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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.

Omaha will be written down in big red letters in the Salvation Army calendar if Commander-in-Chief Booth has her say and her way.

"Rantankerous" Manning demonstrates that the fury of a woman scorned is pushed close by the fury of a lobbyist severed from his salary.

Now that St. Joseph policemen are unable to attribute all the box car robberies to Pat Crowe they are making a few arrests of home talent.

The candidates for the vacant county superintendency are already as thick as blackberries in June, and still more are sprouting in every precinct of the county.

An Italian immigration officer has discovered that Texas offers unexcelled advantages for his countrymen. That proverbial democratic majority will some day totter.

The resignation of the second assistant city attorney creates another vacancy for a few weeks, which will be eagerly sought for by eminent jurists in these parts.

With speculators "boosting" the price of football tickets in Chicago promoters of the game will have further difficulty in keeping the game out of the "professional" class.

No one can doubt the resolution of Russian reformers when they can hold heated discussions on the streets in weather cold enough to freeze steamboats in the rivers.

Wisconsin politicians who are speculating upon the probable course of Governor La Follette can get a pointer by learning what the big corporations don't want him to do.

The law and its administration in Nebraska is to be the text of the address to be delivered by the president of the Nebraska Bar association. This has no reference to the no-trust law.

Why not hold an extra session of the Nebraska legislature just to make an inquiry into the perquisites of the professional lobbyists who hang around Lincoln, periodically and thereafter.

Opposition congressmen are in a quandary at the present time because they cannot tell whether they favor a seal-level canal or one with locks until the recommendations of the president are made public.

Colonel Hoff of the medical department finds that two Russian soldiers died as the result of battle to one who died of disease, but he should explain whether this is due to the good marksmanship of the Japanese or the excellent hygienic conditions of the camps.

With the American Federation of Labor making preparations to carry an injunction suit to the United States supreme court there is some possibility a rule in this matter will be established which all may follow—a thing to be desired no matter what the rule may be.

The statesmen calling themselves national patrons of husbandry are still in session, discussing the various pertinent issues of the past as well as of the future, which is a most gratifying evidence that hotel rates at Atlantic City have gone down since the close of the bathing season.

HOUSE ORGANIZATION.

In the organization of the new house of representatives it is thought that Speaker Cannon will keep things very much as they are, except in so far as changes in the personnel of the house make it necessary to shift men from one place to another. It is the understanding that in most of the committees there will be a strengthening of the republican lines and a weakening of the democratic, which if done will be pretty sure to cause a vigorous protest from the minority party.

As now indicated, the chairmanship of the most important committee in the house of the Fifty-ninth Congress, that of appropriations, is likely to go to a Minnesota representative, either Mr. Tawney or Mr. McCleary, either of whom is fully qualified for the position. Every effort is to be made to keep down appropriations wherever practicable and a strong man is therefore needed at the head of the committee.

It appears that the opinion obtains at Washington that the house session will be a busy one and perhaps characterized by quite the usual amount of talk. It is likely that a number of investigations will be proposed and it is to be expected that the democrats will make an attack upon the executive department generally.

The probability is that the organization of the house will not be unnecessarily delayed. The re-election of Speaker Cannon being assured, he will doubtless be ready to announce the committee very shortly after he resumes the speakership. The house should be well settled down to business before the holiday recess.

A DEPLETED FUND.

The \$10,000,000 appropriated last year for Panama canal work is about exhausted, only a few hundred thousand dollars remaining. The pay roll at present amounts to something like \$900,000 a month and there is not enough money on hand after the payment of the bills to meet the December pay roll.

With the reduced flat rate which the water board has ordered for all water consumers that occupy the smallest class of dwellings is pronounced legal by the courts, what will be the use of buying the works, even if they are appraised ever so low? What object would be attained by municipal ownership if the city can arbitrarily fix the rates regardless? Is not the flat rate order a part of the program for making the tangle in the courts more tangle-some and providing the special attorneys of the water board another opportunity for increasing their fees?

