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After the Fourth of July Nebraska will be the political storm center.

The political news center will now move eastward and northward on its axis from Washington to Philadelphia.

Pointers on supreme court decisions are at a discount among those in communion with the Omaha popocratic gang.

Commissioner General Peck's Paris exposition expense account doubtless heaves a sigh of relief over the adjournment of congress.

June 15, set by the British astrologers for the last final ending of the war with the Boers, must be getting uncomfortably near for them.

Vote your coupons for your favorite candidate in The Bee's vacation contest and help her win a choice of the free excursions offered to working girls.

No one wants the census man to see double, but he certainly should not close his eyes to any person who rightfully belongs in the Nebraska population column.

Have you stood up for Nebraska and been counted? In the cities this is the last week for census taking; in the rural districts the period extends to the end of the month.

The census enumeration is nearly completed, but the people will have to keep guessing for some time to come, as the results will not be made public until the entire tabulation is in hand.

It does not make much difference any way which brand of the fusion mixture the candidate against Dave Mercer bears. The result will be just the same—a fifth term in congress for Mr. Mercer.

Give your Mr. Poppleton credit for one shrewd move. He must have sized up at once the lawless character of Governor Poynter's pretender police commission and declined to become a party to such a scheme of usurpation.

The fee trust hearing is still pending, but the local fusion organ keeps on discussing it and trying to manufacture pressure on the courts, just as if it had a written guaranty of immunity from punishment for long-distance contempt.

Omaha is maintaining its position on the increase side of the clearing house ledger, with 21.8 per cent increase in the last report over the corresponding week of the previous year. Calamity shouters get small comfort from these figures.

The advent of warm weather is emphasizing the need of outdoor recreation to which the people of Omaha became accustomed during the two exhibitions. A few open-air concerts by first-class bands would, we feel certain, strike a popular chord.

The fee trust prosecution seems to be operating on the plan of a fishing expedition. When attorneys are in earnest they usually inquire what they can prove by their witnesses before they put them on the stand. Not so with our great attorney general in this case.

The nominee on the fusion congressional ticket for this district takes his credentials from three conventions, attended, all told, by scarcely fifty delegates, presuming to represent three different political parties in three great counties. An opera bouffe would not be a circumstance to this performance.

The next move of the legislature in reforming the fee system should be to extend the principle of the law applying to district court clerks to all the other fee offices of the county. The popular idea is diametrically opposed to the plan of allowing public officers to appropriate to themselves the fees paid for the transaction of the public business.

IMPERILLING PARTY SUCCESS.

A few days after the republican state convention the following letter was received from a prominent republican residing at Wakefield, Neb.:

WAKEFIELD, Neb., May 8, 1900.—To the Editor of The Bee: I did not fully realize the importance of a proper selection of a national committee man for the state of Nebraska at this time until I conversed with leading republicans after the convention from different sections of the state. It had seemed to me simply a lively contest between two leading republicans for a much-coveted position of trust and responsibility, and so far as I was concerned I felt like letting them fight it out and wishing that the best man might win.

I find, on the contrary, from talking with representative republicans over the state that it is one of the crucial points upon which may depend the success or failure of the republican party in the state of Nebraska during the next presidential campaign. They claim that the following up of the endorsement of Senator Thurston by the state convention as a delegate to the national convention will result in the nomination of R. B. Schneider of Fremont as national committee man, will demoralize the party. They say that he is the representative of the beet sugar trust in the lobby of several legislatures; that during the last legislative session a member of the house charged on the floor that corrupt proposals had been made to him to get the sugar bounty claim to him and that Mr. Schneider left Lincoln to avoid investigation. They say, furthermore, that if this effort is persisted in they will exert themselves every legislative day to prevent the beet sugar company from being reinstated on its claim for \$150,000 against the state.

With the selection of a national committee man in whose integrity and ability to manage the campaign the republicans of the state have full confidence there still remains a chance for a republican victory in the state and a chance for Nebraska republicans to help vindicate the splendid administration of William McKinley. Yours very truly, L. V. H.

