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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bee to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

PARTIES LEAVING FOR THE SUMMER. Parties leaving the city for the summer can have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee business office in person or by mail.

It was fusion last year. It will be confusion this year. A balloon line to the Alaska gold fields might prove a more paying undertaking than a balloon voyage to the north pole.

The new tariff is here to stay at least four years and that time ought to be enough to prove its worth by experience.

The lesson of history is that the republican era is invariably constructive and the democratic era uniformly destructive.

Texas is just about to grapple with the problem of irrigation. Nebraska has been in the irrigation business for several years past.

Mr. Veiser has taken the initiative to force the reduction of telephone tolls, and the State Board of Transportation is to be the referendum.

Nebraska was never in better condition to exhibit its marvelous productive-ness than this year. The coming state fair will be a revelation.

No true civil service reformer is finding fault with President McKinley's new orders with respect to dismissals within the classified lists.

The English girls who are complaining that American heiresses are buying both the English men and the English land might get even by organizing for retaliation upon the American eligibles.

Judge Gregory is level-headed enough to know a hawk from a hand-saw. If the gang imagines it can stampele him to a dark horse by an offer of green goods they will find themselves woefully mistaken.

For the information of the general public it may be stated that the request for more troops to guard the Yellowstone park is not called out by any rush of speculators to watch William J. Bryan during his sojourn there.

If any one wants to assist Tax Commissioner Sackett in making the new assessment he should apply without delay. There will be only twenty assessors places to be filled, and at least 2,000 persons believe themselves competent to fill them.

From the standpoint of public morals it is not a bad sign when reputable and responsible citizens fight shy of going on ball bonds for rascals who have betrayed the public confidence by embezzling funds placed in their custody as public officials.

Chairman Dahmann has secured half rates for the delegates to the democratic, populist and silverite state conventions. But there is nothing to prevent the retinue of state house pie-eaters from traveling to and from the conventions on their annual passes.

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REASON AND EXPERIENCE.

There are two tests which may be applied to all theories—the test of reason and the test of experience. The theories advanced during the presidential campaign by the advocates of free and unlimited silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 when subjected to these tests have proved erroneous.

The assumption that the opening of the American mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver would create a demand large enough to overcome the divergence between the mint ratio and the market ratio of the two metals is as fallacious as would be the assumption that the free milling of all the grain in the United States would raise the price of wheat to \$2 a bushel. It is contrary to common sense and sound reason to assume that the owners of gold would accept sixteen ounces of coined silver for one ounce of coined gold so long as an uncoined ounce of gold is exchangeable for thirty-two to thirty-six ounces of silver bullion.

The prediction that silver would rise in the markets of the world to the ratio of 16 to 1 within a very short time after the United States had opened its mints to free coinage is equally visionary and baseless. It is contradicted by the stubborn fact that the market price of silver declined more than 40 per cent within 200 years after the discovery of America when, during all that period, the nations of Europe were all on a silver basis and coinage free in all the countries.

The theory advanced by the free coinage advocates which drew millions of recruits to their ranks was that the prices of all products of the farm and workshop were governed by the price of silver. In other words, they asserted that the decline of prices of farm products and manufactured articles was due entirely to the fall in the price of silver, brought about by silver demonetization.

The most absurd theory of all, that the money power is conspiring to make money dear by making gold scarce, has also received a decisive setback. There never was a time in the history of the world when gold was being mined in greater quantities than now, and never in the history of the world has money been cheaper in the money centers both as relates to volume and interest rates.

One of the representatives of Brazil at the recent Commercial congress, Captain Da Graea, called on President McKinley just before the departure of the latter from Washington.

President McKinley expressed a strong desire to promote commerce between this country and Brazil and assured Captain Da Graea that everything that could be consistently done by executive action would have his sympathy and co-operation. He also assured the Brazilian representative that the several executive officers of this government would assist him in his efforts to promote the movement in which the people of both American continents are so much interested and from the establishment of which they would be so largely benefited.

