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Subscribed and sworn before me this 1st day of December, A. D. 1896. M. H. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Now for the president's message. Omaha wants a census next year that will reflect accurately the number of its population.

The people of Omaha should insist on raising the toll bridge erected by the railroads over the tracks that separate the two depots east of the Tenth street viaduct.

The mills of congress are again grinding and shoring in the prosperity that has enveloped the other mills since the McKinley administration took active control of national affairs.

Congressman Roberts may derive satisfaction in knowing that the great post-observation that while some men are born great and others achieve greatness, still others have greatness thrust upon them.

The beauties of the two-depot system facing one set of tracks come to light again in the arrangement by which every passenger transferring from one to the other is to be held up for 50 cents for each trunk carried.

The chief of police of Santiago de Cuba paraded the streets of that town Sunday with 150 uniformed policemen, while the Omaha chief can scarcely muster half that number.

Iowa not only raised a big crop of corn but is raising a large number of turns along the lines of new railroads which have been or are being built in the state.

The Washington forecasters can now put in their time telling what congress is going to do the next day. Congress generally does something else than outlined in the forecaster's program.

With the valiant trust-smashing attorney general out of the state for several weeks the corporate combinations may be expected to overrun Nebraska without obstruction.

Paul Vandervoort has suddenly projected himself into a scheme of benevolence in which he doubtless expects to be the chief beneficiary under pretense of organizing a memorial orphanage for Cuban children which shall bear the name of the late Mrs. Thurston.

The largest sale of wool ever made in the west is reported from St. Louis. It is said that the wool sold at 4 cents a pound more than it could have been marketed for three months ago and fully double the price it could have commanded three years ago.

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REWARD THE HEROES.

Perhaps it should not have been necessary for Secretary of the Navy Long to urge upon congress the duty of properly recognizing and rewarding the Santiago naval heroes and doubtless it would not have been but for the unfortunate controversy as to who was entitled to the greater credit for the destruction of Cerro's squadron.

It is not too late, however, to give the men who participated in the destruction of Spain's most formidable fleet just recognition and proper reward and undoubtedly this will be done if there is no more of the unseemly dispute which is responsible for the failure of the last congress to take such action.

There will be no dissent from what Secretary Long says regarding the naval operations at Santiago. It was, as he states, "a campaign of great scope and enormous responsibilities" and was "marked by unsurpassed precision, brilliancy and vigor."

We have taken no part in the Sampson-Schley controversy. We have regarded it as most unfortunate for those distinguished officers and for the navy. It is to be hoped that there is an end to it, that the friends and admirers of these officers will have the good sense to let it rest.

The financial bill was introduced in the house yesterday, but it will of course receive no consideration until the committees are formed, when it will, it is presumed, be referred to the banking and currency committee.

The house and taken up for consideration. Discussion of the measure is not likely to be protracted and its passage by the house is probable before the holidays.

Meanwhile a currency bill will be introduced in the senate and will doubtless remain in the hands of the finance committee of that body until the house has acted upon its measure.

It is now seen that the bill that will finally be passed will be the result of a conference, but there appears to be no doubt that it will contain the essential features of the house caucus measure, though there are republican senators who are not disposed to go far in regard to fixing the gold standard.

In view of the fact, however, that republican sentiment in the country is overwhelmingly in favor of an unequivocal declaration of the gold standard, as contained in the house bill, it is hardly probable that the senators who think something less than this will do make any serious opposition to the proposed legislation.

The free silver men, it is stated, are exceedingly pleased with the decision of the house republicans to pass a bill fixing the gold standard in law, for the reason that such action will be certain to bring forward free silver as the dominant issue in the next national campaign.

As now indicated free silver will be an issue in the national campaign whether a gold standard bill is passed or not, but such legislation will deprive that issue of the injurious effect it would otherwise have.

With law fixing the gold standard, secure for at least six years, a free silver campaign will not disturb financial or business confidence.