A medical credit guide is to be issued in St. Louis for the benefit of doctors, dentists and druggists, which will contain the names of 75,000 persons in that city who are good for their bills and 15,000 persons who are not good. Here is an opportunity for an enterprising Omaha specialist in debit and credit marks to fill a long-felt want.

STRONGER CONTROL OF BANKS.

Washington advises state that in his annual report Secretary Shaw will have something to say about reckless financing in national banking and will recommend a stronger and more direct control of the banking system by the federal government. It is said that the secretary of the treasury is disgusted with what he regards as the lack of conservatism shown by the banks and particularly desires to correct the system by what he regards as able to raise the rate of interest, as was done recently in New York. He is understood to be of the opinion that legislation can be devised whereby the government can assume the part which was played by one of the great banks of New York when other banks had raised the rate of interest to a height which came near to causing a panic in the stock market, and can even do more by preventing the rate of interest from being hoisted at all. Mr. Shaw would have something to do to put an end to the frequent appeals to the Treasury Department for money to speculate with.

Whatever the secretary of the treasury may have to say in this matter will certainly be regarded with very great interest by bankers and the business public generally. If he can devise a practicable plan for doing away with the arbitrary action, in the matter of raising interest rates, by banks which give aid to speculation, it will undoubtedly meet with general approval and a

strong public demand, in which all conservative bankers would unite, for its adoption. There is unquestionably danger in a system which allows banks to raise the rate of interest as was recently done in New York and a remedy is manifestly desirable, if it be possible to provide one. The exercise of such a power may easily be productive of enormous mischief and injury to legitimate business.

Another Contest Threatened.

There is a disquieting rumor that New York's 46 have shrunk to seventy-nine. Those who have been counted out will probably demand a recount.

Get Off the Trail.

Some Indians in the Rosebud reservation are toiling devil wags. As a matter of mere pictorial imagination, think of the dynamic possibilities of our copper-colored brother, well "tankered up" and in command of a speed eating "teuf-teuf."

Going Back on His Friends.

Poor old Cheyenne! Deprecating contributions by corporations to political campaign funds is a spectacle for gods and men. If there had never been any such contributions what would have been Mr. Dewey's political standing?

Shortage of Army Officers.

Before making provision for an increase in the officers' list, however, congress will have to know how far the incidental service assignments of which General Chaffee speaks are necessary. The tendency to stilt military men to civilian positions, to sit at roll-top desks and perform office routine, gains ground unless it is watched. To make provision for filling the vacancies of indispensable army duties, outstanding active service is of course, another matter. At worst the shortage of officers in the army is far less serious than is the similar deficiency in the navy.

Too Easily Discouraged.

He who says "I will" over and over to himself and tries and who keeps on saying and trying is bound to win, whether he be only eighteen years of age or eighty. The trouble with the average man or woman is to be found in the "I will" that is longed for and even before forty. The individual thinks he has lost his chance, and the scripture says: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." He thinks he is not good for much he is not thinking he is not good for much he has lost his grip.

REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING.

Harvest of Nature's Bounties in the Chicago States.

The corn crop of the United States this year is not only the largest, but the best on record. We are having the greatest industrial activity in the nation's history. It is a record year in textile manufactures and in the production of cotton goods. Retail and wholesale merchants, in spite of the election holidays last week, report increasingly heavy sales. There is more activity in all leading industries. Freight movements on the railroads centering in Chicago are at an unprecedented scale. All these are indications of a great prosperity, but the greatest of all is the unprecedented yield of corn.

The product of our corn belt this year is 2,707,533,000 bushels of corn, or six times as much as is produced in all the rest of the world in a year. The money value at current prices of this single crop is \$2,346,649,280.

The corn crop is not only large, but it is of superior quality. Large as the crop is, there is demand for all of it and for 1,000,000 bushels held over from last year.

Kansas has 500,000 bushels more corn than last year; Missouri 500,000; Indiana 4,000,000; Illinois 20,000,000; Ohio 12,000,000 bushels more. The great corn states of Iowa and Nebraska had a phenomenal yield in 1905. Iowa exports a gain of 2,000,000 bushels this year.

