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WELCOME TO THE BEE BUILDING: No visitor to Omaha and the exposition should go away without inspecting The Bee building.

Nebraska popocrats will hereafter be known as the butterine party. Now we are to have a natural gas trust.

No popocratic campaign folder has yet made reference to the \$25,000,000 pentative appraisement steel. Now that the husband of the former Miss Letter has been made a British baron, brother Joe Letter ought to be eligible to the title of Count Wheat-cornner.

Whenever and wherever a soldier dies in hospital or at home, from disease or accident, the yellow journals print his name in big black letters and charge his death up to republican incompetence in the War department.

The Populist spokesman who is banking on Poynter as the one candidate who is not tainted with railroad pass bribes had better call off his bets. Poynter's record as a pass solicitor is as bad as that of Jim Dahlman as solicitor of campaign boodle.

Fred Elasser has resigned from the popocratic legislative ticket and his place will be filled by the county committee. Mr. Elasser is very popular and it is exceedingly doubtful whether any man can be found who commands as much strength as a vote getter.

Republicans of Douglas county have a great deal to contend with in the present campaign, but most of their troubles come from leaders who either lack the courage to point out the breakers and pilot the craft around the whirlpools or are bat-blind in their selfish ambitions.

The fakir candidate has thrown down his gauntlet and challenged Dave Mercer to a joint debate. Dave has no time to waste in discussions with political amateurs. If Mr. Hitchcock will address himself to the Honorable Julius Cooley he will find a man nearer his size and caliber.

The populists of the Third congressional district have been kept in the dark about the bargain whereby Judge Maxwell was sold out and sacrificed to make place for the law partner of Senator Allen.

The popocratic organ calls Frank E. Moores a usurper. What constitutes a usurper? Is a man a usurper who is elected to office by the people and holds his title from their suffrages? Or is the man who foists himself into an office for which he had not received a solitary vote the usurper in the true sense of the term?

IGNORING SILVER.

The action of the Connecticut democratic state convention was a distinct victory for the sound money element of the party. The financial plank of the platform declares that "the democracy of Connecticut is now, as it has ever been, in favor of bimetallism as enunciated by Jefferson, affording, as it does, the most stable standard of value, and we declare ourselves unalterably opposed to monometallism of any kind."

Referring to this New York Times observes that the free coinage of silver, as the experience of the world teaches and everybody knows, leads promptly to silver monometallism. This the democrats of Connecticut are unalterably opposed to and therefore they have no sympathy with the free silver, 16 to 1 element of the democracy. They are somewhat astir, however, in regard to Jefferson. That great statesman was not a bimetallist according to the present-day idiom. On the contrary he recognized gold as the standard. It was Thomas Jefferson who said that "the proportion between the values of gold and silver is a mercantile problem altogether," while as to fixing a ratio he declared that "just principles will lead us to disregard the legal proportion altogether, to inquire into the market price of gold in the several countries with which we shall principally be connected in commerce and to take an average from them." Thus Jefferson recognized gold as the standard of value. Consequently it is not correct to call him a bimetallist, as that term is now understood.

None the less the position of the Connecticut democrats is significant and important as showing a trend in the right direction. And they are not alone. The democrats of Pennsylvania, Delaware and practically New Hampshire have taken the same position. There is every indication that those of New York will follow the example. In the event of the Empire state, whose democratic convention will be held this week, ignoring the Chicago platform, as appears highly probable, that fact will exert a great influence upon the party in other states and will count very strongly on the side of sound money. It is reassuring to find that in some of the states the democrats have learned something since 1896. There is promise in it that the party will ultimately renounce all the fallacies and delusions of Bryanism.

LIQUOR QUESTION IN CANADA. Next Thursday the people of Canada will vote on the question of prohibiting the sale of liquors in the Dominion. For a month or more an active campaign has been prosecuted and it is said that the result is in considerable doubt, the fact that some of the provinces have at one time or another voted for prohibition giving the temperance advocates much encouragement, while the opponents of the movement derive satisfaction from the other fact that neither of the provinces followed the vote by prohibitory legislation.

