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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.

Colonel Bryan is off on his globe girdling trip. Here's luck to him and a safe return.

Omaha has contributed its first victim to the Panama canal, but that will not stop others from venturing into the yellow fever zone.

With Russian troops quartered in Finland it is probable that all the czar's subjects are not glad the war in the Orient is ended.

The only candidate that receives the enthusiastic support of the demo-pop of these parts is the basso-profundo candidate for police judge.

When the second peace conference meets at The Hague the czar can show the treaty of peace with Japan as evidence that diplomacy beats war in securing results.

Some railroad passenger managers may be willing to grant 2-cent-a-mile fares after all passes have been called in, but so far they have not made their intentions known.

As long as Grover Cleveland is one of the voting trustees it is hardly probable that equitable officials will volunteer information of assistance given to beat Blaine in New York in 1884.

It cost the United States \$16,000 to work up the case against those Chicago packers who pleaded guilty and the men were fined \$25,000—that leaves Uncle Sam \$9,000 to the good.

Reports from Pender would indicate that for one time at least an Indian has been able to find a white man who is legally indebted to him; but it has taken hard work to bring this state of affairs about.

If American manufacturers carry out their announced intention of opening subsidiary factories in Europe they will probably have to send their workmen from America to avoid losing more than they gain by the change.

The democratic standard bearer, who leads on the allied forces of reform, says he has been riding on an annual pass, but won't do it again, providing he is elected supreme judge this fall—but there is no danger.

If that asphalt company investigation continues along the lines laid down in New York it may be discovered that the price of a revolutionist in Venezuela is somewhat less than that of a councilman in America when bidding is close.

Now that Dr. Foster has turned in his annual passes, all the other members of the late legislature will have to follow suit, but what is to hinder the railroads from transmitting the legislative courtesy pass into an underground railroad ticket.

The court-martial of the Bennington officers shows that they had great faith in the integrity of the contractors who placed the engines on the boat, from the fact that they were willing to risk their own lives without making close and regular investigations.

Up to date the special lawyers and special engineers engaged by the Water board are the only beneficiaries of the contention between the city and the water company. So far as the taxpayers are concerned there is no relief in sight, but on the contrary the water tax burden is heavier, and apparently we are no nearer possession of the water plant than we were before the Water board was created.

A DIMINISHING DEFICIT.

The treasury deficit is being diminished. In the less than three months of the current fiscal year there has been a very considerable increase in the receipts of the government and a slight decrease in expenditures.

This fact, however, should not prevent a curtailment of public expenditures wherever it can be done without impairing the efficiency of the public service. Gratifying as is the growth of revenue, evidencing as it does the prosperity of the country, it should not be allowed to interfere with such a reduction in governmental expenditures as can be wisely and properly made.

This will be an important matter for the determination of the next congress. If expenditures can be reduced, say to the extent of \$20,000,000, there will be no necessity for legislation to increase the government's revenue.

When the lid is taken off the sealed chests of the county court the fact will be disclosed that rank favoritism has been extended in the appointment of guardians and administrators.

The good government league is all right, providing that its advice to voters is not designed to promote the nomination or election of special favorites under the guise of promoting better government. For example, in its first circular the Good Government league tattooed two republican candidates for county judge and indirectly endorsed a candidate who is not qualified to fill the office, which is just as much aiding bad government.

The wheat production of the United States is placed at a little over 675,000,000 bushels and the surplus at 119,000,000 bushels. In regard to this the New York Journal of Commerce remarks that there must be a glaring error, the surplus given for last year being much in excess of the actual quantity.

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WE MUST CHANGE THE SYSTEM.

Whether the name of the next county judge is Leslie or Woodrough, the people of Douglas county will demand a radical change in the keep-it-dark system that has for years prevailed in the county court. First and foremost, there must be a change in the method of accounting, so that all obstructions to publicity shall be permanently removed.

At present the books of the county court will not enable anybody to get an insight into the internal workings of the office, and especially all matters affecting the heirship trust funds. There must be a stop to the farming out of widows' and orphans' funds for private gain. At present, nobody can ascertain just how much heirship money is invested or loaned under direction of the court, where it is deposited, or what amount of interest it is drawing.

When the lid is finally taken off and the system is exposed to full view, people of Omaha and Douglas county will have a surprise in store such as they have not had since the lid was taken off the city and state treasuries some eight years ago.

The direct primary like the Australian ballot has come to stay in Nebraska. It is not necessary to wait until the legislature has enacted a law to make it go into effect, although it will eventually have to be regulated by law in order to make it uniform in every voting district. The direct primary has for a number of years operated successfully in Arkansas in the selection of state officers and choice of United States senators and has been acquiesced in by all factions of Arkansas democracy, which constitutes about four-fifths of the voting population of that state.

When that grand jury gets through investigating the men at the head of defunct Denver banks it might with propriety turn its attention to state bank examiners who vouched for the solidity of the institutions up to the verge of the crash. Examiners who examine are really needed in all the states.

The resolutions committee that framed the democratic state platform is supposed to be constituted of a membership of one from each congressional district. Inspection of the personnel of the committee, however, discloses the fact that three out of six came from the Second congressional district.

The first sale of American goods in Shanghai since the boycott is a quantity of oil. Now if those Chinese have determined to help the Standard Oil company, in addition to other acts of unfraternity, their case is hopeless, and the president should begin immediately to prepare to retaliate.

The fraud at the bottom of the bunco game of fusion was never more patent than in the labeling of the democratic ticket just nominated at Lincoln, with the populist name, by a handful of self-appointed delegates calling themselves a state convention. How have the mighty fallen.

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JOY AT ESCAPE.

Judge Parker says he feels his course in the last campaign has been vindicated. He ought to be happy, as he has both a vindication and an alibi.

Political and Legal Ethics. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Judge Parker lays his defeat at the door of the corporations. Behind the door he is willing to accept one of their \$100,000 salaries.

Superfluous Advice. Boston Transcript. General Crobin advises young officers to lead the simple life will strike many of them, in view of the present pay tables, as unnecessary. A second lieutenant often finds that to make both ends meet at the close of the year is so strenuous a process as to leave him no time for opportunity for any but the simple life wholly devoid of trimmings.

An Obvious Consolation. Chicago Chronicle. In the midst of his indignation at the life insurance company's contribution to the republican campaign fund Judge Parker has one obvious consolation. He knows, along with everybody else, that if the contribution had been made to the democratic campaign instead of to the republican and if it had been 100 times as large it would not have changed the result.

Important Revolution in Railroad Suburban Service. Chicago Tribune. The Union Pacific railway company has been making at Omaha some interesting experiments with gasoline motor cars which it proposes to substitute for steam trains in its suburban service.

The application to railway cars of the gasoline motor, which is well known, is extensively used in the propelling of automobiles—was first experimented with and put into practical use about a year ago. The Union Pacific's gasoline motor car No. 1, which was first put on the rails last March, was constructed on new lines.

The secret suspicion with which Frenchmen regard each German movement is well illustrated by a recent article in a Paris newspaper. It describes Germany as being busy in Morocco to secure objects of barter in view of future bargains with France, and warns Frenchmen to be on their guard against a possible renewal of the attempt to secure their adherence to the Baghdad scheme.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Russia figures up, officially, its loss in ships in the Japanese war at \$13,000,000. This may be called a bottom estimate.

DERELICTS. New York Times. A year, a year, and then to miss that which was all in all for aye; O Love, forever and a day, O Love, forever and a day, O Love, forever and a day.

FLASHES OF FUN. "I haven't had a photo taken in ten years," remarked the conceited man, with a flourish.

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