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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 11th day of December, 1897.

THE BEE ON TRAINS.

All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bees to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

As soon as Bryan got out of the country silver went up to 58 cents an ounce.

Since the rails even the locomotives on the Union Pacific system have become hushers.

Yester must be given the credit that attaches to persistency, even if some of his reform efforts are misdirected.

The increased Nebraska school appropriation is the most clinching denial the populist state officials could want in their assertions that prosperity is nowhere in sight.

The west and the south are calling for currency to be used in business. The United States treasury sent \$300,000 to St. Louis and \$100,000 to New Orleans the other day.

Next year there will be twenty-seven female county superintendents of schools in Colorado and twenty-nine males, a loss of one for the men and a gain of one for the women.

The more the populists reflect upon the consequences of fusion the more convinced they become that the democrats are the principal gainers by it, and at the expense of the populist party.

Omaha must have greater hotel facilities before the exposition opens. The man who puts his money in a good hotel in this city right now will have no trouble in getting a good return on his investment.

The school board may perhaps be justified in counting on increased revenues for the coming year, but that will never justify the waste of one dollar of the school funds in extravagant or needless expenditure.

The local Bunco organ has been caught in the meshes of its own contradictory circulation statements. The Bunco organ has been living on money extracted from patrons by false pretenses and it naturally "hollers" when its game is exposed.

Last year Canada purchased \$40,000,000 worth of produce from the United States in excess of the amount we bought of Canada. That was before Canadians got their dander up about Kipling's new poem on "Our Lady of the Snows."

An Iowa newspaper dependent on advertising for support, contending that Iowa should not spend any money for advertising at the Transmississippi Exposition because "advertising doesn't pay," is a spectacle to bring tears to the eyes of the oldest advertising solicitor.

All of next year's Klondike tourists will want to stop off at Omaha and see the exposition on the way to the coast and all of the returning fortune hunters will pause at the gateway on the way home. The Pacific coast newspapers say that there will be millions of them.

The conflict as to whether the successor to Judge Sullivan on the district bench is to be a populist, a democrat, or a free silver republican, is merely a repetition of the squabble that is inevitable every time the fusionists have spoils of office to distribute.

The Nebraska State university has already signified its intention to lend all possible assistance to the proposed Transmississippi Educational convention at Omaha during the exposition. Every college and university west of the Mississippi ought to take action in the same direction.

The Ohio Federation of Labor wants congress to exclude "foreign labor" for ten years. This, too, with immigration societies and agents and land bureaus engaged in fierce competition to secure money to occupy the millions of acres of unused land in the south and west and bring forth wealth and prosperity.

THE SUPREME COURT VACANCY.

It is not probable that the president will give any serious consideration to the protest which has been made by a number of judges and lawyers in Oregon and California against the proposed appointment of Attorney General McKenna to the vacancy on the bench of the United States supreme court made by the retirement of Justice Field.

The fact is that Judge McKenna made a good record on the federal bench and this was well known to President McKinley when he selected him for attorney general. The president has had abundant opportunity, during the nine months in which he has been officially associated with Judge McKenna, to ascertain his fitness for an associate justice of the supreme court and the fact that he has determined to nominate him for that position will be very generally accepted as ample assurance of Judge McKenna's qualifications.

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THE HAWAIIAN PROTEST.

The petition signed by over 21,000 native Hawaiians, protesting against annexation, which was laid before the United States senate on Thursday by Senator Hoar, ought to remove all doubt that a majority of those people are opposed to the scheme of handing over their country to the United States.

We shall be very much surprised if this petition does not produce a decided effect upon congress and upon public sentiment. It conclusively shows what would be the result if the Hawaiian people were given an opportunity to freely vote on the question of annexation. We confidently believe that in that case it would be demonstrated that they are practically unanimous against the scheme of the political adventurers who are in control in Hawaii.

THE PENSION QUESTION.

The secretary of the interior estimated that there will be needed for pensions in the next fiscal year \$141,218,830 and the sub-committee of the house committee on appropriations has agreed upon this amount, which varies but little from that of the current fiscal year. It is said that those who are familiar with the operations of the pension office and the large additions constantly being made to the pension roll are confident that the sum named will fall several millions short of meeting the requirements. A considerable deficit in the pension account for the current fiscal year is expected and it is believed that for the year ending June 30, 1899, the aggregate required to pay the pension list will approximate, if it does not exceed, \$150,000,000.

According to the Fakery the attorneys for ex-Mayor Broatch declare that the decision of the supreme court has made easy work for the establishment of Broatch's claim to get back into an office to which another man was elected and for which he did not receive a single vote. Mr. Broatch's lawyers are very easily satisfied. They have been on easy terms ever since they started this remarkable contest, but Mr. Broatch is unlikely to occupy the mayor's chair again unless he does so as a visitor.

During the season of 1897 there was shored in the state of Montana 22,109,921 pounds of wool, which was marketed at a price averaging 4 cents a pound higher than that received for the clip of the previous season. This is enough to make the Montana people feel sheepish for the part they took in trying to elect a man to the presidency who while in congress tried his best to ruin the wool industry of the United States.

