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WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Count Boni is continuing to justify his wife's insistence on a divorce.

According to the dispatches, the original "Little Egypt" is dead—again.

It is proper that the Thaw trial should have been resumed on wash day.

A Kansas City grocer sold lemon extract that contained no lemon, so the court handed him one.

Not many of those indestructible toys given to the children on Christmas have survived the shock.

"Why does a man lie to his wife?" asks Winifred Black. Probably because there is no one else handy at the time.

Prince de Sagan evidently shares that American estimate of Count Boni. He has sued him for damages in the sum of 30 cents.

"Meet the bill collector with a smile," says the New York World. Better still, meet him with something that will make him smile.

There is only one objection to the court's order barring women spectators from the Thaw trial. It should include morbid men as well.

The financial stringency is surely over, if you believe all the reports printed about the prices being paid by base ball managers for new players.

"Senator Knox has the nucleus of a presidential boom," says a Denver paper. True, but it is difficult to nourish a nucleus without outside assistance.

It is hoped that Wu Ting-fang has broken that habit he used to have of asking "How much money have you got?"

The Standard Oil company is going to build the biggest refining plant in the world in New Jersey. That state never asks corporations annoying questions.

The millennium would be the next number on the program if state legislatures promptly enacted all the reforms urged by governors in their annual addresses.

Bailey P. Wagner must have got hold of the 1906 calendar, or he would not have offered annual passes to the Nebraska state officers. There has been a change.

Senator "Jeff" Davis is bitterly opposed to a large appropriation for the navy. This is a little surprising, as the senator is something of a man-of-war on his own account.

"I have declined to be a candidate for the presidency fifteen times," says Speaker Cannon. He does not assert, however, that he would decline to be a candidate the next time.

Frank Vanderlip says that New York is the nerve center of the United States. At times, perhaps, but not when the house at Washington is in session with Speaker Cannon presiding.

Mayor "Jim" had better bump himself if he does not want to lose his place in the Bryan cabinet. De Armond and Williams are both being urged for secretary of war.

OMAHA AND THE CONVENTION.

The republican state convention to elect delegates-at-large to represent Nebraska in the national convention at Chicago will be held in Omaha Thursday, March 12. According to the apportionment, the total number of accredited delegates in round numbers will be one thousand.

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From this point of view, the holding of the coming state convention in Omaha can and should prove of mutual benefit both to the republicans and people generally of Omaha, and to the delegates who will be in attendance from outside.

POLITICS IN NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT.

The southern plea that the negro question is a local and social problem in the south, not a political one, and that the north should keep hands off might be more effective if it were not so often contradicted by acts of southern leaders showing that the race prejudice, which is a part of their stock in trade, rests almost entirely on political grounds.

Less objection could be offered to Governor Warfield's demand, if he had eliminated the word "negro" from his recommendation of legislation to "eliminate the ignorant, unreflecting, thriftless negro vote."

The governor recommends a "grandfather clause" amendment to the Maryland constitution, such as has been adopted by other southern states, the net purpose of which is to disfranchise the negro.

THE NATIONAL DEBT. The treasury statement just issued figures the interest-bearing debt of the United States, at the close of business on December 31 last, at \$898,210,050, showing an increase for the year of about \$60,000,000, due entirely to the sale of Panama canal bonds and the certificates of indebtedness issued by Secretary Cortelyou to relieve the money stringency in November.

Some interesting financial problems are presented by an analysis of the national debt figures. The debt has been reduced rapidly under republican administration and could, by the use of the annual surplus accumulations, be wiped out entirely in a few years, were it not necessary, under the existing currency system, to keep a bond basis for national bank notes.

At all events, American exporters will be on the safe side by taking full advantage of opportunities for extending immediate trade, but they are hardly warranted in expecting the Japanese to become steady purchasers of anything they can make themselves.

Douglas county has entered upon a new epoch, its government being entirely in the hands of men of republican political faith. It is not charged that these men were elected to office solely because they are republicans, but because their fellow citizens had confidence in their integrity and ability and preferred them above their opponents.

the currency system at the present session, though some legislation may be enacted to afford temporary relief. A permanent solution of the currency problem can not be secured until we either change or enlarge the basis of national bank circulation or decide definitely upon a policy of a permanent bonded debt.

SALE OF "THE THUNDERER."

While the average American, who thinks of the London Times something as he does of the pyramids, the rocks of Gibraltar and other objects famed for massiveness and solidity, may not be moved by the announcement of its sale, it is to follow would demand. The location of the convention in Omaha, the first to be held here in nine years, should also arouse local republicans to a sense of responsibility as hosts of this great gathering.

While we all endorse Mayor "Jim's" proposition that streets be kept clean and the city be made beautiful, we still remember that the street cleaning department has been under the direction of the mayor ever since "Jim" has been in office.