The publication of this letter has been deferred in the expectation that the powers responsible for Mr. Schneider's candidacy would come to the conclusion that it would be impolitic, if not reckless, to force him as chief campaign manager at a time when so much is at stake. The fact that Mr. Schneider is identified with certain corporations closely allied with the railroads and the omnibuses would preclude him from inspiring confidence with republican workers who resent the intrusion of corporations into the control of party machinery. In the fierce and desperate contest that is impending it would be folly to expect the opposition to neglect such an opportunity that would be offered to stigmatize the republicans as a trust-ridden and railroad-dominated party and to point in proof of the charge to the man imposed on it by the corporations as the national committee man for the state.

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS.

The national committee of the democrats who supported Palmer and Buckner four years ago will have a meeting at Indianapolis next month to determine the course to be followed by the gold democrats in the national contest. The chairman of the committee, George Foster Peabody, has explained that they want to see what the republicans have to say on what is called imperialism and also what the deliverance of the Kansas City convention on the currency will be. "It may be found," said Mr. Peabody, "that the delegates to that gathering will listen to reason and that the conservative element is in control." This shows that some of the gold democrats are still under the delusion that they may be able to induce the Kansas City convention to ignore free silver. It is strange that such intelligent men cannot see that they are hoping for something that is practically impossible.

As these democrats are also opposed to so-called imperialism, it is very likely that they will decide to nominate a presidential ticket, in order to keep alive "the old-fashioned democratic principles." This may be a good idea, for certainly those principles have been pretty completely set aside by the Bryanites and are understood now by very few of the people. But except for this the movement of the gold democrats has little to commend it. It can even add nothing to the interest of the campaign.

LOOKING TO THE EAST.

The republican victory in Oregon appears to have convinced the Bryanites that they have not the ghost of a show on the Pacific coast and that their only hope of success rests upon their ability to make gains in the east and middle states. The leading eastern organ of that party, the New York Journal, says: "The Pacific states are for expansion. They have experienced too much benefit already from the growth of our commerce in the Orient to look with favor upon a policy of retreat in that quarter. They could have been brought into line against imperialism, but not when anti-imperialism was represented as the same thing as anti-expansion. * * * It is evident, therefore, that any prudent democratic calculations for the coming campaign should leave out of account the four electoral votes obtained in 1896 in Washington and one in California, if not the three of Nevada." The Journal says that if Mr. Bryan is to win this time he must get at least fifty-three electoral votes which he did not have in 1896 and it figures on the possibility of his carrying several eastern states, naming among them New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The probability is indeed it is practically certain that the Bryanite campaign will be most vigorously prosecuted in the east and middle west, but it is difficult to understand how they can seriously hope to carry any state on those sections on a free silver platform, or with a candidate who insists that free silver at 16 to 1 is still the foremost question. The Journal hopes for a platform at Kansas City upon which the democrats of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and other states name could unite, but Mr. Bryan has distinctly indicated what the platform must be and it is safe to say he will not permit any departure from this. He does not propose to allow the national convention to make a deliverance which would compel him to stultify himself. He knows where his surest constituency is and he also un-

derstands that it will be satisfied with nothing short of a straightforward, unqualified reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. Not to do this would be to place Mr. Bryan in an apologetic position that he would find very embarrassing in the campaign. As one of his most ardent supporters, Mr. Altgeld, has said: "The very moment that Mr. Bryan consents to modify the Chicago platform in any particular, that moment he is destroyed. He would at once cease to be the idol of the democratic heart. He is respected for his sincerity—then he would be despised for his weakness." Nobody understands this better than Mr. Bryan.

The New York Times says: "There is not a sign or the shadow of a sign that W. J. Bryan is any more acceptable to the voters of the east than he was four years ago." There are good reasons why he should be much weaker in the east now than he was in 1896 and we have no doubt that he is.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

Honesty is the best policy in politics as well as in business. No party and no political faction can hope to build itself up or to retain its power for any length of time by practicing deception upon its own members or upon the public.

A striking illustration of the reactionary effect of the political confidence game is afforded in the general revolt in the ranks of the local fusion forces since the refusal of the supreme court to reinstate the defunct fire and police commissions.

In the last two campaigns waged in Omaha promises and pledges were freely made to fusion policemen that the success of the fusion ticket would be followed by a reversal of the supreme court decision affirming the principle of municipal home rule and expunging from the charter the power of the governor to appoint fire and police commissioners for Omaha. Not only were former policemen and firemen dismissed for cause or laid off for want of funds given assurances that they would be placed back in their old positions, but many persons who had never served on the force were enlisted for political work on the strength of prospective appointments.

