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WELCOME TO THE BEE BUILDING.

No visitor to Omaha and the Exposition should go away without inspecting The Bee building, the largest newspaper building in America, and The Bee newspaper plant, conceded to be the finest between Chicago and San Francisco.

A long great of business will await the coming short session of congress.

For a small island Porto Rico has a wonderful capacity for entertaining American soldiers.

The mighty Ak-Sar-Ben will now proceed to give the queen of Holland cards and spades in the coronation business.

The temperature may become a trifle chilly, but Omaha will be the same hot town as long as the exposition gates are open.

If Aguinaldo really declined a little subsidy like \$75,000 he must estimate his own value considerably higher than what other people would rate him at.

It is never too late to mend and it will not be too late to mend the breaks in the Douglas county legislative ticket up to the very limit of time allowed by the law.

One thing at a time. Ak-Sar-Ben week should eclipse everything in the way of gala festivities that has gone before it and the peace jubilee should eclipse the Ak-Sar-Ben display.

The popocrat who is aching to fill Dave Mercer's congressional shoes wants Mercer to draw a crowd for him to speak to. But Mr. Mercer is not that kind of a draft horse.

Visiting police officials from Chicago express satisfaction with Omaha's new city jail. It is to be hoped visiting crooks will be equally satisfied with a mere look at jail quarters.

Another college president has been selected for the position of assistant secretary of state. The college president seems to be particularly favored in President McKinley's official family.

Because one Van Wyck was elected mayor of Greater New York is no reason why another Van Wyck should imagine he has a claim on the governorship of the Empire state just because he wears the Tammany label.

What has become of those famous airships which were navigating the skies all over the country not so very many moons ago? Has the war and other exciting diversions steeled the vision of our imaginative star gazers?

Official reports state the total number of deaths among the American soldiers at Manila, including killed, wounded and diseased, to be thirty-eight. No wonder the popocratic yellows have little to say about the condition of the troops in the Philippines.

It is too late in the season for the yellow fever outbreak in Mississippi to make much headway. As a matter of fact, medical science appears to have reached that stage that it presents a pretty effectual bar against great inroads from any epidemic.

In substituting Felker for Elasser the popocratic county committee bungled its legislative ticket to satisfy the corporations who have used Felker in former legislatures. Felker has been not only their tool in the legislature but their stool pigeon as a legislative hanger-on and lobbyist.

Chicago is still discussing the significance of the forthcoming peace jubilee. Chicago's jubilee may have a significance of its own, but Omaha's peace jubilee is simply intended to give all the people an opportunity to euthase over the magnificent triumph of the army and navy of the United States in its recent war with Spain.

GENERAL LEE ON CUBA'S FUTURE.

In a recent interview General Fitzhugh Lee expressed himself in regard to the future government of Cuba. He said that 60,000 troops will be sent to the island, garrisoning it from end to end, not to take possession of it, but to see that peace and good order are maintained and that society reaches a settled and comparatively satisfactory condition.

General Lee disclaimed any information as to President McKinley's intentions, but it is very probable that their views in regard to the policy to be pursued toward the Cubans are in accord. There is no reason to believe that the president has any intentions not strictly in harmony with the solemn pledge made to the people of Cuba, that when the pacification of the island should be accomplished they would be allowed to establish an independent government.

General Lee has no sympathy whatever with the annexation idea, in view of the fact that he put himself on record against it in vigorous and unmistakable language in his first annual message. General Lee has the popular idea regarding the treatment of the Cuban people and we have no doubt it is the idea that will be carried out. We shall take care of those people until they are in a position to take care of themselves and then leave them to work out their own destiny.

NO MORE MUSTERING OUT.

President McKinley is said to have decided that no more troops will be mustered out of the service. Representative Cannon of Illinois called on the president a few days ago to secure the dismissal of an Illinois regiment and was informed that it could not be done. According to the reported statement of the president, he pointed out that he had already ordered 100,000 of the volunteer force discharged, leaving as many more in the service, with 50,000 regulars. In the opinion of the president all this force will be needed for duty in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and for service in this country.

Of course this decision will be displeasing to those volunteers who are anxious to go home and to relatives who desire their return, but there can be no reasonable doubt in regard to its wisdom. An army of 150,000 is not, under existing conditions, too large. When peace is an accomplished fact it can be reduced. No one can now determine how many soldiers the occupation of Cuba will require. Possibly 25,000 will be sufficient, but double that number may be found necessary. It is not improbable that additional troops will be needed in the Philippines and more are to be sent to Porto Rico.

