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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.

TO OFFICIAL INMATES OF THE STATE HOUSE: Don't write letters for publication. Rockefellerism is again rampant. Both Chicago and Nebraska triumphed at Thanksgiving foot ball.

COUNT WITTE COULD PROBABLY run the new Russian government all right if someone would help start it.

NOW IT IS ANNOUNCED that silver is too high-priced for Philippine money. And Bryan more than 10,000 miles away!

THE NEW COUNCILMAN from the Fourth ward will feel more thankful next year if he can still celebrate in his official position.

WITH A PASSENGER TRAIN snowbound for three days during a November blizzard, the year is keeping up its pace for novelties to the end.

SOLDIERS OF THE czar's guard who were arrested for making an appeal to him made the mistake of not presenting demands through a walking delegate.

THE LOSS OF TEN vessels by one company operating on the Great Lakes may tend to put a partial brake on efforts to create a monopoly of the lake traffic.

WITH THE price of silver higher than it has been for nine years, it is possible, but not probable, that some people will again dream of attempting to repeat the campaign of 1893.

OREGON IS NOW ENFORCING the federal law requiring safety appliances on railway trains. The momentum acquired in the trial of the land frauds seems to keep the court moving.

REAL COLLEGE MEN now have a few months in which to devise a plan to make their schools more noted for learning than for the weight and swiftness of their football players.

TO JUDGE BY HIS letter to the Jewish two hundred and fiftieth celebration in New York, the president may be shocked but not surprised at anything which may take place in Russia.

IT TOOK A strong pull, a long pull, and no little contention for Omaha to get its Auditorium, and it may have to go through a similar ordeal to get that long delayed new fireproof hotel.

IN ADVISING Australia to encourage immigration from southern Europe President Roosevelt does not seem to be affected by that fear of the Latin races which seems to prevail in many quarters.

HAD THE Turkish ministers attended to business a few months ago they would not have to be working overtime at present. "A stitch in time saves nine" in governmental affairs as well as in personal business.

IF BRITISH boat agents resemble their American prototypes, the queen could raise more money for the unemployed by letting the business men know that she will not permit that new boat to be issued if the cash arrives on time.

WHY SHOULD THE citizens of Omaha be compelled to file personal protests against the granting of license to saloons in the proscribed districts that are almost wholly patronized by the vicious and criminal classes? The board has ample power to reject the applications of the keepers of these resorts without protest and should not shirk its duty in the premises under plea that worse conditions exist in other cities.

BUSINESS MEN FOR CONSULS.

That business men should be preferred to politicians for the consular service will be very generally admitted, since the duties of a consul are almost wholly of a business nature. It is essentially a commercial agent, not, however, until the service is removed from the domain of politics will the business man rather than the politician be sought for it.

IT IS PROPOSED TO have a national consular reform convention, to be held at Washington next February, and every business organization in the United States should be represented in it. It is announced, also, that Senator Lodge will again bring forward his bill for the reorganization of the consular service, that measure having been very generally approved by the business interests.

THE TIME HAS COME, remarks the New York Commercial, "when it is proper to recognize the real value of our consular service. The productive energy of the country is expanding. Let every applicant for a consulate be required to submit a test of his capability; then, in an intelligent, energetic service let the rewards go to those who earn them—rewards of salary and promotion with the perfect assurance of immunity from the machinations of the politicians.

THE GENERAL STAFF: The organization of the general staff of the army was one of the changes in the military establishment brought about during the administration of Ellihu Root as secretary of war. It was urged as absolutely necessary to a proper management of army affairs and to the improvement of conditions in the military service.

THE TAXPAYERS OF Douglas county are at a loss to understand why the county board has taken no steps, up to date, to do away with the county jail graft by which 45 cents a day is exacted for feeding county prisoners, while the city is only paying 16 cents a day for feeding prisoners in the city jail.

THE STATE TREASURY is enjoying its share of the benefits accruing from the operation of the scavenger tax law in various counties in which it has been in force. Now, if the railroads will only pay their taxes in Nebraska that state debt may be reduced.

NEBRASKA HAS WON a glorious victory at foot ball, but it is nothing to glory about. It would have been much more glorious not to have played and won than to have won out in a game that is more brutal and more dangerous than a Mexican bull fight.

JUDGE MINGER'S order in the water works appraisal injunction case has been signed, but it sets no date for the completion of the appraisalment. If the appraisers work as fast as they have for the past two years we may expect their

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

IN A LETTER published in Paris General Canonge contends that, if well commanded, the French army, with numbers increased and with training unquestionably equal to modern demands, would fight with advantage against the German army. He does not know, he says, which side would be victorious, but he would be a hard struggler between two armies worthy of each other's steel.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL premier has introduced the amended immigration bill into the commonwealth House of Representatives. The first bill empowers the commonwealth, by means of treaties with other governments, to arrange that merchants and tourists shall travel in the country under passports. The second provides that workmen under contract may be admitted, if the contract is in writing and approved by the minister concerned.

LONDON HAS 23,739 persons on its lists of lunatics. Of these 24,282 are supported by the rates. The County Council is at its wits' end trying to devise accommodations for the rapidly increasing numbers of the city's insane. January 1, 1904, England and Wales, with about 1,300,000 inhabitants, had 117,359 insane persons—an increase of 3,230 over 1903. The ratio of insane to every 10,000 of the population went up from 34.14 to 34.71 in twelve months.

THE KANSAS RAILROAD commission which has for years been conservatively inactive and harmless has suddenly caught up the spirit of the times; but no sooner had it turned the power on its regulating machine when the railroad lawyers applied the brakes by an injunction designed to put the commission out of practice by attacking its constitutionality, very much in the same fashion as the Nebraska State Board of Transportation was snuffed out some years ago on the plea that it was extra constitutional.

