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

Having had another "million-dollar rain" Nebraska is ready for more of those two-million-dollar days of sunshine.

Omaha has just had a record breaking month in the total of building permits taken out.

If that Kansas court grants the prayer for an injunction against the braying of a donkey, certain long-eared animals across the line may scent danger afar off.

If Omaha merchants had gone before the State Board of Equalization to complain against the assessment of Lincoln merchants what a roar there would have been raised.

Now that Emperor William says he prefers a monarchy to a republic in Norway, it may be possible to guess at one reason for the meeting of the emperors in the Baltic sea.

Ak-Sar-Ben is going to do business with the country newspapers this year on a business basis.

Colorado railroads complain because the rush for land on the Uintah reservation was not as great as expected.

If the subordinate officials in the Agricultural department stand together like those in the Indian bureau, Secretary Wilson may also find a clean sweep the only solution to the "cotton scandal."

Bids just opened for paving, especially for asphalt, seem to be lower than they have usually been in Omaha.

Should the Bennington board of inquiry refuse, as reported, to fix responsibility for the accident, while finding that at least one boiler was defective, it would hardly show that degree of bravery expected in the navy.

Tending settlers whose plans have been put awry by the yellow fever epidemic in the south are cordially invited to cast their eyes in the direction of Nebraska.

That the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the St. Mary's river canal is being celebrated is proof conclusive that the railroads were not as effective in slapping the destiny of water routes fifty years ago as they have been since.

Each improvement club in Omaha is to be presented with a printed copy of the new charter with the compliments of the council.

The village of Benson, although it is sure some day to be a part of Greater Omaha, has voted to establish a water works plant of its own, and, strange to say, has proceeded to this point without any injunctions, quo warrants, mandampuses or helms coronuses.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

The epidemic of yellow fever at New Orleans has brought about some conditions that create a very serious situation. The course of the Mississippi authorities in establishing a shogun quarantine against Louisiana and placing an embargo on interstate commerce is reported to be resented by the latter state.

What has become of the states rights principle, which the south has always championed, when one state employs armed boats to patrol waters for the purpose of excluding the fishermen of another state, even going so far as to invade the territory of the other state?

What the situation plainly suggests is that there should be national system of quarantine, wholly under the control of the federal government. This has long been advocated, but has always met with strenuous opposition from some of the states, particularly those of the south.

Mr. Dalrymple also noted incidentally that municipal ownership in America excludes freedom of individual enterprise. In Scotland, where the principle of municipal ownership is generally applied, individual enterprise is at liberty to compete with municipal enterprise.

The trouble with Mr. Dalrymple's half-baked conclusions is that he mistakes the effect for the cause. He seems to be oblivious of the fact that the main source of municipal graft in American cities is the private ownership of public utilities.

The sincere reformer, who wants the affairs of American cities administered on business principles finds himself seriously perplexed. Take for example the recent decision rendered by Judge Munger in the Omaha water works case.

These figures very conclusively show the remarkable prosperity of the wage earners of New York, the savings deposits for the last year being about \$12 per capita for every person in the state.

In other states the prosperity of the working classes has been equally good and doubtless the savings relatively as large, so that for the whole country hundreds of millions of dollars have been added to the bank account of the people.

Individual enterprise is at liberty to compete with municipal enterprise in America just as it is in Scotland, but few American capitalists would be foolhardy enough to undertake to compete with the municipalities in the supply of water, gas, electric lights, telephones or street railways unless they controlled the municipal governments and were confident of being able to hold both ends of the competition.

State Treasurer Mortensen's financial exhibit shows that the permanent school funds are again piling up in the treasury, where more than \$250,000 of school money remains uninvested and unproductive, except for the nominal interest paid by the state depositories.

Louisiana and Mississippi are to determine the right of one state to send troops into another, and while they are trying the question of state sovereignty the yellow jack is moving under the motto of Napoleon, "Divide and conquer."

pan's terms will not be excessive, or of a nature that Russia could fairly regard as unreasonable. So far as there has been any expression from authoritative Japanese sources it has conveyed the idea that the Japanese envoys will propose only such terms as are deemed to be absolutely essential to the future peace and security of their country.