While this bunco steering was going on, liquor dealers and brewers were at the same time urged to get into the fusion bandwagon and square themselves with the gang or run the risk of the displeasure of the coming power. To lend color to those bogus claims Governor Poynter himself, although he had already publicly declared that he had no lawful right to make police commission appointments, was dragged into coming in person to Omaha to back up the false promises made by his political henchmen. Finally to make a showing of good faith the governor issued commissions to four dummies and Attorney General Smyth the puppet show up in the supreme court with a great flourish of trumpets.

Every two weeks from that day on the fusion bellwethers gave it out confidentially to all concerned that the decision ousting the existing board would be handed down the next Tuesday. Relying on these semi-official tips, a number of dupes on the waiting list had their old police uniforms regenerated and reconstructed, while others actually invested their scant savings in new uniforms which may never be of use to them.

These people have a right to feel indignant and outraged at being thus imposed upon by unscrupulous partisan schemers, who could hardly have operated this confidence game without at least encouragement and support from the state house. At no time could there have been a reversal of the decision since the case was closed without wrenching every principle of judicial precedent and authority and without producing judicial anarchy.

The opposition of the democrats to the trusts is as inoperative as their opposition to Philippine annexation. Colonel Bryan resigned his commission in the army to go to Washington and exert his influence for the ratification of the treaty that made the Philippines part of the American possessions, and then began denouncing the president for holding the islands. When asked why he did not head off annexation by opposing ratification of the treaty his answer was that that might have prevented him from making expansion a political issue. The democrats have been likewise howling against trusts and corporate combinations, but when a constitutional amendment giving congress full power to restrict and repress trusts was presented in congress they voted solidly against it. They do not want the trusts suppressed or regulated, because that would deprive them of the trust as a political issue. Is it not plain that the people have no one to look to but the republicans for any effective trust legislation?

The populist organ of the state house machine persists in standing up for the rank assessment of railroad property made by the reform State Board of Equalization, with Governor Poynter at its head, as perfectly just and equitable, although less by \$2,000,000 than the republican assessment of 1893, which was denounced by the populists as grossly undervalued. This, too, in the face of the notable improvements, increase in mileage and increase in the value of the trackage and equipment. But will the populist convention dare to endorse in its platform the action of the governor in connection with the railroad assessment?

Colonel Bryan insisted on referring to the Omaha Boer reception as "a democratic meeting." When, however, the republicans protested by advance that the management was trying to make a popocratic sideshow of the affair he laid himself liable to be called unpatriotic and a sympathizer with British imperialism.

One of the leading papers in Havana, commenting upon the postal frauds, points out the fact that rascals are to be found in every country, but also calls attention to the difference between Spain and the United States in dealing

with them. One protected and continued to honor them, while the other proceeded to make them disgorge and set the machinery of the law at work to punish them. Settlement day is not likely to be one of unqualified pleasure for the men who thought it would be a good thing to enrich themselves at the expense of the Cubans.

The railroad choppers in the state house have succeeded in getting the way of the corporation candidate for auditor, Howard was altogether too pronounced on the railroad question and could not be trusted to carry out the deals between the reformers and the railroads. As a candidate for congress against Dave Mercer he will be harmless and his newspaper gun will be spiked.

Governor Poynter evidently had the wrong pointer when he reversed himself and belied his public declarations by issuing commissions to his pretender fire and police board.

Fire Him! St. Paul Pioneer Press. There is one question that the law will not compel you to answer: "Is it warm enough for you?"

Softening the Fall. Washington Post. The fusionists of one Nebraska county have nominated Mr. Bryan for the United States senate. They feel that some sort of hot would be a good thing to spread over his presidential trapeze.

Process of Repercussion. Chicago Chronicle. Reports from various indicate that Senator Aguinaldo is taking a much needed rest. He is only getting killed every other day lately. His private secretary is killed on the alternate days, thus affording Senator Aguinaldo an opportunity to recuperate and catch up with the arrears of his correspondence.

Brilliant and Notable. Chicago Record. Envoy Fischer in his Auditorium speech placed the blame for the war in all at between 35,000 and 40,000 men. That such a small army would make the greatest empire in the world at bay for eight months will hereafter rightly be regarded as one of the most brilliant and notable exploits in the annals of patriotism and heroism.

