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Parties leaving for 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.

The cathedral bells of Rome toll around the entire world.

Now they are complaining down in Kansas of extreme heat and too little rain. It is hard to suit those Kansas people.

St. Louis exposition contractors are having another taste of labor troubles. They should be figured on these little interruptions when they put in their bids.

Omaha and Douglas county have contributed more to the support of the state government and had less recognition in its management than any other city of its size in any state in the union.

Maude Gonne has managed to get some free advertising out of King Edward's visit to Ireland. The black flag episode, however, savors a good deal of having been borrowed from Barbara Fritchling.

If every public officer who collected mileage or expense accounts to which he was not strictly entitled had his official head cut off, we would have some wholesale decapitations round about both state and national capitals.

This judicial district is not the only judicial district in Nebraska, but it is the only judicial district in the state in which the democrats have so far evinced any great desire to fuse with republicans on judicial candidates.

If the street railway employees and the street railway company have any differences, it is to be hoped they will arbitrate without first trying a test of strength with a strike. Walking is mighty uncomfortable in the hot weather.

The autopsy on the pope's body has vindicated the diagnosis of his regular physician rather than that of the one who was called in for consultation. This will be interpreted by all good medical men as advice to pin your faith to your regular physician.

If the members of the city council do not take care that their own salaries are provided for out of the general fund ahead of other claimants who can wait with less inconvenience, they will render themselves liable to impeachment for neglect of duty.

That projected New York newspaper by women, about women and for women must be a Machiavellian device of the other newspapers. Every woman who reads the woman's paper will immediately want to see a man's newspaper to find out what the men think about it.

The board of appraisers which is to put a valuation on Omaha's water plant will think it over until October. In the interval it will be a good plan also for the people of this city, who are immediate parties to the proposed water works purchase, to think it over also.

Every tax-paying citizen who joins in a request for new improvements should understand that the mayor and council would be only too glad to honor the requisition at once, providing the resources were at hand to defray the expenses. The bills for all this public work are paid in the long run by the property owners and citizens generally, but it would be impossible to keep the tax rate down if there were no limit set to the outgo from the treasury.

RESPONSIBILITY OF COURTS.

The discussion which the prevalence of lawlessness has elicited is wholesome and cannot fail to be productive of good results. It shows how universal and earnest is the sentiment for upholding and enforcing the laws and how general the feeling is in favor of such reform in the administration of justice as will insure the prompt and certain enforcement of law.

One writer observes that lynching is an evil caused by an evil and that for the causative evil courts are largely responsible. It is argued that the default of the courts is not due to existing legislation or to the need of more, but is due to "too long trials, which have the power to shorten; to interminable and irrelevant testimony, which they have the power to regulate; to sloped appeals, which they have the power to quicken, and to sham devices or defenses, which they have the power to forbid."

It is no doubt a fact that the slow and defective administration of justice in capital cases is losing the confidence and exhausting the patience of the people. There is justification for the assertion that in this matter the United States is the least civilized of the civilized countries of the world.

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It is a notable and exceedingly important international incident, credit for which is unquestionably very largely due to King Edward. There are the best of reasons, of course, why the two countries should be on the most friendly terms, but the present good feeling could hardly have been brought about by any less influence than that of the British sovereign, and he has shown in the matter a judgment and tact worthy of the heartiest admiration and commendation.

LABOR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

As heretofore noted, the business interests in the Philippines are strongly in favor of importing Chinese labor, arguing that unless this is allowed to be done the industries of the islands cannot be promoted as they should be and the conditions to prosperity will be retarded.

It is not asked that Chinese shall be imported to remain permanently in the archipelago, but only so long as may be necessary to industrial restoration, say from three to five years, when they could be sent out of the country.

It is an altogether practical question and should be dealt with as such. The judgment of the business men of the islands is certainly entitled to great consideration and against it sentiment here hostile to Chinese labor ought not to have much weight. As was to be expected Pacific coast opinion is opposed to the proposition.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer remarks.

"If the native laborers are at present incompetent, train them to be more competent by setting before them the direct advantages which will follow from thrift and industry. Steadily advance the standard of wages and the standard of living will advance. When labor brings adequate returns there will be more inducement for laborers to exert themselves."

DUTY OF THE STATE BOARD.

