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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 31st day of October, 1898. N. F. FILLIS, Notary Public.

Thanksgiving day seems to be degenerating from an annual turkey and cranberry sauce gobble to an annual foot ball scrimmage.

The fusion state officials doubtless gave thanks that by grace of even small pluralities they will be enabled to eat public turkey for another two years.

The Americans and English enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in Havana, but General Blanco did not participate. There is no turkey on the Spanish plate this year.

Omaha's delegation to the legislature will make its headquarters together. If they will also keep together on legislation in the interest of Omaha they will certainly accomplish results.

South Omaha is well on the way to the discussion and formulation of amendments to its charter. Omaha should wake up to the necessities of the situation and set a charter revision committee at work without delay.

Professional politicians are waiting anxiously for the president's order to modify the civil service rules by which a number of sinecures are to be thrown wide open to the place hunters who have not been able to get through the examinations.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. The Spanish-American war enabled the owners of transatlantic steamship lines to unload many of their old vessels upon the belliggers, which are about to be replaced by new vessels of more modern make and greater speed.

The exposition finances have been strengthened by the addition of \$17,500 paid in for its interest in the grounds and buildings. Now if that \$10,000 illegally set apart for an exposition history is turned back the remaining 25 per cent might be promptly paid back to the stockholders.

The forthcoming message of President McKinley is in type, with the plates locked up at the government printing office and proofs locked up at the White House. Inasmuch as this document is said to be twice as long as the average president's message, nobody is likely to try to carry it off.

The czar of Russia would doubtless feel disappointed if he should come time be able to take a pleasure trip without an attempt being made upon his life. His last excursion to Denmark resulted as usual. There may be pleasures in the role of czar, but they are not discernible to people who are able to go and come in safety at their own sweet will.

The recent storm, which has been heralded throughout the east as having done great injury to the range cattle industry, proves rather to have been a blessing. The dry weather of the fall cured the standing grass so perfectly that it makes splendid feed, but left the supply of water on the ranges scant. The snow has supplied this deficiency to the joy of the range cattlemen.

Frank Ransom's partner will act as toastmaster at the banquet given in the name of the U. S. Grant Republican club to boom John L. Webster for United States senator, and a man who testified in court that he did spy work for Herdman, Howell and Faunting at the last city election will have charge of the decorations. That is the kind of republicanism behind Webster.

The editor of the local popocatec organ intimates that as soon as Broatch is reinstated in the mayor's office, to which he was not elected, his first act will be to create a new police commission packed with creatures of the Herdmanite brand. But Broatch is not mayor yet and if he were he could not depose the police board or any member of the board without the concurrence of a majority of the council upon specific charges of misconduct. This is a contract which neither Broatch nor his Herdmanite allies are able to carry out, either this year or next year.

WHAT IT INVOLVES.

The free traders cordially approve of the proposal to establish the open door policy in the Philippines. The New York Times, a persistent opponent of protection, congratulates the president "upon reaching this auspicious decision."

The hearty welcome and approval accorded the announcement of the open door policy for the Philippines by British and American free traders should command the serious consideration of the friends of the American principle of protection.

The view of the New York organ of free trade is not to be lightly thought of. There is a great deal in it. Establishing unrestricted and equal trade in the Philippines would not at once affect our domestic tariff policy, but there can be no doubt that it would be very likely to ultimately do so.

It would be a concession to the free trade principle which the advocates of that principle would not fail to make the most of and in time with effect. The first democratic administration and congress elected would apply the open door policy to the United States and invite the world to unrestricted trade in this greatest of markets.

We have heretofore pointed out the danger from expansion. Possession of the Philippines by the United States will necessitate the observance of the same policy in regard to the trace of those islands that is maintained by Great Britain and proposed by Germany in China, in order that we shall have a claim to open door privileges in that quarter of the world.

THAT BONDING PRIVILEGE.

It has been intimated that an effort will be made in the senate, in case a treaty is agreed upon by the Anglo-American commission, to abrogate the bonding privilege allowed Canadian railroads in the shipment of goods across the frontiers of the United States and the Dominion.

It will not be surprising if an effort is made at the coming session of congress to secure legislation modifying if not abrogating the bonding privilege accorded the Canadian railroads. The feeling that this should be done has undoubtedly been somewhat aggravated by the conduct of the Canadian Pacific in cutting rates, compelling the Interstate Commerce commission to interpose for the relief of American roads.

THE AUDITORIUM PROJECT.

There is no doubt that Omaha is sadly deficient in the matter of large public halls. An auditorium with a seating capacity for about 5,000 persons has been a long-felt want which The Bee has advocated at various times during the past ten years.

The most feasible plan for an auditorium of sufficient dimension, central in location and fireproof was the project for a combined market house and auditorium on Jefferson square. That plan would have involved the least expense with the greatest benefit.

supposed to constitute him residuary legatee when the attorney general shall have served out the customary two terms in office. The last election returns do not give assurance, however, that there will be much of an estate to apportion two years hence.

