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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bee to accommodate every passenger.

How many patriots now serving the city in an official capacity will be candidates for re-election?

The pressure of office-seekers, which was sufficiently grievous at Canton,

The list of Nebraska aspirants to consular appointments is large, but it would have been greatly augmented if Nebraska had gone republican last fall.

If the Initiative and referendum were in vogue in Nebraska there might be danger that the people would conclude to dispense with the services of the legislature altogether.

If the garbage monopolists will neither remove the refuse themselves nor allow others to do it, it is not high time to set aside that alleged contract and let some one have the work who is willing to perform it?

It is hoped that the overtures made by King Ak-Sar-Ben to the state officials may result in a better understanding all around and in substantial benefits to both the state of Nebraska and the Kingdom of Quivera.

Now for a Chicago syndicate that will bid in Madison Square Garden at the public sale for which it is advertised, and remove it from Greater New York to the modest World's fair city on the shores of Michigan lake.

The recent commissioners are paid so much per day. It is idle therefore to expect them to indulge in any undue haste to get through with the job on which they are engaged.

What would become of our amiable contemporary if that bill should be made a law prohibiting under penalty of imprisonment the printing of any picture of the American flag with any device or lettering attached to it?

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COMMERCIAL RETALIATION.

It is suggested that the final enactment of the new tariff bill may put a severe strain upon our commercial relations with some of the great European powers, particularly with Germany, and it is understood to be the intention to make provision in the new bill for active retaliation upon the countries that discriminate against American pork and cattle.

The fact has been clearly established that the course of Germany and other European nations in excluding American meats has no justification in the charge that those meats are unwholesome. Our government has repeatedly requested evidence in support of this charge, but none has ever been supplied.

It is a duty which a conscientious executive will not avoid. In regard to allowing officials to remain in office during the term for which they were appointed, if they have properly performed their duties, it is in accord with the principles of civil service reform.

Deploable as a general European war would be in the destruction of human life it would entail and in the demoralization that would ensue, it would undoubtedly benefit the United States. The quick result of such a war to this country would be to make it the market of the world.

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EXPOSITION ENDORSEMENTS.

Tacoma (Wash.) Union: During the past quarter of a century the idea of large public gatherings in one place for the purpose of personally examining the products of an extensive area of territory has grown in favor and importance. No method has been devised by which reliable and conclusive information can be obtained equal to that of the exposition plan.

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WARM WEATHER SET IN WITH A DOWNPOUR OF RAIN.

The Mobile Register punctures the story of one McDowell, an American who recently claimed to have his dignity outraged in Cuba because he denounced the Spaniards for destroying his sugar plantation.

Miss Daisy Barbee, a lawyer of St. Louis, was the counsel for the defense in a criminal case the other day and got her client off. She is a pretty woman and addressed the jury in a soft voice.

Adams Freeman: Doses of whisky are said to be good for fever and acute, but Moore—No. A. A. to whom I owe \$50 has just recovered from the typhoid fever.

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Yonkers Statesman: "How did you happen to become such a pronounced vegetarian?" asked the oldest member of the club. "All my subscribers paid that way," replied the county editor.

Cleveland Leader: Bradley—What's the matter? Had the grip? You look sick. "Well, I know it. Strange, too, when you come to think of it. Surely, there can be nothing in the way!"

Indianapolis Journal: She surveyed her lord and master as he sat at the table, a stupor of intoxication. She wrung her hands. "Oh, how can he drink so?" she wailed. "How can he?" she continued. "Especially when I don't allow him more than a couple of ounces of his salary for spending money!"

THE DESERTED VILLAGE. "What town is this?" quoth the tourist. "What town is this?" quoth he. "What town is this?" quoth he.

He rubbed his head, did the tourist bold. "Blest!" he said to the conductress, "if 'tisn't new to me!"

OUR AMATEUR THEATRICALS. San Francisco Argonaut. We did our best to make the cast. Resident with fair faces; The tenor's blond mustache stuck fast; And black beards choked the basses; The actresses were pretty maid; Quite partial to carousals; The program varied with varied shadals; The audience with dresses.

The prompter played the leading part. "And pouted the piano; "Twas he who won the prince's heart. Instead of the soprano. Duke Harold somehow lost his head And bled with his mother. Thus stabled the servant maid instead of murdering her mother!

The bridal feast was laid in skies, The alto ordered a chowder; The stage directors burned the flies, And blue and yellow powder. The audience escaped dismayed, Exceedingly distressed; "Twas wondrously successful!

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