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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 Taft column in Nebraska continues to grow.

In other words, Mr. Fish admits that he was caught in the Harriman net.

"The Era of Conscience" is the title of Governor Folk's lecture in New York. The subject is entirely new to Gothamites.

J. Pierpont Morgan has gone to Europe to buy some more relics. It is suspected that he has an eye on the London Times.

A balloon race is to be started from Chicago in July. The real balloon trip, however, will be started from Denver in July.

The long gloves fad has caused a scarcity in kid skins. Even Wall street has discovered that there are not many goats in the country.

"This is an age of steel," said Senator Penrose at a Philadelphia banquet, and then everybody laughed. And some yelled "Harrisburg."

A Spokane street car conductor has been dismissed for flirting. That's the penalty of paying more attention to the fair than to the fare.

That grand jury will be written down a failure if it does not furnish the yellow journals with a few red ink headlines before it adjourns.

Rest easy, J. Pierpont Morgan is too patriotic to take a European trip unless satisfied that this country is in position to take care of itself.

Without wishing to discourage those New York to Paris autoists, it may be well to remind them that it is a long way between farm houses up in Alaska.

A blind man has been elected a member of the British Parliament. If he masters some of the real secrets of parliamentary doings he will have his eyes opened.

A Switzer has been arrested as a suspicious character in Atlanta. A man with a name like that has no business in a state that has just passed prohibition law.

A member of the New York legislature is proposing an amendment to the federal constitution making the president ineligible for a third term. That's not necessary.

Secretary Cortelyou has called in \$35,000,000 that has been on deposit in the national banks. The only significance in the call is that neither the Treasury department nor the banks need the money.

Council Bluffs will share with Omaha the privilege of entertaining Secretary Taft in April and the secretary will divide his time between the two cities. Council Bluffs should realize that it derives some advantage from being located geographically just across the river.

Ray Stanard Baker says he knows a colored banker in the south who was once a Pullman porter. It is supposed that a Pullman porter will occasionally give up his place to go into the less remunerative business of banking, just because he is tired of being away from home so much.

FOR A REPUBLICAN MISSOURI

Enthusiastically endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Taft for the presidency and pledging its delegates to work and vote for his nomination at Chicago, the Missouri republican convention just held in St. Louis took other action which will enable the party to go into the coming campaign with assuring confidence of carrying the state for both the national and local tickets.

The endorsement of Mr. Hadley for governor and the personnel of the national delegates are significant evidences of the new life infused into the republican party of Missouri since its triumph in 1904. For many years prior to that time, party control had rested with men who, following the pattern of republican organizations in the solid south, had given their chief thought to federal patronage instead of to efforts to win at the polls.

While Mr. Bryan's friends insist that he is certain of Missouri in the coming campaign, nothing in the recent political history of the state or in the present indications warrants this confidence. In 1896 the democrats, under Mr. Bryan, polled 363,877 votes in Missouri, and the republicans 304,940. Missouri democrats were enthusiastic free silverites, trained in the school of "Silver Dick" Bland.

Another gratifying feature from the republican standpoint lies in the fact that while the republican party is better organized and more harmonious than it has ever been before in the state, the democratic party in Missouri is torn by factional fights that have fairly disrupted it.

INLAND WATERWAYS REPORT.

The preliminary report of the Inland Waterways commission, just submitted to congress with an accompanying message by President Roosevelt, furnishes a hint of the vast amount of work necessary before any systematic plan of waterways improvement can be entered upon.

Since present and prospective railways reach all parts of the country, while navigable waterways are confined to certain natural lines, it is clear that railways can so control transportation as to leave the waterways insufficient traffic to support the requisite vessels.

As the commission indicates, so large a portion of railway traffic is free from water competition that railways can readily afford to so reduce rates on those portions affected by water competition as to destroy the profits of the water line without seriously affecting the profits of the rail system, which recoup these reductions by higher rates elsewhere.