The weekly report of packing house operations continues to make a good showing for Omaha. The report covers the operations at all principal points in the United States, the statistics given being from March 1. Since that time Omaha has packed 55,000 more hogs than during the same period last year.

HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT.

The Hawaiian commission has prepared a bill for the admission of the islands as a territory and is now engaged in the preparation of a report to accompany the measure. It is stated that the request of the Hawaii sugar planters that they be permitted to continue to import laborers under contract will not be complied with, on the ground that the system is contrary to our laws.

It is proposed to give Hawaii a territorial form of government similar in the main to that of existing territories. Perhaps this is the only thing to do under the circumstances, but it is objectionable on the ground that it involves the possibility of future statehood for the islands.

Works Both Ways.

Chicago Times-Herald. If Shafter's critics insist that he was responsible for whatever went wrong at Santiago, who was responsible for what went right there?

Also, G. Fred Williams, Globe-Democrat.

The Canadian suggestion that Jamaica be traded for Massachusetts, and the latter annexed to Canada, is a choice bit of humor. Uncle Sam needs Bunker Hill in his business.

Harmony in the Ranks.

Chicago Tribune. It is gratifying to know that Senator Allen of Nebraska is content to go down with his chief, Colonel Bryan. So harmony again reigns in the ranks of the defeated free silverites.

A Snap at Barker?

Kansas City Star. J. Sterling Morton declares that Senator Allen of Nebraska is the "biggest, braviest and most dangerous popocatec candidate for president of the United States."

A Remote Possibility.

Baltimore American. Tesla's latest invention will, it is declared, make peace necessary, because by its use war will be impossible. Electricity has done many wonders in this world, but few are yet ready to believe that it will ever drive the armies and the navies out of existence.

Is Expansion Worth the Cost.

Bufile Express. While the mortality among officers in France in 1895 was 5.07 per thousand, in the colonies it was 39.8. Among the troops the mortality per thousand was: France, 6.08; Algeria, 12.27; Tunisia, 11.14; marine, 11; Morocco, 14.95; Madagascar, 103.1; West Africa Soudan, 103.1.

Menacing Imperial Policy.

Harper's Weekly. Lord Salisbury, in his speech at the lord mayor's banquet last week, spoke of the appearance of an American republic among Asiatic factors and in European diplomacy as a "grave and serious event, which might not conduce to the interests of peace."

ECHOES OF THE LATE WAR.

With the retirement of Rear Admiral Buller, December 25, Admiral Dewey became the senior commander of the navy and will hold the post of honor for a year, when the age limit will put him on the retired list. It is expected that congress will amend the law so to permit the admiral to remain on the active list for an additional ten years and probably make him a full admiral. Both are deserved honors and there are several precedents to warrant congress in bestowing them.

The Seventy-first New York volunteers retired from the army recently in anything but a creditable manner. The regiment appears to have been rent with a factions spirit which remained corked until the members were mustered out. Then it broke loose and displayed the small caliber of the members. They put up an effigy of the regimental chaplain and attacked it with clubs and bullets. Several of the officers were insulted and accused of various crimes.

The Denver Republican says that the dismissal of Chaplain McIntire from the navy has for its denouement a sad romance. It appears that as a consequence of the dismissal which resulted from the court-martial the chaplain has been dismissed by a wealthy woman of Denver to whom he was engaged and to whom he would have been married ere long if that unfortunate lecture had not been delivered in Denver.

A striking illustration of the truth of the expression, "Distance lends enchantment to the view," is furnished by the average expansionist. It is understood that he prefers to stay at home and do the shouting comfortably. In this he displays commendable discretion. The charms of the Philippines visible at this distance vanish on close acquaintance. A recent letter from Manila says: "Regarding the sentiment here concerning the islands, it is doubtful whether one-quarter of the soldiers and officers are to be kept here to guard them. Nearly everybody wants to get back to America."

TRADE DELUSIONS.

Shallowness of the Argument, "Trade Follows the Flag." The expansionist, when run to earth on his humanity plea, falls back on his commercial argument and tells you that we must keep our flag flying in the Orient because trade "follows the flag," and he will then as a clincher be ready to refer to the chief lobbyist in polishing the man's argument of the great questions that must be settled in the near future.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

As Jerry Simpson owns a ranch in Kansas with an area of 1,400 acres and stocked with 500 cattle, Medicine Lodge is not in somewhat wilderness. "I didn't expect such a reception as I had in Frederick, Md.," said Admiral Schley, the other day. "I only ran to there to recuperate my health in that salubrious climate among my schoolboy friends."

CASE OF OVERFEEDING.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. It was the first Napoleon who, speaking from an extended observation and some personal experience, said: "Empires generally die from indigestion through swallowing too much territory." History has repeatedly confirmed the truth of that sagacious maxim.

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THE OPEN DOOR POLICY.

Chicago Journal. The American peace proposals show evidence of a resolution on the part of the government to take a most enlightened and intelligent course in regard to the trade of the Philippines. It is said to be the purpose of the administration to maintain the policy of the "open door."

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