The State Board of Equalization is now in session for the purpose of passing on the returns that constitute the grand assessment roll of the state made by the various counties. Several counties, notable among them Douglas county, have appeared before the board to show gross inequalities in the ratio of assessment in different parts of the state and to claim the benefits of a reduced tax rate proportionate to the excess in their assessments over the average ratio for the entire state.

It returns to me in Georgia, where in the legislature the cause of school for the colored race to the limit of the state's ability, and a bill to legalize the carrying of pistols, brass knuckles, knives and other weapons, have both been introduced.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Chicago News. There are people who think the Harrison presidential band wagon is not sufficiently dangerous to require an automobile tag.

On a Solid Basis Now. Milwaukee Sentinel. President E. Benjamin Andrews, having broken with the free silver croquet, also announces that he is not in sympathy with any new party movement.

Spirit of Christian Unity. Indianapolis Journal. Numerous flags displayed at half-mast on Friday yesterday would seem to indicate that while Christian unity in ecclesiastical government, forms and creeds may be several centuries of the spirit of it is already with us.

Colony's Attention Distracted. Washington Post. Having dismissed the republican state convention with the statement that it was composed of "pot-wallopers, nondescripts, cranks and dorkies," the general Collier Waterston turned his attention to the contents of his editorial on the brotherhood of man.

Of Native Growth. Philadelphia Record. It may possibly tend to mitigate national apprehensions as to the "wise and vicious" element of immigration when it is seen that very few foreigners are participants in the numerous abortive excursions over which Judge Lynch presides.

Where Extremes Meet. Baltimore American. Extremes meet in Georgia, where in the legislature the cause of school for the colored race to the limit of the state's ability, and a bill to legalize the carrying of pistols, brass knuckles, knives and other weapons, have both been introduced.

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Conditions in Missouri. Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. The supreme court of Missouri is growing quite sensitive over criticisms of the Missouri press. With eighteen boulders convicted by St. Louis juries and reversals

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Five "isles of safety" which have been established in the Tenderloin keep the truckmen and automobilists in a state of mind. From the top of any of them the pedestrian can wiggle his finger by day at his nose and at his feet.

Seeking cures from afflictions of all sorts, thousands of people went Monday to the church of St. Jean Baptiste, where the novena of St. Anne is being held.

As near as I know the scheme is to prevent pedestrians from being run over when crossing the congested points. He may jump upon the stone when a truck or other vehicle appears to be bearing down upon him.

James G. Collins, superintendent of highways, admitted that the credit for the scheme belongs to the department, and said that Borough President Cantor had suggested it. He said: "Those stones projected above the roadway, and persons crossing from one side of the street to the other can get up on them and not be run over. They are a good deal like a sidewalk. You don't see a wagon running up on the sidewalk, and of course they won't run up on those stones. A person crossing the street usually jumps out of the way of one vehicle in front of another, but now he can jump up on one of these stones. We've had lots of complaints about these crossings, and I think that this scheme will do away with them."

Mr. Collins was much surprised when told that no lights had been put on the stones at night. He said he would send men to put danger signals on them. The commissioner said that he had not as yet decided whether the stones would be taken in at night.

M. Dreblait, said to be a New York Jeweler, a cabin passenger of the Red Star liner Vanderland, which arrived Monday from Antwerp, was subjected to an ordeal by special treasury agents such as a passenger seldom has to undergo.

Mr. Dreblait's baggage consisted of two packages done up in paper. One of the packages contained a big mechanical doll and a fancy rubber ball, while in the other box was a silk hat that Mr. Dreblait says he had worn several times. One of the paper packages contained a small toy pony, and the other a child's red playing wagon.

When the valise inspection ended, the treasury agents had laid aside four lace caps which had been found in an undergarment bag. "Woman's" satin-lined coat, which was valued at probably \$50.

There was in each box a large figure-stamped ball. The agents squeezed them, then they shook them up and down on the pier, all the time keeping a keen ear for the sound of a suspicious rattle. No rattle resulted and the balls were put back.

The pony was the next victim. It was a most puzzling subject. The agents evidently thought there was a trapdoor somewhere, and took him in charge to find the mysterious opening. One tried to open the mouth, while another gave the legs suspicious pulls. The mouth refused to give and so did the legs. Then they tapped it on the sides, on the back, and on the neck. They shook it, then thumped it all over again, but there was nothing to reward their search.

