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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.

It will be noticed that Christmas cigars are wrapped in tinfoil. So is lumberger cheese.

The speech of Jeff Davis in the senate is going through the mails without asbestos wrappers.

New York is debating whether to have coal sold by weight or measure. It is a burning question.

After reading "Jeff" Davis' speech, Uncle Sam probably wonders what the state of Arkansas has against him.

It is proposed to reorganize all the New York trust companies. Just now most of them are distrust companies.

Omaha's first-time Sunday scarcely deserved the name. The matter is now up to the courts, and time will tell.

President Roosevelt declares that he will not refuse to volunteer for another term, but will resist any effort to draft him.

"A lunatic kicked a Delaware congressman," says the Cleveland Leader. Still, kicking a congressman is not proof of insanity.

Ernest Seton Thompson wants to know why mosquitoes do not bite frogs. Probably because they do not like the taste of frogs.

The New York World's question, "What is a democrat?" is still unanswered. It might add, "Why is a democratic convention?"

Senator Knox is said to be having serious trouble with his eyes. He should not ruin his vision trying to find his presidential boom.

Senator Tillman asks the White House for information on the money question, instead of writing to Mr. Bryan for data on the subject.

The next democratic candidate for the presidency will be nominated "a mile above the sea." He will be up higher than that in November.

The thoughtful wife will buy her husband's Christmas cigars early, so he can have time to take them back and trade them for something he can smoke.

Young John D. Rockefeller is enthusiastically endorsing the Hughes presidential boom. It is but fair to Governor Hughes to state that the endorsement came unsolicited.

"Jeff" Davis of Arkansas has gone to the trouble of explaining that he is not related to Jefferson Davis of the confederacy. Jefferson Davis of Mississippi was a snave, high-minded man, whose honesty of purpose was never questioned.

The Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Double-Ender is again seeing things. Republicans long ago learned just what value to place on the advice given them by this interesting and occasionally amusing molder of opinion and director of destiny.

State Treasurer Brian has made an apportionment of the temporary school fund of the state on a basis of a little more than 71 cents per capita for the school children of Nebraska. This is very near the high water mark, and is taken as another evidence of the generally prosperous condition existing in the state.

THE SAILING OF THE FLEET.

No red-blooded American can read without a thrill of pride the report of the sailing from Hampton Roads of the sixteen first-class battleships, the backbone and pride of the American navy, on the 14,000-mile cruise to the Pacific.

From a purely naval standpoint, the cruise on which the battleships have entered is the most remarkable undertaking in history. It is the longest and most hazardous trip to be undertaken by a fleet of such proportions, and the successful accomplishment of it will furnish a test of seamanship, endurance and ability that will place the American navy first in the world's list, so far as officers and men go, whatever may be the rating in the number of vessels and tonnage.

Rumors of a rupture between President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou, as a result of which Mr. Cortelyou may retire from the president's cabinet, may be dismissed as unfounded or without significance if it chance to come true.

Those who know Mr. Cortelyou will refuse to believe that he has ever had any serious hope of being the republican nominee in 1908 for the highest office in the world.

Even Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas is not as radical in his plans for eliminating trust evils in this country as are some of the tobacco raisers and dealers of Kentucky, who have gone on the warpath, not only to prevent the trust from securing the crop already raised, but to coerce farmers from planting more than a fixed acreage of the weed, in order that the output for next year may be limited and the prices made accordingly high.

The crisis was precipitated by the refusal of certain conservative tobacco growers to be dictated to in the matter of selling their crop. As a result 500 "night riders" broke into Hopkinsville, burned the barns of the conservatives, tore down newspapers that criticized their actions, took a few shots at persons who dared to protest and inaugurated a veritable reign of terror.

The situation is critical and peculiar. The Kentuckians have adopted a new plan, which must, in the final analysis, appear as a "combination in restraint of trade." Back of the present condition is a long list of grievances against the tobacco trust which, by familiar methods, has been blighting the Ken-

THE RIVER AND NEBRASKA.

The importance of the Missouri river to Nebraska is generally underestimated. While the carrying capacity of this great stream has been neglected for a third of a century, its utility is as apparent as ever, and the necessity for it is being forced home more and more every day.

It has become necessary to emphasize this point, because in some parts of the state opposition is being raised to the proposed plan for re-establishing commerce on the Missouri. A very peculiar condition exists. Nebraska is within 800 miles of tide-water, and yet every bushel of grain or farm animal shipped from the state must pay freight on a basis of 1,800 miles to seaboard, or 1,000 miles more than would be necessary if a direct north and south line crossed the state.

