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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

The American fleet was welcomed at Callao by joyous Peruvian barks.

Governor Sheldon wants it known that he is for Taft and is proud of it.

An lowa woodcutter has inherited wood and begin cutting ice.

If Colonel Bryan insists on seeking a third defeat, why shouldn't Mr. Shallenberger insist on seeking a second defeat?

I ex-Secretary Shaw is really looking for an anti-Roosevelt candidate for the republican nomination, why not try Chancellor Day?

GEORGE WASHINGTON. the waiters finish removing the debris they be bestowed upon anyone who bilts, from the banquet boards at a thousand would be more deserving than this cities in the land, the nation and the world will have several volumes of the lessons of such heroism right at but the expected happens much more of interest to long range "war correspon new light on the life, achievements, home that should be the seed of higher personal habits, political leanings and ideals and encouragement of usselfish

secret thoughts of George Washington, who, according to the school histories, played no unimportant part in the cor-

nerstone laying ceremonies of the republic about a century and a half ago. Thanks to Rev. Mr. Weems and other writers of that time, we have a pretty accurate outline in the rough of Washington. We know him as a fairly good surveyor, a prosperous farmer, a soldier who did not know how to get

whipped and a popular choice for the Omaha, although by just what logical reasoning this conclusion is reached is presidency for a couple of terms. In-

cidentally, we have been given to un- not apparent. Omaha and Nebraska are distincderstand that he was something of a stickler for truth, before he went into tively bound up with the fortunes of the Union Pacific more than with any politics, and that he did not care a rap other railroad and insofar as the about forest preservation.

Most of our information about Washington and estimates of his railway world may be strengthened. character were formed before the Omaha is an incidental beneficiary. In direct benefits, however, whether Mr. American spellbinder fell into the habit of studying motives and seeking Harriman controls the Illinois Central or whether Mr. Fish has the upper hidden and prophetic meanings in utterances always looked upon as com- hand, is of small importance except as the settlement of this controversy may monplace and not subject to mixed inleave Mr. Harriman free to devote his terpretations. The orations unlimbered at the Washington day banquets time and attention to other matters in which Omaha, Nebraska and the Union will illuminate anew the entire sub-Pacific are more vitally interested. If ject and we will be given an oppor-Omaha is to be a gainer, it will detunity to know Washington better volve, then, on Mr. Harriman to dethan he knew himself. It will be velop the Union Pacific by completing proved beyond possibility of question that if Washington were allve today at the earliest possible moment the plans for its extension and improvehe would be leading the fight for rallway rate regulation, or against it, acment previously under way, and at all cording to the leanings of the orator, times protecting the industries in the and extracts from his presidential territory from which it draws its

speeches or letters will be cited to sus- traffic, What the people of those sections have rightly objected to in connection with the Harriman policies of reaching when the rank and file of the people out into the Illinois Central, the Baltimore & Ohio, the New York Central

"VIEWING WITH ALARM."

platform adopted by the Wisconsin

All question whether the national

would take up arms against the opand other roads has been the use of pressions of the predatory rich, just as he fought against the oppressions Union Pacific credit to finance these operations. They had good reason to of England's predatory king. The page and chapter of his writings in which object to the use of the proceeds of he indicated this has been mislaid, but bonds on the Union Pacific to buy stocks in other railroads at the very it will be dug up by the toastmaster. It will be shown that Washington, time when the excuse was being made that money could not be raised to finallve today, would be in favor of a ish track improvements, erect a new bigger army and a monster navy. He headquarters building and enlarge the would have to be or violate a precedent he was instrumental in establishcar shops at different points. Mr. Haring. He would favor the improvement riman may have the legal right to vote of inland waterways, just as he was stock in the Illinois Central bought with money belonging to the Union when he protested against the inade-Pacific, but that does not vindicate the quacy of transportation facilities on \$50,000. He may now quit cutting the Delaware. He would be against policy of using Union Pacific resources

the third term movement and uphold to acquire other roads when they are needed for betterment of the parent the big stick. Plain-thinking Americans who want property. to get acquainted with the father of

their country should read all the speeches delivered at all the Washingcampaign is really open has been set ton birthday banquets. at rest by the promulgation of the

tain the contention. It will be shown

that he possessed prophetic foresight

and realized that the time must come

STRIKES AND PURLICITY.