The people interested in keeping the Klondike gold fever alive may be depended on to omit nothing to accomplish their purpose. Although another Alaska season is nearly a year off they are already projecting themselves systematically into print to explain away the failures of the disappointed gold seekers who have returned and to give assurance that fortunes await all who cultivate the Klondike field. Whether they will succeed in counteracting the gloomy tales that come from the north remains, however, to be seen.

GENERAL MERRITT'S VIEWS.

General Merritt, who has gone to Paris as the military adviser of the American peace commissioners, gave an interesting opinion on one or two interesting points in connection with conditions in the Philippines. He made the reassuring statement that he does not anticipate any serious difficulty with the insurgent leaders. He admitted that Aguinaldo has an inflated sense of his importance, but he evidently expects that the advisers of the insurgent leader will be able to control him and prevent any action on his part which might cause serious trouble with the United States. General Merritt spoke well of these advisers, saying that their councils are in the main wise, and he also remarked that Aguinaldo seemed to him to be getting on fairly well. Such testimony, together with events since Merritt left the Philippines, will go far to dispel apprehension in regard to the insurgents, though there will continue to be more or less doubt as to their future attitude until the question of disposing of the Philippines is settled. They have set up a government and their military organization is maintained. They demand that Spanish sovereignty shall be expelled from the archipelago and are clearly determined to submit to nothing less. The expulsion of that sovereignty from a single island, although the most populous and wealthy of the group, will not satisfy them. General Merritt thinks that if the Filipinos find that Spain is not to be allowed to retain any of the islands they will support a stable government under another power, the obvious implication being that they would accept the control of the Philippines by the United States, for of course General Merritt could have had no other power in mind. The inference is that his advice to our commissioners will be of this nature—that is, in order to give peace to the Philippines the United States must take possession of the entire archipelago.

FORSAKING SILVER.

The old "pivotal states" in the east are ignoring the silver issue with striking unanimity. Connecticut, New Jersey and New York point the other way. Orange Blossoms, Eht New York Sun. Peter Stuyvesant is avenged. Which-ever party wins in New York this fall we shall have a governor of Dutch descent. From the Holland point of view, though, Theodore Roosevelt is superior to Augustus Van Wyck. He is a better Dutchman, as he is a better American.

THE ARMY AT MANILA.

General Merritt's official report of operations at Manila speaks repeatedly of the cheerful endurance by the army of many hardships during eight attacks and continuous storms. The spirit of the American soldier must not be judged by the noise of political grumblers.

FIGURING UP WAR LOSSES.

The losses by death of the American army in the war with Spain have been officially stated up to August 31. In Porto Rico three were killed and forty wounded; in Manila, fifteen killed and sixty-eight wounded; in Cuba, 260 killed and 1,431 wounded. These represent a total of 278 killed and 1,569

HOLCOMB'S DILEMMA.

Will He Muster Out the Third and Slight the First Regiment? Chicago Post. William Jennings Bryan and Governor S. A. Holcomb, both of Nebraska, are experiencing the sensations of the man who jumped into a bramble bush without the fortitude which enabled him to jump out again. It all comes about through Colonel Bryan's patriotic zeal in enlisting with special ardor for the liberation of Cuba.

PROHIBITION IN CANADA.

Notwithstanding a small majority shown by the returns in favor of the measure the result of Thursday's plebiscite on the prohibition question in Canada is regarded, even by moderate prohibitionists, as a practical defeat. The full returns when received, it is believed, may show an affirmative majority of 15,000 to 20,000, but in the face of a large silent or stay-at-home vote this is a distinct disappointment to the friends of the measure. The provinces relied upon to support the proposition, while the negative vote in Quebec, which was expected to be against it, is larger than anticipated.

REORGANIZING THE POLICE.

The work of reorganizing the Omaha police force, with a view to its greater efficiency, was only begun with the appointment of Martin White as chief of police. The new police commission is expected to proceed with due deliberation in this difficult task. The best chief of police could accomplish little toward regenerating the service without the cordial co-operation of efficient subordinates who will carry out his directions discreetly and intelligently.

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE.

