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Cotton Trade in the Far East.

The United States a few years ago exerted quite an effort to build up its cotton trade with China and Japan.

It may be that our cotton producers and manufacturers do not feel the need of cultivating the oriental trade.

But the United States could and should vastly increase its cotton production and it should cultivate trade with both Japan and China more than it has done.

We need the political influence that would go with commercial supremacy in the east.

Still another thing has developed, and that is that the big water users at South Omaha believe they can save money.

The consistency of inconsistency is again beautifully exemplified by the appointment by the speaker of an investigating committee to look into the alleged lawless conduct of Omaha elections.

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not tolerate the interference of European nations.

President Taft, himself, goes so far as to declare that it is not only our right, but our duty to fortify the canal and to the universal peace advocates he offers the suggestion, that desirable as is the culmination of their plans and purposes, it is yet a long way off.

Worse, and More of It. The report of the committee of the Water board on its activities in connection with the proposed South Omaha franchise for a separate water plant to supply stock yards and packing houses only illustrates anew the helplessness, and almost hopeless, muddle in which Omaha taxpayers have been involved by our brilliant Water board.

After fighting to dismember the water plant by cutting off the pipe systems that supplied South Omaha and other suburbs, the board has been forced to realize that these adjuncts are assets which could not be sacrificed except at great loss.

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every time it has discussed the subject. Welcome to our bandwagon.

Bradstreet's Trade Review says business tends to drag "except in supplies for agricultural interests." Well, Nebraska and its immediately surrounding states constitute the heart of the country's agriculture.

Perhaps it is not impertinent to remind the pulpit orators who make up the Omaha Ministerial association that there is no Sunday base ball in the winter time.

How Not to Be Cheated. Collier's Weekly. New Jersey, agitated over short weights, is eager that the legislature pass an effective law. Ohio is suffering from apathy in the enforcement of a somewhat defective law which was passed last winter.

Members of the Committee Hoped for Job of Revision. New York Sun. The country will be interested in the fourteen democratic representatives selected by the caucus in Washington on Thursday night to frame the tariff bills that will be introduced in the Sixty-second congress.

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Insurgent Moves

Comment of the Press on Plans and Principles of the Progressive Republican League.

Not Alarming. Baltimore American (rep.). The republican party welcomes any agitation for light and when light is secured it will walk in it.

Orthodox Insurgency. Chicago Record-Herald (ind.). Most of the planks are "orthodox" insurgencies, and even moderate men have embraced them.

Meeting of the Progressive League. Boston Herald (ind.). The republicans will have to nominate Mr. Taft in spite of this mechanism in insurgent states for pointing to somebody else; but he may go far between now and next year's election date toward meeting the progressive view, if indeed he is not already doing that in his anti-trust activities.

Peril in Self-Seeking. Indianapolis News (ind.). One thing we think is clear, and that is that if there is the suspicion that the new leaders are struggling merely for office and power the cause of the progressives will be weakened.

All in the Label. New York Tribune (rep.). It seems to be the intention of the organizers of the "Progressive Republican League" to differentiate themselves from the common run of progressive republicans.

In Division Probable. Washington Herald (ind.). Although the league has the name of the republican organization coupled with the republican platform, the program of principles does not suggest the republican party.

Merit System and Pile Counters. Philadelphia Ledger. Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, who in the next house will be the lone republican in his state delegation, in reporting a bill for the apportionment of representatives, suggests the propriety of introducing all the employees of the house in the classified service with protection against removal for political reasons.

Send in Your Name. Brooklyn Eagle. The Rockefeller Institute estimates that 2,000,000 Americans have the hookworm disease. Every one of the remaining 5,000,000 Americans has something of equal importance to him.

Went Too Far from Home. Chicago Record-Herald. An American who tried to force the officers of the Bank of England to open the vaults and let him help himself to the money stored in them has been declared to be insane.

The Bee's Letter Box

Comments on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Hundred Words Are Invited from Our Readers.

Compass' Contempt Case. OMAHA, Jan. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: One unfamiliar with the facts, and reading only the published dispatches from Washington, may gain the impression that the proceedings in the supreme court of the United States against Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison involve only the question of boycott.

The feeling that express charges in general are too high, and the profits of the business are too excessive finds support in statements regarding the capital of express companies, the cost of conducting their business, the relations of mutual profit between them and the railroads that do their hauling, and the dividends paid upon their stock, regular and extra.

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THROUGH RATES FOR EXPRESS.

Proposed Reductions Affect Minor Part of Schedules. New York Journal of Commerce. Little has been done to regulate the charges of express companies under the amendment of the interstate commerce law which includes them among common carriers subject to its provisions, but an effect of what may be done is seen in the voluntary arrangement which the companies are making for through rates where the same matter is handled by more than one company between points of shipment and destination.

This will result in considerable lowering of rates in some cases, chiefly for the live stock in another, for between the principal points joint rates are already in effect. The concession is not a very liberal one. It leaves existing local rates and joint rates untouched, merely making joint rates where heretofore the through charges have been equal to the combined local rates of two or more companies.

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