Estimates of the Canadian liquor traffic show that the expenditure for intoxicants last year in the Dominion amounted to \$400,000,000, which is about \$8 per capita of the population. These estimates are based on the quantity of liquors imported or paying excise tax and make no allowance for subsequent distillation, so that the amount spent by consumers is undoubtedly much larger. The figures computed by the internal revenue department show that in the last three decades there has been a practically continuous decrease in the amount of spirits and wine consumed and an increase in the consumption of beer. Of the \$400,000,000 spent last year for liquors in the Dominion it is estimated that \$15,000,000 was the cost of the liquor and \$25,000,000 the expenses and profits of distillation.

In the coming election it is hardly to be expected that all of the provinces will vote one way, or that in all of them the affirmative vote will be so large as to obviate the objection that it does not represent the majority of those entitled to vote. In either case an excuse will be afforded, as heretofore, for the government failing to introduce a prohibitory law, or for the parliament to reject it. The constitutional objection has already been raised that the question is one properly belonging to the provinces and that the federal government exceeds its powers in attempting to deal with it. The probability is that the prohibitionists will get nothing more out of the pelvis than the moral influence of a large vote for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

LET EVERYBODY DECORATE. Omaha has a special incentive to make the coming Ak-Sar-Ben festivities eclipse everything in the nature of similar gala displays ever before made. The Ak-Sar-Ben, it must be remembered, is a permanent institution. This year it has the advantage of the exposition as a concurrent drawing card, and its parades are sure to be witnessed by hundreds of thousands of strangers who have not participated in the festivals of previous years.

What was wanted to impress as many of these visitors as possible with such good opinion of Omaha and its people as will make them look forward to attending the next Ak-Sar-Ben demonstration and strengthen their business and social relations with this city. The success of the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities, however, depends largely upon the co-operation of the citizens of Omaha. The effectiveness of the parades will be enhanced or marred by the character of the illuminations and decorations along the line of march. In the past the city has done most creditably in both these directions, the street illuminations being not only attractive but unique, and the decorations on the whole artistic and tasteful. Business men and householders should feel themselves spurred on, therefore, to show proper appreciation of the occasion by decorating their places and entering into the spirit of the demonstration. These decorations should be retained in place during the peace jubilee week that is to follow, when everyone will want to

enthusie over the distinguished guests of the exposition.

THROWING STONES IN GLASS HOUSES. The "broach fight" has made votes for the "popocrats," because it has revealed the fact that the republican party will knowingly nominate a defaulter for office and that republican organs and republican leaders will knowingly advocate the election of such a nominee.—World-Herald.

A man who lives in a glass house should not throw stones. It is not for a man with the record and career of G. M. Hitchcock to upbraid republicans for supporting candidates against whom unproved charges of malfeasance were trumped up in a heated campaign when his only opponent was a popocratic candidate notoriously in league with gamblers, booting contractors and habitual law-breakers.

It is not for G. M. Hitchcock to howl himself hoarse about republican embezlers and defaulters when everybody knows that he was the beneficiary of Joe Bartley and Henry Bolln who directly and indirectly advanced him several thousand dollars of stolen public funds. When G. M. Hitchcock explains how he persuaded Bartley to advance him \$3,000 on a worthless second mortgage through a mutual friend, who is reputed to be a sharp business man, his tirade against republican embezlers will be more appropriate. When Mr. Hitchcock convinces the taxpayers of Omaha that it was proper for Henry Bolln to advance him money, out of the city treasury he may be able to convince them that he is not an arrant demagogue and unscrupulous impostor.

