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THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION.

One week from today the second Cleveland administration will expire. The period covered by it will be memorable as one of extraordinary financial distress and business depression in the United States.

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The outgoing administration will receive merited credit for its uncompromising stand against all efforts or propositions for the abatement of the tariff. We think its attitude regarding the legal tender notes a mistake, but none the less it is to be commended for its consistent course in opposition to the free silver heresy.

Mr. Cleveland has not been able to prevent the disintegration of his party. He could not save it from the populist alliance and the consequent renunciation of its traditional principles. Therefore history may say of him that in a supreme emergency he failed as a political leader.

The alleged murder of Ricardo Ruiz, an American citizen, in a Cuban prison, is understood to be receiving due consideration by our government. Ruiz was accused and doubtless correctly of being in sympathy with the insurgents.

The acquisition of the water works by purchase at this time is conceded to be impracticable. It is purely a business matter that should be settled on business principles.

Bills can be constitutionally introduced into the legislature after the forty day limit has expired by the special recommendation of the governor. It is seldom that this extraordinary power is appealed to because for all ordinary purposes the forty day period is ample for the inauguration of all necessary or desirable legislative measures.

Having endured for years the discomforts of the permanent structure which has served as a union depot it is believed that the traveling public can get along for a little while with a temporary edifice which will soon give way to a building worthy of the dignity of Omaha.

Investigating the trusts and their methods of doing business is one thing and suppressing them or changing their system of operation is another thing. Almost any one clothed with the necessary powers can investigate, but it takes something more to devise legislation that will put a stop to the abuses that are uncovered.

the Spanish authorities. We are bound, perhaps, to make some concessions to Spanish judicial methods. We cannot properly presume to demand that these should be made to conform to our view of what they should be.

Reports are current that the Spanish government has received assurances that the next administration will do nothing inimical to the interests of Spain in Cuba. We do not give any credence to these reports, though undoubtedly it is the intention of the president-elect to maintain peaceful relations with Spain.

There are two things on which these two pastors agree. One is that the present police department is the model of efficiency. The other is that exposures of police rottenness and incompetency made by The Bee should have no weight with the people.

There is one thing, however, on which there is a slight divergence between these clerical police reformers. Rev. Staples says that the police judge should have the credit of the most splendid showing of criminal convictions ever made while Rev. Murray insists the credit belongs exclusively to the police commissioner and that with a police judge a still better record would have been made.

The executive committee, or rather a part of the executive committee of the Commercial club, has passed resolutions in the name of that body protesting against the extension of the franchise of the water works company.

The negotiations now pending contemplate a royalty from the water company of not less than \$1,000 per annum, the remission of a claim of \$11,000 for water furnished to the city hall and jail, free water for the city and jail, free water for the city and jail, free water for the city and jail.

The natural results have followed the recent contracts for 1,000,000 tons of steel rails, which is within 100,000 tons of the total amount of steel rails produced in the United States.

Whatever is being done in this direction does not, as yet, make much show in the list of actual weekly sales. It is chiefly preparatory for the future, but even this sets more wheels in motion and employs more labor. The monetary situation continues favorable for an expansion of trade.

One of our contemporaries refers to it as "the indecent pressure for place." Well, what can be expected when the places have been reduced to a mere nominal number by the extension of the civil service classified list and the number of applicants looking for jobs is, if anything, increased?

In the event of an Indian uprising in Nevada, if Corbett and Fitzsimmons could only be induced to move conjointly against the aborigines with all the weapons which nature has provided them, the hostiles would undoubtedly be blown away like chaff.

A theft of \$23,000 from the public treasury deserves unrelenting prosecution under the law, but how about the sequestration of more than twenty

times that amount? It would seem as if a little transaction of that kind called for something more than a "preliminary" investigation.

If an official bond is to be provided the treasurer at the state's expense why should not the official bonds of all other public officers be paid for out of the taxpayers' money?

When such an important matter as the proposed settlement with the water works company is brought before the Commercial club three or four members of the executive committee should not take it upon themselves to pass resolutions on the subject and send them out as the expression of the 500 members of the club.

