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WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have the Bee mailed to them. It is better than a daily letter from home. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Swedish belligerents are making more noise, but the pacific king is doing better work. One of the most indubitable proofs of prosperity in Omaha is a gradual and steady rise in real estate prices.

Joseph L. Bristol has made his report on the Panama railroad, but it is not probable that congress will insist on having it published in full. The double platoon system has again become the bone of contention between the fire fighters, the mayor and civil service commission of Chicago.

The man who tried to deal with "green goods circular" promoters was not convicted, but his trial should serve to reduce the number of "suckers." That "war fever" said to prevail at Paris will probably run its course without becoming contagious, and the day has passed when Paris was France.

The man who polls the most votes in the first congressional district will have a seat in the national legislature without respect to laws in the special election call. Court house officials who estimate the cost of a primary election under the new law at \$15,000 have overbated the mark. They are entitled to another guess.

The Nebraska supreme court wisely refuses to constitute itself an umpire of ecclesiastical disputes. The complete separation of church and state is a good rule to stick to. A gain of 25 per cent in its bank clearings over those of the corresponding week of last year is a straw that indicates which way the wind blows in Omaha.

A PACIFIC COAST AFFAIR.

The fact that there is not unanimity of sentiment on the Pacific coast in favor of the present policy in enforcing the Chinese exclusion law is shown in the appeal to President Roosevelt by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, urging that there be a more liberal interpretation of the laws by the immigration authorities and that the United States faithfully perform its treaty obligations.

This matter was again the subject of cabinet consideration a few days ago and the assurance is given that the administration will do all in its power to stay the tide of protest and retaliation which is growing against this country in China. It is understood that the minister of the United States at Peking has received instructions to notify the Chinese government of this.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce says in its appeal that the first consideration is regard for the nation's honor, "which demands faithful and fair performance of its treaty obligations."

There is manifestly a growing interest in this exclusion question throughout the country and such expressions as that from the business men of the Oregon city very plainly show the development of a more liberal feeling respecting the exclusion policy.

Now that it is settled that we are to have an election this fall, preceded by a primary election that will be conducted at the expense of the city and county, it seems to us that the time is ripe for the acquisition of voting machines for use in both Omaha and South Omaha.

When the purchase of voting machines was under discussion last year the county board and the city councils of Omaha and South Omaha estimated that it would take sixty-five machines to supply the requisite facilities for all voters in the two townships.

It should also be borne in mind that there will be at least two primary elections and two general elections in Omaha and South Omaha next year, which would go far toward repaying the original outlay for the voting machines.

The saving in the original cost of primary and general elections is, however, not the only consideration. By insuring accuracy in the count of the returns there will be a large saving effected not only for the city and county in the event of contested elections, but also a large saving to every candidate contesting for an election.

THE CANADIAN ATTITUDE.

It is interesting to note the statement of a newspaper of New England, where the agitation for trade reciprocity with Canada has been most active and persistent, that under present conditions the question of reciprocity is an academic one merely.

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis has called for Paris and hopes to celebrate the Fourth of July with the American contingent at the French capital and to participate in the exercises incident to the removal of the remains of John Paul Jones, preliminary to their transportation to the United States.

President Alexander says he signed papers at the request of the elder Hyde, Polkholders in the Equitable may have made a mistake as to who was running the business, but the principal stockholder made no mistake in locating the cash.

The Kaiser chose for the text of his latest sermon, "The Lord of Hosts is With Us." In a sermon he forgot the old Russian started forth with the same impression.

The awakening of the far east is in its real earnest. China has entered one of its bright young men as a candidate at West Point. Ramon Corral, the new vice president of Mexico, educated his children in the United States, and he is in sympathy with the most advanced educational methods.

Senator Dewey, in commenting upon the resignations of a number of the Equitable directors, says "there are many distinguished men left in the Equitable." Senator Dewey is an officer of the company.

The Transmississippi congress to be held at Portland the middle of August is expected to pass resolutions in favor of the creation of a department of mines, with a member of the cabinet to supervise the mineral resources of the United States and improve measures for their development.

A Massachusetts schoolman has scored a glorious victory. A city ordinance of Summerville, Mass., provides for the publication of a pamphlet disclosing, among other things, the age of every city employe. This provision applied to several hundred women teachers, and to each of these was sent a card to be filled in, giving the different particulars asked for under the ordinance.

IMPORTANT LABOR DECISION.

Judgment of Massachusetts Supreme Court on the Closed Shop. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

It is a very important decision which came recently from the Massachusetts supreme court concerning the limitations of labor union activity, and will attract attention throughout the country. Let us take the case in its broadest and essential outlines, and consider the scope of the judgment.

The supreme court now sustains this conclusion. Briefly, the judgment of the court is that the acts of a combination of persons to effect an unlawful end are unlawful, which goes without saying; that acts committed by a combination of persons which would be unlawful when not so committed by two or three, which is also to be admitted as a settled rule of common law; and to deprive any man of his employment through the use of "force" is an unlawful act.

And right here, stripping away all legal verbiage, is the nub of the whole contention. It is apparently not denied by the Massachusetts court that these shoe workers do so understand the law that they have concluded to quit the employment of the firm, or to threaten to quit for any cause, is denied or questioned, and presumably it is not denied that in concert the unionized employes enjoyed freedom of contract with the firm.

It seems to us that the sounder opinion is with the majority of the New York court. If by reasoning of the Massachusetts court is right, we are logically forced to some very remarkable and sweeping conclusions.

