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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. For the week ending March 22, 1899. Total circulation 707,399. Less unsold and returned copies 11,031...

A DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT. The latest advices from Manila indicate the imminence of a decisive battle. The Filipinos are concentrating their forces at the strongest points for defense...

Heavy that there is no incentive to cut rates. A permanent remedy for rate cutting and secret rebates must be found in something stronger and more binding than the agreements of railway officials...

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Apart from the personality of Mr. Rhodes, which doubtless resembles that of most other successful empire builders, there can be no question of the magnitude of or of the humane character of the work which he is now engaged in...

NOT GUILTY OF CONTEMPT. Oil Trust Pleads that Court Intimated that Dissolution Would Not Be Pressed. OLEBAND, O., March 24.—The taking of testimony in the investigation of the Standard Oil trust before Master Commissioner Allen T. Brinsmade was completed today...

POLITICAL DRIFT. Henry Waterson spread himself over three columns to show what the democratic party should do to be saved. Henry forgets that he is in the Perry Belmont class—no longer in "de push"...

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. Detroit Journal: It has been suggested that Nero perhaps fiddled while Rome was burning with the idea of giving the color of a saucer her concert, thus forestalling police interference...

THE LATE CONGRESS INTRODUCED 18,403 bills. That goes the Nebraska legislature several times better. The auditorium project seems to be gradually taking shape. Omaha has been ripe for an auditorium for some time...

WINTER IS UNDOUBTEDLY LINGERING in the lap of spring, and if she does not quit it before long there is going to be talk about it. Obituary—Sacred to the memory of revenue law revision—killed in the Nebraska senate, March 23, 1899, by parties to the jury unknown...

THE KING OF COREA, having duly clipped off his pigtail and donned a business suit of clothes, is undoubtedly at that stage of civilization which calls for a walking cane and monocle. Those who are trying to boom Roosevelt for vice president should take a reef in their enthusiasm and remember that the Rough Rider is not ready for political embellishment just yet...

THE BEE BEGS TO REMIND the legislative onslaughters that the two houses have fixed upon March 31 for final adjournment and that the Bee wants ads offered best returns to statement out of a job. Correspondent Bonsall thinks General Wheeler a better blacksmith than a commander, but the amusing part of it is that the little general has taken it so seriously as to answer the absurd statements...

THE TRIPARTITE ARGUMENT now raging between Bryan, Teller and Belmont is altogether about as interesting as Miss Primrose's account of the famous controversy between Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday.

THE PEOPLE OF LITTLE RIVER county, Arkansas, are making a poor start toward booming that section in the next census report. At the present rate it will be pretty well depopulated by the time the enumerator gets around next year.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SMYTH is to have another chance at the Bartley bondsman. It is to be hoped he will meet with greater success on behalf of the taxpayers than on the two previous occasions in which the state got the worst of it.

THE RECENT FATAL FIRE should remind the city authorities that several firetrap buildings erected within the fire limits last year on the express condition that they would be removed within twelve months are still standing as a menace to life and adjacent property.

BY MAKING a mountain out of a molehill in the investigation of the supreme court the popocratic organ hopes to cover up the rotteness in the auditor's office. This is only another case where the carcass may be hidden, but the stench keeps on rising.

THE BEE'S REFERENCE to the manipulation of the Pollard and Van Dusen revenue bills as a game of shuttlecock and battledore has been corroborated by events. At this game the corporation lobby seems to be far more adept than the representatives of the people.

THE BILL abolishing the \$25,000 prize package in the office of the clerk of the district court for Douglas county and putting that official on a salary has reached the state senate, having been passed almost without opposition in the house. If the senate wants to earn his credit mark it will take up this bill promptly and send it to the governor for his approval.

JUDGING from the correspondence captured near Manila Aguinaldo's treasurer is not under the necessity of giving a very heavy bond. The principal part of his receipts consists of letters from subordinates stating they have no money to send him. Being a patriot without revenue is decidedly rough on the Spanish way of thinking.

IT IS REPORTED from Pekin that Li Hung Chang is about to return to power and that his yellow shirt and peacock feather are to be restored to him. Political favors have been bestowed and taken away so often of late years that the great oriental statesman has been compelled to keep a change of raiment in stock at all times.

THE PRESIDENTS of all the great railroads meet in Washington and solemnly give out to the public the announcement that tariff rates on freight have been strictly maintained. The laugh which this provokes in the inner office of the favored large shipping concerns is loud enough to be audible out on the pavement.

MEMBERS of the Third Nebraska are to have their wishes gratified by an order for their return and muster out within another month. The First Nebraska will prefer to remain in Manila as long as business there continues at the brisk pace of the last few weeks.

A WISCONSIN scientist has succeeded in making a photograph of sound waves. He ought now to be able to satisfy the great curiosity extant to see a picture of the atmospheric disturbance promised by the next democratic national convention.

MIRACLE OF THE STAR. The raising of Lazarus from the dead will cease to be regarded as a miracle if J. Sterling Morton shall succeed in resurrecting the democratic party.

A REPUBLICAN DUTY. Indianapolis Journal. If the republican party in the next congress is wise, it will make a determined effort to break up the mercenary trusts recently formed in almost every branch of business.

MONEY IN NEBRASKA LAND. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative. Any man of good judgment who can command and bring into Nebraska \$1,000,000 for an investment in 1899 will have \$2,000,000 in 1909, if he buys only raw prairie, at present prices.

