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WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. It is better than a daily letter from home.

The Union Pacific telegraphers' strike proves to have been a false alarm.

Ohio democrats have held their state convention and the republicans may begin to estimate their majorities.

Fireworks in the council chamber before the Fourth of July may compel the mayor to call out the fire department.

Japanese warships have been seen off Vladivostok. General Oyama will have to hurry if he is to take shot about with Togo.

Fate is an ironical mood which puts a California politician in a place to enforce the Chinese exclusion laws more leniently.

It begins to look like "restitution" might spell "desertion" for some of the former Equitable officials if they "put it all back."

The college graduate who is harvesting Kansas grain may not figure on the sporting page, but he may figure in the market page.

The Water board has still more trouble in the federal courts, but that was to have been anticipated—in fact, it was foreordained.

General Wood says there is no political significance to his visit to America. No one except the democratic politicians would harbor thoughts that there might be.

Tom Lawson is to be exhibited on the Missouri Valley race track on Omaha day. P. S.—Tom Lawson is not a race horse, but he is a Wall street pacer.

The remarks of President Roosevelt's recent college speech could have come only from a Harvard graduate after getting the news from the intercollegiate base ball game.

The chief difficulty in the way of publishing grafters by boycotting them socially is that there are enough of the gentry apparently to form an interesting social circle of their own.

Our Councilman Dave now has his hands full with two gas bids and there is serious danger that he may be compelled to travel the gas route, politically speaking, whichever way he turns.

The commissioning of a voting machine commission seems to be the next step toward the introduction of voting machines under the new Nebraska law.

China wants to be represented in the peace conference at Washington. Inasmuch as both belligerents have promised to respect the rights of China, the empress dowager owes it to both to tell which one she suspects.

Swedish statesmen would probably hail with delight a plan by which national honor could be saved and no trouble created over the secession of Norway. But the day does seem to be passing when "national honor" requires a fight to prove valor.

We are glad to be told that the prospects for the Nebraska state fair were never so bright as they are for this year. If the state fair is a reflex of conditions on the farm and ranch, as it is intended to be, agricultural prosperity and state fair success go hand in hand.

THE PRESIDENT AT HARVARD

The address of President Roosevelt at Harvard university should be carefully read by all college men and indeed by intelligent people generally. It is replete with sound thought and valuable suggestion, applicable to almost every phase of life and especially timely in regard to existing conditions.

Commending a full perusal of the report of what the president said to the intelligent reader interested in the subject of education, we make special reference only to one or two phases. The declaration that "this nation never stood in greater need than now of having among its leaders men of lofty ideals, which they try to live up to and not merely to talk of," sounds like a reflection upon our public men which may well challenge popular attention.

Manifestly this is implied in the undoubtedly well considered utterance of the president and it must be confessed there is ground for it. It would be easy to cite facts and circumstances in justification of what he said.

When it is stated that there are but seventy-five examiners for nearly 5,000 banks it can readily be understood why a good deal of the work of examination is largely perfunctory. What seems to be manifestly necessary is that there shall be more examiners, that the men appointed to the position shall be thoroughly competent and that there shall be a change in the system of compensation.

IS A GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT. There is a dearth of news from the seat of war. The brief dispatches that come through from day to day report only skirmishes, but even these indicate a pretty general activity along the extended line of the armies and suggest that if a great battle is not already in progress it is imminent.

It can be confidently assumed, however, that neither of the great armies which confront each other in North Manchuria is inactive and that when they do come together for a decisive struggle it will be such a conflict as the world has rarely known. It is reported that Japanese warships have been sighted approaching Vladivostok and if this is the case it suggests that a concerted movement between the land and sea forces may be intended.

AS TO NEW VOTING DISTRICTS. City Clerk Elbourne has called the attention of the council to the fact that the rearrangement of the city into twelve wards will necessitate a new definition of the various voting districts to conform to the ward lines and urges in addition that this districting be done at once as a preliminary to the primary election which is to be held in September under the provisions of the new primary law.

HOPELESS CONFUSION

On the other hand the voter accustomed to the old districts knows in which one he last registered and voted and will not know where he belongs under the new dispensation until after he shall have registered again for the November election.

TO FACILITATE ELECTION PRELIMINARIES it may be desirable to have the limits of the new voting districts made up without too much delay, but even in that case the ordinance can be drawn and passed so as to take effect at a future date, say October 1, without interfering in any way with the conduct of the September primary.

PERFUNCTORY EXAMINATIONS. That bank examinations are not always so careful and thorough as they should be is generally admitted and there is some warrant for the statement made to the recent convention of South Dakota bankers that these examinations are more or less a farce.

