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END OF A PUBLICITY BUREAU.

The announcement sent out a few days ago that the railroad publicity bureau, created to antagonize the rate regulation policy of President Roosevelt, had been closed, caused no great surprise. In connection with the announcement was the statement that the bureau had been very expensive to the different roads assessed, the cost being estimated at nearly \$2,000,000. It was probably all of this amount, or even more, and it is not astonishing that under the continuous drain the railroad managers should have decided that it was inadvisable to keep up the so-called publicity bureau.

REPORTS IS THE ADMISSION OF OKLAHOMA.

It is assured, that the Indian Territory may be granted statehood, and that neither New Mexico nor Arizona is likely to be admitted by the fifty-ninth congress. The objection to the latter territories is largely in regard to the character of a portion of their population. Western opinion is in favor of disposing of the statehood question by the fifty-ninth congress and there appears to be no substantial reason why this cannot be done.

MINOR SCENES AND INCIDENTS SKETCHED ON THE SPOT.

A fruitful subject for discussion and speculation among Washington correspondents is the lineup of the forces for and against railroad rate regulation. What will the outcome be? Is a question that affords boundless possibilities for the grouping of strategical movements and incidents regarded as diversions of the struggle. A cautious and observant correspondent of the Boston Transcript throws some light on the situation as it appears at the present time.

BITTS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

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ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

At no time within its history have there been more encouraging signs for the continued expansion and prosperity of Omaha and the contiguous cities and towns that make up Greater Omaha. Only within the past few weeks the growth of several of our largest commercial institutions, in both retail and jobbing districts, has practically burst the bounds of their housing facilities and forced the erection of new and more commodious buildings and warehouses to accommodate them.

A TRICK THAT DIDN'T WORK.

The railroad regret that they have spent a couple of million dollars trying to "make sentiment" against the square deal. They have equal reason to be sorry that they sent a delegation of railway employes to the president to protest against proposed railway legislation.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE.

Why are the poor poor? The turning of the New York insurance inquiry into the matter of so-called industrial insurance brings out facts helpful in answering that question. Industrial insurance differs in no essential particular from ordinary life insurance.

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.

LABOR IN PORTO RICO.

According to Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, conditions in Porto Rico are deplorable. He states that there is much poverty and hunger among the people of the island and that as a consequence the laboring classes are able to do but little work and cannot be considered in the employment upon a great public undertaking.

GERMANS HAVE LONG BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE AN EYE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL.

When Count Witte addressed the workmen in a manufacturing establishment as "brother workmen" he doubtless talked on the assumption that he was addressing an assemblage of cabinetmakers.

THE WATER BOARD PROPOSES NOW TO GO AFTER THE FLAT RATES FOR WATER SERVICE EXACTED BY THE WATER COMPANY.

The mandatory injunction issued by the federal court, commanding the Board of Appraisers to proceed to complete their appraisal of the water works plant, may be expected to hurry things, especially in view of the fact that the legislature decreed the immediate compulsory purchase more than three years ago.

THE STATEHOOD QUESTION.

President Roosevelt is said to have declared his position in regard to the territories which are seeking admission as states. According to report he will recommend that Oklahoma be admitted and that the other territories be kept out of the union for the present.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

A freak election better in Ohio goes into an insane asylum for a week, full of wags. But isn't this rather rough on the genuine inmates? It is announced that Mr. Carnegie has agreed to assist high school pupils of Pittsburgh who desire to take a finishing course at the \$10,000,000 Carnegie Technical school in that city.

POINTED PLEASANTRIES.

"Charlie Gebhart appears to be a good deal upset by that bank failure." "Yes, I understood him to say that he lost his money." "Cleveland Leader." "Why don't you advocate reform?" asked the friend. "I do," answered Senator Sorghum. "But I don't see any occasion for my making my political and pecuniary future on it." "Washington Star."

KNOCKS FOR A NERE MAN.

Club Women Swing the Club Here and There. New York Sun. Now the tin horn blares no longer and the campaign flags are furled; and the philosopher and sociologist can return to the chief and crown of things. The real rulers of the world have been in regular session through all these babblings and howlings of the inferior sea. For instance: The Federated Women's Clubs of Oklahoma have resolved to soften the just severity of their treatment of their slaves.

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