negie hero medals may be sown broad- social set with the \$10,000,000 prize Along about midnight tonight, when cast over the land, but nowhere will winner just mecared by the Vander-

> The unexpected sometimes happens, poor woman had she survived. It is often. The early announcement of the late defeated democratic candidate

> for governor that he wants to run devotion to others. again is entirely within the expected MR. BARRIMAN'S VICTORY. class. But the people of Nebraska So far as Mr. Harriman has gotten last time gave their preference over

the best of it in his personal differhim to George L. Sheldon and have not ences with Mr. Fish over control of the been disappointed. They are not likely Illinois Central, he is, doubtless, highly gratified and entitled to be. A local railroad man gives it as his opinion good with anything but promises. that the signal victory of Mr. Harriman will be of great advantage to

Enough populists have been drummed up in Iowa to constitute themselves into a delegation to rep-

list convention called for St. Louis next April and to leave a few at home. Nebraska may have to draw on the position of the Union Pacific in the Iowa remnant to fill up its delegation.

> A consular report says that most of the canned meats sold in Chile are of European production and Americans have lost that trade. Well, we will get even by making our own Chile concarne

Former Governor Vardaman of Mississippi has warmly indorsed President Roosevelt's latest message to congress. There seems to be no way of satisfying Vardaman's grudge against the president.

A Kansas City judge told a boy that if he would attend night school he might some time become an alderman. There is absolutely no excuse for a judge on the bench using such methods of discouraging a promising boy.

Although there are no strikes on in Omaha, except the strike against vaccination, there are more scabs working overtime right now than ever before in the history of the city.

Wisconsin democrats have declared that Mr. Bryan is "the greatest American." It is a cinch that Senator Beveridge will quit spending his vacation in Wisconsin after that.

A minister at St. Paul declares that 'a preacher should have no opinions.' The preacher without opinions is usually complaining because his salary is too small for his modest needs.

The Washington Star has an ediorial on "What Frank Black Thinks." We have a copy of what ex-Governor Black said in his Boston speech, but it is no proof of what he thinks.

> Playing No Favorites. New York Sun.

Bryan continues to spare neither his own constitution nor that of the United States. Boosting "Home Industry." Chicago Repord-Herald.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

It is a rare and dull day when a war cloud does not appear on the Balkans. War clouds are the most attractive features of the scenery, and are an unfailing source This industrious tribe, having dents." failed ignominiously in manufacturing was between the United States and Japan, turn gleefully to the old reliable Balkans for material to thrill the diplomats of Europe and shake the balance of power. The present war cloud is no bigger than a railroad. ommon gauge, single track, which Austria is building southeast toward the Aegean sea. There are no other lines on the man to turn down Governor Sheldon, who of that region, no competing line to block projected crossing with locomotives. loaded freight car, nor section hands roady to fight at the drop of a crowbar. American methods have not penetrated that see tion. The possibilities of trouble lies in the deeps of national jealousy. The railroad is being built through a strip of Turkish terribetween Servia and Montenegro and ory halts at the main northwest boundary of the Ottoman empire. It is asserted, though denied, that Germany, which is financing the enterprise, has secured secret conces sions from the sultan. This report brings Russia into the controversy, by way of Persia, where the czar and the sultan's troops guard different sections at the border. Russia's move in that direction is intended to convince that sultan that the Austrain railroad is a dangerous enterprise and should be stopped. How the game will eventuate is a task for prophets. No section of southeastern Europe possesses a greater supply of workable war material and correspondents are putting in overtime.

