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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.

In about three months people may be wondering why anyone ever thought a special session of congress necessary.

It is greatly to be feared that Mayor Moore's ambition to go to prison again to serve his country is not to be gratified.

Pat Croce knows where he can look for a fence, either at Omaha or Lincoln, and he knows also where his confidential interviews can best be marketed.

With the doctors disagreeing, Baron Komura, who is, or is not, suffering from typhoid fever, may be compelled to send to Tokio for someone who can cure the disease.

Apparently the equinoctial has put in an appearance one week ahead of schedule time with a view to clearing the sky and smoothing the path for the advent of King Al-Sar-Ben.

Those Chinese who are rejoicing because the war is over might show greater wisdom by waiting until they learn what the belligerents really intend to do with the battleground.

In requesting the consulting engineers to make reports speedily the president evidently desires to show congress that international responsibilities have not interfered with his work.

Attorneys of Mrs. Taggart accuse the advisers of the doughty major of striving to give publicity to the affair. If this be true there should be some disbarment proceedings in Ohio.

The resurrection of Tom Dennison as a political issue is about due now. He has been a good enough Morgan in so many campaigns that it would not do to ignore his existence at this time.

Chairman Burgess is not sure whether he wants to be continued at the head of the republican state committee or not, but then it won't make much difference whether he is sure or merely undecided.

Compared with the east, the west has been remarkably free from railroad accidents this year, but recent experience shows that this immunity will not warrant operating officials in resting on their laurels.

If the new automobile club would make itself popular it might provide penalties for members who violate speed ordinances, as it seems that society by laws are more easily enforced than statutes of a state.

A couple of bond propositions to be voted on at the November election are already in sight. As these provide merely for funds for building sewers and paying for intersection paving, the prospect for developing a fight over them is very poor.

In funny, funny Omaha the democratic organ busies itself more with republican politics than with its own and its chief aim seems to be to lead aid and comfort to disabled and unhoused republican politicians who have failed to connect with an office or a state convention.

It is said that the confidential clerk of the county judge, who aspires to succeed his chief, has as his ideal the present administration of that office. Do the voters of Douglas county want to endorse the dark lantern methods that now prevail in the administration of estates and other probate matters?

WANT AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

The people of Porto Rico are not satisfied with their present political status. They want American citizenship and if they cannot have that they desire to set up an independent government.

The authors of the appeal say that Porto Rico suffers and is tired of its imposed government, that uncertainty as to its future political status kills effort and is harmful to public education.

These are the utterances of American teachers and they are certainly worthy of consideration, but not much hope can be held out to them that the aspirations of the Porto Ricans will be realized.

Perhaps the administration of affairs in Porto Rico could be improved. Certainly this government should make generous provision for education in the island.

Immediately after the overwhelming defeat of Judge Alton B. Parker as the democratic nominee for the presidency everyone hailed William Jennings Bryan as the most likely bearer of the democratic standard in the next presidential campaign.

Everyone realized that Bryan's espousal of the Parker cause after his fierce denunciation of the New York jurist as a tool of the plutocrats was simply to keep himself in line with his party and be able to point to a record of regularity which would give no excuse for his opponents within the party to justify a refusal to support him should he be the next nominee.

When, therefore, Mr. Bryan rises at the banquet table before the Jefferson club of Chicago and declares that he is not now a candidate for any office, although he has never said that he would never again be a candidate for office, his declarations must be received and construed in the light of events of recent political history.

When Mr. Bryan says he is not a candidate, he means evidently that he is not an active candidate, nor an avowed candidate, and when he says that he wants it understood that he has never declared he would not again be a candidate for office he gives notice that he is a receptive candidate ready to take the nomination any time it is within reach, coupled with a reasonable assurance that the nomination is not merely an empty honor to lead him on a wild goose chase.

Mr. Bryan is devoting his entire time to keeping in touch with the party organization, and his appearance at this particular banquet can be regarded only as a part of his campaign to keep within hearing of the call to duty. While, according to Colonel Bryan's idea, it is much too early to choose a candidate for president to make the race three years from now, it is to be noted that he has timed his trip around the world so as to bring him back at the psycho-

logical moment to get into the running if the track looks clear.

