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

Now let the clerks to the recount commission draw their per diems and go home.

If you want Frank Ransom for city attorney and acting mayor, vote for Howell.

It's a poor campaign when some rascal doesn't try to ride into office on the Rosewater issue.

Guatemala is said also to be enjoying the excitement of an election. We are glad that there are others.

That recount seems to have been a conspicuous case of the mountain in labor bringing forth a mouse.

Of course there is no politics about it. But if it will help to elect the gamblers' friend, why so much the better.

By all means turn a searchlight on the offices in the city hall. A searchlight, however, is not a political dark lantern.

If the constitutional amendment to enlarge the supreme court failed to carry, it may be put down as certain that none of the other amendments were adopted.

If it is the truth the fusionist legislators and executive officers wanted to get at by the recount, they ought to be satisfied with the findings, whether the truth is what they expected or not.

At high flood the mouth of the Mississippi is said to be expanded to a width of twenty-five miles. We suppose it would be safe to refer to this performance as stretching the facial orifice from ear to ear.

There is one consolation to be drawn from the ending of the recount proceedings that will be shared by all alike. The epistolary interchange which sought its pretext in the recount has no further excuse for continuance.

It was to be expected that ex-confederate Captain Covell would head a movement against Colonel Frank E. Moores. Moores and his associates caused him and his fellow rebels a good deal of trouble a generation ago.

The municipal election in St. Louis was just as important to that city and to the country as the municipal election in any other place. And St. Louis elected a republican mayor and practically the whole republican city ticket.

Ransel Ransom originated in the disloyal state of Missouri. His brother-in-law, Confederate Covell, actually served in arms against the government of the United States. Their hostility to union soldiers needs no other explanation.

It is strange but undoubtedly true that in spite of the presence of William J. Bryan in Washington and the excitement which his Omaha organ attributes to that cause, a large amount of public and private business is being daily transacted.

When the senate gets through with those general appropriation bills the house will require an X-ray machine to locate the places where it expected to effect material reductions and economies in the administration of state institutions.

Now it is reported that the remnant of the Meade tribe is in danger of starvation. A quarter of a century ago, when the Canby massacre was still fresh in the mind of the people, starving would have been considered too easy a death for these bloodthirsty assassins.

THE HOWELL-RANSOM GAMBLING BILL.

Attention is invited to the full stenographic report of the recent senate investigation into the Howell-Ransom gambling bill scandal, of which the first installment appears in this issue of The Bee and which will be continued for several days.

The testimony brought out by this investigation fully sustains the charges made by The Bee that the bill was railroaded through the senate by the influence of howells.

When the investigation was called for its opponents in the senate asserted that the investigation was a partisan political conspiracy. That assertion is absolutely disproved by the facts developed before the committee.

The report of the sessions of the committee shows that Senator Ransom was injected into the investigation for the purpose of breaking it up and turning it into a farce and protecting the parties who had a hand in the promotion of the measure, and that he exerted himself to that end on every occasion.

The testimony proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that a large sum of money was raised by Omaha and South Omaha gamblers as a corruption fund with which to procure the repeal of the anti-gambling laws. It proves that under promise of a big fee Louis J. Platt, clerk to Senator Howell's committee, took the bill out of the hands of the boss gambler himself and carried it to Senator Howell, who had the bill introduced by another senator.

No satisfactory explanation was produced by any witness to show how and why this vicious bill was advanced in preference to important and meritorious measures by the judiciary committee, of which Ransom is a member, and by the sitting committee, with which Howell wields a large influence.

The evidence shows that the gambling bill was jumped out of the box when Ransom was in the chair and without going through the committee of the whole, and its passage hampered through by the most arbitrary rulings. It will show that Howell and Ransom both knew just what the nature of the bill was and what its effect would be and that they gave it their votes and influence with full knowledge.

It is an unfortunate as well as an unusual situation, but the republicans are undoubtedly pursuing a discreet course in not forcing matters. That the new senators should show displeasure at the manifest injustice of being deprived of committee privileges is easily understood, but they can endure this for a time rather than have any action taken which might still further complicate the situation.

The republicans of South Omaha are to be congratulated upon their magnificent victory in the city election. The success of the republican candidates is all the more remarkable from the fact that South Omaha is generally regarded as a safely democratic city and that most of them received more votes than of all their opponents combined.

Notwithstanding the appointment of their sitting committees, the two houses of the legislature persist in doing their own sitting for the most part. A fortune awaits the man who invents a patent self-acting automatic bill sifter that is warranted to give satisfaction even to the most notorious kicker.

stood to be on excellent terms with the Sultan and to exert as much influence with him as any American representative has ever done. Yet Mr. Terrell has been unable to induce the Turkish government to do anything more than listen to his representations.

