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Presidents may come and presidents may go, but Ak-Sar-Ben goes on just the same.

It is not knoekers who hurt a city, but rather those who never boost except with hot air.

Homeseekers' excursions are now on. The homeseeker who locates in Nebraska will have no after occasion to regret it.

Board of trade speculators may send prices up or down, but they will all have to settle with the farmers before they deliver the goods.

Indications seem to point that the democrats are not able to convince themselves that it is safe to hoist the tariff as the paramount issue.

Colonel Bryan will be at large in Nebraska during the entire month of October, and no other state shows any disposition to come to Nebraska's rescue.

The latest is that there will be no meat packers' combine, but merely "an understanding" between the meat packers. The understanding, however, is expected to do the work just as well.

When there is news that is news The Bee is first in giving it to the public. That is why a Bee extra is convincing where those of other local papers are questioned unless the information is verified by The Bee.

The democratic candidate for governor of Michigan has been compelled to withdraw on account of the condition of his health. The republicans evidently are not to have a monopoly of the withdrawals this season.

The best balm for disappointment over the president's failure to visit Nebraska is to be had by taking in the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities, which will surely repay a trip to Omaha even without the president as the chief guest of honor.

Roumanians does not take kindly to Secretary Hay's note of protest against the persecution of the Roumanian Jews. Roumanians may yet have to go through a little of the experience from which Turkey and China have recently graduated.

Democratic papers that were criticizing the president for touring the country will now begin to criticize him for not carrying out his touring program. It is a cold day when the democratic papers cannot find something in the president's actions to find fault with.

When the walls of the court rooms in Omaha's new federal building are embellished with their \$8,000 tints and frescoes, it is to be presumed that the federal judges presiding in them will be able to issue far more artistic writs of injunction and mandamus than at present.

When discussing trust problems, remember that when the democrats were in control of the national government they never did anything to repress trade combinations, but, on the contrary, contented themselves with the republican Sherman anti-trust law as the best legislative restrictions to be devised to meet conditions then existing.

President Roosevelt insists that we must treat the tariff as a business proposition rather than from the standpoint of the temporary needs of any political party. The trouble is that each political party professes to be the only one that treats the tariff as a business proposition, but, taking the barometer of business prosperity as the gauge, the republican tariff policy has alone proved itself successful from the business standpoint.

AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING.

In no other country is the average standard of living of the working classes so high as in the United States. The great majority of American workmen and their families are better fed, better clothed and have more of the comforts of life than the wage workers of any other land.

The policies that have produced this must not be abandoned. In his speech at Loganport President Roosevelt urged the imperative need of preserving the American standard of living for the American workman.

Certainly all intelligent workmen will approve this, which states a guiding republican principle through all the years of our industrial development. For more than forty years the republican party has made the protection of American labor a cardinal feature of its policy.

There must be no lowering of the standard of living for the American workman, says President Roosevelt. Moreover, he must be secured the fullest opportunity of employment. Every body should concur in this, yet the democratic proposition to overthrow protection would take employment from labor and necessarily lower the standard of living.

The platform is explicit and unambiguous in its treatment of public questions. It heartily approves the national administration and pledges the earnest efforts of the party in the state for the election of President Roosevelt in 1904.

The republican convention was somewhat disturbed by the contest of candidates for lieutenant governor, but this was settled in a way that is probably satisfactory to all concerned and the party will enter upon the campaign united and in condition to make an aggressive fight.

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The republican administration, having been highly creditable and the democratic party in New York being disgraced, there appears no reason to doubt that the ticket placed in nomination yesterday at Saratoga will be elected by a decided majority.

The appeal of the Boer generals to the civilized world for contributions to ally distress and enable their people to restore their homes should receive a generous response. The provision for this purpose made by the British government being wholly inadequate and the effort to have it increased having failed, the Boer generals call upon all people who sympathize with the overwhelming misfortune of their countrymen to come to their assistance and avert the further suffering that threatens.

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STORIES OF STRATTON.

Persons who are fond of discovering the dramatic element in things have often pointed at W. S. Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire, as the most remarkable example of luck in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Probably the only sign of relief that the president will not come west will be raised by the police officers upon whom would devolve the duty of safeguarding the president and handling the crowds anxious to see him.

Many words of approval have been received by The Bee on its protest against confetti-throwing ruffianism in connection with the Ak-Sar-Ben street fair.

Apprehension is felt because a few public school buildings in this city have not yet been supplied with coal and may be caught unprepared for a sudden cold snap.

President Roosevelt is said to have received a large number of messages of condolence. These messages must have been misdirected. The messages of condolence should have been sent to the various communities that had to suffer cancellation of their engagements with the president.

Wise Men Versus Fools. Indianapolis News. E. Benjamin Andrews says that as trusts increase general conditions improve.

A Vain Search. General Groveson is looking for the man who can sell a steak for the same price when cattle are \$8 per hundred that was the real "after your" business.

Where the Oldest Inhabitant Shines. New York Tribune. The prevalent opinion in New York has been that the summer of 1902 was pretty nearly the coldest on record.

A Pair of Tickers. New York Mail and Express. Having written the new fire main service demonstrated that the system will be exceedingly effective in extinguishing fires in the congested business districts of the city.

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President's Safety First Consideration. Indianapolis News. The New York Times doubtless expresses the feeling of the thinking people throughout the country when it says that the death of President McKinley and the narrow escape of President Roosevelt have given rise to a certain nervousness.

Competition-Stifling Contracts. Philadelphia Record. A contract not to go into business again for a specified period of time may be enforced by a trust against persons bought out in order to acquire a monopoly.

Hittlersey is the Lost Cause. Philadelphia Inquirer. The increase in the number of students at all the principal universities scarcely bears out the theory that higher education is losing caste.

COLD CHEER FOR COAL CONSUMERS.

New York Commercial: If it lasts much longer the coal strike will have merged into a cold strike.

Philadelphia Press: With coal at the present high price warning up on campaign speeches ought to become popular.

Baltimore American: With coal in its present condition and the prospect ahead, what would not the fickle public, that never knows what it wants, now give for a promise of warm wares?

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DIRECT PRIMARIES IN MINNESOTA.

General Satisfaction with the Result of the Reform Movement. The new primary law of Minnesota was tested last Tuesday, when nominations were made for congress and judicial, legislative and county offices.

The primary is held not less than seven weeks before election day. All parties vote on this primary day, each party in a separate ballot box, the names of the primary being the regular election officers.

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