The attempt of interested parties to commit the incoming administration to a policy of jingoism by distorting the utterances of Senator Sherman is so weak as to be ludicrous. Even General Alger is to be secretary of peace rather than of war.

Think of the infant steel rails of Pennsylvania throwing down the burly rail industry of Old England! Britannia may rule the waves, but Columbia rules the rails, even in Britain.

The English war of attrition that in the recent South African troubles "every Kamf killed cost \$26." The Kamf is probably the most expensive game ever hunted by civilized nations or its own amusement.

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MISSOURI AND THE EXPOSITION.

Liberal Provision for a State Display Urged on the Legislature. The visit to St. Louis of the committee of Omaha citizens in behalf of the Transmississippi and International Exposition is a timely reminder of the importance of taking energetic steps to secure adequate representation at the exposition for St. Louis and Missouri.

It was at the Omaha meeting of the Transmississippi Commercial congress that the idea of holding a great exposition of the products, industries and civilization of the states west of the Mississippi river was started. A resolution endorsing the project was passed by William H. Bryan, who was presiding over the congress, and was adopted with enthusiastic unanimity.

Great credit is due the citizens of Omaha for the liberal and enterprising spirit which has marked their efforts to meet the heavy labor and expense which has been placed upon them in preparing for the fair event.

St. Louis is the metropolis of Missouri and the center of the region to be represented at the exposition. It is a city of 200,000 people, and its wealth and importance are not surpassed by any other transmississippi city in the United States.

It is to be hoped that the Missouri general assembly will deal liberally in making provision for the exhibition of the state of both St. Louis and the rest of the state will go vigorously to work to secure representation that will be worthy of the importance of the exhibition.

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ally, and his knowledge of affairs and his proved executive ability in the highest school of business life fit him well for the duties of the position.

Globe-Democrat: Governor Bushnell's promise to appoint Marcus A. Hanna to succeed Sherman in the senate, and to serve until his successor is appointed by the legislature, settles the Ohio factional feud for the present at least, in a satisfactory way.

Chicago Post: We congratulate Governor Bushnell on his wisdom in subordinating personal and factional interests to the general good of his party and the county.

Cincinnati Tribune: Now Om Paul Kruger wants \$3,000,000 because England didn't keep off the grass in the Transvaal.

Milwaukee Sentinel: The Iowa are a less sturdy people than has been supposed. They are not so sturdy as they are intellectually, and "morally" by a band of unsuccessful freebooters.

Minneapolis Tribune: Om Paul Kruger will desire to all the reputation of McKinley he has attained so far if he succeeds in getting cash damages out of John Bull for the Transvaal raid.

New York Tribune: When it comes to a question of honor, the Iowa are not so sturdy as they are intellectually, and "morally" by a band of unsuccessful freebooters.

Chicago Times-Herald: McKinley, Mead and McKenna—the "Maces" who have always taken an active part in politics at the polls—evidently are coming into their own at Washington.

Minneapolis Tribune: The cabinet could have been better distributed geographically had it been laid out by a surveyor, taking republican states into account.

New York Sun: There was a look of depression on the face of Marshall P. Wilder as he rode down Broadway yesterday.

Chicago Post: Oh, what ails you for politics, or who con-trols the state? Oh, what ails you for Cretan wars or Cuba's fearful fate?

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The new Canadian census shows the surprising fact that seventeen in every thousand of the Canadian population were born in the United States.

General "Jas" Shelby left a most interesting collection of relics of the confederate of his prized possessions was a daguerotype of three boys—Shelby himself, Frank Blair and B. Graiz Brown.

Washington Star: "He is very nice," said the young woman. "And he bears an uncanny resemblance to my father."

Chicago Post: "The 'leading heavy' was out of a job and he was discussing the weather and other things of absorbing interest with the 'light comedy'.

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Benny's girl.

A LONG LOOK AHEAD

It takes a steady hand and a clear eye to see into the future with any certainty with the spy-glass of experience. It isn't always easy to know just what may be wanted. That is why we have been talking in our advertisements of things we ought to have sold long ago.

It is getting pretty late to sell winter goods now, so if there is anything in your present offerings that you want you may be sure of getting it at rather less than anywhere else, and—more than that—of getting something better.

Our Hat Man is ready for you with all the spring brims.

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