Postmaster General Smith renews the recommendation of several of his predecessors for reform in respect to matter sent through the mails as second class, which has reached enormous proportions.

He declares that this is the most urgent need of the postal service and the one thing required to make the service self-supporting. The figures presented to prove this seem to be conclusive. The postal deficit for the last fiscal year was \$6,610,000.

The postmaster general says that the abuse of the second-class matter privilege involves a waste of \$20,000,000 or upward a year. If this estimate be correct the question of reform in this direction is manifestly very important.

Perhaps the exclusion from the pound rate of the matter which the postmaster general believes not to be entitled to that rate would result in increasing the postal revenue to the extent of the estimated waste, but if it should benefit the revenue to only half that amount it would be a gain that would enable the department to make valuable improvements in the service which the constantly increasing demands upon it call for.

The postmaster general says that as the result of careful inquiry it is believed that fully one-half of the matter mailed as second class and paid for at the pound rate is not properly second class within the intent of the law, the total amount of such matter in the last fiscal year having been 174,000,000 pounds. It cannot be doubted that the law has been given a latitude in this respect which it was not intended to have. A great number of publications are admitted to the mails as second-class matter, paying but 1 cent a pound, that under a strict construction of the law would be excluded from that class, but the abuse has become so firmly established that it is doubtful if it can be remedied.

REMEDIED.

Repeated efforts have been made in congress to secure remedial legislation, but those who profit by the abuse have been influential enough to prevent action. It is a question in which the general public really takes no interest or very little.

The people do not care particularly whether the service is self-supporting or not, they only concern being in regard to its efficiency, and so long as there is no public complaint as to this, the representatives of the people are indifferent about correcting even a palpable wrong which is growing from year to year.

Possibly Postmaster General Smith, who shows a most earnest desire that the abuse be pointed out shall be remedied, will be able to secure from the present congress the needed legislation, but he will find opposed to him formidable influences and a discouraging lack of popular interest and support.

It is not to be expected that all men in any community will agree on every project or suggestion calculated to promote the public welfare. There is, however, a gratifying consensus of opinion among the business men of Omaha in favor of certain policies and enterprises which commend themselves to popular approval.

A recent round-up among business men by the Evening News has drawn out a variety of expressions on what Omaha needs most, which furnish a fair reflex of sentiment among men who are actively interested in building up the city.

The installation of David B. Henderson of Iowa as speaker of the national house of representatives is specially gratifying to The Bee. The Bee was the first newspaper outside of his own state to espouse the candidacy of the eminent Iowa, who has several times taken occasion to make acknowledgment of The Bee's proud privilege.

The Cubans don't want a civil government. Well, we can furnish them several uncivil ones. There is nothing monotonous about our official timber.

An Overzealous Landlord. A stultified German landlord threatens to turn United States Ambassador White, bag and baggage, out of doors from his Berlin home.

The Army in Cuba. General Wood's recommendation that the American army in Cuba be reduced 20 per cent is in accordance with his generally wise and conservative administration in Santiago.

Syndicate Miller's Long Haul. The record of twenty-three business days of the "Franklin Syndicate's" splicer's web shows that the receipts were \$231,000 and the expenses \$229,000.

Bible in the Schools. It is expected that the supreme court of Nebraska will be called to decide whether the reading of the bible in the public schools is a violation of the constitution.

Consolidation of Railroads. The great railroad companies of the country are beginning to see the advantage of agreeing to agree. President Cowen of the Baltimore & Ohio company puts the case eloquently. He says: "Competition among railroads is to stay handed down. No spasms of indignation or of righteous horror are prostrating the American people in consequence."

Where the Flag Comes Down. The principle that the American flag shall never be hauled down in territory where it has once floated evidently does not apply to a large part of the Samoan islands. In the principal islands of that group the American flag is to be hauled down and is to stay hauled down.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE. No Entangling Alliances with European Powers in China. A sphere of influence for the United States seems to be desired by certain powers who are now most interested in China, and they are endeavoring to get the United States to join in a coalition to divide up the country.

