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

The way to patronize home industry is to do more than merely to preach it.

The distribution of plum pudding at the municipal pie counter will be resumed by ordinance shortly.

Admiral Rojstevsky can at least qualify as an expert on harbors and deep sea channels of the Orient.

The Kearney Normal school deadlock has been broken and conditions may again become normal in the normal school board.

The rejuvenation of lower Farnam by the removal of old land marks and the substitution of modern buildings has been a long-felt want.

While admitting that it may have slept a long time, Philadelphia wants to be recognized as having awakened before it was asphaltized.

The income tax proposed for Russia has the advantage that it will not have to run the gauntlet of an array of lawyers armed with a constitution.

The World Herald wants it distinctly understood that its words of comfort for the Algea blackmailers are not intended to champion their cause, but merely to encourage them.

Although we are long past Arbor day, the planting of gas lamps and transplanting of arc lamps still continue.

The express companies are being blamed as alone responsible for the continuance of the Chicago strike.

Mayor Dunne assures Mayor Weaver of distinguished consideration, but Chicago voted for municipal ownership, while Philadelphia voted for "de gang," while neither gets exactly what it hoped for.

Now that we have water works litigation at both ends of the avenue, the water board attorney will have an opportunity to earn his retainer, and possibly to pump some extra out of the water fund.

It is only a question of time when South Omaha will be sufficiently plastered with mortgages to make it an object for its people to seek relief by consolidation with Omaha under one municipal government.

The proximity of corn planting time in Nebraska and the wheat harvest in Kansas should afford western laborers a good reason for not accepting the invitation to take part in the industrial "rough house" in Chicago.

South Omaha has decided to invest the proceeds of its park bonds in a ready made park.

Governor Mickey has been telling the Denver newspapers that he is just as much opposed conscientiously to dancing as he was when he refused to sanction an inaugural ball.

A good cat will banish mice from the house and a strong grand jury will banish the lobby more effectively than all the proclamations of governors and all the appeals to the public conscience of courageous prosecuting attorneys.

TAFT ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The speech of Secretary Taft, as chairman of the Ohio republican convention, may be accepted as furnishing an authoritative statement of the position of the national administration on public questions, it being altogether probable that what was said by the secretary of war had received the approval of the president.

The deliverance in regard to proposed legislation to increase the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission, conferring upon that body authority to regulate railway rates found to be unreasonable or discriminatory, shows that the attitude of the administration on this subject remains unchanged.

It was very plainly intimated that the president and his cabinet advisers regard with favor the bill relating to railway rate regulation which was passed by the last house of representatives.

Secretary Taft characterized it as a moderate measure, "calculated to give the added power to the commission necessary to effectiveness in remedying specific wrongs in rates without creating an all-powerful tribunal which shall in advance take away from railways the power of rate making and of elastically responding to varying conditions."

Referring to the treasury deficit, Secretary Taft expressed the opinion that there is little hope of expenditures being reduced and said that more revenue must be raised either by imposing additional internal taxes or readjusting and revising the tariff.

He did not clearly indicate which of the alternatives he favored, though there was obvious significance in the remark that the eight years of the present Dingley tariff have seen in this country a prosperity never before witnessed in the civilized world.

The reference of Secretary Taft to the Monroe doctrine was simply a restatement of the position of the national administration, the same being true of what he said regarding the Philippines.

As is well known, he is in favor of a liberal tariff policy toward the islands, believing that unless this be accorded those insular possessions cannot have progress and prosperity.

At present the products of the Philippines exported to this country are favored to the extent of a 25 per cent reduction from the Dingley rates, but this has proved of little benefit to the trade of the islands and Secretary Taft expressed confidence that a further reduction will be made by the next congress, which may be accepted as an assurance that it will be urged by the administration.

The Ohio republicans are expected to give unqualified support in their platform to all the policies of the national administration and to especially endorse its position in regard to railway regulation.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY.

There may be no substantial ground for the report that the Russian fleet will coal in American waters, somewhere on the coast of Luzon, but it has given opportunity for a statement by officials at Washington that no infraction of the laws of neutrality will be permitted by our government.

It is pointed out that the Russians have a perfect right to coal at an American port, but they must not take more than enough to get them to their nearest port, which in this case would be Vladivostok.

It is a recognized principle that a ship of a belligerent may take on at the port of a neutral a supply of coal sufficient to reach the nearest port of the country to which the ship belongs and this of course the United States government would permit.

Anything beyond this will not be allowed. There is no likelihood that our government will be called upon to enforce neutrality in Philippine waters. It is altogether improbable that the Russians will invade those waters in a way to constitute an infraction of neutrality.

But should they make the mistake of doing so the United States is well prepared to meet such a contingency. There is an American naval force in the far east ample for the protection of American rights.

Our Asiatic squadron consists of several battleships and cruisers and a number of torpedo boats, nearly all of which are in Philippine waters and ready for any demand that might be made upon them.

They are among the very best vessels in the navy. It can be safely assumed that the commander of the Russian fleet knows of their presence and will take no chances of coming into conflict with them, having quite enough on his hands with the Japanese.

In declaring neutrality the government of the United States meant all that it said and the principles it announced will be strictly enforced.

DEFENSE OF PHILIPPINE POLICY. General Frederick D. Grant is familiar with American policy in the Philippines, having served there for two years or more, necessarily giving, as a military man, close attention to conditions.