More important than the improvement of the navigable streams, so far as immediate action is concerned, is the necessity of laws preventing monopolies from securing control of the sources of water power found in our running streams. Private control of this water power deprives the government and the state of the right to use these natural resources for the benefit of the whole people.

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Our democratic friends are proposing to enlarge the Nebraska delegation to Denver by doubling the number of delegates and giving each half a vote in order to take care of all the patriots who want reserved seats on the convention hall floor.

and making certain its continuity and co-ordination, expert initiative in the choice of projects and the succession of works, freedom in selection of projects in accordance with the terms of co-operation and the widest opportunity to apply modern business methods in executing work finally decided upon.

ADVERTISING OMAHA. OMAHA, Feb. 28, 1908.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice in your editorials a paragraph saying that "The way to advertise Omaha is to advertise."

There is no hidden meaning here at all. When we assert that the way to advertise Omaha is to advertise, we mean just what we say. There are various ways to advertise Omaha, only one of which is under discussion by the Real Estate exchange, which is figuring on advertising the city's attractions and resources in outside publications.

Every city gets its best advertising every day in its own newspapers, which portray to the public both at home and abroad its manifold activities and its various industrial, political and social movements.

People who pick up a strange newspaper and find it crowded with attractive announcements of retail dealers, banks, factories, jobbing houses, brokers and professional men are quick to be impressed with the pushing, thriving, substantial character of its business life. The head of a great dry goods establishment at Kansas City said the other day that his firm used eleven full pages in local papers each week for its advertising and was astonished to hear that a full page ad in an Omaha paper had been a rarity during the preceding month.

THAT BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR. After hearings extending over many months, the senate committee on military affairs has finally voted to sustain President Roosevelt in his dismissal of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry for the "shooting up" of the town of Brownsville, Tex., on August 13, 1906.

The real truth of the Brownsville affair will probably never be known. Volumes of testimony have been taken in the case and much of it has been conflicting. There is little or no room for doubt that some of the troopers took part in the shooting. The opposition to the president's order of dismissal was based on the contention that he exceeded his authority in disbanding the entire battalion when it was not even claimed that all the men were implicated.

POLITICAL POINTERS. President Roosevelt has been upheld by the senate committee on military affairs for his part in the Brownsville episode. Is there anything else that can happen to Foraker?

At a banquet in New York the other night J. H. Harriman drank to the health of the president. Chancellor Day will presently begin to view Mr. Harriman with suspicion.

According to the Cincinnati Enquirer, Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for the democratic nomination, but is merely trying to push things out of the way so it can get to him. Our impression is that he has them all talked out of the way.

Senator Tillman is indignant that his name has been used in connection with a swindling game. He should be comforted. No one will suspect him of trying to cheat anyone but himself. He does that constantly with great success.

The Foraker, Hughes, Knox, Fairbanks and Cannon elements in the republican presidential contest prefer to be referred to as "the allies." That name will be satisfactory until the Chicago convention assemblies. Then they will be called the scattering.

Senator Jeff Davis announces that he will within the next few months make sixty-eight speeches in Arkansas. If he makes them the way he made his speech in Chicago the people of Arkansas may be able to bear the strain without much of an effort.

Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court still holds and preaches to the text that public debt is not public blessing. This is the right sort of talk, even if it does compel us to condemn the Aldrich currency bill, which would extend the mischievous system of basing circulating notes upon government bonds, thus tending to expand and perpetuate public debt for note circulation purposes merely.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. According to Consul General Richard Guenther of Frankfurt, German papers state that in Germany wind motors as power generators for use in agricultural and industrial pursuits are rarely met with, but that in Denmark their use has increased very greatly.

The World-Herald has discovered that Governor Sheldon has proved "a broken reed" as a reform leader. The people of Nebraska, excepting only those chronic blinded with partisanship who can never see anything good in anyone outside of their own political faith, are only sorry that they have not a few more such "broken reeds" to give them straightforward, honest management of public affairs.