Philadelphia is an aspirant for republican national convention honors. It is in the city that the convention will be held, and it is almost impossible to imagine that congress would vote to enter into any scheme in which land in China is involved.

South Omaha is finding itself confronted with a problem which will be difficult of solution unless the people of that city cut loose from the political parasites who have worked it for their own personal gain. Its debt is growing faster than its ability to pay through the medium of taxation and in spite of this it is compelled to do without the fire and police protection which of its magnitude of the interests involved de-

ALL PRAISE THE ILLUSTRATED BEE.

Gibbon Reporter: Last Sunday's Illustrated Omaha Bee was a marvel. Within its handsome covers was a feast of good things for the eye and mind.

Valley Enterprise: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee, which appeared last Sunday, was a magnificent holiday edition and nicely illustrates the wonderful progress that is being made in the newspaper profession.

Bloomington Echo: The Illustrated Bee of the Omaha Illustrated Bee is a handsome piece of printing and full of interesting reading. This feature of The Bee is gaining them new business over the state and is proving most successful.

North Loup Loyalist: The Omaha Illustrated Bee is the best thing of the kind published in this west and it should be in every Nebraska home. The Thanksgiving edition published last Sunday, is a marvel. Sample copies may be seen at this office.

Ord Times: The Omaha Illustrated Bee of Sunday was a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The Bee people fairly outdid themselves in their effort to get out an up-to-date magazine. Read The Illustrated Bee and the Valley County Times and you will wear diamonds.

Cambridge Clarion: The Illustrated magazine issued with last Sunday's Bee was a Thanksgiving number. It was simply elaborate from a standpoint of art and literature. The Illustrated Bee issued with every Sunday edition is becoming immensely and deservedly popular.

Junata Herald: Last Sunday's Illustrated Omaha Bee was a beautiful thing of its kind ever issued by any newspaper. The Bee is strictly up-to-date and its enterprise in giving its patrons the most news and American stories of the day is greatly appreciated.

Keokuk Enterprise: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee, which came out last Sunday, was something grand to look at. The frontispiece was indeed a beauty. The half-tone engravings, of which there were a number, were superb. With-out doubt it was the handsomest holiday edition by any paper.

Mason City Transcript: The Thanksgiving edition of The Illustrated Omaha Bee was a very attractive number. The paper was elegantly and artistically illustrated and contained handsome half-tone engravings of many prominent Nebraskans. The Illustrated Bee is a feature of Nebraska's great daily that is appreciated by the reading public.

Wausa Gazette: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee is on our exchange table. It is a beautiful art souvenir and reflects much credit upon its publishers. It is checkered of excellent photo reproductions, short stories and pen sketches. We know of no other paper that issues so attractive an art supplement each week as The Omaha Illustrated Bee.

Pawnee Press: Sunday's Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee was a most excellent publication. The various illustrations and appropriate articles published were complimentary in the extreme to the reputation of The Bee Publishing Company, which is always up-to-date with the latest news and finest illustrations known in the newspaper world.

Nelson Gazette: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee is the best yet produced by the publishers. It contains a mass of richly interesting reading matter and is beautifully illustrated throughout. The cover is printed in color. As a whole the number does great credit to the publishers and we believe it has done more for the enterprise than any other issue we have ever seen published in the west.

Humboldt Leader: The Sunday edition of The Omaha Bee was a Thanksgiving number of more than usual interest and was received with many expressions of appreciation by the numerous readers of that paper in this section. The Illustrated Bee was a whole magazine in itself and contained illustrations and articles of more than ordinary interest to Nebraskans. The Bee is a winner at all times.

Sheridan (Wyo.) Post: The Illustrated Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Bee is another good mark of progress which entitles this up-to-date publication to much praise. The number in question is a work of art throughout and within its covers are many fine illustrations of divers subjects of interest which are from the pen of our most talented writers. We return thanks for the elegant copy of the publication.

