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BELIEVES IN ORGANIZED LABOR. The declaration of President Roosevelt, "I believe emphatically in organized labor," was timely in view of the war that is being made upon trades unionism...

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. The circulation of the Bee during the month of August, 1902, was as follows: Total, 30,440; Paid, 28,730; Free, 1,710.

President Roosevelt himself is no fair weather soldier either. Nebraska's Grand Army of the Republic boys propose to keep the interest in their annual reunion up to the very end.

Chicago seems bound to keep top space on the crime calendar, even if necessary to have its murder mysteries manufactured to order. Attorney General Knox's visit to Paris ought to furnish food for several yellow journal stories before he sets sail on his return trip.

With the arrival and departure of so many successive installments of strike breakers, railway travel must be brisk in this direction. Acreage planted to corn in Nebraska for 1902 is given, official, at 6,435,683 acres.

"Maine goes republican," say the dispatches, but Maine has been going republican so regularly it doesn't create even a ripple on the political sea. If it is to be a race which is completed first—the isthmian canal or the Platte river power canal—don't place your bets until the start is made.

Every freeman who wants promotion has been notified by the Mercer-Baldwin reformers to get out with a petition and hustle for signatures. That is reform. When all those popercat headlights get together in Texas as the guests of ex-Governor Hogg those Texas oil gushers will have to lump themselves to furnish the lubricant.

Our Dave should know that in the business world, if he knew anything about business, the employe whose head gets swelled up with the notion that he is indispensable is ripe to be let out. Charles A. Towne insists he is out of politics, but that does not prevent him from accepting invitations to political picnics, in company with William J. Bryan, Tom L. Johnson and William J. Stone.

the Wilson law there were annual deficits, while in each of the last three years there has been a large surplus in the treasury. The repeal of the war taxes did away with revenue to the amount of over \$100,000,000 and yet the receipts of the government are more than sufficient to meet the greatly increased expenses of the government.

OF THE IOWA CAMPAIGN. The republican campaign in Iowa will be formally opened September 25 under circumstances demonstrating that the party, both in leadership and in the mass, starts out with a united front.

What kind of a fire department can we expect under the new Mercer-Baldwin reform board, that overrides recommendations of the chief and promotes officers on petition of outsiders? How long can efficient work be secured in the face of such demoralization?

It is getting obvious that in the military maneuvers on the coast both army and navy have been victorious. All military maneuvers prove as bloodless! Head-End Recklessness. The Pittsfield motorman should be punished for manslaughter. He evidently ran into the presidential carriage just to show that he had the "right-of-way."

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Consumption

Nearly all early cases can be cured. Expert physicians tell us they rely largely on three things—fresh air, good food, and Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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