Bravery and Devotion of Chaplains in the Field. Washington Star. When the final story of the war is written there should be a long and glowing chapter devoted to the noble work performed by the chaplains. Appointed to look after the spiritual interests of the various regiments in many cases proved themselves heroes. Returning soldiers, testifying concerning the devotion of these men, who when shot and shell were flying thick and fast, forgot all thoughts of their own safety and rushed boldly in where the fighting was fiercest to bring good news and physical comfort to the wounded and dying. Many a man undoubtedly owes his life today to the devotion of these soldiers in black. More than one chaplain has endangered himself to his regiment by the cool and daring way in which he braved the fighting line, or stayed with that line all the time, and assisted in carrying the wounded back to places of safety where medical attention was possible.

REGENERATED DEMOCRACY.

Five Great States Shelve the Chicago Platform. New York Times (dem.) Free silver, Bryanism, and the Chicago platform have been rejected by the democracy of New York in a dangerous and democratic. The democrats of Connecticut have adopted a sound money platform and committed their party affairs to the management of sound money leaders. In New York the "Bryan" party has squarely turned its back upon Bryanism and honor. The democrats of the great state of Pennsylvania excluded free silver from their declaration of policy, and the democrats of Maryland did the same thing at an earlier date.

LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD.

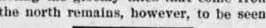
Americanization of Cuba Manifested in Many Ways. With the elimination of the bitter detestation no democrat will be elected president without a part or all of the sixty electoral votes of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland. Those states, not only by their vote in 1896, but by the deliberate repudiation of Bryanism by the various organizations, have thrown themselves with determining weight into the sound money side of the scale. Since a democratic triumph without these states is hopeless, and since their help is not to be had for the election of any free silver candidate, it is wise, sound and honest course of the democrats in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey must exert a powerful influence for the reclamation and regeneration of the party.

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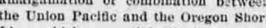
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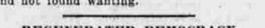
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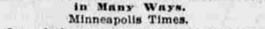
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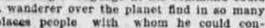
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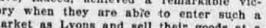
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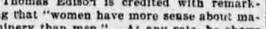
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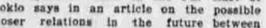
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They sat in their tent at the close of day in confiding state of mind. And talked in a confidential way Of the girls they left behind. The light of the stars in the realms above, The sweetest of the arching skies, Was not so soft as the light of love That glowed in the warrior's eyes. As each one told of the foundation laid Of his own particular maiden fair, "My girl," said Tom, "is a pretty queen, And true as the tempered steel, Has the loveliest eyes that were ever seen— She's a stunner from head to heel. 'Twas in a letter I asked her hand In a passionate sort of way, And she wrote me the prettiest matron pearl. Her answer just came today. She says she loves me, and will be glad, To share the life of her soldier lad. 'My darling is worth her weight in gold!' Said Jack with a love-drawn tear, 'There isn't an angel above could hold Her own with the little' mine. That last sweet night when we kissed goodbye, She promised to be my wife, To love me faithful and true till I Got back from my soldiering day. And her letters tell me in every line She's mine forever, and my mine."

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 4, 1898.—The Governor and six of a large number of prominent citizens of Chicago and Illinois are here today to witness the launching of the new battleship, to be christened after their State by the Windy City's leading belle, Miss Nancy Letter.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

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ECHOES OF THE LATE WAR.

Correspondents have given different versions of the story of General Shafter's mental perplexity during the battle of July 2. Some of them asserted that General Shafter was about to order a retreat and was overruled by the division officers. Others declared that the order for retreat was issued and carried to the front, but was ignored by the commanders there. What purports to be confirmation of the latter version of the campaign crisis comes from a private named Williams, who claims to have acted as orderly to General Shafter and carried dispatches from the commander to the officers at the front during the battle. On his way home to Kansas City a few days ago he told a St. Louis Republic reporter the following story of the retreat order:

"During the time the firing was the hottest," he said, "the general was the farthest in the rear and sometimes was utterly unable to see his forces. Still he stood back and gave orders. Sometimes the orderlies brought back reports which much excited the general, and he often sent verbal messages in return. Once the general worded that our forces were getting the worst of the fight, and immediately General Shafter sent me forward with a message to Wheeler to withdraw and retreat.

Wheeler called in Generals Bates and Kent, and, after a brief consultation, it was decided not to heed General Shafter's orders. They took the matter in their own hands and ordered a charge to the front. In a short while the tide of battle was changed and the