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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.

Hobson's choice is for about ten battleships a year.

At the same time, April showers bring umbrella thieves.

The Erie has been saved by Harriman and probably for Harriman.

There may be method, but little Methodism, in Chancellor Day's madness.

Who wants to be principal of the Omaha High school? Now, don't all speak at once.

Mr. Bryan wants it understood that he does not have to go to New York to talk, anyway.

The pictures on the packages of garden seeds come properly under the head of "Illustrated Fiction."

Temperance crusaders refuse absolutely to respect the growing public sentiment against watered stock.

Eddie Foy has abandoned his plans for starring in "Hamlet." The bard of Avon may rest peacefully once more.

The house at Washington has decided that two new battleships will be enough. Perhaps, with Hobson as an auxiliary.

Some of the usual signs of spring are still lacking. The Delaware and Michigan peach crops have not been destroyed yet.

"Who discovered the Ben Davis apple?" asks a Missouri paper. Don't know, but if he is found he should be properly punished.

The charges in the Howard Gould divorce scandal had not been much more sensational if the family had lived in Pittsburgh.

It may yet be necessary for the Arkansas legislature to pass a law providing severe punishment for citizens that whip Senator "Jeff" Davis.

"Mr. Fairbanks will be the longest in the presidential race," says an Indianapolis paper. "Longest" is a word often improperly used for "tallest."

"For the first time since 1892," says the Washington Star, "the democratic party is greeted by an opportunity." Yes, and its opportunity is a knocker.

Another bulletproof coat of mail has been invented and recommended for use of the American army. It ought to find ready sale among Kentucky tobacco growers.

William Allen White refers to Speaker Cannon as a "vile, stupid, arrogant old moseback." It is also understood that Mr. White believes the speaker has other faults.

Report has it that George Gould has asked that Prince de Sagan's past be sent over from Paris. It will hardly get past the quarantine station if the sanitary inspectors are attending to their duties.

Just wait until Governor Sheldon's staff of gold laced colonels put themselves on exhibition in San Francisco and the people who see them out there will be convinced that the recent panic never touched Nebraska.

SALUBRIOUS NEBRASKA.

In the course of an informal talk during his recent visit to Omaha President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance society let out the information that the experience of his company with policyholders residing in Nebraska, as typical of the corn belt states, showed a mortality of only 65 per cent of what the computations of its mortuary statisticians had led it to expect.

In justification of the mortuary tables which might thus be taken to be wide of the mark, the further assertion was made that in some of the southern states the mortality experience is more than 100 per cent of the statisticians' estimates. This statement by the president of one of the greatest life insurance associations in the world is the best possible tribute to the salubrity and healthfulness of Nebraska. It means that the people inhabiting this section of the continent live longer than they would naturally be expected to live and the very fact that they live longer carries with it the corollary that they enjoy better health on the average than people residing in other parts of the country.

It means that Nebraska has been endowed by its Creator with the most favorable conditions for human habitation, that its atmosphere is invigorating and bracing, that its altitude is conducive to normal respiration, that its temperature varying with the cold of winter and the heat of summer keeps within the limits most suitable to the best physical development, that it is free from germ-breeding swamps, that its waters are pure and palatable, that its soil produces foods both vegetable and animal in quality and quantity to meet all the requirements of a sound human body.

Who live in Nebraska are altogether too prone to take as a matter of course the matchless natural advantages freely furnished to old and young, rich and poor, alike. We are too apt to underestimate the priceless value of good health, long life and few doctors' bills. It is to be hoped, however, that we will be impressed more strongly by the cold, calculating figures which show that Nebraska people are valued 35 per cent higher as life insurance risks than people living in places that fit in exactly with the mortuary tables.

DIPLOMACY AND WEALTH.

The Tagelblatt of Berlin has pointedly called attention to a fact which appears to have been lost sight of in the recent discussion evoked by the question of the advisability of appointing David Jayne Hill to be ambassador to Germany. In the course of the discussion it was developed that one objection to Dr. Hill's appointment was his lack of sufficient income to maintain the social standing of the embassy at the German court. It was stated that Ambassador Tower has spent \$80,000 a year of his own money in keeping up his social obligations at Berlin and that Ambassador Whitelaw Reid's expenses at London are not less than \$200,000 annually. Dr. Hill's private income of only about \$10,000 a year, with his salary of \$17,500, would leave him less than half the money spent by Ambassador Tower.

In discussing the gossip on the subject the Tagelblatt safely remarks that "American prestige does not depend upon the number of dinners an ambassador may give and American prestige is not made by the court party which is accustomed to fill the parlors on such occasions." That puts the situation in a nutshell. While the salary we pay an ambassador to Germany, England or France is not large, in view of the fact that the government furnishes no residence quarters, it is quite sufficient to maintain an ambassador whose chief attention is given to the real business and political relations between our government and the foreign power to which he is accredited. This applies as well to ambassadors as it does to members of congress. Some members of congress save money out of their salaries and are most influential in making their impress on national legislation, while others are forced to retire from congress, because of the financial exactions incident to a residence on Dupont circle and participation in the social gaieties of the national capital.

METHODISTS AND DANCING.