With an increased demand for home consumption in all the corn states and with prospects of an increased foreign demand, the heavy yield of corn means ready money to the farmers of the corn belt. Ready money is the heart of the farmer's business. The heavy purchases at retail stores and that means heavier demands on the wholesale establishments and on the factories and foundries. In fact our prosperity is built on the sure foundation of harvested crops, and in the west corn is king.

IS IT TO LAUGH?

"He Who Smiles at Other's Lapses Merits a Share of His Own."

It is the custom to smile broadly at any mistake in examination papers, for a mistake in a mental concept, or the misuse of a word, appears to many people as a most amusing thing. For one reason or another, the cry of an elephant is plaintive, or the "arbitration is government by injunction and disapproval of all right-minded men," or that "habeas corpus is bringing a dead body into court as evidence," has become the jest of the people at the expense of Nebraska. The jest is that Nebraska is a government by injunction and disapproval of all right-minded men, or that "habeas corpus is bringing a dead body into court as evidence," has become the jest of the people at the expense of Nebraska.

It is a kindly thing, for it always means mirth at the expense of someone else, and it is not even a safe thing, for one never needs to live long in this imperfect world to discover that every man in it misuses or misplaces words, has some grammatical or rhetorical or lexicographical error that he never rounds safely. From Mr. Roosevelt little and except to the fact that law terms, even the simplest of them, such as these, have very hazy purities in the minds of the majority of people. It is not at all surprising, the law defines these terms so exactly, and the practice shrouds them in as much uncertainty as possible, so that the wary man, much more the Nebraska high school student, may be excused from any great delinquency if he does not know their meaning. It is no doubt quite true that simple terms, such as these, should be current speech properly, and every man should have enough elementary law education to keep him out of court, even out of the court of American mirth. But the laugh or the sneer should really be on the educators who taught so little and expect so much. These answers were no doubt published in order to contribute to the joy of the nation, Nebraska not having developed a Mark Twain or a Dooley or a Wallace Irwin or a William F. Kirk. But a sense of relative responsibility was being kept before the public, and the lamentable answers looked in the library of Nebraska's boasted reputation.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The bureau of engraving and printing which turns out clean paper money, internal revenue and postage stamps in the highest style of the art, is preparing for its annual melting scene. This consists in reducing to pig metal all plates pronounced obsolete and condemned to the melting pot.

There are at present some twenty-five or thirty tons of such plates awaiting destruction, and the work of getting it out of the way will begin very shortly. The committee that takes stock of these obsolete plates consists of three men, one of whom is appointed by the secretary of the treasury, another by the commissioner of internal revenue, and a third by the comptroller of the currency. A representative of the Postoffice department is also present to take note of the old postage stamp plates and witness their destruction. It is expected that this committee will be appointed within a week or so, and that it will immediately proceed with the work.

The destruction of these plates consists in reducing them to liquid metal in the furnace of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, running the metal off into rough pigs, and disposing of it as such.

The practical working of government industrial arbitration in the United States and in other countries is the subject of an exhaustive investigation reported in the bureau of labor official bulletin which has just been issued. The paper is a statistical account of laws and results of their operation, the record being brought as closely to date as the necessary reports and documents permitted. It includes all laws in any land which have been enacted for the purpose of providing means for the settlement of collective industrial disputes.

For the United States it shows that at the beginning of the year 1905 twenty-four states had passed laws for industrial arbitration or conciliation and one other state by its constitution directed such legislation. The earliest law upon the subject was passed in Maryland in 1878.