Table Rock Argus: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Illustrated Bee, which appeared last Sunday, was a beautiful and title page to outside back which was filled with interesting matter elaborately illustrated. The Bee is showing commendable enterprise and easily maintains its position as the leading newspaper of the Trans-Mississippi valley and beyond. The Thanksgiving number is one of the practical proofs of this statement.

Tilden Citizen: The Thanksgiving number of The Omaha Bee was a masterpiece of journalistic enterprise and mechanical excellence. It contained "something of everything" in the way of reading matter. The illustrations were copious and form a group of realistic pictures—not dubs. Taken altogether, no better descriptive advertisement of the state could well be imagined than this production of the most thoroughly equipped newspaper in the west.

Dakota City Eagle: The Omaha Illustrated Bee of last Sunday was one of the handsomest papers ever published in the state. It contained a number of finely printed half-tones of many prominent Nebraskans now in Washington, among them United States Senator Thurston and his new bride; Assistant Secretary of War Melikjohn, ex-Congressman Andrews, now holding a position in the Treasury department, and others, besides many other prominent citizens. The paper contains nearly a hundred columns of bright, interesting reading. The Bee is a hummer.

Fargo (N. D.) Forum: Every Sunday The Omaha Bee issues a splendid supplement with its daily, but for the current week, November 29, a Thanksgiving number of twenty-four pages of news and regular matter, comes an illustrated supplement of twenty pages, with illuminated cover of as many colors as reported of Joseph's coat. What ever may be said of a first-class up-to-date paper may be said of The Omaha Bee. Omaha ought to be exceedingly proud of its representative daily—grown so great because of the ability, energy and liberality of its publishers, and the practical, hard-working, and successful staff of the office. The Bee has a sworn circulation of over 24,000 and seems worthy of all it is.

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MERRY MONARCH OF GUAM.

Boston Globe: Judging from the report of Captain Richard Leary, governor of Guam, he seems to control a veritable armada, happy under the watchful protection of a benevolent, one might almost say a patriarchal, rule.

Philadelphia North American: Happy Guam? Why should we not cry it? It is living under a despotism—so are we. Its despotism is benevolent; ours is malignant. It is in power by legitimate title; ours by the reek of a defiled halberd. It works for the good of the people; ours plunders the people for the profit of the despot. What Pennsylvania would not cheerfully exchange Quay for Leary?

New York Times: It must be owned that the regulations of the governor seem calculated to Americanize the natives quite as fast as their innate notions will permit, and that he is in a much better position than any stay-at-home American can be to know how fast it is. Since the days of Old King Cole there has been no merrier monarch and Guam is without doubt a more hilarious place to live in, under the administration of Governor Leary, than it has ever been before.

Philadelphia Ledger: Among its many peculiarities, Guam appears to have the ability of being able to support all its inhabitants. At least, so much is to be inferred from Governor Leary's order that every man who has no other occupation than to farm, should be allowed the domain of his own, the government will furnish him with enough to support himself and his family in comfort, and even luxury. Under Governor Leary's administration Guam is evidently no place for tramps.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The governor of Guam has evidently not lost his sense of the humorous. Leary is an Irishman, the same, who, according to Robert Louis Stevenson, in his book on Samoa, caused the German officials to "stare and gasp" by his official remonstrance, as commander of an American ship of war, against the doing of the German naval force at Apia. "From that moment," according to Stevenson, "Leary was in the front row. His name was diagnostic, but it was not required. On every step of his subsequent actions in Samoa, he was a safe bet to have his words doings a malign spirit of humor presided. No malice was too small for him, if it were only funny." The governor, by his orders that the care-free, unsophisticated people of Guam shall marry and go to work indicates that his sense of humor has not lost its tinge of "malice."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Captain Maximilian Suter, who was wounded in the Philippines a few days ago, is said to be the only officer of Spanish blood in the American army.