MILITARY OR CIVIL AUTHORITY. The paramount question confronting the French people is whether military or civil authority shall prevail and it is a question that must be speedily determined. The course pursued by General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, in the case of Colonel Piequet, was in utter disregard if not defiance of the civil authority and if his action, regarded by some as distinctly treasonable, is allowed to stand, the next step on the part of the military power may be to place the nation under a dictatorship controlled by the army, thus bringing to a close the third republic and inviting revolution.

It is announced that the cabinet will decide today on the proposed revision of the Dreyfus case, but it is highly probable that some excuse will be found for further delay. It is a very easy matter for some member of the cabinet to be absent and thus furnish a plausible reason for postponing action. But this sort of thing cannot be long continued. The strain has become so great that the ministry will be compelled to sooner act or relinquish power. The premier, M. Brisson, has already incurred general displeasure and cannot much longer withstand the demand for decisive action. It would be a most unfortunate thing for France if the civil authority should surrender to the military.

Judge Sullivan was vaccinated with home rule principles in the cradle and believes in home rule as religiously as he does in the bible. But when the issue of home rule was presented in the supreme court from the republican side he abjured his lifelong convictions and ruled in opposition to the principle of home rule in order to sustain a popocratic police commission. In the attack on the republican mayor of Omaha it was natural for Judge Sullivan to side with Broatch, but why he should be joined by Judge Harrison is inexplicable in view of the notorious fact that from start to finish the attack on Mayor Moores was engineered from popocratic headquarters, supported by the popocratic organ and the faction of the republican party that has been identified with the Herdman gang of political hold-ups. Imagine the conditions reversed, would Sullivan or any other popocratic Judge join the republicans in making capital against the popocratic party, especially in the midst of a momentous campaign?

Judge Norval strikes the keynote of the Broatch-Moores contest when he declares that under the constitution of the United States every man charged with crime is entitled to a trial by a jury of his peers. In the Broatch-Moores case the verdict was rendered by one man, and that man consorting during the entire progress of his inquisition with the personal and political enemies of Moores. Had a jury trial been ordered the prosecution would have been dropped at once. It would have been dropped also had the referee been a man of recognized judicial ability and unapproachable to outside influences, like Judge Wakely or Judge Hopewell.

The Herdman gang is jubilant over the decision of the supreme court by which William J. Broatch has been declared a holdover in the mayor's office beyond the term for which he was elected. We concede the gang has good reason to rejoice. The Broatch fight has made more votes for the popocrats than free silver and the howl over alleged maltreatment of soldiers.

"A Reign of Error" is the name of the latest play put upon the theatrical footboards in the American metropolises. That play is suggestive of the Websterian thimbletiggers and their recent performance on the political footboards in this county. Poor Field to Cultivate. Colonel Bryan is inclined to think that it will be some time before Cuba attains sufficient importance in political affairs to make its free silver sentiment worth personal cultivation.

Letting the Dead Rest. Chicago Post. The action of the Connecticut democratic convention with regard to silver and Bryanism is an unmistakable indication of the trend of party sentiment. The repudiation of the financial plank of the Chicago platform was not a mere happy incident, nor was it secured without a lively struggle. The silver democrats in Connecticut, like their brethren in New York, are clamorous and aggressive, but they found themselves

powerless in a convention which stoutly refused to throw away an off-year fighting chance for the sake of a dead and discredited doctrine.

TROPICAL TIDES FOR CEMETERIES. Springfield Republican. More islands and yet more islands still on which to exile the youth of America to lingering death by disease. Thus does jingoism lead the way and the future open full of glad promise for the mothers of the United States.

Costly Task Ahead. Philadelphia Record. The plans of the War department contemplate the sending of 100,000 men to garrison our insular possessions. Twenty-four thousand are enough to preserve order in the United States; but keeping the peace in the colonies is going to be at least four times as big a job.

Britain Can't Lose 'Em. St. Louis Republic. After all the glorification of the English has been heaping upon Sir Herbert Kitchener for his wonderful military achievements it turns out that he was born and bred in Ireland. The Irish played the same trick on the English about General Wolsey and the duke of Wellington.