This far-reaching consequence of this decision is that it affects the labor union as well as the employer. No union, under such a decision, can peacefully seek to obtain exclusive employment anywhere, and no employer, apparently, can venture to accord exclusive employment to any one.

Perhaps there is an expedient as well as desirable thing to undertake to bring about, and it must be said that the arrogance and lawlessness recently manifested by many of the unions in various parts of the country are such as naturally to bring forth judicial decision of the character of the one before us.

Checking the Divorce Evil. Archbishop Farley voted the opinion of the American people when he pronounced the attitude of President Roosevelt toward divorce. There is no question that the president, by his views as well as by his domestic life, has given a great stimulus to the movement against divorce.

A Valuable Handmaiden. A neat epigram is a work of art. Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court is credited with saying "Japan, it would seem, has made the goddess of Victory her own way to a growth of feeling of friendship and sympathy between the two kingdoms such as never before existed in the history of their relations."

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Papillon Republican: While the newspapers all over the country are crying about regulating freight and passenger rates why don't they insist on the express companies' Express rates could be cut in half and then be too high.

Custer County Beacon (pop.): Edward Rosewater had a lengthy article in the Sunday Bee of the railroads in Nebraska which in spite of the fact that \$4,000,000 of water has been injected into the railroad capitalization of the country, there never was a time in the history of the country when the railroads of the country were as prosperous as now.

St. Paul Republican: Editors of all the leading daily newspapers in Nebraska have been summoned into federal court to prove that last year's increased railroad assessment was largely due to the influence exerted by the board by the state press.

Kearney Hub: The Burlington railway fought for a decrease of its assessment, with the intimation that nothing less than a 20 per cent reduction would be acceptable. Its lines are, however, assessed the same as last year.

St. Paul Republican: The railroad problem is more important in Nebraska elections than the tariff, imperialism or any of the other "paramount issues" of the past few years. But that is no reason why republicans should surrender their party banner on the eve of victory and join in the nonpartisan conference proposed by the editors of the Columbus Telegram.

Beatrice Times: The Columbian news bureau, at Omaha, and some kind of a news agency at Kansas City have been contributing to this office several unsigned articles in opposition to congressional legislation which will place railroad rate making under the supervision of public officers.

Milwaukee Sentinel. I saw her today, she was crossing the street. And she grabbed At her skirts behind. She walked on the heels of her dear little heel. And she grabbed At her skirts behind.

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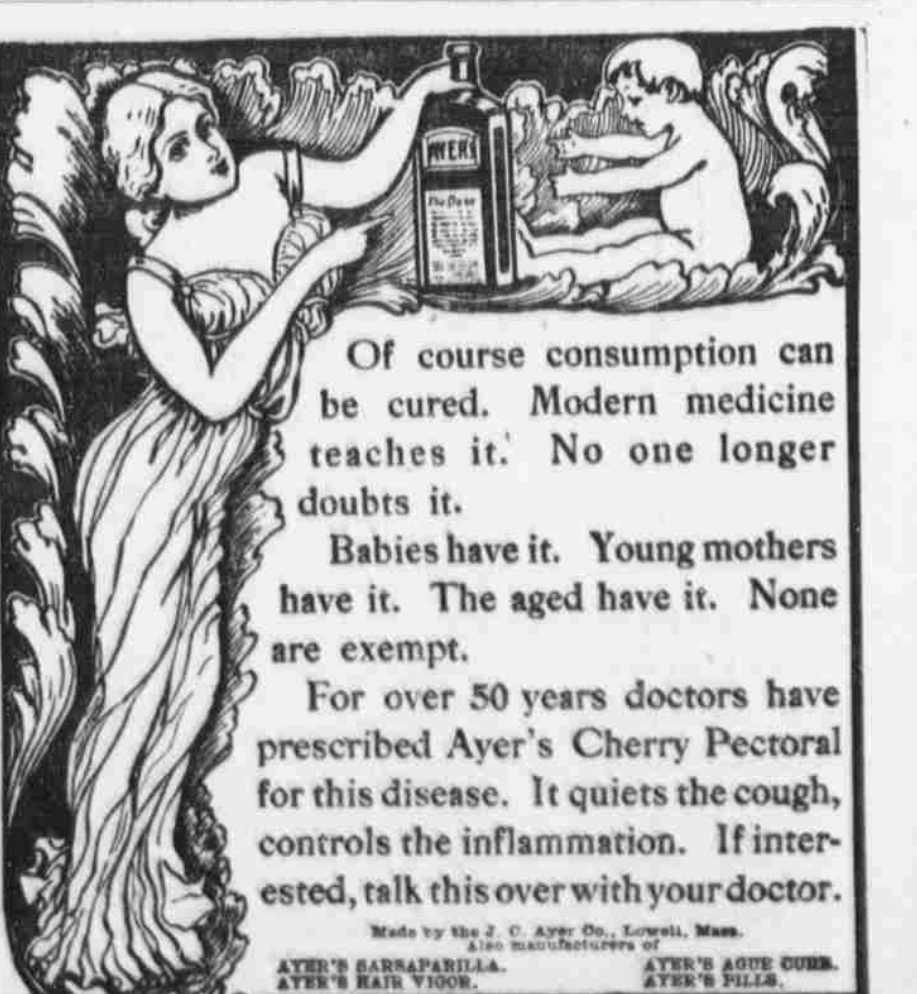
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