NO WONDER the democratic state committee did not think it worth while to choose a treasurer for the list campaign, but was content to let the chairman serve as acting treasurer. The Nebraska corrupt practices act, however, contemplates the handling of campaign money by a treasurer separate from the chairman and the democrats would have shown a more law-observing disposition had they complied with its provisions.

A JUDICIAL ORDER has been issued by the federal court for the appraisers of the Omaha Water company to segregate the head and the tail from the body of the Jersey cow that is being successfully milked, and then to hemstitch the parts that have been segregated without hurting the feelings of the animal.

THE GENERAL POSTOFFICE department of the German imperial government is now building a wireless telegraph station of monstrous proportions at Kiel, which probably will be for the time being the most efficient in the world. It is expected to cover a circuit of not less than 92 miles. This station will convey not only messages to and from Germany, Switzerland, France, Great Britain and Denmark, but also the larger part of Italy, Sweden and Norway.

AN AMBASSADOR from Japan will be particularly welcome at Washington, and there will be a corresponding pleasure in sending one thence to Tokio. There are men now living who can remember well when a strenuous American envoy went to Japan and presented his credentials at the canon's mouth. Immeasurable is the contrast between the Japan of that epoch and the Japan of today, and also between American-Japanese relations then and now.

THE FAVORITE TO LOSE the isolated person, except as he persists in the old ways and isolates himself. He ought to get into closer touch with his neighboring farmers; and they ought to plan to produce finished products in co-operation. Flow the brain as well as the soil, and the good years become great and the bad years great.

ROOSEVELT'S ISSUE AND RAILROAD WAGES.

WHEN SPEAKING the other day to a delegation which professed to represent railroad labor, the president said that, in his opinion, railroad rates, taken as a whole, are not too high. This means that present revenue is not too large to pay operating expenses, including labor, and to pay interest on all the capital which has ever been furnished.

THE PRESIDENT teaches sane and safe theology. The public is very willing to pay the biggest price for the best services of the best men and, in view of the character of much of the work, the amount given to labor is not excessive. I pointed out yesterday the percentage of revenue given to labor, to wit, 42 per cent, and the percentage given to capital, to wit, 28 per cent. If next year's revenue was \$200,000,000, then the 1,200,000 employees would include high salaried officials, but excludes attorneys, lobbyists and newspaper owners, got \$50,000,000, and the \$400,000,000 of capital furnished got \$50,000,000. In other words, labor averaged \$50, and capital received 33 1/3 per cent.

SOME FIGURES are interesting in this connection. Twenty-seven per cent of \$2,000,000,000 is \$600,000,000 in excess of 12 per cent on the \$4,000,000,000 capital, which was furnished. This \$600,000,000 ought not to be taken from the public, but if it is taken, then on the basis of 42 and 42 per cent of gross revenue, labor should receive 40 per cent of it and capital 24 per cent. A railroad organ has suggested that "Wall street will panic if Roosevelt promulgates the Iowa resolution." But this was answered in the October Era, as follows:

"Action would not be precipitous. Wall street generally discounts the inevitable. The truth is, the wiser heads already realize that they will never be able to understand directly on the outside public, and the insurance scandals, into outside trust officials; hence, these wiser heads are adjusting conditions accordingly. A few rich men will be disappointed about expected future profits, but the \$2,000,000,000 of railroad issues may be converted into \$4,000,000,000, bearing 12 per cent, without jostling legitimate traders. The loss, outside of the financial world, will not fall on a sufficient number of persons to work general distress.

THE PARIS correspondent of a London journal enumerates the names of the 200 politicians who are mentioned frequently as possible successors of President Loubet. The chance of M. Fallieres, president of the Senate, is thought to be good, though long-expected since he did not happen. M. Leon Bourgeois is still a possibility, if not in all, a suitable one. M. Doumer, the president of the Chamber of Deputies, is another favorite, though not with the advanced republicans, whose opposition he makes him popular with the Centre and Right.

VARIOUS INTERESTS SWELLING the Lobby at Washington. Indianapolis News. There is to be a great lobby at Washington this winter. The railroad lobby will, of course, be one of the most conspicuous and persistent, and will do what it can to prevent any legislation on the question of rate regulation. It will be impossible to deal with the various questions concerning the proposed admission to the union of the remaining territories without the help of several lobbies representing different views of the situation.

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MAYOR FRANKLIN P. ROY of Atlantic City, who has just been elected unanimously to serve his fifth successive term, holds the world's record, so far as known, for attending the greatest number of banquets and making the greatest number of public addresses in the course of a year. During the last twelve months he has been either presiding officer or chief guest at more than 700 banquets, making speeches at all of them.

TRIFLES THAT TICKLE. "You're a polite guy, you are. Why didn't you go to my wife's assistance when she fell down in the street yesterday?" "T'm too honest, I never pick up anything on the street that doesn't belong to me."

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POLITICAL DRIFT. Governor Pennypacker's oratorical sprawls over eighteen square inches. Mr. Hearst is getting all the publicity contracted for out of the New York mayoralty contest. Assistant Treasurer Lieb of Philadelphia is in the right mood to sympathize with the man who monkey with the buzz saw. Captain Frank Fratz, who will receive his commission as governor of Oklahoma in January, is only 32 years of age and will be the youngest executive that state has ever had. The house of mirth at Albany, the headquarters of the insurance lobby, is for sale. The house of mirth at Albany, the headquarters of the insurance lobby, is for sale.

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