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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.

Medill McCormick declares that yellow journalism is on the wane. No flowers.

It should be easier to keep anarchists out of the country than to put them out.

China has apologized to Japan, but Japan insists that it does not understand Chinese.

The Kentucky night riders have a bad way of doing their smoking in the tobacco barns.

Mr. Clark Howell says the south is sold for Bryan. The south is the victim of habit.

The noiseless campaign gun has not been invented, but Leslie M. Shaw is getting mighty close to it.

"Uncle" Dan Nettleton may not pride himself on being good to look at, but he is good to listen to.

Douglas county taxpayers are ready for a new court house, but they are not ready for a real estate job.

Colonel Watterson is making it plain that with the old line democrats enthusiasm for Bryan is an acquired taste.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw might get her divorce more quickly by pleading that she was insane when she married Harry.

A hodgepodge at Boston has had a title conferred upon him by the king of Italy. A titled hodgepodge is still below the masons.

Texas reports a mountain of petrified fish nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. Fish stories are always fashionable during Lent.

The teacher or janitor who locks a schoolhouse door while children are on the inside should be behind another kind of locked door.

Chicago delegates to the Denver convention will carry a vaudeville team with them. Seems like carrying coals to Newcastle.

"An orderly lynching" is reported from Texas. We take it for granted that the victim appreciated the politeness of his executioners.

"Our political life all is discord," says Chancellor Day. The chancellor should read the report of the Nebraska republican convention.

It turns out that the Lancaster county delegation fared better in the convention held at Omaha than it did in the convention held at Lincoln.

A Boston report says that Tom Lawson has become an inveterate chewer of gum. Glad he has found something to chew besides the rag.

San Francisco has raised nearly \$100,000 by popular subscription for the extermination of rats. The printers, naturally, contributed liberally.

Mexico is going to spend \$6,000,000 in improving that harbor at Topolobampo. A few dollars of the amount should be spent for a simplified name.

"The United States should shut the door on anarchists," says Secretary Straus. Yes, and the door should be the improved kind, with chilled steel bars and burglar proof locks.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS ON RECORD.

Nebraska republicans are now on record not only through their state convention, but also through the conventions speaking for each of the other six congressional districts in favor of William H. Taft as successor to President Roosevelt.

At no time since the candidacy of Taft was announced and the statement made positive by Mr. Roosevelt that he would not accept another nomination has there been any serious question as to where Nebraska would stand at Chicago.

Nebraska has been and is a thoroughly Roosevelt state. It was always to be counted on to uphold the distinctive policies of the present administration and to insist upon a candidate pledged to their continuance.

So unanimous and outspoken has this sentiment been that it was only to be expected that the state convention would, before commissioning its delegates, call upon them individually to announce whom they favored so that there might be no doubt that the delegation would be for Taft at heart as well as on the surface.

The resolutions adopted by the state convention properly stand upon the record of achievement of the republican party in state as well as in nation. It was not for the republicans of Nebraska, as The Bee has already said, to write in advance a platform to guide the platform-makers at Chicago.

It was sufficient to say in plain words that Nebraska republicans stand for the Roosevelt ideas in legislation and administration, that they stand for the reform doctrines on which Governor Sheldon and his associates were elected two years ago and which the last legislature incorporated into the statute books.

The resolutions adopted say this in unmistakable language and promise that there shall be no backward step. Nebraska republicans point to deeds accomplished as contrasted with Nebraska democrats, who merely find fault and renew oft-broken pledges.

KING ALFONSO'S NERVE.

The young king of Spain is proving that he is made of sterner stuff than some of his ancestors and predecessors on the throne and that he apparently is determined to study conditions in his kingdom at first hand.

Since his coronation he has shown a disposition to break away from the counsels of the court clique and to do everything in his power to get into closer touch with his people.

Little affairs like the attempt to assassinate him on his wedding day and the frequent discovery of anarchistic plots against the throne have not been sufficient to check his determination or to cause him to abandon any of his plans.

It required real courage for King Alfonso to spend a week at Barcelona, the chief commercial and industrial city of his empire.

Barcelona is the storm center of the Spanish revolutionists, the breeding place of anarchistic plots. The king's decision to visit the port, to welcome the fleet sent there by the Austria-Hungary government and to inaugurate a system of general public improvements, was discouraged, it is understood, by King Edward of England, by the German emperor and by other royal relatives of the Spanish ruler.

They urged the danger that would attend the visit, but Alfonso declared that he could not be frightened by anarchists from any part of his own country.

He contended that his failure to visit Barcelona would be construed as a recognition of the power of the anarchists and revolutionaries and that he could not shirk his plain duty, as he saw it, on account of any personal danger.

Spanish people, including the anarchists, should rejoice that they have a sovereign who is not content to be a mere figurehead.

BACK TO THE FARM.

The United States is not only the nation becoming keenly alive to the improvement and betterment of agricultural conditions, although we have clearly taken the lead in this work.

Recent consular reports show that nearly every country in Europe is experiencing a reaction from the tide of migration toward the cities, promising a noted change in every branch of the farming industry.

