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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. Table with 3 columns: Period, Circulation, and Total. Includes data for Nebraska, Douglas County, etc.

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A kite of their own or a tall to the democratic kite—that is the question up to the populists.

The downfall of the voting machine scheme has apparently knocked several fat fees on the head.

If the school board blind deal had only been dead and dumb it might not have attracted so much attention.

When information is wanted about operations of the Treasury department, Secretary Gage is right on hand with the figures.

Colorado ranchmen are preparing to shear sheep by steam power. On the Board of Trade they do it without half so much fuss.

The district court jury list for 1900 has been approved and placed on file. Now for a boom in the business of the doctors who deal in sick certificates.

Ed Howell recommends Frank Burkley as Frank Burkley recommends Ed Howell. Surely one good turn deserves another.

A new star shines as champion of the featherweight pugilism of America. The pugilistic kaleidoscope seems to change about as often as the political kaleidoscope.

The democrats in the senate object to the confirmation of Bryan on the ground that he is not a democrat. The objection is about the best recommendation he could produce.

Bryan probably thought it was Tammany tier he was after when he started on that hunt. The revelation that it was only a tame animal must have been a shock to him.

It is stated that over 2,000 witnesses will be examined on both sides in the Kentucky gubernatorial contest. Perhaps it would be cheaper for the state of Kentucky to furnish a coach with an office than to foot this bill.

Reform does not appear to be working overtime in the state institutions of South Dakota. It will require considerable smoke in the coming campaign to hide the official rascality and incompetence already being brought to light.

Why should the poperaotic organ persist in tantalizing a poor old man like J. B. Kitchen by trying to swell his head with the idea that he is an eligible candidate for mayor? Is it trying to work him for a few more fire dinners?

John D. Howe has the best idea about municipal government, but the trouble is he cannot induce any considerable number of people to catch on to the nonpartisan plan. The masses are wedded to their political idols and this is not an off-year in politics.

These republican times are especially hard on the poor farmer. The price of hogs at the South Omaha yards is higher than at any time during the past six years. The poperaotic cry that all the prosperity is coming to the capitalist and manufacturer will not go down.

Police Judge Gordon is plausible in his explanations of the practical extinction of the revenue from police court fines, but his explanations do not explain. Why is it, for example, that the revenue from fines is only about one-third of what is taxed up and collected as costs? Why should fines fall so far below the costs?

The steering committee of the democrats in the house has a task on its hands which is not likely to be covered by many. The attempt to lead two mules, each determined to go in a different direction, was easy compared with this. The democratic mule does not know which way it wants to go and is liable to bolt at any minute.

WORKINGMEN AND TRUSTS.

It makes us tired to read a lot of articles, first in metropolitan daily newspapers, and then these great dailies talk awful loud about the iniquitous trusts, but you never see a word in one of them about the Associated Press trust—the oldest and truest trust in the world.

A trust is a combination of men. A union is a combination of men. A law that will prohibit the trust will prohibit the union. Union men are getting along all right. The past year showed trusts unions more prosperous and their members better paid than any year in a dozen last past. It was also the greatest year for the organization of trusts.

The two great parties will adopt platforms against the trust this year and then send committees out to "touch" the trust managers for the price to conduct the campaign—and get it, too.

This is the selfish point of view taken by labor leaders who have not studied the relation of labor to combinations in restraint of trade in all its bearings.

As a matter of fact high wages and steady work simply mean increased consumption and great demand for the product of the factory and mill, and increased consumption, as everybody knows, is the consequence of general prosperity.

In the next place the most serious blow to the interests of labor by trusts is the raising of prices, which always tends to reduce consumption, and consequently reduces the demand for labor, carrying with it a lowering of wages.

The assumption that combinations which control production in any particular line will not attempt to increase their gains by arbitrarily raising prices is absurd. The raising of wages by the trust concerns has always been followed or preceded by a raise in prices of the trust-made goods.

The assertion that the metropolitan papers that oppose the trusts are members of the oldest and truest trust in the world is decidedly wild and utterly baseless. The present Associated Press was organized just seven years ago.

The fact that the metropolitan dailies expend as much and often more for special news dispatches than they pay for Associated Press news explodes the delusion that the Associated Press controls all the news of the world.

The indications are that the American consul now at Pretoria is having no better success than his predecessor in looking after British interests there.

There is no question as to the right of the Boer government to refuse to permit our consuls to act as British representatives and to insist that they shall confine themselves strictly to American interests.

our government in the case of Consul Macrum, the obnoxious of the Boer government in the matter is difficult to understand. It suggests that President Kruger may doubt the sincerity of our neutrality, which certainly has no reason to do.

THE CONTRABAND QUESTION.

A London dispatch states that the American four seized off Delagoa bay has been released and that the British government has decided that foodstuffs are not to be considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

The irrepressible Yelzer now wants the supreme court to force his initiative and referendum bill upon the unwilling people of Omaha and proposes to lay before it the same papers which were frowned upon by the late reform judge of the district bench.

With the taste of the Jacksonian banquet still tickling their palate and the prospect for free lunches in the dim and distant future the young democracy of Omaha yearns very much after J. B. Kitchen as its preferred candidate for mayor.

How much longer is the Board of County Commissioners going to play horse with the taxpayers in the matter of the refusal of Albany Frank to account for fees collected by him as clerk of the district court?