WARMS TALK FROM THE SOUTH. Memphis Commercial Appeal. For a republic like America, that has justly earned the admiration of the civilized world for its magnificent and successful form of government, and which challenges the history of all time for a fitting comparison, to unite on terms of equality with any monarchical government of the old world, is indeed a stain as they are with the cruelty and wrongs of centuries, would truly be a union of the eagle and the vulture.

THAT SALUTE AT GIBRALTAR. War cannot please everybody; but not the least of its surprises is the conversion of soldiers and sailors, once enemies, into a sincere mutual admiration society on a decidedly grand scale. Spain and the United States are now at peace. The fighters of both countries have learned to respect each other. The honors of the first salute to the Spaniards at the close of the war belong to the Raleigh, one of the best gunnery ships afloat. The department of the courtesy by the Spanish admiral shows the full appreciation on his part of the relations which now, happily, exist between the United States and Spain.

LET US HOPE that the day may not be too distant when all the veterans of the Spanish-American war may present to the world the noble example of foes made friends. Meanwhile we salute Camara, Cervera and all the Spanish officers and men! Viva Espana!

RULING BOOM IN STOCKS. Boston Transcript. The present juncture is particularly favorable to rocketlike rises of prices, of which large amounts are habitually carried for speculative purposes. There is a "boom" in the air. Trusts are formed daily and their stock is as eagerly taken by outsiders as it is sold by insiders. Everything goes, including old-time copper properties long supposed to have been abandoned as next to worthless. Of course an end must come to this period of stock expansion, but it will be some time before the public realizes that the more it buys of some stocks the more it is sold.

REGULARS ORDERED TO CUBA. WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Second United States infantry is under orders to go from Annapolis, Ala., to Cuba. Before sailing eight companies and headquarters will go to Savannah and four companies to Augusta.

FLETCHER IN A CRITICAL CONDITION. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Ex-Governor Fletcher of Missouri continues in a critical state.

EDUCATION AMONG FILIPINOS. Remarkable Facts Presented by a Spanish Author. Buffalo Express. The Review of Reviews translates from a Spanish book some information in regard to the extent of education among the Filipinos that will be startling to most American readers. The author is Senor Juan Caro y Mora, who for some years was editor of a Spanish newspaper in Manila. His book was written before the war between the United States and Spain, but while the Filipino insurrection under Rizal was in progress, it was intended for the enlightenment of the Spanish people, the evident purpose being to show that the native Filipinos were worthy of a more generous system of government than the arbitrary rule by which Spain had goaded them to revolt.

REPARATION FROM HONDURAS. That Country Must Make Amends for the Wanton Shooting of an American Officer. The United States minister to Honduras and Guatemala, had a long talk with Secretary Hay today preparatory to starting for his post. The most important matter with which the new minister is charged is the presentation to the government of Honduras of a request from the United States government for reparation and indemnity in the case of the American, Pears, who was killed by a sentry during a revolutionary disturbance in Honduras. It has been extremely difficult for the State department to obtain full statement of the facts in this case. The Honduras authorities could not be depended upon to secure any information; so the department was obliged to fall back upon its own resources.

GOOD MAIL SERVICE IN CUBA. Island Will Be Equipped with System Similar to United States. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Chief George W. Beahm of the salary and allowance division of the Postoffice department, who accompanied Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith to Cuba, returned here today. His reports as the result of the investigation made by the postmaster general that the postal service in Cuba is closely following the lines of the service in the United States in every respect except in the registration of mail matter. The department in Cuba is being organized on the basis of the Postoffice department here as to bureaus and offices.

HALF SICK HALF WELL. Many persons have their good days and bad days. They are not always well, but they are not always sick all the time. They have headache, they have neuralgia, they have indigestion. Food does not taste good, and the digestion is poor; the skin is dry and the sleep brings no rest and work is a burden. What causes this? Injure blood. And the remedy?

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REMARKS. Detroit Journal: It has been suggested that Nero perhaps fiddled while Rome was burning with the idea of giving the color of a saucer her concert, thus forestalling police interference. Yonkers Statesman: "Have you got any embossed beef?" asked the joker of his butcher. "No," replied the dealer, "off his guard; 'but we have something just as good."

REMARKS. Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I saw the stranger thing the other day," "An alter read in the morning," "You won't believe it, but it's true, I saw a beautiful man sitting at a piano," "A bald-headed piano player?" "No, not so bad as that. It was an automobile piano, and he was just watching it play."

NATIONAL PEAN. Let us recall colonial days. When our fathers came, Let all the people sing in praise Of those who kindled Freedom's flame. How brave they were that risked their all To break the chains of tyranny. What heroes they who led the call Through dangers dark to liberty.

REMEMBER. That it costs no more to clothe your boy in stylish—well made—garments, than to buy some of the poor made—ill fitting garments that are shown as bargains by some houses. We make a specialty of high grade goods for boys and children and all the latest novelties are shown on our second floor. Lookers are as welcome as buyers, as you will want to buy sometime and after you have once seen our line you will go nowhere else.

REMEMBER. Ask to see our superb line of neckwear. We are told by the ladies that it is the swellest line in the city. Saturday we will show several special lines of vestee suits from 4 to 8 years—made with small collars and fancy vests—that anyone will say are worth \$6.50, for just \$5.00 even. Give us a call and be convinced.

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