Creditable Record of Congress. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is customary to disparage congress at their close, because no congress can accomplish all the work which the majority party designs. Fair-minded, intelligent persons, however, will say that the record of the session which has just closed has been decidedly creditable in the work which it has finished and in that which it has put in shape for completion in the session next winter.

Glass Blowing by Machinery. St. Paul Pioneer Press. The equipment of a factory in New Jersey with glass-blowing machinery designed to supersede human lungs and hands marks a great advance in this industry. Glass-blowing by machinery is typified by automatic glass blowing. Now that it is no longer impossible. The field of invention grows wider as our civilization progresses, and it is a safe prediction that only a generation or two hence will see the bulk of human labor, skilled and unskilled, that is now done by hand, performed by machinery and the wonderful devices of inventive genius.

International Club of Fakirs. Chicago Chronicle. Every misfortune has its compensations. The "Boxer" epidemic in Oregon is a great power, considerable, but it will be a source of pure and unmixt joy to the organization conventionally known as the Anglo-American club of Hong Kong, but better known as the Liars' club. This organization, which did a flourishing business early in the Philippine war, has lately largely into coma. The Chinese affair will bring it forth again like a giant refreshed. The members of the Liars' club are all lineal descendants of Baron Munchausen and have improved upon their distinguished ancestor.

Vast Solitude of a City. Boston Advertiser. It was found, on breaking open the door of an apartment in this city last week, that the apartment had been dead in her chair for many months. Perhaps no incident could be more suggestive of the essential solitude of a city. If a criminal seeks to escape justice, if a misadventure leads to the death of an individual, or if a man desires to be alone, he would do well to take the great, indescribable loneliness of a large city. In the country towns and villages one cannot escape, even if he wishes to hide from the scrutiny of his fellows. It is only in the thronging rush of the crowd that the individual is free, for the crowd that makes an effort, patiently and steadily, to build up friendships and companionships. The village town is curious, the city is indifferent. The chance acquaintance in a forest becomes a subject of interest. The pedestrian is merely a unit among hundreds of thousands.

FEVER BEATS BULLETS. Features of the Mortality Record in the South African War. Boston Herald. The fighting in South Africa during the past two months has not been of a very murderous character and a much smaller number of British soldiers have been killed or held or died of wounds received in action than during the earlier months of the war. But it must not be imagined that the total number of deaths has kept pace with the reduction. Instead of falling off a corresponding rate the deaths have increased to an extent so great that the diminished fatality of the recent fighting is much more than offset. To establish this point we present an analysis of the casualties reported at different dates. The war, as will be remembered, began on October 11, 1899, and the list of casualties is given by the British War office on March 12 last may be regarded as roughly covering the deaths in the first five months of hostilities. At that date there had been a total of 2,447 deaths; of these 2,415 were killed in battle or died of wounds received in action. There is a monthly increase of 483 in the former and 206 in the latter class.

Two months later, on May 12, the total of deaths in the two classes was 5,578, of which 2,893 were on the battlefield or from wounds received in action and 2,685 were from disease. There is an increase of 475 in the former and 1,792 in the latter class, or a monthly average of 237 in the killed in battle and 681 in the deaths of disease. Thus, while the deaths in the former class had diminished more than one-half in their monthly average, the deaths of disease showed a more than threefold increase. We may add that the table of casualties, but received by mail for the week ended May 15 displayed an intensification of the difference. In this week only thirty-seven deaths in battle were reported, but no fewer than 311 soldiers died of disease. Their deaths were more than tenfold the number of those who were killed in battle.

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New York Tribune: The sweeping gold standard expansion victory in Oregon is a great triumph for the Bryan managers. It does not promise well for the success of their favorite battle cry. It rather shows that the people over whom Bryan had great influence four years ago have lost faith in the nostrums of the Chicago platform.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "This was the query which the democrats were ready to put to the fellow countrymen on the day before the election in that state. Their organs all over the country were saying that Oregon was a doubtful state, and that it would be carried by the democrats in the election which has just taken place.

Cincinnati Commercial: The republicans of the Pacific slope have done well. It was to be expected that they would stand for the Philippine policy of the president, as the slope is directly interested in Pacific trade. But there were other questions of interest, notably the trusts, and the fight along this line was particularly bitter. But a victory, clean cut and unquestionable, is the result. Perhaps it can be said in the future of Oregon, that it was the state of Maine. "As Oregon goes the nation goes."