Make It Attractive. Washington Post.

The annual brochure of the secretary of agriculture devotes considerable space to the division of soils. The introduction of the "sp" into the world "soils" would be sure to attract the politicians to the book.

Not A Democrat. Chicago Post.

Chairman Jones of the democratic committee declares that the new gold standard bill will be ruinous to the country. The calamity is so threatening that Colonel Bryan recently doubled his investment in government bonds.

Will Cupid Stash the Court? Chicago Post.

Cupid has been enjoined at Omaha. A judge has officially forbidden an elopement. If love laughs at locksmiths, what will it do to a court? One can almost hear the little fellow snicker as he gets ready for business.

Huge Business on Small Margin. Indianapolis Journal.

The meat sales of Swift and Company, one of the great packing firms, were upward of \$4,000,000 during 1899, upon which a net profit of \$2,250,000 was realized, which is equivalent to 1.41 per cent. If the business were divided among a score of firms they could not live with so small a profit. It is the immensity of the trade that makes success possible with so meager a percentage as profits.

Bryan's Running Mate. New York Tribune.

Hogs of Texas has other claims to a second place on the great list besides the one that he is a good man weighing 350 pounds. As the party marches on to certain defeat it needs leaders able to sustain that result cheerfully and Hogg is one of them.

LEADS IN COAL PRODUCTION.

Another Top Record Made by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Until the end of 1898 Great Britain was the greatest coal producer of all the countries. In 1899 the United States passed Great Britain. In round figures the coal output of this country in 1899 was 47,000,000 tons. This was 59,000,000 tons of a gain over 1898.

Nearly twenty years ago the United States passed Great Britain in the extent of its manufactures in the aggregate. Four or five years ago the United States began to forge ahead of that country in the amount of iron produced. Now England is left behind in coal output. Next to the United States as a coal producer, of course, stands England, while Germany and France follow in this order.

Secretary Gage also conclusively disposes of the criticism in connection with the deposit of the money for which the New York custom house was sold.

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

A private letter from a soldier in the Philippines and published in the New York Sun gives another version of the death of Major John A. Logan, Jr., and the circumstances preceding the tragic event.

Now we are told that the re-election of Senator Gear is a great victory of the gear machine. Of course it is. Had Mr. Cummins been successful it would have been a victory for the Cummins machine. It does not matter what the outcome of any contest is in which a republican comes out on top, the populists are sure to howl about the machine.

The advance was made toward San Jacinto at 8 o'clock, the battalion moving in line of battle and impeded greatly by the state of the ground. The companies deployed upon approaching a village and the insurgents opened up on the battalion from their trenches 1,000 yards away.

One of your men is wounded, major, yelled a newspaper man above the roar of the volleys that commenced to pour from the rifles of the Texas boys to right and left.

A Chicago woman who went to New Orleans and was robbed of \$500 is the subject of much deserved criticism. The job might have been done at home with equal skill and dispatch.

The Toronto Globe doesn't take the proposed Fenian Invasion of Canada very seriously. "Arms," it says, "have been secured at Omaha ever since the Fenian raid of 1857. That is the bitterness of it—that we are to be the targets of guns thirty-three years old, while in South Africa the very latest and smartest things in guns are in common use."

PHILIPPINE PROBLEMS.

Present Aspect of the War and the Military Needs of Occupation. Philadelphia Ledger.

When the transport now on the way to the Philippines will have 65,000 troops under his command, it has been repeatedly announced that the insurrection has about reached its vanishing point as an organized movement, and that the uprising is deemed to be suppressed and warfare merely.

INCREASED RAILWAY MILEAGE.

Review of the Building Record for Thirteen Years Past. Philadelphia Times.

Before the United States had become gridironed with railroads reaching even into the remote territories where settlers were few and far between, a prosperous business year was always marked by great activity in new railway construction.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Miles (Year), Miles. Data for years 1887-1899 showing increasing railway mileage.

A distinctive feature of the railway building for 1899 was that it consisted chiefly of extensions and branches of existing lines. The states of Iowa and Minnesota, both already well supplied with railroads, led the list, Iowa with 552 and Minnesota with 374 miles of new track.

WHAT THE RAILROADS WANT.

Abolishing Alleged Abuses and Putting Up Freight Rates. Chicago Record.

Whether or not representatives of nearly all the great railroad systems of the United States have, as alleged, entered into an agreement for the abolition of certain abuses, there is no doubt at all that the reforms which the alleged compact is said to include are those which all the railroads wish to see brought about.

Philadelphia Times: This campaign the British have been doing lots of shelling. In fact it might be said they had the shell right along, while the Boers got the kernel.

The fathers of Kid McCoy and Jim Jeffries are preachers. Doubtless they are regular churchgoers. The fathers of Kid McCoy and Jim Jeffries are preachers.

Chicago River Sonnets. Chicago Record.

Historic stream, so grand and so pure, Famed for thy languid deeps and azure trends! How often have we watched thy lakeward end Drift idly past, its waters thick, obscure, And blue with lead, steel, and furniture.

"Usters."

Have you an ulster? This is the weather to wear one, and the proper time to buy one. And the ulster that bears our name don't hang and look like a blanket on you nor weigh you down.

The ordinary ulster is tiresome to wear. Not so our "great coats" they are light, soft and warm and a delightful garment to wear and can be had for \$10 or \$40 with plenty intermediate qualities.

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