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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.

Last call for the Christmas shopper. King Leopold has been severely burned in a bath in Paris. The old king is always in hot water.

"Can profanity be suppressed?" asks the New York World. Not until after the end of the storm-door season.

"Appendicitis has always been classed as a luxury," says the New York Tribune. That is why it is being cut out.

"After New Year, what?" asks the Brooklyn Eagle-Congress. The Thaw trial, the bill collectors and numerous other undesirable things.

According to Edgar Howard, "the Nebraska state democratic committee is dead-broke." Respectfully referred to William Jennings Bryan.

South American coupripts that watch the fleet go by on its way to the Pacific will have an enlarged idea of the power of the Monroe doctrine.

"Last year 18,000,000 patronized the Pullman sleepers," says the Baltimore American. "Were patronized by the Pullman sleepers" would be more exact.

The early Christmas shopper may have the pick of choice goods, but it is never too late to take a hand in the game up to the last moment of Christmas eve.

One of the worst charges that have been proven against Chancellor Andrews is that he likes to hear himself talk without being particularly enough as to what he says.

Chancellor Day says he has no idea of making a personal attack on President Roosevelt. The chancellor possesses the discretion of the man who sees he is outclassed.

A Kentucky physician declares that sour milk is the elixir of life and advises all his patients to try it. Now we know what they call it in Kentucky since the state went "dry."

Boston proposes to protest to the czar against his manner of running the Russian government. The czar must be made to realize his inability to come up to Boston standards.

Secretary Taft declares that Japan is determined to preserve peace with the United States. Some representative of Japan must have seen the Pacific-bound fleet in battle formation.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma urges the legislature to devote its time to the consideration of "necessary laws." It would be better if all our states had none but necessary laws.

The Anti-Saloon league presents its compliments to the Nebraska Liquor Dealers' association with distinguished assurances of satisfaction that the liquor dealers should have taken upon themselves to do the work of the anti-saloon men for them.

Japan proposes to cut down its army and navy expenses by \$200,000,000 in the next six years. Russia proposes to increase its navy by the expenditure of \$500,000,000 on new ships and equipment. That will tend to put the navies of the two nations in about the same class.

UNION PACIFIC PROSPERITY.

The annual report of the Union Pacific for the year ending June 30 last, just made public, challenges attention to the unprecedented prosperity which that railroad has been enjoying. According to this report the surplus revenues of the road for the year under review, including all such earnings, will figure up to \$40,500,000, or 20.7 per cent on all the common stock.

While some of this revenue comes from holdings in other corporations, the principal part of it is from profits of operation. What is regarded as most extraordinary is the accompanying statement that in the last ten years the Union Pacific has earned \$116,352,864 of profits over and above all dividend disbursements.

The people of Omaha and Nebraska and of all the territory served by the Union Pacific must rejoice in this magnificent showing of prosperity because it could never have been made except on the foundation of the prosperity of the people who use the Union Pacific as their main artery of commerce.

What our people will not be able to understand, however, is how Mr. Harman and his associates in the Union Pacific management could have taken the position they have taken as against the public and their patrons while piling up yearly surpluses, which last year reached the colossal aggregate of \$10,687,883.

These puzzling problems may possibly be cleared up later, but in the interval all we can do is to admire and wonder at the prodigious success of the Union Pacific as a money-making machine.

SECRETARY TAFT'S MISSION IN JAPAN.

The Baltimore Sun, which is about the best answer to the oft-repeated query, "What is a democrat?" is far from being convinced that the recent visit of Secretary Taft to Japan was as free from international and political significance as the statements of the secretary would indicate.

Such wild speculation is one of the penalties the public will have to pay for its pleasure during a presidential campaign. Some motive must be assigned for every action of men in the public eye and the democratic organs will not be slow to allege "international complications," "diplomatic mysteries" and all sorts of mysterious things against members of the administration who are in any degree concerned with the management of our relations with foreign countries.

In the case at hand, there has been no secret of Mr. Taft's purpose in making the foreign tour. He is not given to gumshoe methods in public affairs and has been exceedingly frank in explaining every purpose of his trip. He went to Manila to attend the opening session of the Philippine congress, in accord with a promise he made when in the Philippines two years ago.

It is always hard to keep history straight even while passing events are still live issues. Here we have one of the country weeklies calling on the rank and file of the republicans "to resent the action of the state committee last fall in pledging the Nebraska republicans to Taft."

POSTPONING THE DICK LAW.

Friends of the state militia throughout the country will be disappointed that Senator Dick of Ohio, the author of the national law for the organization and maintenance of state forces, has found it necessary to offer a bill in the present congress postponing its operation for two years.

The original Dick law was to have become effective on January 21, 1908, but its uniform application at that date has been found impossible and the postponement bill is the result of a conference between Senator Dick and the officials of the War department who have been giving special attention to this feature of the service.

It is understood that the fleet will make a friendly call at Venezuelan ports. For the moment we have forgotten how much money Venezuela owes on claims that have been awarded in favor of citizens of this country.