This has been forced, particularly in Europe, by the high prices of farm products, particularly in fruits and vegetables, making the work of the small farmer more profitable than it has ever been.

So strong has been the demand for a change in agricultural conditions that the British Parliament has passed what is known as the small holdings act, which contemplates the introduction of intensified farming.

Under the English law provision is made for cutting up some of the large estate into small farms. Provision is made for the settlement of differences between landlords and tenants by a board of arbitration, for the payment of damages for destruction of crops by game or animals, and for cooperative buying and selling.

The new law will take effect January 1, 1909, and already thousands of families that have been living in cities and villages, finding employment in the factories, are moving back to the farms.

It is estimated that 32,000,000 acres of English lands now devoted to pasture, hunting preserves or lying fallow, will be taken up by small farmers within the next two years.

The surprising statement is made in a consular report that 18 per cent of the English population is rural, whereas in 1801 the rural population of the country was 52 per cent.

England has a great incentive for the encouragement of the small farmer

and vegetable grower. It imports annually about \$40,000,000 worth of eggs, \$115,000,000 worth of butter and poultry; bacon and cheese to the value of \$140,000,000.

It is estimated that the total imports of food products from the garden, poultry yard and dairy amount to about \$400,000,000 annually.

The praiseworthy ambition has now been developed to have most of this produce raised on English farms.

Nothing that England or other European countries may do in the direction of bettering agricultural conditions can have any injurious effect upon the market for the products of the American farms.

The annual increase in the population of the world assures a constant and widening market and creates a necessity for further attention to intensified farming in this country.

Witnesses are apparently vying with each other in offering the most conflicting testimony before a congressional committee as to the real facts about the condition of the American navy.

Mr. Reuter, who started the trouble by a magazine article, in which he declared the navy weak and inefficient and most of the battleships unfit for active service, is having some support from officers who do not agree with the methods of construction employed in building American battleships.

Equally emphatic testimony is offered by other officials to the effect that the completed American battleship represents the present day perfection of the shipbuilder's art.

So far as the plain citizen, particularly the landsman, is concerned, the testimony of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans will carry more weight than any that has been or will be offered by navy experts of either the professional or magazine type.

"Fighting Bob" has sent a telegram from Magdalena Bay announcing that his fleet of sixteen battleships has arrived at that port, after a history-making cruise of 13,000 miles, with every vessel in shipshape order and ready to go into action at a moment's notice.

No better evidence of the character and condition of the battleships could be offered. They have been in almost constant motion since December 16, moving for the most of the time in battle formation on one of the most hazardous voyages ever undertaken by a fleet of fighting ships.

The admiral reports that the entire fleet is in even better condition than when it started on its long cruise, thus crowning with signal success the greatest naval undertaking in history.

In the face of such proof charges of inefficiency in either the vessels or their officers and men will fall on dull ears.

In his remarks before the republican state convention the editor of The Bee is said to have omitted from the list of state chairmen who, in the seven years of his service on the state committee, had contributed to the upbuilding of the party organization and the strengthening of a republican majority in Nebraska the name of W. B. Rose, who served immediately preceding the present chairman.

If so, the omission was entirely unintentional and The Bee is glad to testify to the painstaking and effective work done by Mr. Rose as head of the state organization. Results tell and the successful outcome of the campaign which he managed is the best evidence of his foresight and industry.

Instead of making the test on the appointment of park commissioners for Omaha by the judges of the district court, the test should be made on the appointment of park commissioners of South Omaha by these judges.

If such an appointment is made, it is not content to be a mere figurehead.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

What commotion a trifling spark can produce when overlaid powder magazines abound is evidenced by the European boister over Kaiser William's private letter to Lord Tweedmouth of the British admiralty.

The British lord, flattered by the attention of the German kaiser, could not restrain his mouth and permitted the fact of the receipt of the letter to become public.

This was seized by newspapers which thunder in the index as proof of German interference in British naval affairs and the latent fires of Germanophobia in the British metropolis were instantly stirred into a blaze.

Demand was made for the publication of the letter. Parliament was appealed to, Tory patriots flamed and assailed the ministry. All in vain. Tweedmouth declined to open his mouth. Parliament refused to be stamped.

The ministry stood pat. So the less than nine days' sensation over an imperial note concededly of no political importance vanished without a clash in Europe's armed camps.

The incident, trifling as it was clearly indicated that the profession of universal peace made at the Hague conference are not filtering into the systems of the populace.

There is no sign of the red corpuscle yielding to the mollicious germ. On the contrary, nations are vying with each other in extending and perfecting military and naval armaments on a scale hitherto unknown.

Some optimists regard these preparations for war as assurance of peace. But there is the ever present danger when playing with guns that an "unloaded" one will go off.

Activity in navy building among maritime nations surpasses all former records. Great Britain publicly affirms its policy of putting on the sea as many fighting ships as the two next ranking nations, or "four Dreadnaughts a year."

This policy has been consistently maintained up to the present time, and the celerity of its shipyards in producing floating forts of the Dreadnaught type leave no doubt of its ability to maintain its naval supremacy.

