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Subscribed and sworn before me this day of May, 1900.

STOCKTON HETH, Notary Public.

If any poperafficials remain at the state house...

The school board is again enjoying a little membership...

If any of the populist delegates got away without having the Bryan brand affixed...

For a day or two the republican president of the senate is acting governor of Nebraska...

Edgar Howard shows signs of being tempted by the bait of the fusion nomination for congress...

Having forced the republican state convention to endorse the oil trust end of the firm the question arises whether the railroads will finish the job by forcing the endorsement...

Mr. Deiciency has gone out of business at the weather bureau...

The sultan of Turkey might plead his exemptions as the head of a large family on that claim of the United States...

News from Sioux Falls is to the effect that the tent in which the populist convention is to be held has withstood the recent storms well...

No one will have any sympathy for the people who have been banished by the local pugilistic hippodrome...

The populist delegates stopped at Omaha to get a fresh draught from the fountain of the Omaha platform...

The string which is expected to work the populist convention at Sioux Falls was effectually brought to light at the Peter Cooper banquet...

The superintendent of schools has been instructed to report to the school board the names of all married teachers in the public schools...

The railroads of the west are just now engaged in a struggle to get their share of the immense wood shipments soon to be moving to market from the ranges...

Governor Poynter has gone to Sioux Falls to attend the populist national convention, but when he returns he will have these figures staring him in the face...

As to the favorable conditions that employers are to meet employees with concessions in regard to wages...

It is reported that the Boers hold all the passes. It is so, the English will have a dead-head trip to Pretoria.

Behind Admiral Dewey's carriage in the recent Chicago parade an enthusiastic spectator, breaking through the lines, began to execute a dance...

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RYAN'S LATEST DELIVERANCE.

Hon. W. J. Bryan has retired to his farm to rest and recuperate preparatory to entering upon the arduous labor of the presidential campaign...

A marked feature of this deliverance is its laudation of the populists, but the most interesting point is the declaration that "when the convention meets at Kansas City there will not be enough opposition to the Chicago platform to demand a roll call."

We would commend this to the thoughtful consideration of those eastern democrats who are making an effort to have that platform modified at Kansas City. Mr. Bryan meant what he said and he knew when he uttered the above declaration that he has the authority and the backing in his party to make it good.

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Were he now to discredit the position he has maintained for four years and which alone has given him public prominence, he would lose support in the south and west which could not be made up for elsewhere.

Eastern sound money democrats can give assurance of no offset to the desertion from Mr. Bryan which would certainly follow his renunciation of silver or even the slightest modification of his attitude in regard to that question.

Mr. Bryan's latest deliverance must be accepted as conclusive. It was doubtless intended to at once reassure his adherents and to admonish the anti-silver democrats of the hopelessness of their efforts.

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However, it is highly probable that the present congress will pass the legislation necessary to give statehood to New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma.

The people of all these territories earnestly desire that this be done and upon the showing they make of population and resources it would undoubtedly be safe to admit them as states.

It is amusing to note how even the most rampant organ of calumny finds it impossible to dodge the indisputable proofs of pervading prosperity.

A striking example of the irresistible contradictions into which denials of prosperity bump is found in the following extract from the account printed in the local poperafficial organ which used to boast Bryan as its editor describing the opening of the new term of the district court in Omaha:

Yesterday when the judges opened their dockets one of the greatest annoyances encountered was securing jurors.

Usually there are plenty of the regular jurors who are willing to serve the county and earn \$2 per day. However, at this term of court about four-fifths of the men called explained that they had already employment and were receiving more than the allowance provided for by jurors.

Where Judge Baker found it necessary for a man to carry out his private business, he granted an excuse. There were so many of these that when all of the law courts are running they will be short of jurors.

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1896 no mechanic would have dreamed of demanding fewer hours and more pay.

Then he was on the ragged edge of unemployment and no pay.

Condensing the Wind. Baltimore American.

Congress to consider a proposition to reduce the size of the Congressional Record. It must be apprehensive that the public tries to read it.

Footing with a Gun. Chicago Chronicle.

Porto Ricans are now sending a petition to the United States congress asking for more courts and more law. The Porto Ricans evidently don't know that this gun is loaded.

From Spino Kop to Missouri. Webster Davis, ex-assistant secretary of the interior, who resigned his position in order to lecture in behalf of the Boers, has evidently found that vocation unremunerative, as he has trekked westward and taken up a position on a political tip in the Fifth Missouri district in hopes of capturing the republican nomination for congressman.

Mr. Davis probably now regrets having given up a lucrative position for an uncertainty.

Prospective Campaign Issue. Indianapolis News.

It would not be at all surprising if Judge Lochner's declaration of the status of Porto Rico were to introduce a new element into the campaign.

That the supreme court will ultimately pass on the question is certain, but that it may do so before the election is not beyond possibility.

Just as we are ready to make war as it ought to be made," writes Mr. Palmer, "there is nobody to fight with us. Last spring we had the enemy, but not the materials. Now we have the horses, the mules and the artillery, but not the enemy.

The going to be a campaign of attrition. The water front is discharging supplies for an army of peace. Officers and men of the lately arrived volunteer regiments sadly, and sometimes profanely, berate an insurgent army which shut up shop before everybody was everted with the smell of powder.

"As he smiles at our passing patrol or column, the brown man is proud in the consciousness of ownership. His only fear is that we may discover where his rifle is hidden—hidden against the content of the rainy season, of ammunition and of Aguinaldo's word of command. The insurgent of Cavite, as one who knows him very well says, is too fond of his rifle to lose it in a fight where the chances are all against him.

Before the rainy season it is more certain that our authority will be extended over as much territory as ever recognized that of Spain. Of course the islands will not be so peaceful. It will be some time before one can ride from one part of Luzon to another and be certain that native hospitalities will offer food and bed for the night. In the old days, the traveling Englishman or the occasional American who visited the islands was something of a hero to the people. Wherever any foreigner appeared the natives gathered about him, and as he passed, he was hailed and greeted as he passed. As a rule, if the native was on a horse, he alighted. When we first went into the northern provinces we received the same consideration. But as soon as the people found that the democratic American did not demand such homage, they began to fall out of the habit."

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