, but in vain.

For it is not to view a series of imitations of things made familiar in preceding exhibitions that our people are this year invited to Omaha. It will not be found to be an exposition of back numbers. Invention, improvement, now goes forward as though shod, not with "seven-league boots," but with electric sandals. The Adams exhibition had a story to tell which suffered no eclipse of interest through memories of the White City of Chicago.

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TRIBUTE TO WESTERN GENIUS.

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