Jingoism a Trifle Premature. Philadelphia Ledger. Since the American flag has been raised in Havana the more advanced jingoes will hold that it must never come down, as it signifies that the island has become United States territory. It signifies nothing of the kind, but it does show that the war is over, Cuba freed from Spanish rule and her best friend standing by her to see that her chains shall never again be forged. Farmer Morton in Argentina. The president of Argentina has offered Hon. J. Sterling Morton a very large salary to come there and organize a department of agriculture similar to ours. In a similar way years ago Argentina and successive Manas a large sum to go there and superintend the organization of a public school system. The Argentina government evidently knows where to go for progressive ideas.

Missouri at the Exposition. Kansas City Star. Missouri ought to have a day at the Omaha show, and it ought to give the exposition a rousing boom. As the queen of the transacted corners, and the center of the world to manifest a substantial and hearty interest in an undertaking which has resulted in such an admirable display of the resources of this section. If Missouri had such a state building at Omaha as it had at the Centennial, it would have justified its staying away, but it has not been humiliated this time by any architectural caricature, and it will not see anything but what is pleasant at the transmission show.

LANOUCHERE PROPHECIES. Tells What He Thinks the United States Will Do in the Future. London Truth. I was reading an article the other day commenting on our future relations with the United States. The writer opened with a mere sentence, but it contained an intimation to act together because "experience has shown that common interests furnish the strongest bonds between nations." They do; but it does not follow that we and the United States have identical interests. We are free states and he is a dictatorial monarchist; the United States is territorially compact; our empire sprawls over the entire globe. We rule over millions on millions of subjects to whom we do not grant rights of self-government. The United States have up to now achieved this mode of ruling and whether it will change its policy in this matter is doubtful. In respect to China, the United States is hardly likely to seek to secure a sphere of influence there. Her aim will be to make good her treaty with the Pacific. She will, therefore, be in favor of the open door. But as regards China proper, I have never yet seen any sign that any one nation has an intention to close it to others and, provided that the commercial door remains open, the United States cannot care in the least whether it is Russia, France or Germany enjoy the greatest political influence at Peking. It is doubtful whether railroads in China will pay. Par, therefore, from joining in the quarrel about who is to take the great railway, we will leave others to do this, and then use them.

No man is a stronger advocate of our keeping on the best terms with the United States than I am. But this union of hearts which has been advocated by our newspapers is mere sentimentality. It is a mere exercise of the area of practical politics. To what does it amount? We find ourselves cold-shouldered by the great continental powers of Europe and we are terribly frightened lest our commercial supremacy in the far east should suffer, if they cut us out from the Pacific. Russia has secured to herself a land route to China. We, therefore, have for the last two or three months been suggesting to the Americans that, as they are our kith and kin, they ought to join with us to prevent the Russian war from being actuated by its own interests alone and a more thoroughly practical nation than the Americans does not exist on the globe. Even supposing that they were to retain the Philippines, they would do their best to remain friends with all other nations, and the particular ally of none, for the plain and simple reason that this is their interest.

The advantage of prophecy in regard to future events is that the prophecy is forgotten before the future becomes the present. The advantage of prophecy, therefore, to the United States will, now that it has cleared Spain out of the American continent, before very long fall back on the idea that the whole of the North American continent and all the West Indian islands should be independent of all connection with Europe.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. There is an elevated pinnacle of fame waiting for the inventor who will produce smokeless soft soap. Vesuvius appears to be bent upon showing us what it can do in the way of pernicious activity. What is the matter with the crater? The Spanish papers are saying that the Spaniards would have whipped the Yankees if the battle had been all on land instead of mostly at sea! Let them take what comfort they can find in the belief. Hamlin Garland, the journalist, whose narrow escape from Alaska has just been reported, spent his boyhood on a Wisconsin farm, and he is now a citizen of 10 plowed seventy acres of ground. A woman weighing 500 pounds has just died in the mountains of Hancock county, Tennessee. She carried on "moonshining" for years without detection, as she was so large the revenue officers couldn't get her down the mountains.

