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COLOMBIAN BONDHOLDERS.

The foreign holders of Colombian bonds are manifesting some anxiety in regard to their investment and are naturally endeavoring to obtain some sort of assurance that the accession of Panama shall not be allowed to interfere with their claims.

Showing Their Hand.

The hostility of the through railroads to the proposed grain market at Omaha was to have been expected, but the motives behind their efforts to throttle the project in its incipency should be thoroughly understood.

Emulating the White Man.

Perhaps those forty Indians who got drunk in Omaha while there to testify in an illegal liquor selling case merely wanted to demonstrate.

More Trouble for the Court.

The grand jury at Jefferson City, Mo., has indicted 106 more bootleggers. The supreme court of the state will have to get busy if it maintains its record of keeping all convicted bootleggers out of the penitentiary.

The Surer Way

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, 1903. Published by The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily Morning Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of October, 1903, was as follows:

President Steikey has a reputation for being a stickler and not a quitter. He is hardly the kind of a man to be frightened by bluff. The water works appraisers seem to be in no particular rush about finishing up their work.

How the new republic will regard the suggestion that it shall become responsible for a part of Colombia's foreign debt it is impossible to say, but the probability is that it will not be unwilling to assume a reasonable portion of the obligations and very likely will be advised by our government to do so.

As a matter of good policy, however, and in order to avoid any annoying complication, it will undoubtedly be well for Panama to arrange for paying a part of the foreign debt of Colombia, the amount to be determined, as suggested, by arbitration in case the authorities of Colombia and Panama should be unable to reach a satisfactory understanding.

What ails the railroads? Some features of last year's business reflected in figures. Minneapolis Tribune. Poor's Manual of Railroads for 1902 has just been issued. Its accumulated statistics show a general decline in the general situation of railroad property.

The success of the railroads in securing writs of injunction from the federal courts to exempt their property from tax levies by Nebraska authorities on bridges across the Missouri river at various points on the state line is sure to encourage them to continue their efforts at tax-shirking by this method.

Is Tobacco a Necessity? Brooklyn Eagle. The United States circuit court of appeals at St. Paul has solemnly decided that tobacco is not a necessity of life and that a federal anti-trust law does not apply to tobacco dealers.

Meanwhile the railroads have been increasing their expenses, without corresponding increase in the value of their plants. Liabilities were \$14,021,573,000 against \$23,465,625,250 the year before. Their valuation with equipment was \$10,956,963,375, an increase of only about \$150,000,000.

Other Lands Than Ours. The repeal of the concordat between France and the Vatican may be a logical step following the recent legislation with regard to the "orders," but nations do not always take for logic.

The Russian Ministry of Public Instruction throughout the term of the present minister, M. Sarganov, has been distinguished by a certain tendency to relax the stringency of the regulations affecting the admission of Jews to educational institutions.

Political Drift. Richard Croker and Grover Cleveland are life honorary members of the New York Democratic club. Big Bill Devery certifies that he spent \$10,529 in his race for mayor of New York—an average of \$3 for every vote he received.

How Tammany Gets Its Pull. Foundation of Success Laid in Daily Lives of Voters. New York Sun. Tammany's victories at the polls are won before a nomination is made or a ballot cast. The foundation on which its success rests is laid in the daily lives of the voters.

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When our old friend Church Howe makes his next visit home from Antwerp we will expect to see him wearing wooden shoes with his hair cut à la Dutch. Someone must have reminded the World-Herald that it is in danger of overlooking the job of venting its spleen upon Senator Dietrich in its purpose of making democratic political capital.

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, Mr. Williams proposes to put the republicans on the defensive and to emphasize all of the dissensions in their ranks, "such as have been revealed in the dissatisfaction of the republicans of the northwest with some of the schedules and by the introduction of bills by New England senators and representatives for putting raw materials on the free list."

Enterprising bond brokers are advertising an issue of South Omaha bonds before the bids for the bonds have been secured by the city authorities. If they are secure customers in advance they will then undertake to acquire the bonds, whereas, if they see no chance for immediate unloading they will keep out of the competition.

Up to the present moment the critics of the Morgan system of financing have confined their strictures to the material side of the problem, that is, they have measured its perniciousness by the degree of pecuniary loss occasioned by its operation. Losses of the dollar-and-cents order are serious enough, but there are other phases of the problem far more threatening to the country.

In closing the first congress of non-social democratic workmen in Berlin the other day Herr Behrens, a Berlin representative, remarked: "We would indeed be unprofitable members of the state if we were to close our eyes to the symptoms of an obnoxious and malignant evil in our national life. It is the duty of a good citizen to speak whenever the necessity and the opportunity for speaking occur."

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It is reported that the grand vizier has handed in his resignation to the sultan because he is at odds with the palace clique, which seems to control affairs. Over in Turkey they evidently have paraphrased the old adage into "Resignation is the better part of valor."

Only three of the Nebraska congressional districts have a river frontage on the Missouri, but the entire congressional delegation is said to be a unit in favor of appropriations to protect the river banks against overflow. The congressmen from the eastern districts will be expected to reciprocate when irrigation legislation comes up that can affect only the semi-arid lands in the western part of the state.

The new Republic of Panama is turning a cold shoulder to the advances of adjacent departments of Colombia for permission to join the republic. The Panama government has not yet been inoculated with the policy of expansion. It evidently believes in letting well enough alone, at least for the present.

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