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IT IS SUPPORTING MARTIN WHITE TODAY.

It is supporting Martin White today because of the duties he has made in the fearless discharge of his duty while he was chief. Those enemies are notoriously the enemies of good government, men who tried and failed to get protection for their lawless passions.

A COMPLICATED PROVISION. The provision in the new tariff law which requires that wearing apparel exceeding \$100 in value and bought outside the United States shall be subject to duty when imported by returning travelers, is likely to prove somewhat troublesome.

After circulating the slanderous stories that all the holdups, burglaries and other crimes perpetrated in Omaha within the past few months were put up by Martin White in order to create a demand for his services as private detective and chief of police, it is not in the least surprising to find the same crowd of crooks and their newspaper fence denouncing White as an imbecile without any police experience and the laughing stock of the Omaha police force while he was in charge of it.

The proposed change of public school text books which is being pressed by book agents may be a long felt want, but it is a want whose fulfillment can and should be deferred until there are funds at the disposal of the school board for that purpose.

Acting Chief of Detectives Hemming warns us in his horrible doggerel against the pawnbroker who has been insulting him by asking him to return the field glass loaned by him to Hemming nearly a year ago.

THE POLICE IN POLITICS. The statement that "White cannot be used by any one for political work" will not be readily believed by those who remember that The Bee does not give active support to anyone who cannot be used by The Bee for political work.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things for the newspaper that unloved Reporter Hemming upon the police pay roll to cast stars at the pawnbroker who loaned the great chief a field glass to view the Indian country and which up to date he has forgotten to return.

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In these hot days, when everybody is compelled to contribute to the local trust, it might be pertinent to ask the question why its operations are permitted by the law officers who are charged with enforcing the new anti-trust law.

We are still anxiously waiting for the names of the Omaha taxpayers with first class executive ability whom the World-Herald considers qualified to act as chief of police. Don't be backward. Name the men.

Must Be Reckoned with. Japan's protest against the annexation of Hawaii is, at all events, calculated to impress the people of that country with their own sense of importance as a factor in modern international affairs.

The Output of Gold. The average annual output of gold during the California era was \$122,000,000. Last year it reached \$110,000,000, compared with \$188,849,000 in 1893.

For Postal Savings Banks. Now is the time to get in on this movement which is about to sweep the country. Every one can help and share in the triumph of accomplishing a genuine reform.

The Trust and Prices. The solemn truth is that no trust on the American continent ever reduced, except perhaps, for stock jobbing or other selfish and temporary purposes, the price of its product. It is now predicted by conservative judges that an annual output of \$300,000,000 may be reached within another year.

FARMERS FEELING PROSPERITY.

Freemont Democrat: There is a heavy demand for empty freight cars throughout this fair state of ours and with their return eastward will come the products of Nebraska's rich soil Nebraska is standing up for herself.

Nebraska Tribune: Nebraska real estate is beginning to change hands. It will go with a rush within six months. When it produces \$20 to the acre in wheat it is pretty good stuff.

Hastings Tribune: The farmers in Adams county have given up taking politics and are busy reaping a rich harvest. They know now that Bryan and free silver served what they wanted, but large crops and good prices. The calmly howlers are a thing of the past.

Norfolk Journal: Nebraska farmers are paying off their mortgages. The man who denies it denies that the farmer has some sense to learn a lesson from experience. And what Nebraska farmers will borrow money less lavishly in the future than they have in the past, while eastern farmers will continue to borrow money as freely as ever.

A Chicago police inspector volunteers the information that "draw poker is not growing so rapidly as it used to be in this city, but that's another matter." The city council of Detroit is a unique institution. It employs electric fans to agitate the atmosphere in the council chamber.

According to a St. Petersburg paper, Dr. Nansen has just organized in Russia a company for exploiting the iron and nickel deposits which he discovered on his latest expedition. It will be observed, if the news is closely followed, that no contradiction follows the reports from the gold fields of Alaska.