> Prof. John Fryer, head of the department of oriental languages and literature in the California university, in a recent lecture to students on the awakening of Ching made statements which possess weighty significance on account of the professor's long residence in the empire. He said that Americans do not begin to realize what is taking place in China, do not realize that with the departure from conservatism and the acceptance of a form of Oriental civilization she may go further and faster than have even the Japanese. He pointed to the millions of people at her command, to the rise of the "China for the Chinese" movement, to the acceptance of modern methods of education, even to the addition of the higher education for women and to the increased tendency toward the growth of a real national spirit through the enforcement of the teaching of one dialect, and the spread of railroads, resulting in centralization of power. He said that if they continued to learn as they are doing now, and retained independent existence for snother generation, China would have an army and navy ready to meet any of the world's great powers.

.... The foreign custom of tipping servants, pushed to the limit of extravagance by rich, easy going Americans visiting or living in Paris, is having a most demoralizing first in peace a share in the homage ac effect on the servant class in the French capital and reacts injuriously upon householders. A consular report says: French servant who has been employed for any length of time by an American family is considered by the better class of England's kings, and when the throne b French people as spoiled for their service. Partly as an effect of this cause, partly in his project of uniting England, Scotland, consequence of the socialistic ideas which prevail so largely among the working of Scone to Westminster Abbey, and unclasses, and partly on account of the in- der him England became a mighty nation sistent readiness of the servant class in He was a monarch wise and great, even French cities to take advantage of every though he had little leaning toward demo chance to increase their income, the cost of domestic service of all kinds has advanced at least 25 per cent since the spring Longshanks was not an ancestor to be de

of the year 1900. spised by his descendant, George, of kingly The case is still further aggravated by bearing and equally long riegs. the development of the "sou system, That this direct line of descen



Royal Blood in the Veins of Father of Our Country. Caroline Ticknor, in Harper's Weekly.

"Let no man fancy he knows sport," ald the late Moncure D. Conway, "unless he has family-treed an ancestor of George Washington." Yet, despite the many clever scholars and antiquarians of America who have tried their hands at this "sport," if has remained for a fellow of the Royal

Historical society of England, Rev. Frederick W. Raggs, to convey to us the latest interesting revelation regarding the ancestry of our first president. Barring those that champion the truly

democratic standpoint, less prevalent today than it was in 1620, which scorns to connect itself with Old World titles and abhors royalty, there remain many liberal

souls among us who do not grudge to one who was acknowledged first in war and corded the first family of England. Edward I was himself a mighty war rior, and first in many wars; his prowess was early exercised on the Turks, during

ried Laurence Washington in 1588.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

that last crusade ever embarked on by came his own he successfully carried ou

Pale is the February sky, And brief is the midday's sunny hours; The windswept forest seems to sigh For the sweet time of leaves and flowers. and Wales. He brought the famous Stone

Yet has no month a prouder day, Not even when the summer broads O'er meadows in their fresh array, Or autumn tints the glowing woods. cratic government and did not display spe cial fondness for Magna Charta. Edward

For this chill season now again Brings, in its annual round, the morn When, greatest of the sons of men. Our glorious Washington was born.

Landlord-Washington once slept in that

ed you occupied last night. Guest-That's more than I could do.-

"What was the matter with the expert

accountant who died so suddenly?" "He was employed to go over a large cor-poration's books; he found that the direc-tors had conducted the business exclusively

in the stockholders' interests and he suc-cumbed to the shock."-Baltimore Amer-

Aunt Jerusha (at a spiritualistic meeting) -Maria, come home with me. If that me-dium can see through a pine board clothes aln't no protection.-Judge.

"Jones is studying for the ministry, isn't

"No, no; he's only selling Bibles." "Bame thing-he's taking hely orders."-

FEBRUARY TWENTY-SECOND.

William Cullen Bryant

has made good with works for Mr. Shallenberger, who has never made

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resent the Hawkeye state at the popu-

It is chaimed that gold has been found in the Panama canal. Not surprising, as the government has poured lots of money into it.

The German emperor refuses to take part in the concert of the powers for establishing reforms in Macedonia. Kaiser Wilhelm is a soloist

The price has been raised on five grades of oil. It is just possible, after all, that the Standard will permit the public to pay that \$29,240,000 fine.