Only one possible avenue of relief is open, and that is that the great rivers of the fruitful valley be utilized to carry to market the products of the region. As for the Missouri river, Major Hiram Martin Chittenden, who was engineer in charge for the government for many years and who probably knows the Missouri river better than any other living man, says that it is as susceptible of navigation today as it ever was and that it only remains for man to set his boats afloat.

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NEBRASKA POLITICAL DRIFT.

Do not confuse the present issue as to Sunday closing. It is not an effort to interfere with Sunday as a day of rest. Quite the contrary, the present demonstration in Omaha is to make Sunday a day on which rest will be indicated by stagnation.

The Tobacco trust pleads that its agreements were made abroad and are not subject to the laws of the United States. The trust is offering another argument in favor of the law providing for national incorporation of concerns doing an interstate commerce business.

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The general staff of the army has under consideration the papers in the examination of army candidates and civilian candidates for commissions in the military establishment. The examinations were held recently at Fort Leavenworth. Some 300 candidates from civil life were authorized to report before the board at that post, but not more than one-half of them presented themselves.

There are now twenty-three vacancies in the board of assistant surgeon in the army, and these are destined to be increased to about thirty in June, when the present provisionally qualified candidates will be commissioned.

It is expected that the revised army regulations, 1908, will be ready for issue shortly after the new year. There ought to be a copious index, something which the volume has sadly lacked in the former editions.

The campaign badges and congressional medals which were authorized by the law for distribution to officers and enlisted men of the army for various kinds of service, including that in the civil war, Spanish war, Philippine insurrection and Indian campaigns, have not been received by the War department from the Philadelphia mint as was expected.

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merit medals and 6,000 Spanish war badges. There are 49,000 names on the list of those entitled to receive these emblems. This does not represent that many different people, since some of them receive as many as four or five badges. The badges will be sent out from the quartermaster general's office as soon as they are received, as everything else is in readiness for the distribution.

SMILING REMARKS. Show Store Salesman—What size would you like, madam? Miss Larkin—I'd like a No. 2, but there's no use talking about that. You may as well show me your No. 18.—Chicago Tribune.

"There's a young woman that never becomes tireless," said the critic. "She wears well." "But not much," observed his friend, as he glanced at her. "Parisian ball gown.—Chicago Plain Dealer."

"Now that science has achieved the grand triumph of the wireless telegraph, what next is in order?" "Well, it would be very popular if they could invent a wireless railroad."—Baltimore American.

"You say your railway is suffering from an accident?" "Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Slack. "It's terrible to hear the cries of the injured stockholders." "To what accident do you refer?" "The president of the road."—Washington Star.

"Paw wants to know, please, can he borrow your morning paper?" "Why, don't you know the library?" "Well, paw's strong on principles, he says, and he ain't going to support a sheet that's against his, so he just roared the editor and stopped the paper."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Don't be too hard on the man who is always telling you his troubles," said Uncle Jerry Peabody. "He's the only one who's in the line for fellow has."—Chicago Tribune.

"You," said the society girl. "I am engaged to Mr. Rowley, though I'm quite fond of Mr. Golding." "How did you decide, then?" asked her friend. "Well, Mr. Rowley promised me the most alimony if such a thing should become necessary."—Philadelphia Press.

"So you have written a book?" "Yes," answered the literary girl. "And you expect it to create an instantaneous furor?" "Certainly not. I wouldn't write anything as improper as all that."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Did your last cook turn out well?" "Oh, finely! He baked enough things to last a week."—Harper's Bazar.

WITH WHITTIER, GREAT POET. Conscious of the dignity of man, Comes he with the force of manhood strong. Free from every sordid, selfish plan, Hark! the message of his ringing song.

Unpretentious and with open mind, Comes he by the way of nature's choice; Bringing fruits that high endeavors find, Profers them with humble, songful voice.

Comes he in the light of purity, Simple and with childlike confidence; Clear of eye and quick of ear is he, Thrilled he seems with some supernatural sense.

Muscle of a compass unconfined, Smoothly fluent and sublime, is his. Keen to heavy service of mankind, Filled with trust, deepest sympathies.

Dear Whittier, at even's fall I'll sit awhile, in thought, with you, Your words and picture shall recall Your person to my spirit's view.

And I'll feel the gentle power Steal over my soul in genial mode, And in this quiet, restful hour, Be blest with my own abode.

The having to one's self awhile, To know the truly kindled smile, That makes the features warm and fair.

To feel the help of that fine sense Which guides poetic pictures, Of that refining quality of mind, Which clothes in beauty common things.

Ah! this fulfills a deep desire, And e'en in humblest places gives A sense of something sweeter, higher, Than in the earthy palace lives.—BERIAH F. COCHRAN.

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