Again comes melancholy news of death and devastation on the borders of Swat. There is a hot war on. The Akhund of Swat is dead, but his spirit "goes marching on." William Allen Butler, the chief promoter of the great transcontinental railway scheme, in which three big trunk lines figure, is the man who in anti-trunk lines figure.

General Lafayette McLaws, who died the other day in Savannah, Ga., had occupied since the war a unique place among the officers of the confederacy. He was probably the first man of prominence who wore the stars which were honored with a federal officer's rank after the war.

Among the law students in the summer session at the University of Maryland, a full-blooded Eskimo from Alaska. He has the typical features and build, but is good looking. Mr. Marsden was early converted to Christianity and graduated in the State industrial school. He served as a stevedore on the north Pacific for three years.

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NO PRESENT DEMAND FOR NEW SCHOOL BOOKS IN OMAHA.

The Omaha school board is bound to change books. If a wholesale system is not put in new geographies and new histories must be substituted. The old ones are pretty good, but we all know that new brooms sweep clean and why not try the new ones? It will not cost the board of directors a cent unless the books are changed by means of about \$12,000.

The American book concern has been heard from and it is unanimously the opinion that the books should be changed. It has reasons for its opinion. An opinion which is not a perfect one. The reason the American Book Concern is in favor of a change is that the profits on school books are larger than on any other class of merchandise sold in the country.

So far as known to science these are the only people who want to change books this year. The taxpayers who have the way of things are, to a man, opposed to any change this year. The teachers are not given to opinions very much, for you can never tell what kind of a scrap an opinion will get one into, but as the teachers incline to the belief that as the teachers' wages are so low and the schools really need other things, it would be just as well to let the school board have their way.

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At the beginning of the present year the supreme council of the society raised the amount of Mr. Pullen's monthly payment \$4.52 instead of \$2.62. To this he objected, and asked the court for a restraining order on the league, on the ground that his certificate was a contract, which could only be changed in its terms by mutual consent.

Judge Tuley holds that there is no contract such as is claimed. When a person joins an organization of this kind he is not desirous of public notice, and he is not to govern transactions between man and man. He enters into a benevolent and co-operative undertaking, becomes a part of the organization itself, and is pledged to promote its interests as well as his own.

While he lives he must pay such assessments as are made on him in order to adequately support the expenses of the society and the payment of benefits to the families of deceased members. When he dies similar assessments will be made to pay benefits to his heirs or representatives.

Therefore, when a greater rate of assessment is made than that he had heretofore paid, he must pay it, unless it is unreasonable and inequitable. As in the present case the increased assessments seemed just there was no ground for leasing the injunction prayed for.

We believe Judge Tuley's decision to be sound law and that it will be upheld by the supreme court.

CHAPTER ONE OF MCKINLEY. Review of Five Months' Work of the Administration. (New York Sun (clm.))

The period between the inauguration of President McKinley and his departure from Washington for a vacation affords the most fertile field of hard work, constitutes chapter 1 of the administration's history. This is a distinct period for trial and achievement, and it is worth while to see what the record is.

Between the time when Major McKinley took hold and the time when he left temporarily for rest, those things, among others, have happened: 1. The tariff question has been removed from politics. The pledge of the party which nominated McKinley that it would give the country a squarely settled tariff, a settlement of the question, and thus give the country rest, has been honestly redeemed.

2. The administration during these five months has organized for four years. The president has met and sustained the tremendous strain consequent upon the legitimate competition for offices. He has named most of the principal appointments in a manner generally satisfactory to citizens of all parties, and who have not especially about this he has preserved harmonious relations with the members of his party in both houses of congress, and has given the country a sense of security.

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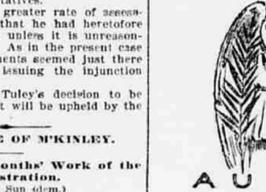
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