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Parties Leaving for the Summer: Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee business office, in person or by mail.

Nebraska corn is now in a position to laugh at dry weather. Rains at this season of the year are rains of inestimable value to the farmers.

The state house machine is for General Barry and Judge Neville may as well give his toes an airing. Kansas is figuring on a corn crop in excess of 300,000,000 bushels.

The South Omaha council is not as inquisitive about that \$3,000 pot as it was two weeks ago. Some of their constituents very naturally wonder what influence could have been exerted to produce such indifference.

The only hope of the democrats to get up a judicial ticket lies in persuading cheap lawyers to accept nominations for the free advertising there is in it. But that is not the kind of lawyer the people want on the bench.

That democratic party relief fund still consists of about sixteen promises of futures to one cash subscription. This is one part of the faith where the sacred rattle must seem out of place to the hungry political machinists.

The Ak-Sar-Ben parades and festivities have come to constitute a feature of Omaha's hospitality to visitors from far and near. Liberal support of the Ak-Sar-Ben management will be one of the best paying investments Omaha merchants can make.

The selection of the approved list of text books for use in the public schools is scheduled for the meeting of the school board tonight, when we will probably have another opportunity to see the extent of the influence wielded by the American book trust.

There must be no republican snap convention this year. The rank and file of the party should be given ample notice of the time and place, when and where the primaries are to be held, and a fair opportunity for a free and untrammelled choice of delegates.

With the return of the volunteers from Manila the country is just finding out that the privates in the ranks ought to have been in command and the commanders ought to have been in the ranks. At least that is what the yellow journals are trying to make the privates say.

It may afford the taxpayers of Omaha some satisfaction to be assured that no bond proposition will be submitted to them at the November election. They have become so used to having bond propositions handed to them by the election officers that they will miss them very much this fall.

We are gratified to be able to announce in advance of the impending convention of the silver republicans of the judicial district that the candidates to be nominated by that body will be able to file an affidavit with the county clerk that they have not spent one penny to procure their endorsements.

Now that the Board of Education has settled all questions in dispute with the building trades it is to be hoped that the building trades will see their interest in supporting the school board in its effort to provide enlarged school building facilities for the boys and girls that will attend the High school during the coming year.

CUBAN DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

There is no question that a majority of the natives of Cuba most earnestly desire independence and we believe it to be equally certain that a very large majority of the American people are in sympathy with that aspiration.

Those who advocate annexation are animated entirely by commercial considerations. If the relations continue as they now exist, says an American organ of this element, the Cubans will receive from us very liberal treatment in regard to tariff and other matters that they could scarcely expect if they should remove themselves from our tutelage.

Admit that annexation would probably hasten the restoration of Cuba industrially and commercially, still this is not a sufficient reason why the desire of the native Cubans for independence, as earnestly and eloquently voiced by some of their leaders, should not be respected by this government and prompt steps be taken to allow of its realization.

There is no doubt that insidious efforts are being made to foster annexation sentiment both in Cuba and in this country. There is good reason to believe that agencies are at work in behalf of annexation which are more or less effective.

At the presiding elders' council of the African Methodist Episcopal church of Alabama and Georgia, now in session in Birmingham, Ala., Bishop Turner has introduced a resolution which was adopted calling upon congress for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to be used in transporting the negroes out of this country.

There is doubtless a good deal of truth in this declaration, but the question is, Where are the negroes to go and can they be made to stay in another country? One hundred million dollars is not a bagatelle and congress is not likely to divert such an enormous amount from the treasury for a doubtful experiment.

Moreover, no authority or power exists under our form of government to compel any class of American citizens to emigrate to foreign countries or to make them settle in any particular state. The whole scheme of deportation is therefore visionary and impracticable.

Commercial clubs have become important factors in promoting the upbuilding of cities through the extension of trade and stimulation of industry. Every American city of any consequence enjoys the benefits of commercial clubs and chambers of commerce, whose active membership usually includes every merchant and manufacturer of standing.

Commercial clubs have in the past been more or less of a factor in promoting the growth of this city, but it could have been a much more potential promoter of our commercial progress had it been organized on the same broad lines that have made the Kansas City Commercial club a power and enabled it to wield an influence that forced concessions from railroads, express and telegraph companies which Omaha has utterly failed to get.