GIVE THE LAW A FAIR TRIAL.

The primary election law, which was enacted by the late legislature exclusively for Douglas county, should by all means be given a fair trial next Tuesday.

The convention system, when so conducted as to command the confidence and respect of the rank and file of the party, was a source of party success, because it furnished an excellent opportunity for the perfection of party organization as well as for the prosecution of a vigorous campaign, in which all party forces were formed in line and operated with united power for a common end.

The convention at its best also afforded favorable opportunity for the consolidation of party factions. Unity within a party is absolutely necessary for success, unless the minority party is weak and lacks strength and cohesion.

These evils the direct primary is designed to avert. Its prime object is the nomination of candidates who will re-establish the people in power and enable them to choose their public servants without the intervention of irresponsible or purchasable delegates.

There is nothing to prevent the city of Omaha from granting a franchise to a second gas company, but there are a good many questions to be considered before the franchise is voted.

Many years ago the spectacular editor of the defunct Omaha Republican used to wind up his sugar-coated sawdust pie editorials as follows: "And we desire it to be understood that we do not wish to be understood."

Nemaha county republicans have adopted resolutions endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, and especially his course in bringing about peace between Japan and Russia.

Why cannot these Cleveland capitalists give us a pipe line to the natural gas and oil fields of Kansas that would enable them to sell gas at 50 cents at a profit and supply Omaha with cheap power for its manufacturing concerns and cheap heating for its buildings, large and small?

Democrats at Chicago were encouraged when a speaker said that before the next national campaign light might be thrown upon the pathway of democracy. A large number have gotten tired of waiting for the clouds to roll by, even though those clouds have had a "silver" lining.

The French correspondent who fabricated an interview with President Roosevelt made the mistake of his life in not deferring its publication until it could have appeared in his posthumous works. Then it might have been history; now it is not even a good story.

Present day revelations would indicate that those "100,000 men" in New York Life insurance companies earned their

salaries principally by devising plans whereby companies might side-step legal restrictions and continue to do business.

If that member of the Marine Hospital corps who has discovered a new distributable wants to avoid future trouble he will see that his resignation is accepted before he begins to manufacture the material for general use.

From War to Peace. Louisville Courier-Journal. We are now getting armistice news from Godsyadant. Manchuria. Godsyadant! What a place to play golf in!

Casting Out of Spirits. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. After summing up the results of the war the people of Japan have decided that the misdeeds of their ancestors had nothing to do with the case.

A Delicate Hint. Chicago Tribune. Mr. Bryan's announcement of the fact that he is yet too old may be taken as a delicate hint that he will have attained just about the right age for the presidency in 1908.

Cuba as a Permanent Expense. San Francisco Chronicle. The total amount paid to Spanish war pensioners since 1898 is \$1,961,198. We shall go on paying out money for the liberation of Cuba long after the Cubans have forgotten that we helped them attain their independence.

Survivors of the Civil War. Chicago Chronicle. When we consider that it is now more than forty years since the civil war ended it seems almost unbelievable that there should have been 689,000 survivors of that conflict on the pension rolls at the close of the last fiscal year.

America's Little Debt. Philadelphia Press. This country is big in every way except its national debt. In comparative trifles about which nobody bothers.

Roosevelt's Strongest Characteristic. Ladies' Weekly. Tenacity wins. It is President Roosevelt's strongest characteristic. Not courage or impetuosity, but tenacity, has won all his victories.

AMERICAN IN FOREIGN SCHOOLS. Instructive Facts Brought Out in a Census Bulletin. New York Sun. The criticism of our American school system on which an English educational commission sent to this country a few years ago dwelt most emphatically was that we are "feminizing" our boys by reason of the great preponderance of woman teachers.

Of the teachers in the United States in 1901 was 72.2 in this country in 1904 it was 74.4. The percentage here, however, was much greater than in other European countries, where it was, according to the latest census returns, only 31.5 per cent for Germany, 41 for France and 46 for Italy.

Another fact brought out by Prof. Willcox will doubtless provoke surprise. It is that proportionately to the population of England and Wales there is in this country, a larger proportion of teachers in the primary grades than in any other country.