The decision of the supreme court that the clerk of the district court cannot lawfully pay over unclaimed witness fees to the county treasurer knocks the bottom out of the whole contention that Frank E. Moore is in debt to the county thousands of dollars, when as a matter of fact there is a large balance due him from the county.

ground for the allegations of wholesale fraud. Unquestionable there have been many fraudulent claims allowed and it is doubtless true that there are persons on the pension lists who ought to be dropped from them, but the thorough investigation prosecuted by the last administration, with no friendly concern for the pensioners, failed to establish the charge of extensive frauds. Still we believe that there should be legislation designed to prevent an increase in the pension account, if not to reduce it. The recommendations of the commissioner of pensions in this direction have been widely approved and a bill embodying them has been introduced in the house. Generous treatment of those who merit pensions is a duty, but in the present condition of the national treasury there can be no justification for increasing the pension account.

REDUCED TO A QUESTION OF FACT.

The popocratic lawyers and the popocratic organ that have been using ex-Mayor William J. Broatch as a club for baying the republican party may regard it as a great political stroke to proclaim the decision of the supreme court in the Broatch-Moore case to be a knockout for Mayor Moore, but anyone who will read the vital parts of the opinion will see that the contention made for Broatch is practically snuffed out. The court holds in so many words that the contest for the majority is narrowed down to a question of fact whether or not Frank E. Moore has willfully and deliberately, with corrupt intent, withheld money collected by him as custodian of public funds while clerk of the district court.

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SOME VIEWS ON THE MESSAGE.

Chicago Record: President McKinley will be surprised on looking over the expressions of opinion at home and abroad to find how many different kinds of things he meant by that message.

New York Press: It is in no spirit of partisan laudation or rhetorical generality that we speak. This is a marvelous state paper, inasmuch as without sacrifice of principle it furnishes a common standing ground for all of the 7,100,000 McKinley voters of November, 1896.

Buffalo Express: The newspapers of this country without number regard with astonishment the president's message. Americans who wish to read the old-fashioned democratic style of comments upon it can find them, however, in the London papers. The memories of Clevelandism are still fondly cherished over there.

Indianapolis Journal: The business and financial sense of the country seems to be that the president's plan of currency reform is a step in the right direction, and, while a large majority of the classes named would prefer to see the greenbacks permanently retired, they are disposed to accept the president's plan as besting that consternation.

New York Tribune: If some London newspapers were betrayed into unfair comments on the president's message by the meagreness of the summary which reached them, they have reason to regret that they did not make adequate arrangements to obtain what they required. If they had sufficient material for such a common standing ground, they would be ashamed of the prejudice which inspired their criticisms.

New York Sun: If we were required to put into four lines the administration's advice, as gathered from President McKinley's annual message to congress, on the most important questions of foreign and domestic policy now occupying the mind of the public, we should state it in this fashion: "Wait and see what Spain is going to do about Cuba. Wait and see how the Dingley tariff is going to turn out by and by." Mr. McKinley is a prudent statesman and he crosses no bridges that he can avoid crossing by continuing to walk along the hither bank.

MIRTH IN RHYME.

Washington Star: He gazed upon the front-bound way; "I can't get past, I fear," He murmured, "Said it is to say, 'Gold cuts no ice up here.'"

Detroit Journal: Good fish are plenty in the sea, And girls who understand them, Don't mean, you know, to bait their hook With real estate, or liquor, or them.

Chicago Record: The president writes messages His intentions to proclaim; Santa Claus sends no word at all, But he gets the just the same.

Washington Star: Now many a student will expand From cares of grammar free, And gaze upon their friends grand And say "U. S. spells me."

Detroit Free Press: Ah, sing those dear old songs again— The sweet, pathetic things, We only vote them dreadful when Some cracked old singer sings.

Indianapolis Journal: Too well he compassed what he ought, And saw his fondest hopes grow dim; He flattered her until she thought, That she was far too good for him.

Detroit Journal: Dear boy! He didn't break the ice, For it was not to be— No matter how much her heart unless That she was far too good for him.

COMING EVENTS.

Somerville Journal: The Christmas season now is here, The time of sweet good will; When you must get each friend a gift And also pay the bill.

For Christmas time is here, You must get shopping, just the same, The man who doesn't buy a gift For every one he knows, No matter what he owes, He ought to buy his boy a wheel, His man and his girl a fiddle, And tell his creditors to wait, For Christmas time is here.

No matter, then, how poor you are, You must make Christmas gifts, The soul above all worldly thoughts, The duty of giving lives, No matter if your creditors In bankrupt lists appear, Go give their money to your friends, For Christmas time is here.

Christmas Gifts of the right sort

There is some satisfaction in being able to depend upon some one these rushing, hurrying Christmas buying times—We mention Overcoats for men—Reefers for boys—What nicer present—Not costly either—Not worth twice our asking price but worth every cent we ask—Good reliable goods can't be sold for less—

Men's Overcoats in all the fabrics at \$10 and up.....

Boy's Reefers, gray Shetland Chinchillas, high storm collars, ulster pockets, fancy plaid linings, ages 6 to 15, price.....\$3.50

Boy's Reefers, all wool navy blue chinchilla or freize, storm collars, fancy plaid linings, ages 6 to 15 price.....\$5.00

Boy's Ulsters, gray and brown Shetland and black Irish Frieze, extra long, fancy plaid linings, ages 14 to 18, price.....\$6.00

Christmas Gifts of Real Worth

Miss Olla Cook of Council Bluffs will give a free exhibition of ceramics in our store this afternoon and this evening.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER. The Royal is the highest grade baking powder. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.

Advertisement for BROWNING KING & CO., Reliable Clothiers. 9, W. Cor. 15th and Douglas St