It is stated that Mr. Bryan is planning extensive repairs and improvements to his home at Fairview. Seems like going to unnecessary expense if he really thinks he is about to move to Washington.

A traveler reports that all the big game has disappeared from the wilds of Africa. The report that the emperor is planning a hunting trip after his retirement from office must have got there first.

Another advantage of being a congressman is that you can have a fight on the floor of the house and have it referred to as "defending your honor" instead of being arrested for disorderly conduct.

Theodore Shonts has refused to buy the ruined castles of his daughter's bankrupt duke. Papa Shonts evidently thinks he paid enough for something he didn't want when he bought the duke.

A brother of Charles Schwab is going to divorce his wife in order to marry an actress. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that this Mr. Schwab also hails from Pittsburg.

The ancient origin of Sabbath observance laws is unquestioned, and neither is the long-established practice of interpreting them liberally for purposes of enforcement.

A Long and Weary Way. Denver seems a long way off to the eastern democrat who went to the last national convention on a pass.

Yes, and Then Some. After all, money talks. That "cross of gold" is not so much of a bugbear to the Bryanites as it was a few years ago.

Emphasis on the Finish. Mr. Roosevelt's first anti-third term statement contained about 200 words; his second contained eleven. The next one will no doubt read simply "Forget it."

Mammon Gets a Frost. Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas has vociferously announced that he will never eat from the hands of Mammon. We hope Mammon will go back now and toss his sandwich into the sewer.

Superstitious Disclaimer. There does not seem to be any crying demand for a statement from Governor Maegoon of Cuba that he is not a candidate for the presidency of the United States. However, we will accept his disclaimer in a spirit of amity.

The Limit Under the Lid. The lid is being lifted in New York to a certain extent—entertainments may be given on Sunday, provided they are given in such a manner as not to disturb the public peace or amount to a serious interruption. A broad translation of this may be that the audience is not to throw things at the actors.

WHO'LL PAY THE PIPER?

Proposed Government Financing of Political Campaigns. Philadelphia, Telegraph. His bitterest enemy will not charge President Roosevelt with a paucity of ideas or with any fear of expressing them. No executive has dedicated himself more completely to the herculean labor of solving the political and economic problems of his government than he, and it is no doubt to this incessant desire to accomplish a betterment along all the lines of our national activities that we owe the suggestion in his annual message that the government should finance the leading political parties.

CROP VALUES ARE HIGHER

Prices Nearly One-Third More This Year Than Last.

YIELD IS NOT AS MUCH AS IN 1906

Farm Land Has Increased in Value Two Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars, According to Federal Report.

Final estimates of the crop reporting board, Department of Agriculture, have been received at the Omaha Grain exchange and comparisons made by officers of the board. The report for the year shows that while the production is smaller the values are almost 25 per cent greater, while farm values have increased at a rate almost beyond belief in the face of the smaller yield.

There is a smaller production of all the commercial grains, with corn the only one where the average price is higher than last year. The average price of corn is 51.7 cents last year; winter wheat, which brought 98 cents last year, is quoted at 88.2 cents; spring wheat of last year at 63 cents and this year at 65 cents; oats at 31.7 cents last year and 44.3 cents in 1907; barley at 41.5 cents last year and 68.2 cents is the average for the current year; rye, which sold for 58.9 cents last year, is worth 73.1 cents per bushel during the crop moving months of 1907.

The acreage of corn was larger by over 1,000,000 acres; the winter and spring wheat acreage smaller, while the acreage of oats, barley and rye smaller than last year.

The total increase in the value of farm lands amounts to almost \$250,000,000.

Table with 3 columns: Crop, 1907, 1906. Rows include Corn, Winter wheat, Spring wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, and Increase of farm values.

While the oats of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota are reported to be unusually light for the present year, the average weight of the oats of the United States, is 24 pounds per bushel or more than a pound above the average. The average weight of spring wheat is shown to be 55.9 pounds and winter wheat weighs 58.3 pounds to the bushel.

TUKEY RAPS POSTAL SAVINGS

Real Estate Man Deprecates the Enactment of a Such a Law.

"Seventeen million dollars will be withdrawn from the Omaha banks if the postal savings bank system is established," according to A. P. Tukey, who will introduce resolutions at the next meeting of the Omaha Real Estate exchange, opposing the proposed legislation for the postal banks.

"The claim is made that the people favor the postal savings banks almost unanimously. Conceding that this is true, we must conclude that many who have the \$7,000,000 on deposit in the savings and loan associations, will withdraw their money and place it in the postal savings banks. They will at least do so for a time and the amount now loaned on homes of Omaha would be transferred to the postal savings banks and the associations would be put out of business."

"Now it is well known that the government will not loan 1 cent of money on any home in Omaha and those building will have to seek money elsewhere. Where they will get the money I do not know. They cannot secure private money. Purpose for instance, that one-half of the \$7,000,000 is withdrawn. It would cripple local institutions beyond recovery. I don't see why the Real Estate exchange or any other local organization desires to cripple the savings banks and jeopardize the business of those who have built up the banks and financial organizations, which have fostered home buildings."