Fortunes, suddenly acquired through the deaths of their husbands, may tend to lighten the weight of the weeds of mourning for two New York widows who were once poor, bread-winning girls.

The latest case in point became known last Monday, when the news of the death of E. R. Whitney, a rich Canadian lumberman, was announced.

On one of his many trips to New York last spring Whitney, a 70-year-old widower, was struck with the beauty of Anna Bennett, a telephone operator at the Grand Union hotel. She was only 22 years old, but the discrepancy in their ages did not prevent them from falling in love.

Whitney's estate is estimated at \$1,000,000, and his young widow, under the law, is entitled to one-third of this.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

The whirligig of life in Gotham is so rapid that it seems impossible to check the pace. One must go with the crowd or be trampled on. To show just how people do things keep on going the Tribune summarizes the daily round in these short lines:

- Every 40 seconds an immigrant arrives. Every 3 minutes some one is arrested. Every 6 minutes a child is born. Every 7 minutes there is a funeral. Every 12 minutes a couple get married. Every 42 minutes a new business firm starts up. Every 48 minutes a building catches fire. Every 45 minutes a ship leaves the harbor. Every 31 minutes a new building is erected. Every 1 1/2 hours some one is killed by accident. Every 7 hours some one fails in business. Every 8 hours an attempt to kill some one is made. Every 8 1/2 hours some couple is divorced. Every 10 hours some one commits suicide. Every 2 days some one is murdered.

There are five men in New York who receive as salaries twice as much as the president of the United States. There are twenty besides who receive 75 per cent more, and there are at least fifty who receive as much. This is not taking into account the men whose incomes from all sources exceed the salary of the president.

The halting to a magistrate's court of a man arrested for annoying a bereaved family discloses one of the many odd ways in which some persons make a living in New York. The offender in the instance noted belongs to a class of men which earns a livelihood by playing on the mingled sadness and family pride of people recently bereaved by death.

The children of the block in West Ninety-second street, between Broadway and West End avenue, are keeping unusually quiet. The dogs scamper gaily and from back yards come the song of embattled, triumphant cats.

These families liked their apartments. It has according to the tenants a model janitor and polite hall boys. Andrew Brown is the landlord and this is the letter he sent to the child-blessed tenants:

James J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern Railway company, will celebrate his sixty-seventh birthday on September 16, on which occasion a banquet will be given in his honor by representative men of Minneapolis. Mr. Hill was born near Guelph, Ont., and left his father's farm for business life in Minnesota.

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AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. There are no less than four teen remedies in this standard family medicine. Among them we might mention sarsaparilla root, yellow dock root, stillingia root, buck-thorn bark, senna leaves, burdock root, cimicifuga root, cinchona bark, phytolacca root. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is certainly a medicine, a genuine medicine, a doctor's medicine.

WHITTLED TO A POINT. "He says he hasn't paid a cent for repairs to his auto." "So a bill collector told me." "Smart Set." "Have you read the 'Last Days of Pompeii'?" "No, answered Mrs. Cumro, with a charming air of confiding frankness; 'it tells the truth I haven't even read the first ones.'" "Washington Star."

A certain New York bachelor has an old college chum who became a minister about the same time the bachelor became a broker. Despite this disparity, the friendship has survived to the extent that the minister frequently drops in on the broker when a happy chance brings him to the metropolis. The other night the broker returned to his bachelor quarters to find the saver of souls stretched out on his lounge and smoking in a manner that would have ruined his reputation at home.

PERSONAL NOTES. George Meredith is one of the group of authors who remain faithful to the old-fashioned quill pen. W. L. D. Cary of Oakland, Cal., is known as the king of the Isle of Calif. Man. It is about five miles in circumference and was given the Carys by an ancient king of England. It is inhabited by forty persons.

Some stranger things than fiction happen in real life. From Kansas comes the story of a sick man who is being tenderly nursed back to health by his divorced wife, his present wife and a pair of solicited mother-walkers.

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DAVID DRAPER OF JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, who discovered the famous Pretoria mines, has arrived in this country with the purpose of looking over the mountains of western North Carolina, where there are believed to be rich diamond deposits.

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