Some people go on the theory that a lie stuck to is better than the truth. That seems to be the established rule with the local democratic organ. Its persistent re-vamping of the exposed fake about a deal two years ago to enlist the support of the brewers behind Governor Sheldon is simply part and parcel of the campaign of falsehood and fiction regularly put up by the democratic fake mill.

Lincoln is trying very hard to make the interior cities believe that their interests are all identical with its interests in every railroad rate controversy. Should any of these interior cities ask for the same privilege of Missouri river rates on interstate shipments enjoyed by Lincoln it would soon discover the difference.

All the railroads that traverse the corn belt are interested in improving the quantity and the quality of the corn yield. It goes without saying that they will be interested in helping to make the National Corn show, which has the same purpose, a big success.

They are poking fun at Charley Schwab because he wore a white necktie in London. It is the dream of every Pittsburgher to get to some place where it is safe to wear a white necktie without the protection of a smoke shield.

Mr. Hearst's proposed election of federal judges is nothing new. It was advocated by Mr. Bryan even before he was nominated for president in 1896, but that is also one of the many "paramount issues" which he has postponed.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota insists that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination. This, however, does not prevent him from making a noise like a man in a receptive mood.

Every Little Bit Helps. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The great trunk river of North America is benefited by the improvement of any of its tributaries. All run to the Mississippi, a stream destined to be open to the shipping of the world the year round.

Jim's View Has Altered. Buffalo Times. Jim Hill is planning to build another railroad. He proposes to parallel the Canadian Pacific line from Brandon, Man., to Calgary, Alberta, a distance of 1,400 miles. Evidently he doesn't think things are going to smash.

Remarkable Turn of the Tide. Philadelphia Record. For the first time in many years the number of emigrants going out of the United States exceeds the number of immigrants coming in.

The burden imposed upon French manufacturers by the law passed in 1886 providing for compensations to injured workmen has proved so heavy that an attempt was recently made to repeal it. Owing to the opposition of the government, however, the tax upon employers was maintained, the minister of labor, M. Viviani, declaring that owing to the extension of the act of 1886 to employees in commercial houses it was necessary to maintain the guaranty fund.

Italy is suffering from an overproduction of wine, and there are some symptoms of dissatisfaction similar to that exhibited in France owing to a like cause. In a large and free way the economists assure people that competition regulates production, but it seems that in France and Italy low prices and a diminishing market for products do not have the effect which they might be reasonably supposed to produce.

Debts Are Not Blessings. Springfield Republican. Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court still holds and preaches to the text that public debt is not public blessing. This is the right sort of talk, even if it does compel us to condemn the Aldrich currency bill, which would extend the mischievous system of basing circulating notes upon government bonds, thus tending to expand and perpetuate public debt for note circulation purposes merely.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an image of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: "This is the trademark which is on every genuine bottle of Scott's Emulsion." Price: 50c and \$1.00.

Advertisement for ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure. Text: "Confidence when eating, that your food is of highest wholesomeness—that it has nothing in it that can injure or distress you—makes the repast doubly comfortable and satisfactory." Includes a testimonial from Deacon Longface.

JUST IN JEST. A collection of humorous anecdotes and jokes. Examples: "They say money ruined him. 'Yes, it did.' 'How did he get it?' 'He didn't get it. His rival had it.'"

Advertisement for ORCHARD & WILHELM Saturday Specials. Features images of a Great Rocker, Folding Wringer Bench, and Candle Shades. Text: "Great Rocker Bordin. Like Cut. Solid golden quarter-sawn oak, polished finish."

Advertisement for Saturday's Piano Snaps. Text: "FIRST COME — FIRST SERVED \$300 — FOR — \$175. A Genuine MASON & FARRELL Piano (New). In real mahogany, pure ivory keys, four feet nine inches high."