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PLAYING FOR WALL STREET. It is quite possible that Judge Parker of New York will be the democratic candidate for president. Recent expressions of southern senators and representatives show that his nomination would be satisfactory to the democracy of that section.

ownership of these concerns is separate and so is the management, consequently no direct, or even indirect, profit sharing, such as is presumed to be fundamental with a trust. If it shall be established by the proposed inquiry that there is a mutual compact in the nature of a trust, it will devolve upon the government to break up the combine and enforce the anti-trust law, so far as it can be done under existing conditions.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. What are the Balkans? They are probably the most varied conglomeration of warring and jangling races, creeds and tongues to be found in the same area of territory on earth.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss. George H. Rosewater, Secretary of the Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, deposes that the actual number of full and complete copies of the Daily, Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the month of February, 1904, was as follows:

So far as our home market is concerned the business of the American corporation will of course not be affected by the merging of the German steel companies, but undoubtedly its tendency will be to cause more competition between German and American steel in neutral markets.

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Reading the reported evidence, will have difficulty in determining whether Smith or Smoot is on trial.

With so many "Civic Federations" on the boards in Omaha, there is liable to be a confusion of names and several cases of mistaken identity.

Reports from Vladivostok are to the effect that there are no signs of spring there. It will warm up quickly enough, however, if the Japs once get within gunshot.

Secretary Shaw is getting ready with the cash to pay Uncle Sam's newly contracted canal obligations. He is not figuring on any one concerned refusing the money when it is offered to him.

The most unsightly thing about Omaha is its forest of telegraph and telephone poles. Is it not high time that these wires should go underground, at least on the principal business thoroughfares?

No sensation can be made out of the discovery that the franking privilege of members of congress is abused. The franking privilege is no big graft, but there seems to be no way of heading it off.

It's a trifle early for prairie fires, but the fire fund who has been so busy in our big cities seems disposed to play no favorites and to grant immunity to the farmers as against the merchants and manufacturers.

Wallbridge of Missouri gets the first delegates to the Chicago convention instructed for vice president. The first Nebraska delegates will be chosen March 17, when the Nebraska candidate will have his first inning.

South Omaha democrats are planning an aggressive campaign under the leadership of the major domo of the county jail, who has proven himself invincible in drilling and maneuvering men behind the bars and is just as efficient in handling men in front of the bars.

As long as the United States observes strictly the obligations of neutrality it has assumed in the war between Russia and Japan the question of popular sympathy among our people should not worry the press of either of the belligerent countries.

The annual fight for the Indian supply depot at Omaha is to be fought over in the present session of congress, but it is a serious question whether the Indian supply depot is worth fighting for, unless discrimination against Omaha and in favor of Chicago and St. Louis as Indian supply distribution centers is stopped.

Major Chittenden, the army engineer in charge of the Missouri river improvement, is to deliver an address in Omaha before the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on "The Fur Trade and Its Importance in the Development of the Louisiana Purchase."

There is, moreover, no actual proof at hand that there is such a thing as a Beef trust under the definition of the Sherman act. All we know is that half a dozen concerns operating packing house plants in various cities maintain a community of interest understanding by which the market is controlled.

Building Inspector Withnell has been given permission by the court to amend his petition asking that the council committee charged with the conduct of the investigation into the methods pursued by the majority of the Board of Public Works in preparing paving specifications be restrained from compelling him to answer questions within closed doors.

DEALING WITH THE BEEF COMBINE. Representative Martin of South Dakota has asked the house to direct Secretary Cortelyou to investigate the alleged meatpackers' combine and its effect upon prices of cattle and meat products. It is to be hoped Mr. Martin's efforts will be seconded and carried out.

Farmers and ranchmen west of the Missouri river complain that there is no competition in the cattle markets because the packers have combined to keep down the price of cattle on the hoof. On the other hand, the consumers complain that in spite of the decline in price of live stock the price of beef is about what it was three years ago.

It begins to look as if the successor to "Our Dave" in congress were trying to imitate the tactics of that defunct statesman. It will be remembered that the item in which Omaha was supposed to be most interested was always left out of the appropriation bill so that at the critical moment the valiant congressman from this district might project himself into the breach in the most spectacular manner and have it restored out of purely personal regard for him by his associates.

Japan's Control of War News One of the Wonders of the Day. Chicago Record-Herald. The success with which Japan has prevented news of its military and naval movements from reaching the outside world, and even in great part reaching its own citizens, may truly be called one of the wonders of the war.

South African gold fields have nearly recovered from the Boer war. The maximum production of the Witwatersrand were \$75,000,000 in round figures in each of the years 1898 and 1899. In October of the latter year the war broke out, and but for that the production of the year would have run well over that of 1898.

Panicky Feeling in Men. New York Sun. When the Ironquoy theater was burned with a loss of 500 lives, it was explained that most of the deaths were due to the senseless panic that seized the women and children in the audience, causing them to lose their heads and crush one another at the exits and on the stairways.

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contract should be forced upon the receipt of a pass by a railroad company. Compensatory few people ride on passes as a matter of charity. These favors are extended in most cases, we suppose, in consideration of services rendered or expected.

Jeff Davis of Arkansas thinks the democratic nomination for vice president is just his size. There's nothing the matter with Jeff's neck.

Bourke Cockran declares that the democratic can win with Cleveland as their candidate. It would be unkind to print what he said about Mr. Cleveland on another occasion.

Although it was stated at the time that Mr. Bryan did not talk politics during his call upon Mayor McClellan, later reports show that the New York official inquired as to the time when navigation opens on Salt Creek.

One candidate for state office in Texas has taken a solemn pledge that he will not, if elected, appoint any of his kinsfolk to office, nor levy contributions from his clerks in order to defray the expenses of his second campaign.

Congressman Klutts of North Carolina, who refused to stand for an assured reelection, comes from the same district in which, in 1815, a United States senator-elect refused to serve because he "did not propose to ride to Washington in the mud."

The first convention held in the country to choose delegates to the national democratic convention was held at Warren, O., and resulted in a victory for the adherents of William R. Hearst. His opponents were thrown bodily out of the hall and chose a contesting delegation.

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