The action of the New York Methodist conference in voting almost unanimously for repealing the famous "amusement clause" in paragraph 248 of the book of discipline will have the effect at least of renewing the discussion as to the right as well as to the propriety of the church exercising control of secular amusements of its members. The question is yet to be passed upon by the general conference of the church, but the action of the New York conference is certain to exert a far-reaching effect in encouraging a change of the church's attitude on amusements. The New York conference, with only seven dissenting votes, recommended that the general conference eliminate the clause which puts a ban on theater-going, card playing, dancing and similar diversions, removing the churchly interdiction against such amusements and leaving them to the decision of the conscience of the individual member.

While it is impossible to forecast the action of the general conference, for much of the old feeling still survives in opposition to these forms of amusement, the New York vote is a recognition of the general change of sentiment, by no means confined to Methodists, in favor of allowing the

individual and his conscience free play in determining the limits of personal conduct. Individuals are rare these days who look upon card playing or dancing as intrinsically vicious and the old horror of the theater and the circus as agents of Satan has long since disappeared. The real question before the general conference will be whether it is better to remove a ban which is not effective or to weaken general religious discipline by keeping a dead letter injunction before its members.

The New York proposition is a step in the direction of confining the discipline of the church to things spiritual, leaving the individual course of action almost wholly to individual temperament and judgment. The recommendation will be adopted in time, even if the next general conference denies the request. It is in keeping with the growth of religious tolerance that appeals to the heart, the conscience and to intellect rather than to proscriptive dogma.

THE JOKE ON THE DEMOCRATS.

The story comes from Tom Taggart's home—and is not denied by the citizens of Denver—that the democratic national committee lost a cool \$150,000 in real money by accepting Denver's first bid for the location of the democratic national convention of 1908.

As the story goes, the Denver committee had a guaranty of \$250,000 in its inside pocket and was authorized to go that high for the privilege of having the next democratic presidential candidate nominated a mile above the sea. The meeting of the national committee was held, however, at a time when a low financial barometer prevailed in the east and the wise committee from Denver decided to bait its hook for the first cast with a pledge of \$100,000. The committee swallowed the bait, hook, bobber and sinker and voted for Denver. The trick was not discovered until the last \$25,000 of the \$100,000 guaranty had been forwarded to the national committee, with this statement in the press:

Denver has advised the committee that the last \$25,000 of the \$100,000 payment has been forwarded. This exceeds any record of its kind. The satisfaction over this record led to the discovery that Denver paid up so promptly for the simple reason that it had prepared to pay a much larger sum.

Chairman Taggart is a very busy man, but doubtless he will find time to figure out how much more fun he could have had in the campaign if he and his associates had only held out for Denver's best bid.

CURRENCY LEGISLATION PROSPECTS.

Indications are that the public hearings being conducted by the house committee on banking and currency on the Aldrich currency bill as it was passed by the senate will result only in emphasizing the hopelessness of securing any comprehensive currency legislation at the present session. Leaders of the house frankly charge that the Aldrich bill is full of defects and that it is not adequate to the purpose of furnishing even an emergency currency, for which at this time there is no need. It is the expressed purpose of the committee to endeavor to remedy some of the defects of the senate bill, in order to put it in better shape and perhaps to try to make it the basis of some practical legislation.

Hope of such action hangs by a very slender thread, as the banking and commercial interests of the country are almost unanimous in opposition to the Aldrich measure and it is equally plain that the senate would not, at this time, look with favor upon the Fowler bill should it be passed by the house. The house leaders take the position—which is generally supported in financial circles—that the first step toward a reformation of the currency system should be a transfer of the bank circulation from the credit of the government to the credit of the banks and the security of their resources. In other words, the house contends that the country can never have an elastic currency, so long as government bonds are used as a basis for bank note circulation. The Aldrich bill proposes not only to continue the bond-secured system of bank note circulation, but to extend and enlarge it by adding state, municipal and other local bonds to those of the United States government. The house leaders contend that this would result in tying up bank capital and bank circulation with the market for a variety of securities and benefit chiefly issuers and dealers in such securities.

As currency legislation is always slow of accomplishment, the opponents of the Aldrich bill insist that its adoption by the house would place it on the statute books where it would remain for years, no matter how defective and unsatisfactory it might prove after trial. This feeling has served to strengthen opposition in the house, with the result that the proposals favor little at this session in the matter of currency legislation unless it is the appointment of a joint commission to study and investigate the entire question and report findings and recommendations to a future session of congress for action.

THE STUFFED LETTER BOX.

The police authorities of New York have unearthed and are now enforcing a law passed by the state legislature in 1897 designed to end an abuse from which business men and householders have suffered for years. The measure makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment, for any person other than an employee of the United States Postoffice department in

the discharge of his duties, to deposit "any advertising circulars, cards, papers or other advertising matter" in the letter boxes in apartment houses, flats or business houses of any house in the city of New York.

Similar laws should be passed in every state, or at least in every large city, for the abatement of this nuisance. The average householder has been long suffering in submitting to finding his mail box stuffed daily with advertising matter, running from mining stock to corn cures. In flats and apartment houses the tenants promptly dump this stuff on the hall floors, much to the janitor's disgust, while in the business houses the waste basket is fed each morning with a collection of rubbish taken from the mail box at the door. The mail box stuffed with unsolicited rubbish is a nuisance from which people are entitled to legal relief.

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