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

The baby crown prince of Spain has been enrolled in a regiment. Infantry, of course?

The messenger boys ended their strike in a hurry, just to show that they can hurry.

Notwithstanding the telegraphers' strike, the political wires are still working regularly.

New York proposes a physical test for chauffeurs. A temperance test would be more effective.

The Hague peace conference might offer some modifications of the football rules before the season opens.

Senator Bailey of Texas has just paid \$150,000 for a farm in the Indian Territory. Where did he get it?

"I am satisfied," says Governor Vardaman, speaking of the results of the senatorial primaries in Mississippi. So is everybody else.

It is difficult to believe the statement that "weather reports are poorer than usual, on account of the telegraphers' strike."

A scientist has discovered that a cucumber is 95 per cent water. Consumers have discovered that the other 5 per cent is trouble.

The Steel trust doubtless wonders how it is possible for the Standard Oil trust to sell its products abroad cheaper than at home.

Mr. Rockefeller says he never felt better in his life. Probably due to the fact that he has had the rebates removed from his system.

Reports show that the apple crop will be 25 per cent short of last year's production. Some folks will have to eat the Ben Davis apple this winter.

The discovery is reported in Cuba of a body of iron ore estimated at 600,000,000 tons. If true, that means another American army of occupation.

The worst feature of the discovery of the existence of a corset trust is the flood of comment sure to follow about the corset trust coming to stay.

"The future of the democratic party," says Senator Culberson of Texas, "depends upon its adherence to its fundamental principles." Which?

If the school janitors are ready to let the voters in on whom they want for school board members they will confer a favor on the suffering public.

That cream case before the Nebraska State Railway commission ought to have been churned up enough by this time to have turned into butter.

Richard Croker has been offered \$100,000 for his autobiography. A truthful autobiography of Croker would make mighty interesting reading.

Three of the four republicans filed for district judge on the democratic ticket have stated unequivocally what they mean by saying they will abide by the result of the primary. They say they will not run at the election against the regular republican nominee. The fourth is yet to be heard from.

WICK GRUBBS

To borrow a trite expression, it is "a condition and not a theory" which confronts the republicans of Nebraska in choosing their standard bearer this year.

In Judge Reese the republican party presents to the people of Nebraska a candidate who has often been tried and never found wanting; a man who laid down the judicial ermine he had worn for six years as spotless as when he first donned it.

Unfortunately, Judge Reese failed of election and his name was not again presented until now, eight years after. In 1901, when Judge Sedgwick was nominated by the convention that signalled itself by rebuking Governor Savage for liberating Embeszer Bartley and demanding a recall of his party, The Bee had this to say about the nominee:

In its selection of candidates for supreme judge and university regent the choice of the convention has fallen upon men of high character and eminently qualified for the responsible positions to which they will doubtless be elected.

When Judge Reese ran in 1899 he polled 94,213 votes out of a total of 220,249 and was beaten by a plurality of 15,107. When Judge Sedgwick ran two years later he polled 95,992 votes out of a total of 204,192 and was elected by a plurality of 12,659.

In all campaigns the common enemy seeks to make political capital by attacking the vulnerable spots on the republican ticket. When Reese ran the principal ammunition of the fusion press was his absorption of money appropriated for stenographic assistance and his alleged prohibition proclivities.

In the present preliminary campaign Judge Sedgwick has the advantage in that he is asking for a second term which has regularly been accorded to faithful public officials. The chief burden of the argument for Judge Reese is that he was nearly twenty years ago deprived of the second term which would have been given to him but for a railroad conspiracy.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

The announcement by Postmaster General Meyer that he proposes to recommend to the coming congress the establishment of "some sort of a postal savings banks system" will come as cheering encouragement to many students of governmental affairs who have urged this action on the national administration.

Experience of other countries justifies the savings bank feature of the postal service upon two main grounds: First, the postal office, being a government service, gives the very best character of security to the depositors; and second, the postoffice is the most widely distributed organization of the government for direct contact with the masses of the people.