The conversion to spiritualism of the Hon. Mary Ellen Lease is confirmed beyond all doubt by the announcement that she is going to lecture in favor of it. Her idea in embracing the belief originated probably in a desire to keep up the ghost of the defunct silver question. Some anxiety is said to be felt in high ecclesiastical circles in Rome over the coming publication of the memoirs of Mgr. Caocci, who died three months ago. The dead prelate, who spent much of his time in the desert, was well known as a man of keen wit and bitter and sarcastic tongue. His memoirs are in the same strain, laying bare follies and follies relentlessly and great effort is being made to prevent their publication.

STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS.

Wahoo Wasp (rep.): Mr. Houtz, collector of internal revenue for this district, should have some cards printed and hand them out to his friends showing how he has collected and "saved" the government money since the passage of the act levying a special war tax. What a snap this office would be for Secretary of State Porter!

Kearney Hub (rep.): According to the popocratic philanthropist who ran the state government any kind of old patent butter, in a packing house, is good enough for the blind and the deaf and dumb and the insane and feeble minded who are in their charge. Cow butter is all right for the favored few, but not for the many. Geneva Signal (rep.): And now it is shown that butterine is being furnished to the inmates of certain state institutions, mainly the blind institute and the feeble minded institute, to the exclusion of cow butter. Not only that, but the stuff is bought at Kansas City. This is an insult to every Nebraska cow and a punch in the ribs for her owner.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): The Omaha North-Herald says Bill Greene should be re-elected by reason of the valuable service he has rendered the people of the Sixth district during his term. Valuable service! Well that's good. Will some obliging populist point out a single instance of "valuable service" that Greene has rendered his constituents. Just one instance; that's all. We wait for a response. North Platte Tribune (rep.): It is said, and the report is probably true, that the South Omaha stock yards have offered to make a handsome donation to W. A. Poynter's campaign fund and the offer has been accepted. This donation is made in return for the valuable service which Poynter, as state senator, rendered the stock yards company in assisting to smother the bill relating to the state's ownership of the stock yards.

Seward Reporter (rep.): The total distance traveled by the populist state officers on passes since the commencement of their present terms is \$35,500 miles, or more than fourteen times around the earth. They all want to be re-elected so that they may continue the same exercise. The treasurer's office takes the lead in this matter, being charged with 71,000 miles of free transportation, the governor's office coming second with 62,000 miles.

Ashland Gazette (rep.): Judge Hayward's masterly analysis of the state finances and condition of the treasury and the claims of the popocratic aggregation at the state house ought to be read by every voter. The fraud and folly of the pretenders is made so clear that the effect cannot be other than to create a feeling of disgust in the minds of all intelligent and fair-minded people over the shams put forth for the purpose of deceiving the people. Blair Pilot (rep.): The republicans have never found fault with Candidate Poynter for being a prohibitionist. The press charges the republican party with using this as an objection to Poynter's fitness. The republicans only criticize Poynter for renouncing his well known prohibition views and denying that he ever had them. Consistency is one of the important principles that go to make up a man and when a man hasn't the element in his makeup he is mis-called "man."

Alliance Times (rep.): According to the Omaha World-Herald Greene is doing up Norris Brown without the benefit of clergy. People who have heard the joint debates between the government referred to can now judge of the integrity of that newspaper as a reliable public educator. Whatever may be the effect of this misrepresentation in those localities where Brown and Greene have not held debates, the result in those localities where they have debated will be to the benefit of Brown.

