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It looks as if Colonel Walter Moise is himself now harboring a sting of ingratitude under the bosom of his brass-buttoned coat.

War clouds are more fashionable than ever in Europe and many a son of royalty runs a chance of being totally eclipsed if the clouds develop into a shower.

Iowa republicans in congress are having more trouble uniting on a man for the vacant United States judgeship in that state than the legislature had in agreeing on a United States senator.

The popocratic organ gives its account of the three-angled circus at Lincoln under the headline "Its ring is true." Which ring? Is it the ring of machine politicians who are running the so-called reform forces?

The fusion leaders will probably consent to allow the populists to meet at Cincinnati and hold a convention, even if the founders of the party are not allowed to play in the same doorway with the fusion element.

It is announced from Lincoln that the silver republicans propose to have a dollar dinner at Kansas City. We take it that silver dollars will be dropped at once from the official list.

The Board of Education has taken it upon itself to convince the pupils of the High school that they are in school for educational rather than social purposes.

Every time a gerrymander is attempted for some political party it usually reacts upon those responsible for it. The popocratic members of the Board of County Commissioners should not let this slip their minds.

The anti-Chinese crusade of the empress of China is likely to produce a smashing of Oriental crockery if persisted in. Numerous cracks are visible in the platter now and the dish is not in a condition to stand many more raps such as have been given it in the past.

Colonel Bryan will not undertake to write the national democratic platform, but he will allow the national convention to copy the platform he has promulgated for the Nebraska democrats and guarantee that it will not be molested for infringement of his copyright.

Now that Secretary Dullman is relieved of his duties as chairman of the democratic state committee he may possibly find time to write the Norfolk people and inform them of the date when the hearing of their complaint will be taken up by the reform State Board of Transportation.

The authorities in Cuba will investigate the rumors concerning the La Gloria colony. The investigation will probably have the result of stopping the stream of dupes who have been tured there by great promises, but it affords poor consolation to those who may have bit only to find themselves stranded in a wilderness.

The government will soon ask bids for erecting the west wing of the Omaha federal building. As the appropriation for building the structure has already been authorized the work should be begun the coming season and add to the impetus in the building trades which Omaha is sure to experience during the next few months.

The more one considers the action of Governor Poynter in naming police commissioners for Omaha under a law declared unconstitutional by the supreme court the worse does it appear. Governor Poynter's usurpation of a power which the supreme court has declared he does not possess is nothing less than a flagrant violation of the law by the chief executive of the state, who has taken an official oath to obey the law and constitution as interpreted by the courts.

CHAMBERLAIN'S WARNING.

In the House of Commons a few days ago Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, said in regard to the statement that the Boers would probably destroy Johannesburg that President Kruger had been warned that he and his government would be held personally responsible for any act contrary to the usages of civilized communities.

There is other than British capital invested in the mines and industries of that place and the threat to destroy it has caused no little uneasiness among German and French investors, but it is quite safe to predict that neither the warnings of Mr. Chamberlain nor the protests of European investors, if any should be made, will deter the Transvaal government from destroying Johannesburg if the work of defense requires it.

FOR CONSULAR REFORM.

A number of commercial bodies have recently manifested a renewal of interest in the proposed legislation for reorganizing the consular service. Delegates from these bodies have gone to Washington to exert an influence in behalf of the contemplated reform.

While it is admitted that the consular service of the United States has been improving for several years and in the opinion of some is at this time not excelled by that of any other country, yet there is no question as to the desirability of reorganizing and reforming the service so that the danger of its falling back into former conditions, which will always be present while it is subject to political changes, shall be removed.

An efficient consular service is of great value to a country's trade. This is fully understood by our commercial rivals. Great Britain's consuls have been a great aid to the extension of her commerce and the same is true of the German consular service. Every German consul is an active agent for promoting German trade and the men for this service are selected with reference to this.

FAIRNESS TOWARD OTHER NATIONS.

The fact that the British government and public did not regard in an unfriendly light the action of the Washington administration in transmitting the peace overtures is referred to by the Philadelphia Record as a flattering tribute to the soundness of the well-established American policy of avoidance of foreign entanglements and of refraining from meddling in the affairs of other powers.

England proposes to settle the troubles in South Africa by offering special inducements for settlers to come into the country and for the soldiers who are there to remain and become farmers. The English are probably right in the assumption that as long as a majority, or even a strong minority, of the inhabitants of that section are Dutch there will be trouble ahead in South Africa.

According to Chairman Edmisten, the populist party "has grown out of that condition which made its organization necessary." What Mr. Edmisten meant was that the fusion populists had abandoned every principle which the party once held dear and have degenerated into a scramble for office on the part of a few leaders who control the machinery.

toria was asked to intervene for a cessation of hostilities in South Africa only in that direction. Promptly on receiving from the United States consul at Pretoria the peace overtures signed by Presidents Kruger and Steyn they were communicated by our government to Lord Salisbury. There was no delay, no hesitation. Accompanying the overtures was an assurance from President McKinley of his willingness to do anything he could in a friendly way to bring about peace.

Our government could not properly do more than this. To have made a formal proffer of mediation would have been offensive to Great Britain and nothing would have come of it, except, perhaps, an impairment of the friendly relations between the two countries.

NEBRASKA'S FLYING TRAPEZE PERFORMER.

William Jennings Bryan has once more given an exhibition in the three-angled fusion circus of his marvelous acrobatic feats on the popocratic trapeze. After building his own platform and adjusting his own ropes and balancing rod he leaped from ring to ring with reckless daring and landed on his feet in front of the reserved seat section occupied by the rock-rooted never-say-die Jacksonian democrats.

PERMANENCY OF NATIONAL BANKS.

One effect of the new currency law will be to insure the continuance of the national banking system for at least thirty years, beyond that period it is not probable that it will exist except by a species of repudiation. As within a few years the bulk of the national banknote circulation will be secured by the new 2 per cent thirty-year bonds, the existence of the banks during the life of the present currency will be an important element of permanency and confidence in our financial system.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT OURSELVES.

There were 11,000,000 of us on the 30th of June, 1899, according to the estimate of population of the Bureau of Statistics published in the Statistical Abstract of the United States for the fiscal year ending on that date. The estimate for January 1, 1900, is 11,714,000. It cost us \$709,254 to run our government for that year, or just \$2.21 apiece. It was the best year in our history.

INSTRUCTIVE GROUPING OF STATISTICS FROM THE LEDGERS OF THE NATION.

The total receipts of the government were \$10,983,000, or at the rate of \$8.84 per head, and the deficit for the year was \$48,111,560. The receipts from customs were \$206,128,482 and from internal revenue taxes \$273,487,162.

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