And now we are told that Harriman in Canada from 1903 until 1907, when may erect his long-promised Union Pa- the strike of the Canadian telegracific headquarters building. He may ----but what has been stopping him?

"Judge Gray is a sterling democrat." says the Philadelphia Record. Not a sterling silver democrat, however, and therefore not acceptable to Mr. Bryan.

"History shows very few men were defeated a third time," says Mr. Bryan. Correct. Very few men refuse to let well enough alone after two lickings.

Chicago has a notion that prosperity will soon play a return engagement there. It is planning to hold the republican national convention for eight days.

The State Board of Health has lined up with the health commissioner of Omaha for compulsory vaccination. The courts will have the last whack at it.

Foraker says that only 10 per cent of the republicans in Ohio voted for Taft at the primaries. Still, that's about 100 per cent more than voted for Foraker.

Those vast funds that have been spent for the education of the poor whites in the south do not appear to have produced any tangible results in Kentucky.

The late Mr. Jones is entitled to a vote of thanks for saving the taxpayers of Douglas county from the expense | tial to compulsory arbitration. of a murder trial and the cost of a legal execution.

New York department stores have agreed to prosecute all shoplifters, no matter who they are. In other words, they are going to quit making distinctions between kleptomaniacs and thieves

The Lincoln Journal gives warning in Omaha. The example of a woman that the anti-Taft movement in Ne- enveloped in flames from an exploded braska is under the management of oil can, realizing that her own injuries "the most successful political rough were fatal and directing those who had house maker in Nebraska," A rough come to her relief to give their atten- bought. He was a bargain counter house maker may make trouble, but tion to her sister similarly burned, is product, marked down to \$300,000. he never helps elect the ticket.

While congress has always hesitated | democrats in their recent convention. to pass laws for compulsory arbitra- The document is somewhat fearfully tion of industrial disputes, sentiment and wonderfully made, but it must be in favor of such legislation has been remembered that democrats generally growing constantly and is now being are still in the dark as to just what divorce mill to Nebraska. It is perhaps supported and encouraged by an il- they are going to "view with alarm" lustration, supplied by Canada, of the about this year and will be until Coleffective operation of such a law. The onel Bryan gives the cue. In the mean-Dominion enacted a compulsory arbitra- time, however, the Wisconsin demotion law in 1903 and supplemented it crats have adopted the old rule, "when last year with an amendment which in doubt abuse the republican party," furnished the one element needed to and the platform just sent out is a

gem in that line make its operation satisfactory. After the usual preliminary where-. Reviewing the operation of the Canadian law, a writer in the Journal ases, in which the party thanks Providence that it is still allowed to live, of Political Economy shows that railthe Wisconsin platform declares that: road and industrial strikes were rare The people can no longer doubt the inherent perfidy of the system of government fostered and maintained by the re phers compelled an amendment to the publican party.

law. Under the amended act, upon That is the real democratic gospel torn right from the old bolt that was application of one of the parties to a dispute affecting a mine or a public first used when the party declared that service, or upon the joint application the war was a failure. It has the oldof both, if it affects any other in- time ring and sounds a cry to arms dustry, the dispute must be submitted to the old guard. It is notice that, to investigation by a temporary board while leaders may change and policies of conciliation nominated according to be temporarily emphasized or subdefinite rules. In the first six months jected to a soft-pedal treatment, the of its existence the law was invoked cardinal democratic doctrine of being fifteen times and in only one case did "ferninst the government" still lives. the conciliation board fail to avert a The platform revels in a column or strike. The conclusion reached by more of this kind of faultfinding and the writer in the Journal of Political then comes to the real, direct, specific charge against the party in power, Economy is:

As regards the industries to which it which it couches in these burning specifically applies, it has already ful- words: filled the most sanguine hopes of its spon-The malefactors of the republican party, sors, and has been the means of promoting onvicted and unconvicted, are but the a better understanding between capital shameless products of a system of public and labor, of removing many causes of debauchery and plunder too long endured friction, and of preventing incalculable losaby a patient and suffering people. to the community. There is no way of dodging the