Washington Star: But while Oregon is a hearer for the republicans, the result there should not fill them with too great confidence for November. There is a battle ahead which promises to call for all the men they can muster, and all the union of effort they can produce. The material interests of Oregon, however, are not so much identified with the republican policy of expansion, commercial and territorial in the Pacific, that no other result of the election could reasonably have been anticipated. To every state of the Pacific coast trade expansion in that ocean, fostered by the republican policy, means great and steadily increasing prosperity the beginnings of which are already enjoyed. Naturally, the coast will not vote against local prosperity.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The later returns from the Oregon election confirm the earlier in pointing to considerable republican gains over the vote of 1898. The two republican congressmen are elected by increased majorities in each of their districts. The state ticket appears to have nearly or quite as large a majority as two years ago. The democrats have apparently made gains in the legislature, which will elect a United States senator, but not enough to overcome the old republican majority. This means a republican gain of one United States senator. The converse was made in the issues of sound money and imperialism, and the administration policy is demonstrated to be strong with the people in that part of the country. The republican victory is all the more pronounced as the democratic and popocratic party were so strong in the campaign was also opened by Mr. Bryan in person, he having addressed several great meetings in the state during the month of March.

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Cleveland Leader: The result in Oregon ought to strengthen the hands of the conservative democrats in the Kansas City convention, for it shows that the only sane hope of the democratic party is in the east and south. But Bryan will be nominated and the Chicago platform will be endorsed.

New York Tribune: The sweeping gold standard expansion victory in Oregon is a great triumph for the Bryan managers. It does not promise well for the success of their favorite battle cry. It rather shows that the people over whom Bryan had great influence four years ago have lost faith in the nostrums of the Chicago platform.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "This was the query which the democrats were ready to put to the fellow countrymen on the day before the election in that state. Their organs all over the country were saying that Oregon was a doubtful state, and that it would be carried by the democrats in the election which has just taken place.

Cincinnati Commercial: The republicans of the Pacific slope have done well. It was to be expected that they would stand for the Philippine policy of the president, as the slope is directly interested in Pacific trade. But there were other questions of interest, notably the trusts, and the fight along this line was particularly bitter. But a victory, clean cut and unquestionable, is the result. Perhaps it can be said in the future of Oregon, that it was the state of Maine. "As Oregon goes the nation goes."

Washington Star: But while Oregon is a hearer for the republicans, the result there should not fill them with too great confidence for November. There is a battle ahead which promises to call for all the men they can muster, and all the union of effort they can produce. The material interests of Oregon, however, are not so much identified with the republican policy of expansion, commercial and territorial in the Pacific, that no other result of the election could reasonably have been anticipated. To every state of the Pacific coast trade expansion in that ocean, fostered by the republican policy, means great and steadily increasing prosperity the beginnings of which are already enjoyed. Naturally, the coast will not vote against local prosperity.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The later returns from the Oregon election confirm the earlier in pointing to considerable republican gains over the vote of 1898. The two republican congressmen are elected by increased majorities in each of their districts. The state ticket appears to have nearly or quite as large a majority as two years ago. The democrats have apparently made gains in the legislature, which will elect a United States senator, but not enough to overcome the old republican majority. This means a republican gain of one United States senator. The converse was made in the issues of sound money and imperialism, and the administration policy is demonstrated to be strong with the people in that part of the country. The republican victory is all the more pronounced as the democratic and popocratic party were so strong in the campaign was also opened by Mr. Bryan in person, he having addressed several great meetings in the state during the month of March.

Beatrice Democrat: The supreme court adds nothing to its dignity, nor the esteem in which it is held by the public, by the contempt proceedings it has commenced against Mr. Rosewater. It favors too much of soldierly command respect, and its Kearney Hub (rep.). Rosewater argued his own case in the contempt matter before the supreme court, and this of itself will probably be taken as a new cause for punishment for contempt of court. When a person has too much contempt for a court to employ a lawyer it is a clear case.

Aurora Sun (dem.): The publishers of The Bee were fined \$500 and costs by the supreme court for contempt, and Editor Rosewater is waiting for a dose also of the same medicine. But it does not seem to the Sun that the penalty was deserved. If the doings of the court are not subject to criticism the publishers were free and freedom are curtailed to the disadvantage of the interests of the commonwealth.

Walton New Era (rep.): We think the supreme court sinks below