The cause for its impotency is very easily traced. In the first place there has been too much expansion in membership into the professional class, which, barring the press, sits no ice in dealing with commercial problems or removing obstacles in the pathway of jobbers and manufacturers.

agencies and corporations from which concessions are demanded in the interest of Omaha in opposition to commercial rivals. Instead of being in position to command fair treatment the club has been made subservient to the very powers that have made Omaha a foot ball in the deals of traffic associations.

In order to make itself felt in the irrefragable conflict for supremacy which this city must wage the Commercial club must place itself in position to enforce its demands and carry out whatever plans it may have for building up Omaha's commerce and industry.

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land in the sixteenth century. The property the Mercer heirs are trying to secure is valued at \$200,000,000 and consists of a portion of New York City facing on Broadway, land in New Jersey and Scotland. Here is a pointer to the Mercers in Omaha who may be descendants of Gideon and come in for a million or two, if—

There is altogether too much gas consumed by local railway officials in wild speculations over the probable, possible or impossible effect of the Illinois Central negotiations with the Union Pacific and the future relations of the Vanderbilt lines to the great overland route. The problems involved are not likely to be affected by anything that is said or unsaid in Omaha.

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FAVORITES FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

Tobias Gastie: There seems to be a growing sentiment over the state that Robert Ryan of Lincoln is the man that ought to be the nominee of the republicans for supreme judge. Judge Rice declines to become a candidate and it therefore leaves the field open for some one else.

Bradshaw Republican: There may be just as good men, do doubt there are, in the republicans for the supreme bench as Judge Sedgwick, but we know of no one who is better qualified for the position in our state with a higher sense of honor and dignity than the judge.

O'Neill Frontiers: Among the names we hear spoken of as being likely to be presented to the republican state convention for the office of judge of the supreme court is that of Judge Charles T. Dickinson of Tekamah.

Red Cloud Argus: Speaking of a republican candidate for supreme judge, there is another man and a judge who could not be elected—Hon. W. W. Keyser of Omaha. He has served two years on the district bench of the Fourth judicial district with credit to himself and honor to the state.

Kearney Hub: Leading members of the bar throughout Nebraska have received the suggestion of the nomination of Hon. E. C. Calkins for supreme judge with the utmost satisfaction.

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Has No Desire for Martyrdom. Philadelphia Record: Even George Fred Williams, whose political course needs no proof, admitted, Maine, Kansas and Iowa prove its impracticability.

Death-Dealing Combination. Buffalo Express: A combination of a boy architect, a youthful contractor and builder, green walls and an overloaded floor is said to have proved too much for a tenement house in process of erection in New York, and it collapsed, severely injuring three Italian workmen.

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LET THE BOOKS BE PRODUCED.

How the Bankruptcy Law Can Be Made to Work Satisfactorily. New York Times.

Nearly all the criticism of the new bankruptcy law is directed to its failure to secure accountability for fraudulent or dishonest acts on the part of debtors.

In the recent discussion before the Commercial Law League, one point of this character was brought out by Mr. Hugo Kanzer of New York. He suggested an amendment by which the books of an applicant for release under the law could be called for by the court in order that the court could refuse a discharge unless the assets of the insolvent are satisfactorily accounted for.

The dictate of justice and of the law alike is that all debts shall be paid. If the law steps in to relieve a man from that primary obligation, it must see to it that there is some other way of making good.

A sound bankrupt law should be as much a boon to the creditor as it is to the debtor.

FOR ARTIFICIAL REFRIGERATION.

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Aided by climatic conditions the ice man has long enjoyed what the small boy would call a cinch in this northwestern country. The lakes are his field, the north wind ripens his harvest and his only care is the gathering and storing of the crop.

Now comes the man with the ice machine and says that he can compete with the ice man. The consumer has nothing to do but to buy the machine and make ice just a few cents cheaper than combine prices, even in the boreal enemy's country.

Artificial refrigeration is employed extensively in this city now, but science should be employed even more actively with nature and the ice factory in this city would be a boon to the consumer and a bonanza to the proprietors.

KLONDIKE A RUINOUS INVESTMENT.

Small Returns for the Sacrifices of the Fortune Hunters.

All of the gold that has come out of the Klondike, or ever will come, and all of the happiness and comfort that it has brought to the fortunate few who secured it, is insignificant bagatelle compared with the agony, death and lifelong suffering it has caused directly for thousands and indirectly for ten of thousands.

William F. Coston, who designed the army transport flag now in use on all government transports, and who, in June last, received a patent for the design, has assigned the patent to the War department for the nominal sum of \$1.