In an address a few days ago he said that as a matter of fact the work of the Americans in the Philippines has been so good that the world has been looking on with wonder ever since.

SENATOR MILLARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Senator Millard announced today that he wishes re-election to his seat in the senate. For God's sake, on what grounds?

Beatrice Sun: We see that Senator Millard has announced himself for re-election. Whether the nomination will be knocked off to the highest bidder remains to be seen.

Springfield Monitor: Senator Millard has announced that he wants to be re-elected by his present term expires. It seems strange what a fascination office holding has for a person when he once gets started, and but very few escape the malady.

Wahoo New Era: Senator Millard has served notice upon the republican party of Nebraska that he expects another term in the United States senate. Is it not time for even the republican party of this state to bring forward some of its able and brainy men?

Alliance Herald: Senator Millard has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to the senate. Quite unnecessary, senator, everybody in this end of Nebraska are proud of the senior senator, and the same condition prevails in the eastern part of the state, except where some ambitious politician wants the job.

Fender Times: The O'Neill Frontier thinks that Senator Millard should be re-elected because he got an appropriation for a signal station at South Omaha. The people of Nebraska will take more interest in the senator when they see how he acts in the senate than when they hear of the committee on interstate commerce regarding the rate bill.

David City Banner: Senator Millard announces that he will be a candidate for re-election two years hence. It is our opinion that the senatorial toga worn by Nebraska's senior senator will be worn by a more worthy representative of Nebraska's interests.

Buffalo Express: Governor Cummins of Iowa would not permit the capitol building to be put on an expensive building in the executive mansion for his benefit.

Chicago Tribune: In his mind's eye Poulney Bigelow still sees the United States plunging headlong into a war with a great foreign power. He is eating too many prunes.

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WHERE NEBRASKA IS FIRST.

Some of the Good Things of the Earth in Which the State Excels. Philadelphia North American.

Nebraska is claiming precedence in many things these days. For Nebraska—or at least for Nebraska man—is demanded the honor of having discovered the earliest and most delicious sweet corn in the world.

For many years the black Mexican was known as the earliest sweet corn, but the black kernels were objectionable to the eye. It was a sort of raw problem in agriculture. This black corn grew ripe enough for the table in eighty days, or ten days ahead of the white "Evergreen."

An ear of white corn—supposed to be a freak of nature—was found in a field of black Mexican one day. It was removed, the kernels carefully planted in distant soil, and in fifty-seven days a toothsome new variety was ripe.

Later planting has fixed this seeming freak in an established species. Nebraska puts itself upon the back for other reasons, too. It is said to have the largest creamery, the largest broom factory, the largest individual cattle feeding station and the largest beef sugar station and refining plant in the world.

It is the first state in the production of rye third in the production of corn, fourth in the production of wheat, oats, cattle and hogs.

The second largest smelting works and the third largest meat packing industry are located there. Nebraska is the first state in the production of vine seeds and sugar corn for seed purposes and yields more than all the balance of the United States combined.

It has the greatest number of distinct varieties of native pasture and hay grasses of any state in the union. In the eastern half of the state it claims to have land of the highest agricultural value in America, yielding more than any other equal area.

PERSONAL NOTES. Prof. Angelo Helprin, who conducted an expedition to Mont Pelee, is working on a new edition of the "Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World."

Enumerators of the census bureau in Minnesota have been warned not to insist on women giving their age. This will prevent the enumerators claiming seats in the baldheaded row.

A MATTER OF HEALTH.

Living Skeleton—What's the cause of all that racket back there? "Circusian Beauty"—They're trying to put a hoopskirt on the fat woman—Chicago Tribune.

"I suppose you had a blowout when you went to town," said the slinky young man. "Not any more, answered Farmer Corn. "I've got so I know how to handle them gas burners as well as anybody."—Washington Star.

Barbara Fritchie was on her way to her attic window to display the union colors. "Oh, my," she said, as she hesitated. "I wonder if my hat's on straight?" Rushing from in front of the mirror she started to the window to dazzle the eyes of Stonewall Jackson.—Yonkers Statesman.

"That last book of Jones' don't seem to have anything in it." "Oh, I don't know—there are 613 pages, five illustrations and a bookmark."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Doctor, what is the amount of my bill?" "My dear sir, you are only convalescent. I'll tell you when you are entirely well."—Chicago Tribune.

Clara—I'm surprised to see you in so delicate a gown. "Maud—Well, papa said I was wearing altogether too many clothes.—New York Mail.

"Yes," said the clerk, "if it wasn't for several severe attacks of dyspepsia, I'd have a good paying job by now." "I didn't know you suffered from dyspepsia." "Oh, my, yes. My boss has had an attack of it ever since I applied for a raise."—Philadelphia Press.

Somerville Journal. And now the backyard farmer rises early every morn. To plant his bulbous radish. And the lettuce, and the corn. He is most anxious to get his crop up. He is up at half-past five. To hoe, and weed, and water. And see how the onion thrive.

He is dreaming of the summer. When the green peas will be ripe. And he can have fresh salads. With a river from his forehead. He is thinking of the autumn. And the big potato crop. And he loes, and weeds, and waters. Till he really hates to stop.

He hoes, and weeds, and waters. And the perspiration flows like a river from his forehead. And it drips down off his nose. Happy, happy backyard farmer. With his plantlets and his seeds. Though his crop this year, as always, will be principally weeds!

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