"I question whether half a dozen members of the exchange would be willing to go on record as favoring the withdrawal of the \$7,000,000 invested in Omaha homes and which is constantly changing hands and helping others to build."

"Then the savings deposits in the national banks of Omaha amount to \$10,000,000. This is the money of poor men who are drawing 2 1/2 to 3 per cent interest on certificates of deposit. If he claims this money will be returned to the local banks by the government, but experience has shown it otherwise. The money from the sale of all government bonds and warrants nearly always finds its way to New York in some way or another and is not distributed over the country."

Mr. Tukey said he would be opposed to taking a postal card vote of Omaha, as was taken in Lincoln, as the people would nearly all favor the postal savings bank system, because they would not understand the results which they would feel soon enough.

"The other countries it is different. The United Kingdom is not building homes on borrowed money," he said. "The land is held as estates and when a home is to be erected the landlord builds it and rents it. There is no comparison with the growing and developing west, where hundreds of homes are being erected in Omaha every year by the men who expect to live in them and who own the land on which they stand."

Feeling of the real estate men is running high over the debates before the exchange on the subject of the postal savings banks, and the next meeting promises to be a cheering violation of the law prohibiting the confinement of live stock in cages longer than twenty-four hours. Judge Landis, in the United States district court, before whom the pleas were entered, deferred sentence to allow the railroads to show causes for the delays.

LIVE STOCK CARS DELAYED

Rock Island Railroad Enters Pleas of Guilty Before Judge Landis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Pleas of guilty were made today by the Rock Island Railroad company in thirty-four cases charging violation of the law prohibiting the confinement of live stock in cages longer than twenty-four hours. Judge Landis, in the United States district court, before whom the pleas were entered, deferred sentence to allow the railroads to show causes for the delays.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

John Sharp Williams does his best fighting when the speaker acts as referee. Hardon and Stoessel, both on trial for heretism, may reflect that a monument to Zoia is soon to be unveiled.

Detroit's social list has been lopped from 800 to 200, and the 600 out seem to be taking their amputation seriously.

Chicago's Board of Trade has expelled a member either for gambling or for his negligence in getting caught at it.

The latest Washington conundrum: Why is the house like St. Louis? Because it is where Mississippi and Missouri come together.

The "Klondike King" has appeared in New York with 500 \$1,000 bills in his pocket. It will be interesting to observe how many of these he will be permitted to carry away.

Secretary Cortelyou will be invited to deliver the Dodge lectures at Yale. Senator Ruy Barbosa of Brazil, who was to have delivered them, cables that he is too ill to undertake the task, following his arduous duties in connection with The Hague conference.

A Chicago woman described as an "author, club woman, society leader, alum worker and general philanthropist" addressed a number of the young women of that city the other day, giving them, among other things, this sage advice: "Don't wear fancy waltzes with fizzes and 'poop-poops.' And yet they say the vocabulary of golf is hard!"

One of the wealthiest men in the state of Wyoming, besides being its governor, is Bryant Butler Brooks. As a young man he was knocked about working as a farm hand and cowpuncher and putting in a winter as a trapper and hunter in Wyoming. In the spring of that year he brought the furs to Chicago. Then he went back to Wyoming and settled on government land under the homestead act. Now he lives on a ranch of 300,000 acres, where he has 20,000 sheep, thousands of horned cattle and several hundred horses.

Mr. Frederick Dent Grant, Mrs. Clarence Burns, president of the Little Mothers' Aid association; Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, and Miss Mary McDowell, the Chicago settlement worker, are co-operating in a plan to bring the 18,000 homeless children of this country to the attention of the 1,000,000 children's homes that are said to exist. Short histories and photographs of the children who are candidates for adoption will be published in a popular magazine and the women who are interesting themselves in the work believe that homes will be found for most of the homeless little ones.

"That was an unlucky thing that Peck, the engineer, done," said the brakeman. "They gave him one of them new engines yesterday and he named it after his wife. The thing was that unlucky" asked the track-walker.

"Why, the blamed thing blew him up this morning," Philadelphia Press.

IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS.

Detroit Free Press. If I were Santa Claus, I'd pass by the grown-up men and women; I'd search for every little boy; And every little boy, that I could visit in a single night; I'd find their cot, I'd spy pause; The little ones I would delight; I'd be a children's Santa Claus.

If I were Santa Claus, I'd not waste time on grown-up folks at all; I'd look for little red-stained cheeks; And in each face I'd spy peer; And, when the light of morning streaks, I'd see they listed Christmas cheer.

If I were Santa Claus, I'd go where children never know the joys; I'd visit all the girls and boys; That poverty is pulling down; The thin, pale children, wan and ill; I'd search for them throughout the town; Their stockings I would fill.

If I were Santa Claus, I'd see that not a little child should wake To find he was forgotten by me; No tiny heart I'd ever break; Such plums and sugar cakes I'd leave. Such wonderfully painted toys; That not one baby heart should grieve; I'd Santa for the girls and boys.

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