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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 shop-

King Leopoid 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 sea-

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

other undesirable things.

to William Jennings Bryan.

South American countries 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

is never too late to take a hand in the game up to the last moment of Christ-

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

Chancellor Day says he has no idea of making a personal attack on President Roosevelt. The chancellor posseeses 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 cgar 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 sary laws." It would be better if all laws.

The Anti-Saloon league presents its feeling which had been excited in that compliments to the Nebraska Liquor Dealers' association with distinguished lums in San Francisco and by the assurances of satisfaction that the jingo press on both sides of the liquor dealers should have taken upon Pacific. themselves to do the work of the antisaloon men for them.

UNION PACIFIC PROSPERITY.

The annual report of the Union Pajust made public, challenges attention vention representing every county in that rallroad has been enjoying. Acenues of the road for the year under review, including all such earnings, will figure up to \$40,500,000, or 20.7 from holdings in other corporations, signs of resentment on the part of the 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. The annual report of the Union Pacific would indicate that up to June 20 last, at least, the cities, towns, villages and agricultural and mining communities 16...... 37,430 stretching from Omaha on the east to Puget Sound and the Golden Gate on the west, have been enjoying a more substantial degree of prosperity than

any other section of the country, What our people will not be able to understand, however, is how Mr. Hariman and his associates in the Union acific management could have taken the position they have taken as against he public and their patrons while pil ug up yearly surpluses, which last year reached the colossal aggregate of \$10,687,883. Why they should have ought against paying a more equitable share of the taxes needed to support state and local governments is beyond comprehension. Why they should have complained of inability to procure money for improvements while investing hundreds of millions in stocks and bonds of other and distant lines is inexplicable. With this nest egg against a rainy day, it is hard to see why, with unsatisfied demands for rolling stock, they should think it necessary to close the Union Pacific shops now for a week on the score of economy. It is difficult to discover even a good excuse for not having erected the promised new headquarters building according to the original schedule.

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 "After New Year, what?" asks the the best answer to the oft-repeated Brooklyn Esgle, Congress, the Thaw query, "What is a democrat?" is far trial, the bill collectors and numerous from being convinced that the recent visit of Secretary Taft to Japan was as free from international and politi-According to Edgar Howard, "the cal significance as the statements of Nebraska state democratic committee the secretary would indicate. The Sun is dead-broke." Respectfully referred has no testimony or facts bearing on the case but has evidently argued itself into the belief that Mr. Taft went to Tokio as the bearer of secret messages of great import from President Roosevelt to the Nippon emperor, probably relating to the question of Japanese immigration, the sale of the Philippines and other matters that have been pressed to the attention of the people of the two nations. With such a basis the number of topics that a fertile The early Christmas shopper may imagination might conjure up to achave the pick of choice goods, but it count for the secretary's trip to Tokio. The Sun halts only at hinting that Mr. Taft secured the permission of the Japanese emperor for the American fleet to sall for the Pacific.

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 conrelations with foreign countries. In the case at hand, there has been no secret of Mr. Taft's purpose in making America for the same period amounted the foreign tour. He is not given to 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. Incidentally, he had business connected with his administration of the affairs of the war department, which warranted his trip to the Philippines at this time. Public judgment is rapidly settling to the quiet conclusion that Secretary Taft had, as he urges the legislature to devote its declared, no official business in Russia time to the consideration of "neces- or Japan and that his visit to those countries was purely formal and our states had none but necessary friendly, although his interview with the emperor of Japan no doubt has done much to allay the anti-American

straight even while passing events are as the government of nearly every Japan proposes to cut down its army still live issues. Here we have one of South American country is spending and navy expenses by \$200,000,000 in the country weeklies calling on the the next six years. Russia proposes rank and file of the republicans "to re- provements and making unusual effort to increase its navy by the expenditure sent the action of the state committee to develop its natural resources. The of \$500,000,000 on new ships and last fall in pledging the Nebraska re- American manufacturers are in posiequipment. That will tend to put the publicans to Taft." Of course, the tion to profit largely by this developnavies of the two nations in about state committee has done nothing of ment and the authorities at Washing-

country by the outbreak of the hood-

tary Taft as a fitting successor to President Roosevelt was made by the regu- trade relations with the South and cific for the year ending June 30 last, larly constituted republican state conto the unprecedented prosperity which | the state, and was incorporated in the platform on which the nominees went Nebraska in more than fifteen years, rank and file.

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 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

The original Dick law provided for the extension of federal aid to the national guard in the different states as those organizations were brought to conform with the standards of the regular army. The expectation held by officials of the War department at the time of its passage have not been fully realized, for some of the states have made no earnest effort to meet the requirements, while in others legal objections and state constitutional obstacles have been encountered that will require time for adjustment. As an illustration of the complications, New York guardsmen have a standard of 103 men to the company, while the regular army standard is 63. Compliance with the Dick law would compel a material reduction of the numerical strength of the New York National Guard, whose officials refuse to sanction it. Compliance would also reduce the numerical strength of the New York militia below the requirement of the state constitution.