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Increased movement in grain and live stock is needed. Receipts at the Omaha market show a decided improvement. This is an indication that the consumptive demand of the world has not been checked and means that the Nebraska farmer will continue to share the prosperity that has been his for so long.

NEW ORIENTAL TRADE. American manufacturers have apparently made a very considerable trade gain in a new field within the last year. The territory known as Japanese China never figured to any extent in the ledgers of American exporters before the close of the Russo-Jap war.

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One hundred Minnesota democrats have issued a statement declaring that "no man can be seriously considered in place of Mr. Bryan" as the democratic nominee for president.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Press Bullock, the peace promoter and press agent of Deadwood, while in Washington as a guest of President Roosevelt, recently was given an impressive illustration of the manner in which the president keeps up steam and conserves the vigorous health for which he is noted.

John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, ex-commissioner of internal revenue, was one of the guests at the little luncheon party and as a story of the profession were in order, he told us one concerning dentistry in the Blue Grass state. A patient entered the dental parlors of one of Mr. Yerkes' friends in Louisville. The man's eyes were bloodshot and he was bearing several other marks of a condition for which he could not be blamed, considering he had a severe toothache.

A New York banker who happened to be in Washington over Sunday, when the lid is bolted on, delivered himself of a few pertinent remarks in the Washington Herald on Sunday restrictions which are applicable to other communities.

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According to the leading Paris newspapers the war between the United States and Japan is still in progress. Some strong nation should intervene before Japan and our own country are depopulated by the slaughter of war.

After all is said and done, the president does not appear to be so very radical in demanding that an army officer should know as much about the management of a horse as he does about running an automobile.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

William R. Smith, superintendent of the National Botanical garden, Washington, has 89 editions of Robert Burns, several of them very rare. If the constable who came near putting the earl of Yarmouth in jail the day of the wedding had but carried out his intentions much trouble would have been avoided.

Colonel Charles H. Whipple of the United States army on Thursday assumed the duties of paymaster general of the army, with the rank of brigadier general. He is a son of Bishop Whipple of the Episcopal diocese of Minnesota, who was generally known as "the apostle of the Indians," and to the Indians themselves as "Old Star." He was born in New York in 1818 and entered the army as a major in 1841.

Michigan Judge Thinks the Court Knows What's What. Philadelphia Record. Judge West of Michigan has decided that bran and cornmeal soaked with water, mixed with a larger or smaller proportion of chopped meat, seasoned and stuffed into sausage casings do not constitute sausage.

WATCH THINGS GROW. But Lend a Helping Hand to the Impressions of the Eye. Pittsburgh Dispatch. Mr. E. H. Harriman, asked by a New York newspaper to give a watchword for the new year, suggested "Watch things grow!"

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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Many a boy," said Uncle Jerry Peebles, "gets a whipping for being merely suspected of doing the things his father was too slick to get caught at when the old man was in his blizzard."—Chicago Tribune.

First American Helms—How about your title investment? Second Ditto—Mine was of no account. Third American Helms—And mine was a barren waste—Baltimore American.

"Your colleague has a certain amount of vanity," said one statesman. "He thinks everybody ought to buy the city directory because his name is in it."—Washington Star.

"Why," asked the divorced court, "do you refuse me?" "I am afraid," replied the beautiful American girl, "that I might not be able to support you in the style to which you have been accustomed."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mrs. Tartum—Mr. McEash, this being leap year, let me ask you— "Why, indeed?" hastily interrupted Mrs. Tartum— "Oh, I beg of you Miss— "Miss Tartum—if you think any self-respecting young woman would go out of her way to ask a dub like you to marry her."—Chicago Tribune.

Molly—Cholly's brains are all in his feet. Dolly—Dear me! And how long ago did he have his feet amputated?—Cleveland Leader.

THE WINTER WORLD. A barren land, a frozen world, A wandering bird, alone and lost, Upon the eddying whirlwind tossed; A road of whirling snow with drifted snow— But spring before me, where I go, From mundane mill and crowded mart, Unto the heaven of her heart!

A wall of sleet, a ruined field, The blooms of joy in shadow sealed; A frozen stream, a windy hill, All elfin shapes and fairy folk— But summer with its old, sweet spell, And down the hyacinthine dell, A voice that lures to bloom where rise The Jasper gates of paradise!

A withering blast, a frosty time, A gray world wrapped in shades of time, A hungry partridge in the lane, All elfin shapes and fairy folk— But June upon her lips who waits Beneath the eaves, within the gates; And April with her blossomy heart Beneath the sunshine and the shower: A faded rose, a desert place, A white world with a pallid face, A simple gown, the forest town— Stand with their pendant, snowy fringes, A swinging step, a jaunty air, Of whiskered nonchalance to care, As out of froat, and wind, and blight Love steps into her warm heart-light!

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