

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

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Colon is quiet. And Bogota is dazed. Manila, determined to be fashionable, has its own boodling cases.

Grand Rapids does not enjoy a monopoly of all the grafters and boodlers, by any means.

Nebraska's growth and prosperity is reflected by the increase in internal revenue collections.

The street corner advertising scheme has flashed in the pan, or rather it was snuffed out by public opinion.

The people of Grand Rapids, Mich., will require no evangelist to convert them in favor of municipal ownership.

The heirs of the late General Drake will take the position that he was merely joking when he made his will.

Two guerrilla bands are active in Buena Ventura. It requires only one more to get up a South American revolution.

The industrial trust promoters, who are now on a vacation, do not expect to resume active operations before the next presidential election.

Latest advices from Wall street indicate that money has been wanted in New York this fall no so much to move the crops as to move the stocks.

If Auditor Weston had kept out of the banking business, at least outside of his own state, he would not have been pinched by Wyoming sheep ticks.

There are several well-defined rumors afloat in South Omaha concerning recent deals between corporations and city officials that would justify a grand jury investigation.

State oil inspection pays. For the past six months the oil inspectors have collected enough to pay their salaries and turn in \$5,000 of a surplus into the state treasury, but alas, the consumer had to pay the freight.

Harmony is said to have been restored between the Great Western and its competitors in the matter of grain rates, but is that the kind of harmony Mr. Stickney warbled to the Omaha business men just before taking office?

Reduced to equations, the Union Pacific's live stock report for Nebraska shows two beavers, nearly two hogs, nearly a quarter of mutton and about three-quarters of a horse or mule for every man, woman and child in the state.

The Omaha Woman's club proposes to petition for the expulsion of Snoot of Utah from the United States senate, but what does the Woman's Club propose to do about Senator Platt? That case of cruel abandonment comes nearer home.

It is to be regretted that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow failed to transmit with his report a good photograph of himself. The pictures that have appeared simultaneously with the report in many of the big dailies do him great injustice.

Horatio S. Rubens tells the senate committee he could not accept General Wood's statement concerning anything the general is interested in. This is so nearly equivalent to calling a military man a liar that the result probably will be the same if ever they meet.

This is by no means the first time that several hundred dollars worth of postage stamps have mysteriously disappeared from the Omaha postoffice. Former Postmaster Casper E. Yost was a sufferer to the extent of \$800, if memory serves on correctly.

HIS STATUS DEFINED.

The special envoy from Colombia, General Reyes, has been informed in regard to his standing in relation to this government. He will be accorded attention only in the event of his proposing to arrange peace terms between Colombia and Panama.

There is nothing surprising in this attitude. We pointed out when General Reyes reached Washington that his mission would necessarily prove futile, that it was impossible for our government to consider any proposition involving the restoration of Panama to Colombia.

As was said by an official of the Department of State, the sole concern of this country is to maintain peace in Panama and there is no doubt that it will take whatever measures may be found necessary to do this.

Chairman Payne of the house ways and means committee pointed out in a recent speech that Canada's premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is responsible for the fact that nothing has been done looking to the reconvening of the joint high commission.

The chairman of the ways and means committee suggested that perhaps the Canadian officials have not recovered from the soreness caused by the boundary decision and expressed the opinion that "it is not a good time to negotiate reciprocity treaties when one side is feeling a good deal of soreness over a recent decision against them."

From every point of view the extension of the water works contract in South Omaha at this time must be regarded as a questionable measure and of doubtful validity.

The protest filed by the World-Herald with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners against granting licenses to applicants who have advertised their notices in The Evening Bee, under pretext that the Omaha Daily World-Herald has the largest circulation in Douglas county, is nothing more nor less than attempted blackmail.

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In the city advertising contest before the council the affidavit of its circulation manager did not claim within 40 per cent as large a carrier delivery circulation for the Evening World-Herald in Omaha as was proved up for the Evening Bee within the city of Omaha by its carriers and verified by its books.

And there never has been a day within the past twenty-five years that the Omaha Evening Bee did not have a larger bona fide circulation by several thousand than any other newspaper published in Omaha.

The attempt to browbeat and bulldoze the liquor dealers and druggists to patronize two or more papers and to hand over \$10 for advertising they do not need will not serve the requirements of the law, and make them under

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threats of protest is no better than would be a highwayman's threat to compel a wayfarer to give up his pocket-book at the muzzle of a revolver.

When this matter was before congress it was the general opinion that under the constitutional provision in regard to regulating commerce between the states and with foreign nations congress has the power to require such an investigation of corporations as the new bureau is authorized to make.

The extension of the contract with the Omaha Water company for supplying South Omaha with fire hydrants for the next ten years is sure to complicate the negotiations for the acquisition of the water works plant by the city of Omaha.