A great sigh of relief has gone up that Emperor William got safely away from London without any of the hands playing "I don't care if you never come back."

J. Pierpont Morgan, who gave the Lying-in Hospital in New York \$1,000,000, has added \$50,000 to his donation and has also turned over to the hospital some buildings and land adjoining it.

The Detroit Free Press is enjoying uncommon prosperity. It gathered in three libel suits in one day recently, involving \$450,000. Pretty hard to beat that record in mild winter weather.

Our national house of representatives (after December 4) will have had two speakers for foreign affairs—Charles Frederick Crisp, born in Sheffield, England, and David Bremner Henderson, of Old Deer, Scotland.

Denis J. Swenick celebrated on Sunday the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the Chicago fire department, of which he became chief in 1874. He entered the fire service of Chicago when 15 years old in 1849.

James Fulton, who is one of nine aspirants for the democratic nomination for mayor of McKeesport, Pa., promises that if nominated and elected he will use the veto power on any ordinance passed by the city council.

An observer of the customs and habits of the supreme court justices in Washington has discovered that Associate Justice Brown smokes stogies on the street and that Associate Justice Harlan smokes frequently three miles from the capitol to his home.

John T. Hinton of Paris, Ky., one of the best known politicians of the Ashtand (Seventh) district, has announced, if given the nomination and elected to congress, he will give every dollar of his salary to the widow and family of the late Representative Evan Settle.

George C. Musgrave, who assisted in the rescue of Evangelina Cisneros by the New York Journal in the fall of 1897, says in his new book about Cuba, that Paul Decker, who was the head of the enterprise, formulated a plan during the winter to rescue Captain Dreyfus from Devil's Island in a way which it is believed would have avoided international complications, but that the Maine disaster and which followed put an end to all consideration of the scheme.

MEANING OF BRYAN IN 1900. Eastern Leaders Increase Their Reputation for Sincerity.

Kansas City Star (dem.): To persons who have given any thought to the natural differences between William Jennings Bryan and such democrats as Mr. Croker and Mr. Gorman there appears something suspicious in the unanimous support which the eastern republican politicians are giving to the presidential claimant from Nebraska. Before his departure for Europe the Tammany chief made the decisive announcement that Bryan would be the presidential nominee for the party in 1900 and Mr. Gorman and other democrats of the conservative school, to which Mr. Bryan is distinctly antagonistic, have sanctioned Croker's choice.

What might be called the excess of hardiness on this question, manifested by democrats other politicians, is noteworthy. The paper contains nearly a hundred columns of bright, interesting reading. The Bee is a hummer.

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GREATEST "BLOW" OF ALL.

St. Louis Republic: General Lord Methuen claims a victory and calls loudly for reinforcements. The Irishman who caught a Tartar won just such a victory.

Baltimore American: General Methuen did an unwise thing in enthusiastically claiming the struggle at Modder river as the bloodiest battle of the century. The statistical facts have promptly camped on his trail and the figures they are producing will make him regret that he did not consult an encyclopedia before making his boast.

New York World: If General Lord Methuen really telegraphed, as reported, to the queen that his little engagement at Modder river was "the bloodiest battle of the century," it merely illustrates the British national habit of surveying their own achievements through a magnifying glass and looking at the rest of the world through the wrong end of the telescope. The total losses in the union armies alone in some of the great battles of our civil war were: Gettysburg, 23,001; Spottsylvania, 18,398; Wilderness, 17,686; Chancellorsville, 17,287; Chickamauga, 16,178. These losses exceed the number of troops engaged on both sides at Modder river, not to speak of the vast slaughters of the Franco-Prussian war or the still vaster slaughters of Napoleon's wars.

Philadelphia Press: The battle of Modder river, the full details of which are still wanting, admittedly one of the severest engagements the British army has ever been in, will run the total of the British losses up to an alarming figure. The list of killed and wounded and missing from October 15 up to date is considerably over 3,000, with over 230 killed and about 1,000 wounded.

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