Last of all came the little red wagon. The agents looked at its miniature tongue, the wheels were felt cautiously, the body rattled, but nothing was found within it. Nothing but the lace caps and the jacket having been found so far, the next thing in order was to inspect the person of the unhappy passenger. Accordingly, he was taken into a cabin and all his clothing examined. Afterward the treasury agents said they had found no diamonds or other valuable articles on him.

PURELY A PERSONAL MATTER.

End-Seat Hog Subject to Laws of Courtesy Only. Cleveland Leader. An ordinance has been introduced in the city council of Toledo which, if it passes, the test of the courts, may determine whether a passenger on a street railroad car has the right to ride anywhere within the car that he may choose, or whether the employes of the company have the right to assign him a particular place.

This ordinance is designed to punish the man who sits at the end of the seat in the open car and compels other persons to climb over him to reach places to sit. It provides that when a person occupies the end seat of an open car, and other persons desire to enter the car he shall move along the aisle for them, and keep moving along until the seat is full. If he refuses to move over he will be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of from \$5 to \$25.

Of course it may be selfish for a person to hold the end of the seat in the open car to the discomfort of other passengers, but can the company compel a passenger to move after he has paid his fare? Is he not entitled to the seat he occupies and to the pleasant outlook from the side of the car? Can he be compelled to move over to the inside end of the seat and then be compelled to climb over four other people when he leaves the car? Has the company any more right, in fact, to say "move over" than it has to say "move up in front?"

This appears to be a question of courtesy and consideration for the comfort and convenience of others, more than a question of law. The passage of the Toledo ordinance may bring results, but that is doubtful.

FLASHES OF FUN.

The Peddler—I want to see the mistress of the house. The Master—Do you? Then step around to the kitchen door and ask for the cook. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Husband—I wish I could borrow some money to live me ever. Wife—Well, you've got lots of friends. Husband—Oh, yes, but they don't know yet that I need the money—Life. Nell—I saw Jack kiss you last night. Nell—Really? But you didn't see me kiss him, did you? Nell—No, but I saw him kiss you. Nell—No, but I saw him kiss you. Nell—No, but I saw him kiss you.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Herr Bebel, the well known socialist member of the German Reichstag, has had \$100,000 left him by a unknown political agent. Prof. Erich Narcks, the biographer of Emperor William I, has been asked by Prince Herbert Bismarck to write a life of his father.

John Wanamaker of Philadelphia is believed to carry more insurance than any other man, his policies amounting to more than \$2,500,000. King Peter of Servia has desired that the censorship on foreign papers shall be removed—an innovation which has made a good impression.

Dr. O. H. Tiftmann, superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey, will sail for Europe to represent this government at a conference of the International Geodetic association, which will meet this year in the Danish Parliament building at Copenhagen on August 4.

A Chicago man who heard Congressman Bob Cousins deliver a speech in Des Moines recently is prepared to affirm that the Iowa man has Milesian blood in his veins. This conclusion was reached after the congressman indulged in this wonderful oratorical flight: "It is the way of America, protection upon which the feet of industry and commerce leaped out of the panic and disaster of 1893, waving the flag of employment and prosperity and independence in the face of all the world."

Contrary to general belief the young King of Spain is quite muscular. He proved that now he felt a speech at Madrid, the king of the famous specialist at Madrid. The king received the surgeon. The queen mother was present at the audience, during which Prof. Lorenz happened to remark on the wonderful muscular development of her son. "Was whether I am strong," said the king, and he proceeded to pick his mother up. Then he carried her around the room three times, much to the amusement of Dr. Lorenz and the embarrassment of her majesty.

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Wish I had said more. So long, so long. About your simple tasks I watched you. I knew you sprang the words you did not hear. I knew—your spirit, brave and chaste and strong. Was wonderful that it might not do the wrong. And all its wiseness and all its fear. Here in your eyes whenever I was near. And yet you always went your way with a song.

Oh, prodigal of smiles for other eyes. Oh, prodigal of life. At last there came a day. When with your own eyes you gazed in mine. From what you fashioned for a sweet reward. Ah, now it is too late for me to pour My "was of myrrh—too good I had said more!"

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