TOUCHING THE POCKET NERVE. Springfield Republican. It is when the pocket is touched that things begin to stir. We might have gone on kicking and abusing the Chinese to the end of time, but for the institution of a boycott in China against American goods.

IMPROVING ON TWEED'S METHODS. New York World. Some thirty-odd years ago there flourished in New York an arrogant, ostentatious person named Tweed. He was the public long before the late Mr. Vanderbilt, but being a man of less education his language was less inclusive.

RAILROAD REGULATION. President's Determination to Carry Out that Policy. The only change in Mr. Roosevelt's attitude toward the corporations since he became president has been his steadily increasing determination to carry out the policy of governmental regulation.

APOSTLES OF BENEVOLENCE. Philadelphia Record. The chief nations of Europe are benevolently disputing as to which of them shall convey the blessing of civilization to the Arabs of Morocco. In their love of propagating the arts of peace among more or less barbarous people they are threatening each other with war.

GETTING RICH QUICK

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THE WORM TURNS. Boston Globe. The Chinese learned quickly enough how best to hit the American people. They found the people's tenderest spot, their pockets, and they found the people's own weapon, the boycott, ready to hand when they wished to call attention to the unjust status of their country.

PIES FOR THE SIMPLE LIFE. Boston Transcript. And now the June bride, through her "next friend," petitions for customs that will enable her to enjoy in peace and quiet not only the wedding and the days preceding it, but the honeymoon as well.

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PERSONAL NOTES. Lightning struck an oil tank at Lima, O., and destroyed in crude form what might have been \$200,000 in tainted money. Former Governor F. R. Lubbeck has just died at Austin, Tex., in his 90th year. He was the last of the old-time civil war governors, either north or south.

AN OLD MAN NAMED KUAS was buried in Eger, Hungary, with the fortune of \$17,500 in his coffin. His relatives heard of it and exhumed the body and divided the money. The true Missourian must be shown. One of the tribe gazed upon mortal remains presumed to be his, and solemnly informed the coroner that the dead man was not himself.

PROF. HINDERS PERRE, the Egyptologist, has discovered in the Sinal peninsula the ancient temple of Seabit Khadem. He found it to be of a Semitic type, different from any other known Egyptian temple, possessing two courts for ablution and a long series of subterranean chambers. These had been added by successive kings from the eighteenth to the twentieth dynasty.

THE NEBRASKA LAW AND THE LATEST CHICAGO GRAFT

The Nebraska men who drafted and secured through the legislature the enactment of the law vesting in the State Banking board supervisory control of installment investment companies builded better than they anticipated. The measure was designed to reach corporations, firms or individuals securing money on the installment plan on a savings proposition, requiring them to show that the scheme or plan was practical and equitable, and that the backers were financially able to perform what they agreed to do.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE to compute the direct saving to the people effected by this law in less than two years. People who are deceived into swindling games rarely give themselves away. They pay the price and charge the loss to experience. This much is certain, however. Irresponsible financial schemes and schemes were forced out of business in the state, and none of the new schemes worked in other states have yet appeared openly in Nebraska.

THE CONCERN BORE THE SONOROUS NAME of the Continental Finance company, with large capital on paper. To insure greater confidence its bonds and notes were "guaranteed" by the Continental Financing company. Two officers managed both concerns and succeeded in gathering in \$1,300,000 in a few years. The scheme was an alluring one and was set forth in the company's literature in a style that would make a circus spiel so with envy.

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Always at the foot of the class. Do not blame the boy for being stupid. You are the stupid one! Stupid because you never thought about his liver. There is where all his trouble lies. A sluggish liver makes a sluggish mind. A boy cannot study when his blood is full of bile!

INTERNATIONAL TAFFY. Sugar-Coated Compliments Passed Up to Ambassador Reid. Mr. Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to the court of St. James, to use an obsolete phrase, was several days ago officially received by King Edward VII., but he could not be a full-fledged ambassador until he had been dined and wined by those members of the English nobility and commonalty who represent what, in the modern sense of the word, comprise the political society of the British government.

LAUGHING GAS. "The true statesman," said the earnest citizen, "will always value honor above all things." "Yes," replied the keen observer, "I guess that's why many of our senators are willing to pay so much for the honor." Philadelphia Press.

THE GAL ON THE FARM. Contributed Anonymously. Waal, I vum, I n'er thought it possible that I should grog, till it near broke my heart. But that mornin' I felt the time had come when I know for sartin that we must part.

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