While New York has more than its quota, in some states the number is below the federal requirements and all efforts to encourage enlistment have been unproductive. Delaware has less than 400 guardsmen and Montana mont 692, Wyoming 200 and Nevada duke. none. The middle western states, including Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Illibenefits of the law's operation. In Schwab also hails from Pittsburg. the south and in some western states the prospective bonus offered by the government for service in the militia has not produced satisfactory results. guard in the forty-six states is about 110,000 officers and men, of whom the War department estimates only 80,000 available for active duty.

OUR GROWING SOUTH ERN TRADE. The reports of the Department of Commerce and Labor on our foreign calendar year, in addition to showing that all previous records have been broken, both as to volume and value for speculation, there is little limit to of exports and imports, direct attention to the rapid development and growth of our commerce with countries to the south. Since the days of Mr. Blaine's administration of the State department, the efforts to win the trade of South America from Europe have been persistent, but only within the last few years have ap-Such wild speculation is one of the preciable results been obtained. While these are yet far from satisfactory. as our imports from South America still exceed our exports by some \$52,-000,000 a year, the volume of the export trade has grown to such dimensions as to offer the greatest encouragement for the future.

For the nine months of the year our exports to Central America aggregated \$21,888,898, as compared with \$18,636,631 for the same period in 1906, and the exports to South to \$63,004,833, a gain of \$7,000,000 gumshoe methods in public affairs over the nine months' record of last year. During the same period the imports from Central America were \$13,875,383, a gain of \$2,000,000, and the imports from South America were \$115,033,331; a gain of \$16,000,000. While these results show a balance of trade in favor of both South and Central America against the United States, the gain in exports shows that the merchants of this country are becoming familiar with business methods in the south countries and are preparing to get their share of a profitable and growing business that has long been denied them. The bulk of this trade has been going to Europe largely because of the special efforts made in both Germany and Great Britain to train consular and business agents in the methods of the southern

American exports to South and Central America consist largely of farm machinery, shoes and other manufactured articles. The demand It is always hard to keep history for these products is growing rapidly, vast amounts of money on public im-

they are making to promote better Central American countries.

Our democratic congressman has already discovered after a brief re-entry cording to this report the surplus rev- before the people and polled the larg- into the halls of legislation at Washest republican plurality registered in ington that "two years have made some remarkable changes in governwith the single exception of the vote mental affairs at the capital." It per cent on all the common stock, for President Roosevelt in 1904. The should be added that another two While some of this revenue comes election returns did not indicate any years will make still more remarkable changes in governmental affairs at the capital, including in all probability another change in the congressional representative from this district.

The only democratic congressman from Nebraska is sure his postal savings bank bill would be passed by the house were it not for a stumbling block in the person of "Uncle" Joe Cannon. Recipe for removing the stumbling block: Send a republican to congress from this district.

Omaha is said to have a chance to get the next year's meeting of the State Teachers' association, if it will only go after it in the right way. The hint ought to be enough to start the machinery in motion for a pressing invitation to the teachers so attractive of 1907. that they cannot resist it.

It is understood that the fleet will make a friendly call at Venzuelan 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 president 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 or being arrested for disorderly

Theodore Shonts has refused to buy the ruined castles of his daughter's bankrupt duke. Papa Shonts evidently about an equal number. North Dakota thinks he paid enough for something has 619, Washington about 700, Ver- he didn't want when he bought the

A brother of Charles Schwab is nois, Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan, going to divorce his wife in order to have some 25,000 men in regularly marry an actress. It is perhaps unorganized regiments ready to share the necessary to state that this Mr.

The ancient origin of Sabbath observance laws is unquestioned, and possible to obtain the savings of others neither is the long-established practice The total strength of the national of interpreting them liberally for purposes of enforcement

A Long and Weary Way.

Pittsburg Dispatch. seems a long way off to the eastern democrat who went to the last national convention on a pass.

Yea, and Then Some.

Toledo Blade. 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.

Washington Post. Mr. Roosevelt's first anti-third term second contained eleven. The next one will no doubt read simply "Forget it."

Mammon Gets a Frost.

Chicago Record-Herald. Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas has vocifgrously 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.

Superfluous Disclaimer.

St. Louis Times. There does not seem to be any crying demand for a staement from Governor Magoon of Cuba that he is not a candi-States. However, we will accept his dis-

The Limit Under the Lid.

claimer in a spirit of amity.

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

WHO'LL PAY THE PIPERT

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 govthis 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. To the hasty mind this may appear utterly Quixotic, but to the reasoning mind, impracticable as it may seem at this moment, no longer driven like sheep to the shambles. The president puts forth the banks. idea tentatively, as something to be hoped for, and, therefore, semething to be borne studiously in mind. At the first blush the thought is Utopian, and the imagination pictures politicians of high and low degree making common spoil of the public funds, and the general press filled with cartoons of the "Universal Pork Barrel" and the 'National Dough Bag." But the president's scheme, we take it, is a regulatory one by which the federal and state governments might not only bring election expenses to the lowest possible minimum, but actually prohibit contributions of money by interests expecting to profit through party success. His idea may never materialize, the kind. The endorsement of Secre- ton are justified in the special effort and yet it is germinal to clean politics.