Attempts to make a nationally important free silver victory out of young Mr. Harless's election in Chicago, appears just a trifling delusion in view of the undoubtedly fact that the successful candidate's name was the result of a pretty stiff and hard battle.

Low can Governor Holcomb, after what he has said on the subject in his message, consistently sign any of his proposed bills providing for a straight party ballot? The general form of the Australian ballot in Nebraska is satisfactory to the great mass of the voters and there is no audible call for its change.

So the emperor of Austria declines to accept the proffered resignations of his cabinet ministers. Public officials, however, should not on this account fall into the bad habit of tendering their resignations in hopes of receiving a refusal. They might sometimes be disappointed.

Applications for positions as judges and clerks of election should be carefully scrutinized by the appointing power and appointments should be cautiously confined. The need of honest and competent men in these places was never greater than now.

If Captain Holfenstein Covell's strategy during the late civil war was of so high an order as that which he has recently displayed in feathering his own political nest, he ought to have attained the rank at least of a major general in the confederate service.

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Extending its Influence. The Mississippi river continues to want the earth. According to reports it had overrun 7,000 square miles that aren't included in its regular sphere of influence.

We see it reported that General James H. Wilson of Wilmington, Del., whose command captured Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, and who was equal to General Sherman as a successful cavalry officer, is slated for minister to Russia.

Important Office Seekers. It is said that the gangs of office hunters at Washington are determined to deprive President McKinley of the benefits which he would derive from the services of the man who will not accept his absence from Washington as a hint to abstain themselves.

Boer and Briton. Chicago Chronicle: President Kruger of the Transvaal republic has punished his secretary by a severe reprimand in which he has named Queen Victoria, but Om Paul, is himself on record as having recently spoken of her as "een kwajle vrouwe."

Minnesota Journal: Great Britain is holding against the payment of the indemnity of nearly \$4,000,000 demanded by President Kruger of the Transvaal republic for damages inflicted by the Jameson raid in December. He would rather pay a war bill of \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 than pay a farthing to the Boers.

Chicago Tribune: The Niger Chartered company is a commercial concern, which with government aid, is maintaining a liquor monopoly in Africa, incidentally acquiring an empire from the negroes. It makes drunkards. It has seized the kingdom of Senegal, and it has a vast empire in the West.

A LIFE AT STAKE. Globe-Democrat: The senate's resolution that the execution of the captured Cuban General Rivera by the Spaniards would be a violation of the rules of civilized warfare is a resolution of civilized people in all lands.

Quite the Contrary. Indianapolis Journal: Long legislative sessions do not always do good. The legislature of Pennsylvania has been in session nearly three months and passed only four laws, none of them important.

A Good Man for Russia. We see it reported that General James H. Wilson of Wilmington, Del., whose command captured Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, and who was equal to General Sherman as a successful cavalry officer, is slated for minister to Russia.

How to Suppress the Foreign Product. A payment of about \$100,000,000 annually to foreign countries for a product adapted to our own soil and climate is plainly an industrial error.

American Beet Sugar. Beet sugar has become of such importance to the farmers, manufacturers and merchants of Germany and France that the people of those countries are engaged in a sort of protective duel over the first place in its exportation for which both countries pay a bounty.

Iowa Press Comment. Sioux City Journal: The cry for food from India reached Iowa some time ago, but it will not be many days before the cry for food from the south is heard.

Des Moines Leader: In Webster county Seward Knudson lost week sold his 329-acre farm for \$12,500, or \$38 per acre.

Bliss on Forest Reserves. Secretary of the Interior Gives Voice to His Opinions. Points Out How Adopting the Commission's Suggestions Would Delay Needed Relief Unnecessarily Long.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Some additional light is thrown on the attitude of the administration on the forestry reservation question by the stenographic report of the conference of the National Forestry commission with Secretary Bliss Monday.

Of course it is impossible that these reservations go on as they are now. They work a hardship on the people. The people must get timber and develop on the oil as well as the new claims.

More Reserved Than Needed. "Certainly," he went on, "there has been much talk about reserving more land than is really essential to forestry."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. The ship has appeared in southern Illinois. Evidently the natives are not stuck on a food as a means of internal irrigation.

OPPOSITION TO POOLING BILL. Senators Chandler and Chilton Block Its Way at Present. WASHINGTON, April 7.—The senate committee on interstate commerce met today for the purpose, if possible, of mapping out a policy in regard to railroad legislation during the present congress.

DRIVING OUT AMERICAN GOODS. WASHINGTON, April 7.—United States Consul Tenny at Beirut reports to the state department that the Italian canned tomatoes are supplanting the American tomatoes largely used there.

DAILY TREASURY STATEMENT. WASHINGTON, April 7.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$224,933,090; gold reserve, \$152,484,551.

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