Great Britain was the pioneer in the postal savings banks system, beginning in 1861, and thirteen other countries have adopted the plan, all of them with success. These countries

pay an interest rate of from 2 to 3 per cent on deposits. In Japan and the Netherlands amounts as low as 10 cents are accepted as deposits, although most countries fix \$1, or its equivalent, as the "minimum." Latest data from these countries, the statistics of 1906, show that in almost every case the deposits have exceeded the withdrawals.

Table showing postal savings accounts by country, including Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and Netherlands.

These postal savings accounts are directly identified with national financing, the funds representing, in some sense, a reserve fund up to a certain amount available for the needs of the government, less provision for current withdrawals.

Apologists for the Standard Oil trust and other corporations that have fattened their dividend accounts by questionable practices seem determined to mislead the public, if possible, in regard to the effect of federal prosecution on the rights of investors.

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The appointive members of the State Board of Health, it should be remembered, divide up among themselves all the fees they collect. A public exhibit of receipts and expenditures might contribute to the public health.

In the meanwhile the demagogue World-Herald is careful not to say whether it prefers Judge Albert, the populist, or Judge Loomis, the democrat, to head the fusion state ticket in Nebraska this year: "Under which banner?"

The Standard Oil company has paid its regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, or at the rate of about \$10,000,000 a year. The company has the habit of paying dividends and dodging fines.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In moving on the Moroccan coast town of Casablanca with naval and military forces, French officials declare they have no purpose other than to reduce a "wilderness" to a peaceful footing. History is dotted with protestations of similar tenor which invariably precede the act of assimilation.

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THE DISTRICT JUDGESHIP.

OMAHA, Aug. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: In an editorial published in yesterday's Bee you ask what the four publication candidates for district judge, whose names have been placed by the democrats upon their primary ticket, propose to do in the event that the republican voters fail to endorse them at the primary.

You also state that the document filed by each of these candidates with the secretary of state does not say which primary result the candidate will abide by. In reply to this, I wish to say that the application filed by me, early in last July, requesting the secretary of state to place my name upon the republican primary ticket, was prepared by me upon one of the usual blank application forms furnished by each of these candidates with the secretary of state.

OMAHA, Aug. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Replying to your editorial, I would like to say that I believe I would be a candidate for judge on the republican ticket if I was required by the primary law to state in writing, and swear to it, that "I pledge myself to abide by the results of said primary election and qualify if elected." The voters can put it down, I am sure, exactly as they wish to do.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

The authorities of Minneapolis have decided to install its voting machines for the November election.

Leutenant General Corbin, now on the army retired list, is reported anxious to represent an Ohio district in congress.

Of the 500 delegates who, under Conkling's leadership, fought like giants for a third term for Grant in the memorable convention of 1868, there are still living only seventy-three.

One advantage in making Mr. Taft president, observes a cynical paragraph, "would be that the pie hungry politicians could not get around him, and unless they joined hands and formed a large circle."

Supreme Court Justice J. Franklin Fort of East Orange, N. J., who is at present in Switzerland, has written his son that he will resign from the supreme court bench to become a candidate for governor to succeed Edward C. Stokes. His grandfather was governor of New Jersey.

About the meanest trick played by unfeeling and unskillful voters was pulled off at Canajoharie, N. Y., a few days ago. The wives of N. J. Harkiss and Voorhes Bush, two retiring school trustees, were nominated to succeed their husbands. At the eleventh hour the opposition renominated the husbands, rallied voters of both sexes and beat the wives soundly.

LAUGHING GAS. "Does your son like his new position?" "No," answered Farmer Corntassel; "Josh is havin' his usual trouble with bunk that he wants to bolt in and run the business wrong."—Washington Star.

"No, I've nothing for you," snapped the woman. "Why don't you look for work?" "Madam," responded the applicant for a handout, "the relatives of this morning's rag of a man near here who starved to death while looking for work, I do not desire to annoy this hospital community by expiring in its midst."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Once in a while," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "you meet a man who is so busy talking about the 'higher life,' the 'universal brotherhood of man,' and the 'general uplift,' that he never has time to change his socks."—Chicago Tribune.

"My son, I have brought you some of that fine old dyspepsia medicine father and I use to take. I never failed to get better. But, mother, I haven't a particle of indigestion."

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