The weather bureau, like other departments of the government, is constantly in receipt of queer letters from all kinds of people who want to have the weather regulated to suit them. Not only do letters containing complaints against the weather, come to the bureau, but the telephone is constantly used by people who want to find out what kind of weather they are going to have on a certain day, because, the questioner explains, he wants a clear day for a picnic, or a rainy day going out of town on a picnic or an outing. The inquiries generally are in regard to weather on a date two weeks ahead. Two weeks is the favored period, and many of the inquiries show very bad temper when they do not get an answer to suit them. The most remarkable message, or rather, ridiculous one, ever received by the weather bureau, was one from a man who said he was a great friend of the cabinet officer under whose direction the weather bureau was. The man inquired if he had big influence with the secretary, and if the weather bureau would make arrangements to provide a nice, sunny day for him on a date two weeks ahead, he would recommend the weather bureau to his friend, and he added as an extra inducement that the bureau would manufacture a beautiful day to order for him, he would send a crisp \$5 bill to the clerk in charge on the day following. He stated that the reason he wanted a good day was because he was going to take his mother-in-law and some visiting friends on a car ride to the Great Falls, and did not want to get wet or have the lunch spoiled by having to postpone the trip. The clerk who received the request wrote the man the following reply: "There is only one way in which I can grant your request, and he is too far away to be reached by mail or telephone."

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune calls attention to the shocking condition of the Greenough station of Washington on the east front of the Capitol. This is known as the shirley status, depicting the father of his country in semi-nude classic style. The heroic figure is of Italian marble, which is incapable of withstanding the variable climate of Washington, with its freezing winters and scorching summers, and each year a part of it crumbles away. The late damage has been done to the right eye of the figure. A large piece near the nose has dropped out. This gives the otherwise dignified and serious face a curious expression. In addition to this the base has split and pieces have chipped out of the balustrade which supports the sword.

Ever since the statue was brought from Italy sixty-five years ago on board a merchantman, and placed in the Capitol it has been the butt of his in the house and senate and has been criticised by congressmen. The statue was provided for by a resolution introduced in the house February 18, 1832, and was executed in Florence by Horace Greenough of Massachusetts. It was intended originally to rest in the Capitol directly over the spot intended for Washington's tomb, and for years did obstruct the center of the rotunda under the great dome, but senators and representatives could not stand the criticism the figure attracted in this position, and it was finally moved out of doors despite the fact that it was well understood that exposure to rain and frost would ruin it. Several years ago congress made an effort to protect the statue from further deterioration by providing a wooden structure to be placed over it in the winter. This unsightly shed was used for a time but abandoned in the last two years.

There was a time when vandals and relic hunters used to harass the statue, but for some time it has been overlooked by them and left to the solitary care of the workmen, who give it a skin of hot paraffin every winter before the frost sets in, and who come around in the spring and scrub it and patch its cracks and gaps with plaster. The ravages now are particularly noticeable, and as the features wear away, the figure, with its patches of plaster, is becoming more and more ridiculous. The statue is twenty feet high and weighs twenty-one tons. Elliott Woods, superintendent of the Capitol, will recommend to congress that the statue be removed to one of the places where relics are stored in Washington, or that a Greek temple be placed about it, so that it may easily be protected from the weather. The statue thus far has cost the government \$42,770.74.

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PERSONAL NOTES. Gaynor and Greene are to be reintroduced. The authorities seem determined that, notwithstanding the diffidence of the prisoners, they shall have all that is coming to them. Dr. Harper has finished his work as president of Chicago university so that it can be turned over to a successor. His physicians have told him that his expectation of life is short. Dr. Charles Cooper, who is shortly to retire from the editorship of The Edinburgh Scotsman, is an Englishman who went to Scotland to seek fame and fortune. He was born at Hull. There is some compensation for the labor of carrying around a superabundance of flesh. A New York woman weighing 250 pounds fell from a fourth-story window and wasn't seriously injured. Fat cushions are useful in emergencies. Governor Herlick of Ohio was elected by the largest republican plurality ever given to a gubernatorial candidate in the history of the state, and was defeated for re-election by the largest democratic or opposition plurality ever given in that state. The fire drill practiced in Chicago proved its worth recently when the children turned out and squelched a prairie which threatened to engulf the school building. The problem of providing firebreaks around school buildings is now added to Mayor Dunne's stock of troubles. Lieutenant Blise, the German officer who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in a fortress for criticizing German military life in a book called, "In a Little Garrison Town," seems to have found a little of the state and was defeated for re-election by the largest democratic or opposition plurality ever given in that state.

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