Statisticians Hyde promises to return from Europe as soon as possible. This may not be good news for the men who hoped that he would find the climate of England good for his health until the statute of limitations had an opportunity to accomplish its purpose for them.

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be well to wait until the grand total of the assessment is finally made up, so as to be able to figure out exactly what the tax will produce, especially in view of the fact that the state board is raising different items in the assessment and thus increasing the total?

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. One of the queer institutions annexed to and supported by the Postoffice department in New York City is the federal cat brigade.

Big Tom is the captain of the postoffice cat police force. He holds his office by natural right, being fully two feet long and weighing about fifteen pounds. The big black feline is kept continually on the watch to see that his cohorts are not concealingly one of them wearies of the continual night that reigns in the subcellars and slips upstairs.

One of New York's odd organizations is "The Dream Study Club." Unlike most of those who seek to study dreams this society seeks not the reading of the dream but the tracing of its origin. The members meet once a week and offer records of their dreams and speculations as to their possible source.

Mrs. John Lorenson and her sister, Miss Theobald Heribson of Bronx Place, Mount Vernon, are being congratulated for the courageous way they helped to chastise a masquerader who followed them home and was punished until he promised never to insult a woman again.

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A big man who had evidently been feeling the heat a good deal, got on a Bronx trolley car the other day and started in to kick because people had been giving him crowd advice.

In accordance with the sentence of the court, imposed a month ago, Fred Lindsay, a young man of Brooklyn, accompanied by Mrs. Lindsay, reported to the magistrate last Saturday that he obeyed the judicial mandate requiring him to kiss his wife once every day for a month.

A fact of great interest as showing the rapid settling of the southwestern region of the United States is that Texas will sell about 4,000,000 acres of its public lands in the western part of the state.

The sale will have an important bearing upon ranchers, whose days under the old regime are evidently drawing to a close. The land will be sold at a minimum price of \$1 an acre, and easy terms will be granted as to payments.

There is one kind of perquisite not commonly counted in reckoning a saleswoman's earnings. That is the change she is allowed to keep by customers who have not time to wait. Not many people apparently are in too big a hurry to get what money is coming to them, yet several times in the course of a month almost every shopgirl is electrified by the command, "Just keep the change. I have to catch a train. I can't wait."

SHOWING MADE BY THE AMERICAN SCENIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

The tenth annual report of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society to the legislature, of which we have received proof sheets, contains some interesting facts about the effectiveness of the outdoor advertising that does so much to mar the beauty of our cities and countryside.

It is inspired by a petty desire to preserve a monopoly of the advertising business. But the figures given in the report concerning the small proportion of advertising expenditures directed by large and successful advertisers to poster publicity, which inflicts injury so utterly out of proportion to its commercial usefulness, should in this case serve to avert that reproach.

It is evident that the newspapers and magazines have little to fear from the sign-board. Even those who use posters for certain lines of advertising realize that their effectiveness is strictly limited to a few kinds of articles. And at least the scenic society, which is responsible for the discussion, cannot be charged with commercial motives, or with any purpose except to protect the community from a plague of ugliness.

Some of the scenic society sent letters to fourteen of the largest advertisers in the United States, who are credited with spending from \$20,000 to \$1,000,000 a year, asking them about their expenditures, the proportion spent on outdoor or poster advertising, their views as to its usefulness, and other questions along that line.

All this would seem to indicate that the poster inundation is likely to subside. A new and striking bid for publicity it naturally had great vigor, but now that solid business men are counting the results and finding them unsatisfactory, we may hope to see the nuisance largely abated.

Three Vermont towns which awoke and found themselves in Canada are demanding that the United States buy them back. Prof. Ray Lankester of Oxford says that the inhabitants of Texas have carried out their migration with a resolution that they are far in advance of the inhabitants of the earth.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island has purchased the residence and grounds of the late Bishop Clark, adjoining his home at Warwick, Neck, and has added them to his already extensive estate.

Thomas Greenway, a former premier of Manitoba, estimates that within the next few years more than \$75,000,000 will be spent in western Canada in the construction of railways.

Dr. Victor Nilsson, of Minneapolis, has been chosen as editor of the new monthly musical journal to be undertaken by the American Union of Swedish Singers. The first number will be brought out next month.