Pierce Call (rep.): Populists of this district have not forgotten how Judge John S. Robinson and his crowd came near defeating the nomination of John M. Devine four years ago and did in fact defeat him for reelection. The law firm of Allen, Robinson & Reed of Madison has many signs to answer for. What do the voters of Pierce county think of a man like W. E. Reed on the district bench? Yet it is announced that if Robinson is elected to continue his term he will be appointed to the district judgeship!

Premont Tribune (rep.): The awful and damaging fact has been laid bare that the popocratic managers of the state institutions have been ignoring the spotted cows of Nebraska called "Speck" and have been sending to Kansas City to buy butterine to feed to the inmates of these eleemosynary institutions. When the blind children of Nebraska City have cried for bread and butter they have had their crusts venerated with imported butterine. When the feeble minded at Beatrice and the insane at Norfolk, Hastings and Lincoln have begged for butter they have been swabbed with lard. Yet there are dairymen in Nebraska who believe it to be their duty to vote the popocratic ticket because Poynter is a member of the dairymen's association.

Battle Creek Republican: The handy reference circular treating on saving, now being sent out by the "independent" headquarters under the state house dome, do you mention that item of Governor Holcomb's account that he is saving with perfect regularity each month by having the state pay it. The constitution makes no provision for the payment of governor's private house rent, but it is done just the same, and no unbecoming remorse of conscience is experienced in consequence. Governor Holcomb has drawn \$710 from the private house rent fund during the last fifteen months. The records show that the last voucher was drawn August 8 and is for \$190. Governor Croswell would not receive this private house rent money from the state while he served the people as their chief executive, declaring it to be unconstitutional to do so.

Blair Pilot (rep.): The west, so far as its legislators are concerned, is the laughing stock of the east, not because we do not put up and elect good men, but because the tendency in the west is to change its legislators too frequently. The east has learned the lesson and fully understands that the influence of a legislator comes only through long service and a good man once elected is kept in office for that reason and no other the greater influence in congress is wielded from the east. It isn't because they have more brains in the east, for they haven't and when it comes to "breadth of vision" and a practical understanding of what is the best thing for Uncle Sam it put the western man up against the eastern fellow every time. The whole secret lies in getting congressmen who are somewhat in harmony with the general administration and keeping them there so long as they attend properly to their duties.

Kearney Democrat (dem.): The populists have begun a campaign of deception and misrepresentation by circulating hand bills and by other methods announcing that the populist county ticket has been nominated and endorsed by the democrats of Buffalo county. This is an notoriously dishonest as if they would break into the office of the printer of the official ballots and surreptitiously alter the names thereon to suit their interests. It is the only instance that has ever reached our notice where one political party attempted to openly and defiantly steal the name and prerogative of another political party. It is as morally and legally dishonest as if they should break into the ballot boxes in this county after you had cast your vote and change your ballot, substituting therefor a straight populist ticket. To call the populist county ticket the "democratic" ticket is filled with presumption and insult. The democrats of Buffalo county and political right to call their ticket the "republican" ticket and dishonestly impose upon that party's voters. Democrats, do you believe that men who will thus fraudulently label their candidates

under your party are honest men? Would you believe a man honest who would break into your stable and steal your horse while you were in the field at work?

Tekamah Herald (rep.): The populist state officers are ignoring the oleomargarine law passed by this state in 1895 at the request of the State Dairymen's association. They are feeding the unfortunates in the blind asylum at Nebraska City, the feeble minded at Beatrice, the incurable insane at Hastings and the reform school at Kearney on vile stuff called butterine, made by a packing firm at Kansas City, some middle man has the contract and undoubtedly some one gets a rickoff. The last consignment, on September 12, cost 10 cents, some shipments costing 12 1/2 cents per pound. How do the butter makers of the state like that way of creating a demand for some man-made product? No wonder the price is low, when our state officials are supplying the state institutions with a foreign substance from another state. There are 155 creameries in Nebraska; besides these, every farmer has the contract and undoubtedly some one gets a rickoff. 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