Germany has launched the first of its class of huge fighting ships, and the United States and France are following the example. Russia is putting the finishing touches on two large battleships of 17,000 tons each, and two of 13,000 tons are projected.

Since the close of the war with Russia, Japan has been busy building averaging 18,000 tons, building four armored cruisers, four other cruisers and thirty-seven torpedo boats and destroyers, a total of fifty-one ships, increasing by one-half the empire's naval tonnage before the war.

Two monster ships of 21,000 tons each, are projected and three high-speed cruisers are on the way. Rivalry throughout the world is intense and feverish. Every year or two brings out a new type of warship, larger and more expensive than its predecessor, at the same time relegating to the junk pile an equal number of former monarchs of the sea.

When the rivalry will end is beyond the range of mortal vision. Cost has jumped from \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 per ship to the stunning sums of \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 each, and the cost of maintenance is relatively high.

Only nations with limitless sources of taxation can hold a place on the naval race in the near future.

A writer in the current Atlantic, discussing the growth of German cities, says that since 1870 Berlin has grown relatively and absolutely faster than Chicago.

The Greater Berlin having today a population of over 2,000,000. Thirty years ago Leipzig was less than 100,000; today it is more than 600,000.

Hamburg then had almost precisely the same population as Boston; today, although Boston's growth has been so great, Hamburg, with more than 600,000 people, is larger than Boston.

The growth of its commerce has been vastly greater, and its docks and port facilities are incomparably finer, models commended to Boston for imitation at this very moment by an expert commission.

The Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd are the largest steamship companies in the world, larger than any English company, the former having more than 150 ocean steamers in its service.

The great railway stations are the finest in Europe, incomparably superior to those in the great English cities; the finest of them all as yet, the Union station, now building at Leipzig, will cost \$5,000,000.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Political headquarters are opening up and preparing for summer and fall trade.

John Johnson of Minnesota carried his own state twice. Bryan carried his state once.

The justly celebrated "Bob Squad" of New York, having worked itself out of a job, seeks an assignment on Senator Foraker's political staff.

Coincident with the discovery of the alleged life restoring qualities of magnesium, Adlai Stevenson shows signs of vitality and the vice presidential fever.

The recent state convention of republicans in Kansas marked the passing of the old order in that state. State-wide primaries supersede state conventions.

Edward N. Dingler, a son of the author of the present tariff bill, has announced his candidacy for the congressional nomination of his party in the third Michigan district.

If it is true as reported that the Denver convention hall is one mile from the nearest irrigation joint, a motion to adjourn will take unquestioned precedence in the hot July convention.

W. G. Conrad, the Montana millionaire, who has been mentioned among democratic candidates for the nomination of vice president, came within two votes of beating William A. Clark for a seat in the United States senate.

Richard Franklin Pettigrew of Sioux Falls, S. D., who has been mentioned as the successor of Thomas Taggart as chairman of the democratic national committee, is a Vermont boy, born in Ludlow fifty years ago.

When he was a senator in Washington he was known as "the plover" because of his contentious spirit and stinging comments.

Thomas J. Atkins, republican national committeeman for Missouri and assistant United States treasurer at St. Louis, will enter the race for the United States senate at the coming election.

He is very close to Secretary Taft and was largely instrumental in carrying those districts in Missouri which have already instructed for the secretary of war.

BRIGHT AND BREEZY. "There is one paradoxical quality which a wine possesses."

"What is that?" "It can keep on running while it is still rooted to the spot."—Baltimore American.

"Why doesn't that man get on in politics? He seems capable and industrious."

"Yes," answered Senator Borah, "he is all that. But he showed bad judgment in selecting his opinions."—Washington Star.

"What are you going to do with your second boy?" "Jimmie? Well, we've come to the conclusion that Jimmie has no taste for business and can't make money and so we are going to get him into West Point."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What are the most powerful explosives known?" queried the young man.

"Well," answered Farmer Corbush, "it depends on circumstances. I own a few shares of bank-stock and I've been runnin' it."

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for road supervisor. Speaking as a financier, I blame the politicians, as a politician, I blame the financiers. Washington Star. He-I hope, now that the dog question has come up, I can get rid of that cross little cur of yours. She-It is a good thing that all kinds of ill-tempered brutes are not included in the crusade, for something might happen to the men who are growing all the time. Baltimore American. A SPRING IDYL. New York Sun. The birds will please sing in the trees-Spring. Ho, brother, shut your eyes and sneeze-Spring. The flowers will now begin to bud. The lovers chant a roundelay. The hurdy-gurdies come and play. And everything is slush and mud-Spring. One day the southern zephyrs blow. The next it's ten degrees below. Spring. Today the children skip the rope. Tomorrow morning it will snow. The fallow windows make a show. The oldest maid begins to hope-Spring. Remember that the year is leap-Spring. Beware or you'll be let in deep-Spring. In vain your wit and specious art. If someone chide you with her eyes. And looks and sighs-be wise. Secure a swift and running start-Spring.

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