Detailed reports of the work of these conciliation boards show that the good results accomplished were due largely to the wide publicity given to the points in dispute. In effect, the public was made a party to the controversies between employes and employers and the merits freely discussed. The record in the Canadian cases shows that when the facts were all made known public sentiment practically settled the dispute and that in only one case did the board fail to prevent a strike. The Canadian experience would indicate that compulsory publicity is essen-

While a satisfactory definition of heroism is hard to find, it is not diffi-

fit of the family of the late Officer Drummy ought to be brought up to at cult to recognize real heroism when it least \$2,000, and this amount ought to is manifested. The unselfishness that be raised in a city of Omaha's size and considers only the welfare of others at wealth within forty-eight hours. If the cost of self-sacrificing pain and perwe want an efficient police force to prosonal suffering is the kind of heroism tect us against thugs and thieves we that commands admiration. Such an should show proper appreciation of act of heroism has just been witnessed self-sacrificing fearlessness in the line

> of duty. It is about time to quit beasting about that duke that Theodore Shonts

The South Dakota legislature threatens to make it necessary to reside at Sioux Falls before one can obtain a divorce there. This would, according to Sloux Falls experts, result in a transfer of the national only natural that Sioux Falls should regard the South Dakota legislature as unpatriotic.

> Who Cares for the Pedigreef Louisville Courier-Journal.

A pestiferous genealogist has discovered that George Washington was descended from royalty in England. Good Americana will continue, however, to think of his performance to the exclusion of all consideration of his pedigree. Mr. Washington was an American, a soldier, a statesman and a gentleman, and he was not responsible for his tainted ancestry.

DO YOU KNOW WASHINGTON! A Frozen Image Set Up by School

Book Authorities.

Owen Wister in Everybody's Magazine. Born February 22, 1732; died December 14, 1799; fought Indians-time and place a little vague-was he not with Braddock? Married a widow named Martha: was commander all through our revolution; was our first president and had two terms; wrote a farewell address; knew Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson; crossed the Delaware at Trenton just before Christmas, and surprised the Hessians; beat Cornwallis at Yorktown; and was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his coun rymen.

These are all public facts. What does the reader know of Washington the man? More than likely it will be as follows:

Cut down a cherry tree with a hatchet; owned up to having done so, saying, "Father, I cannot tell a lie;" throw stone very far across some river; climbed up the side of the natural bridge and cut

his initials; worked hard at school, was steady; was very good all the time, and everybody looked up to him; of course very brave; of course very wise, and a

great patriot; was one of the greatest men in all history; was tall, strong, wore those knee breeches of colonial days, and a wig; issue. The American people are palooked stern; would probably lecture you tient and long suffering, though they and tell you to be virtuous and you would may not know it. They have been be happy. Such, if I mistake not, is the robbed, debauched, despolled and malreader's notion of Washington as a man: cold, austere, unemotional, without pastreated, even if they have not found it sions, grand, not merely greater than out. The situation demands a remedy. human, simply not human at all; a sort of but the Wisconsin democrats fail to marble statue. A figure to prize, to be proud of as an American, a figure to represcribe it. The matter of supplying vere, but not a character to love, to be the direct and specific planks will be drawn to, to feel any kinship with. In two left to the Denver convention. In the words, immortal yet not living.

meantime the American people will be There is one point regarding historical asked to "view with alarm" and to persons of all countries and epochs that both historians and their readers fall to listen to democratic distribes against remark sufficiently, namely, that to be those who have been convicted of the famous after you are dead is one thing, heinous offense of being republicans. and to be living after you are dead is quite another. And in the case of George Wash-

ington we have the extraordinary paradox The subscription fund for the benethat he stands the greatest of Americans, yet the least alive of all our heroes. This is not at all because a hundred years divide him from us, Paul Revere is as far away as Washington, yet much more vivid to our imagination; so also are Benedict Arnold and Aaron Burr and Major Andre; so is Pocahonias. None of these seems to us unhuman, or made of marble. Indeed, to put the thing as superlatively as possible, is it not true that Cleonatra's personality is more real to us than Washington's?