Colonel Albert A. Pope, the millionaire bicycle manufacturer, first saw a bicyclist in Philadelphia at the Centennial Exposition of 1876. He was fascinated by the machine and spent several days in studying its mechanism and unconsciously laying the foundations of his great fortune.

Nicholas Le Brun, who has just died in St. Louis, composed the "Lincoln Dead March," which was played by a chorus of 100 voices under his direction at Lincoln's funeral. He was born in France in 1819 and received his musical education there. He came to the United States in 1842.

Neither Oregon nor Washington has produced as much gold in a single year as has come out of the Klondike, but if the same number of men as have started for the Klondike had been at prospecting for gold in either of the two states there are strong probabilities that the results of their labors would have been fully equal to the achievements that have marked their work in the north, and there would have been no such appalling death roll and dull the glitter of the gold.

Since then over 3,000 more men have been added to the ranks of the Klondike prospectors. A reasonable estimate as to the amount of money spent by each man for equipment, stores, fare and other expenses would be about \$600, and accordingly this season's victims have already contributed

\$7,000,000 to the craze, or an amount considerably in excess of the added figures of receipts of gold dust this season.

Last season upwards of \$15,000,000 was spent by the 25,000 to 30,000 people who rushed into the gold fields and the total output was less than half of \$15,000,000. The Klondike has added slightly to the wealth of the world, but its contribution to the misery and suffering of mankind causes this wealth to pale into insignificance in comparison.

BYRANITES IN QUEST OF FUNDS.

Money for Next Year's Campaign Not Coming in Very Rapidly.

Some solicitude is manifesting itself in Bryan circles as to the necessary funds to carry on the presidential campaign next year. If Bryan should be renominated it is feared that greater financial difficulties would be experienced than in 1896, when it was necessary to resort to every expedient to make ends meet.

In this situation approaches have been made to the sources of supply in former democratic campaigns and the prompt reply has been returned that no funds would be forthcoming for a campaign with Bryan as the candidate on a program of warfare upon the gold standard and upon the supreme court of the United States.

Washington Star: "How do you intend to vote at the next election?" asked a Salt Lake citizen. "I haven't yet," answered the neighbor, who was hanging placidly on the front gate.

Chicago News: "How old is your lady typewriter?" "In the neighborhood of 30," "I have a scheme," "What is it?" "During this hot weather put your thermometer near her desk."

Detroit Journal: First Guatemala—She comes of an old family, I believe. The second Guatemala—No. She's a daughter of the last revolution but two, or three at the outside.

Washington Star: "Don't you feel sorry for the man with the hoe?" inquired the human theorist. "I do," answered Farmer Corrotoose. "It may be more or less his own fault, but I can't help feeling sorry for him. He hasn't had enough foresight to fit up his farm with first-class mowers machinery."

Philadelphia North American: Constance—The new arrival is tall, broad-shouldered, with an olive complexion—Dorothy—Oh! And I simply adore olive!

Now and Then. Detroit Free Press. Banket Jolly tie, I wot, To growl because 'tis hot; For, ere many moons are old, How well I grew because 'tis cold.

"LORD" ASTOR. Ha! Ha! Look at me! I'll ham a lord or III soon will be. I'm ham-broasted of the ham-broasted. None of your proletariats. A subject of my majesty the queen. And his mighty heavy to be seen. I'll get there, whether or no. The U. S. is all right in his way. But vulgar, don't you know, III say. But his a bully place to make money him. And that's where III accumulated all my tin.

But his such a bore over there, you know; Everything his so common and so low. III want to be some pumpkin art. And maybe get a coronet and be peer. Of course my father once was very poor. And he clear way with a boot. And sold fat sausages from the street in order to make his ends meet. But later on 'e struck a snap. And soon cut quite a figure hon the map. And III'm trying my level best to foot. Ha! that disagreeable stuff, you bet. Get onto me hanches and mo stare. And me Hinglish way of putting me 'air. III can tell the difference twixt a farthing and a bob.

And III'm way ham becoming quite a snob. III'll get my Parliament next, you see. And then the world will stare that me. Get onto me curves and watch like sin. This is the real truth, in my opinion. We'll set things on fire for awhile. Well III rather guess and III should smile. For I'm an ham-broasted of the ham-broasted. None of your proletariats. III ham a lord or soon will be. Look at me! W. R. D.

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25 Per Cent DISCOUNT. Here are some wash suits that deserve your best attention. They are beauties and splendid values into the bargain. They are in stripes and solid colors, with plain and trimmed collars. The materials are Galatea crash and linen duck. Brooking King & Co.