Another plot against the sultan's life has been discovered. These machinations do not worry the Turkish authorities greatly. It has become pretty well established that nothing will put an end to a confirmed invalid.

King Oscar of Sweden was recently on his way to Norrland and stopped at Sollefka station. Only two bowing officials greeted him.

GRAFT IS WORLD-WIDE.

Other Lands Than Ours Afflicted with the Disease. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The crookedness connected with the furnishing of the army supplies to England in the Boer war of 1900-1902, it is now discovered, greater than were those with which the United States was afflicted during the Spanish war of 1898.

A similar story of crookedness is told in the case of the supplies for the Russian army and navy in the present war. In the Russian instance the matter is made especially heinous by two circumstances. The stealing has apparently been much larger than it was in the British or American case, and some of the culprits were the grand officers of the Russian army and navy.

We are in the habit of saying, whenever any big steals are discovered in the United States government service, that they order these things better in England, France, Germany and the rest of the world. This is a mistake. Graft has all countries and all ages for its own.

"Cholley is raising a mustache." "Indeed, well he must be doing it very carefully." "How do you mean?" "He seems to be raising one hair at a time."—Philadelphia Tiger.

"Mamma—Clarence, didn't I hear you and Arthur having high words about the sun never setting. Nevertheless, the United States duty is to hunt down its crooks in the postoffice, the land office and elsewhere, and to punish them when it reaches them."

"Gee, I wished I was an inventor," exclaimed Jimmy, leaning outside the bus-bell arch. "What for?" demanded Mickey. "I'd like to be an inventor, so I could carry round wild yew and stick in a fence anywhere you pleased."—Chicago Tribune.

"Pete," said Meandering Mike, "did you hear about de kind lady up in Michigan dat she was fust to get a fortune?" "More money wanted," answered Pleading Pete. "What she ain't hunger. It's third."—Washington Star.

"Say pa, what is notoriety?" "It's the name of a man who gets the majority of people mistake for fame."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"He's the most eccentric autocrat I ever met. He's got such queer notions about his own hair." "Thinks it's the very best make, I suppose." "No, he says he bought it because it was cheap."—Philadelphia Press.

"Sometimes," said Farmer Cortnessel, "I think maybe government ownership would be a pretty good thing." "Why?" "If the government was runnin' all kinds o' business, it could get the best of the corporation officers drawin' bigger salaries than the president of the United States."—Washington Star.

Margaret Hamilton in St. Nicholas. "Roaring waves and slippery sand—Dear me, I prefer the land!" "That's what Doris says, for she thinks it's dull beside the sea. But Auntie, Dot, and you and I—well, perhaps, we're lone some, are we?"

How can days be dull for her? Her hair, when everything's astir? Fish-hawks fly and dance and dive. And the marsh is all alive. With the fluttering, rosy mallows, And the wee fin stir the shallows. Through the meadow, and the water, In the wind blows from the west. Glistening like the blue-green eyes, In a peacock's gorgeous tail. Through the meadow, and the water, Snipe above the breakers flit. With their tiny feet, and feet, For perhaps, for running fast. For their magic stilt, too fast for mortal eyes, long legs, are we? As it races up the beach: Gray sparrow-gull's teeter, teeter. Swinging like a pendulum, swifter. On the long, light-green sea-grass. Swaying as the sea-breeze blows. When the wind blows from the west. Every wave will wear a crest. One fine rainbow like a feather! Sometimes, too, the billow brings Scores of fishes, big and things. And along the sands they shine In a leaping silver line. When the wind blows from the west, And I try to put them back.

Then the sunny afternoons All along the shining dunes! And the bathing women just now? And the bath down in foam and spray? Till the breakers' plunging roar Sweeps you shouting back to shore! Where could any mortal be Happier than beside the sea!

You walk with her, you rock her, you give her sugar, you try all kinds of things! But she coughs all through the long night, just the same! No need spending another night this way. Just a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will soothe the throat, quiet the cough, insure a good night's rest. Ask your doctor about the wisdom of your keeping this remedy in the house, ready for these night coughs of the children. Doctors have the formula. They know all about this medicine.