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 Feds eral 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 exchange with the report of last year show that while the production is smaller the values are almost 3314 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 from corn to rye, but where corn was worth 39 cents per bushel last year, the average price is 51.7 cents this year; winter wheat, which brought 68 cents last year, is quoted at 88.2 cents; spring wheat of last year at 63 cents and this year at \$5 cents; oats at 31.7 cents last year and 44.3 cents in 1907; barley at 41.8 cents last year and 66.6 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

The acreage of corn was larger by over 3,000,000 acres; the winter and spring wheat acreage smaller; 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.

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light for the present year, the average is 29.4 pounds per hushel or more than a pound above the average. The average weight of soring wheat is shown to be 56.9 pounds and winter wheat weighs 58.9 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. "I am for Omaha first," said Mr. Tukey 'and at present \$7,000,000 is deposited by Omahans in the savings and loan associations of the city, all of which is now loaned on Omaha homes. More than 3,500

the homes. 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.

Wyoming and settled on government land under the homestead act. Now he lives on a ranch of 100,000 acres, where he has 20,000 sheep, thousands of horned cattle and several hundred horses, and in each face I'd slyly peer; And, when the light of morning streaks, 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

at reasonable interest with which

to build

be put out of business. "Now it is well known that the govern ment 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. Suppose, for instance, that one-half of the \$7,statement contained about 200 words; his 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 local industry 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 drawdate for the presidency of the United ing 21/2 to 3 per cent interest on certificates of deposit. It is claimed this money will be returned to the local banks by the government, but experience has shown in 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.

"In 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 landford 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 ernment than he, and it is no doubt to 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 warm one. Mr. Tukey points to the present quiet spell in real estate circles as due to the fact that the building and loan it is a blazing of the way to Pasteurized associations are unable to make loans and political conditions, when money will a good sample of the stagnation in the real cease as a corrupting agency, and voters estate business is sure to follow the depositing of money in the postal savings

> LIVE STOCK CARS DELAYED Island Railroad Enters Pleas of Guilty Before Judge

Landia. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-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 cars 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 show causes for the delays.

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### Orchard & Wilhelm 414-16-18 South Sixteenth

John Sharp Williams does his best fighting when the speaker acts as referee. Harden and Stoessel, both on triol for

PERSONAL NOTES.

heroism, may reflect that a monument to Zola is soon to be unveiled. Detroit's social list has been lopped fron 800 to 200, and the 600 outs seem to be taking their amputation seriously. Chicage's Board of Trade has expelled

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 to-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. Senor 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 con-

A Chicago woman described as an "authoress, club woman, society leader, slum 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 waists with fizzles and pooh-poohs." And yet they say the vocabulary of golf is hard!

One of the wealthiest men in the state of Wyoming, bestdes being its governor, is men of moderate means have erected homes Bryant Butler Brooks. As a young man within the past two years because it was he knocked about working as a farm hand and cowpuncher and putting in a winter as a trapper and hunt the spring of that year he brought the The little ones I would delight,
I'd be a children's Santa Claus, "The claim is made that the people furs to Chicago. Then he went back to favor the postal savings banks almost Wyoming and settled on government land If I were Santa Claus, I'd not

> Mr. Frederick Dent Grant, Mrs. Clerence Burns, president of the Little Mothers' Aid association; Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, and Miss Mary McDowell, the Chlcago settlement worker, are co-operating in a plan to bring the 180,000 homeless chil- | That dren of this country to the attention of the 2,000,000 childless homes that are said to exist. Short histories and photographs of the children who are candidates for adop tion 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 lit

SPICE REPORE THE PEAST.

"Mamma, Santa Claus isn't married, is he?" don't know. Why do you think he isn't, dear?" "Cause if he was his wife wouldn't let him stay out that way at night."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The husband of the pretty actress had "Now see here, exclaimed the agent with some impatience; "you oughin't to be so careless. Next time don't stand so close. Those blank cartridges scorch a man at six feet."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Say, paw," queried little Tommy Tod-iles, who had picked up a few racing erms on the street, "what is the home tretch"?" "Trying to make both ends meet, my son," replied Toddles, sr., who was audit-ing the month's household bills.—Chicago

Wife-Do you like those beautiful sus-penders I embroidered for you, dear? Hubby-Yes, darling-they don't show when I am dressed-Cleveland Leader.

Tommy—I dreamed last night I got a pair o' new skutes for Chris'mas. Younger Brother—Huh! That won't do you any good, I wrote to old Santa Claus for 'em week 'fore last, plague take yuh!— Chicago Tribune.

"That was an unlucky thing that Peck, the engineer, done," said the brakeman. "They gave him one o' them new engines yesterday and he named it after his wife." "How 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
The grown-up men and women by;
I'd search for every little lass
And every little boy, that I
Could visit in a single night;
Best of the could be a single night; side their cots I

I'd see they tasted Christmas cheer

If I were Santa Claus, I'd go
Where children never know the joys
St. Nick is fabled to bestow.
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
Their stockings I would find.

If I were Santa Claus, I'd see
That not a little child should wake
To find he was forgot by me;
No thy heart I'd ever break.
Such plums and sugar canes 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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