It is a matter of notoriety in South Omaha, as well as in Omaha, that the contract between Omaha and the water works company will expire absolutely in 1908, and consequently less than five years before the ten-year extension would terminate.

The American people will rejoice to know that King Menelik has extended a royal African welcome to American Consul Skinner on his arrival at Jibouti, Somaliland, and we feel sure that the Abyssinians both male and female will heartily join with Menelik in extending their warm hospitality to the bold American who is willing to entomb himself for a few years in that delightful country.

Who Are Genuine Democrats? Chicago Chronicle. If the genuine democrats of the country cannot have Grover Cleveland for a leader next year they should be careful to select somebody who will represent as strongly as possible the principles which have been and still are associated with his name.

Uncle Sam is about as inconstant as Byron's dog, and he means to be paying attention to the queen of the Pacific isles, later he kept steady company with the gem of the Antilles, and now he is shinning up to the dusky maid of the Caribbean.

Life in a New York City after one month's experience has lost its charm for Willie Robinson of Sandy Mush, Buncombe county, N. C.

With an occasional quitting party or husking bee, he is satisfied that as long as he lives he will be able to endure existence without again venturing into the snare and pitfalls set by wicked men for gullible youth in the great world that lies beyond Sandy Mush.

It had not been that he was compelled to appear in the court of general sessions against two men whom a month ago he had rated as his dearest friends, he would not have allowed himself even this delay.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. An appraisal of the estate of the late Collis P. Huntington, famous railroad magnate, has been made public in New York.

No illustration of the waste of human life in New York City during the last year 535 individuals have been killed in traffic accidents. How reckless we are as to human lives is shown by the comparative figures for London.

The attention of an early morning crowd on Columbus avenue today was attracted by a large tomcat perched on a girder of the elevated road directly underfoot.

What excited the crowd was the narrow escape the animal had every time he tried to climb up to the track. Time and again he was rebuffed by his head up and duck just as a train roared over him.

William R. Hearst, owner of the American and Journal, has secured the block bounded by Broadway, Eighth avenue, West 11th and West 12th streets.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral advertisement. Includes text: "I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for eight years. There is nothing equal to it for coughs and colds, especially for children." and "One dose of this standard cough medicine at bedtime prevents night coughs of children."

PERSONAL NOTES.

W. S. Gilbert, the famous librettist of comic opera, has just passed his 57th birthday but still insists that he is young and in his prime.

Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, who was confirmed by the senate a few days ago, will reach the retiring age on January 2 next.

Reed Knox, who has been acting as confidential clerk for his father, the United States attorney general, has resigned from the Department of Justice and will devote his time to the Knott farm in Valley Forge.

The date selected for the next annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Boston, is the week beginning Monday, August 15.

Seven members of the present house of representatives served as soldiers in the war with Spain. They are: Charles Dick, Nineteenth Ohio district; Florida A. Wiley, Second Alabama; Butler Ames, Fifth Massachusetts; August P. Gardner, Sixth Massachusetts; William Hughes, Sixth New Jersey; Francis B. Harrison, Thirteenth New York; and Wyatt Aiken, Third South Carolina.

The young king of Italy is supposed to owe not a little of his physical activity and hardihood to Colonel Osio, a grim old soldier to whom he was turned over at the age of 12.

"Think of a woman with her social responsibilities, having a child in her hands, and saying, 'Disgraceful!' " "That's the strange part. She is almost like a mother to it.—Town Topics.

"An' how's yer husband the day?" asked Mrs. Rafferty of Mrs. Muldoon. "Sure, an' he's no better," replied Mrs. Muldoon. "The doctor says he's no better, but he'll be in bed in a week."—Detroit Free Press.

"Don't you believe, then, that 'public office is a public trust'?" "Of course, it's very like a trust. Some fellows seem to have a regular monopoly of it."—Chicago Tribune.

"Elect me president of the United States," said the prohibition candidate, "and I will guarantee that my secretary of the treasury shall see that the money market never gets tight."—Brooklyn Life.

He followed Lee and Jackson As brave as brass could be; Left one leg in Virginia, One arm in Tennessee.

He was a private in the ranks— No history tells his story; Stacked arms at last on Jordan's banks, And went to heaven for glory.

UNCLE HENRY'S OPTIMISM. S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. I don't pretend to say that things are all right, but I believe they are. There's a few folks that have angels' wings, there's a good deal of sin and woe; The man's a fool that shies his eyes and says there's nothing wrong— It ain't the good that gets the prize, unless he's big and strong; This here old world ain't heaven yet, it's full of wrongs today; But I've the faith to think we'll git 'em straightened out some way.

Waltham Watches advertisement. Includes text: "Correct in performance. 'The Perfected American Watch,' an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request." and "American Watch Company, Waltham, Mass."