If it is true, Cleopatra owes this tremendous survival of herself along with her

official acts to a great biographer and s great post. Plutarch and Shakespeare have handed her down to us alive, while our American school books have frozen uation." It takes some time to get the George Washington to death. They have Wall street germs enlirely out of the aysa shocking yet inspiring incident. Car- and not to be mentioned in the same preserved him fame, but killed him

which has become the despair of frugal housekeepers in Paris. Under this system the cook or other domestic servant who does the family marketing is entitled to Washington ancestry. The reason is, how receive from the dealer a sou or 1 cent for ever, not difficult to understand when oneach franc expended, that is, a commission reflects that such research has been conof 5 per cent on the cost of all supplies cerned exclusively with the male line. purchased, which is naturally added to the while this royal blood is introduced into price paid by the housekeeper. the family by Margaret Butler, who mar-

feature of the system. The greed for commissions is an incentive to extravagant purchases, the waste of food and the paying of Tirst-class prices for second-rate Dick? Me, too? ments, fruits, vegetables, fuel and other supplies. In some households the system is extended so far that servants claim and receive the standard commission on gas. electricity, outside laundry work and other essentials, with the provision of which they law. have nothing to do except to make the consumption and monthly bills as large as

This, however, is not all nor the worst

possible. 440

Last summer Antonio Mangana, a native of Italy, who since his fourteenth year has lived in the United States, went back to his native fand and made a special study of the effect of emigration upon Italy. His descriptions of some of the Italian hill

The property owners care nothing for the welfare of their tenants; the agents care lean.

"The rental terms differ in different sec tions, but before emigration had grown to Party regularity usually leaves merit at the such enormous proportions the pensant was post in the Quaker city. entirely at the mercy of the land agent or his padrone. His condition was such that in order to get enough black bread for his family he must accept the most grinding terms, paying in wheat for the little patch of exhausted soil which required the combined labor of man, wife and children to eke out a miserable existence. And if, after toiling early and late all summer the crops failed in a had season, no pity was shown him. The full rent must still be paid; there was no escape; he must submit or starve, and even then half starve through the winter. We saw families 'ast winter in a town where there had been no meat for over a month, and if they had their portion of cornmeal polenta at noon it meant they could have no supper at night. The peasant never thinks of moving from one town to another to better his condition. The possibility is too remote and the moving far too expensive. It h easier to cross the ocean, and this he now does. The third-class government passports for the very poor are free. " The steamship agent will gladly lend him money and another sturdy toiler is lost to Italy.

Advance Agent of Prosperity. Chicago Inter Ocean.

The entire west is covered with a sheet of the spotless and we hardly knew of anything, if a hard course of reading on the subject counts for much, that will do next year's crops more good than this same mantle of purity.

Parifying His System. Kansas City Star.

If Hon. Leslie M. Shaw will stay in the west a few days longer he may take a decidedly more optimistic view of the "sit-

Lo, where, beneath an icy shield, Calmiy the mighty Hudson flows! By snowclad fell and frozen field, Broadening, the lordly river goes. until now been established may seem a bit surprising in view of the exhaustive research that has been devoted to the The wildest storm that sweeps through

lean.

Puck.

space And rends the oak with sudden force an raise no ripple on his face. Or slacken his majestic course.

Thus, 'mid the wreck of thrones, shall live Inmarred, undimmed, our And years succeeding years shall give Increase of honors to his name.



ficiaries of the loot. tical kindergartens.

towns in Charities and Corrections show the lingering influence of the feudal system. Of the absentee landlord he writes; "The absentee landlerd is one of the curses of the country. The owner of large estates-one well known family is said possess thirty such towns as Forano, with fields and vineyards-intrusts his property to a financial agent, whose business it is to get as much as possible from the tenants, so that the owner may be maintained pires March 3, 1909. in luxury and idleness in the large citics.