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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have the Bee mailed to them...

The end of the year is gradually approaching, and so is the end of the water works appraisalment.

Edward Atkinson is dead. Congressman Grosvenor now reigns supreme in the realm of statistical forecasts.

There are now more than a dozen applicants for register and receiver of the Valentine land office and the cry is "still they come!"

After all, Mr. Ryan has shown a better right to be considered a philanthropist than some of the life insurance men who lay claim to the title.

Midshipman Meriwether may thank his stars that the majority of the men who tried him had passed under the "code" at the naval academy.

Lord Rosebery says that he will serve in a "home rule" cabinet, but so far from all public information he has not been given an opportunity.

Senators who express a desire to fix the salaries of Panama canal employees should take a trip to the zone next summer before reaching a definite conclusion.

With Senator Millard at the head of the interoceanic canal committee, Nebraska is now in the canal zone for politicians who hanker after sinecures in Panama.

The day after the emperor thanked the Cossacks for their faithfulness a number of them joined the mutiny. It does not always pay to scratch the back of a Tartar.

What Mr. Harriman said to Mr. Ryan was sufficient to show that he considered control of a life insurance company an important adjunct to a railroad in these days.

In its decision to limit suffrage in Russia the government must have been actuated by the way in which the revolutionists took advantage of liberties heretofore accorded.

In cutting down the county jail grub bill the county board has demonstrated its wisdom that it is easier to cut the dog's tail off by inches than to lop it off behind the ears at one stroke.

Now that it has been judicially determined in New York that the "Tobacco trust" can refuse to sell to certain retail dealers the New York legislature has one valid excuse for holding a special session.

Since the case against McRoberts of the Armour company has been dismissed it is possible that some of the indicted packers are sorry that they dodged the order citing them to appear before the federal grand jury.

According to Washington advices the land office people are feminist United States Attorney Baxter and the Department of Justice is standing behind him and President Roosevelt stands in front swinging the big stick. This is a very uncomfortable position.

In spite of its failure to act the house of representatives had two members competent to represent it at the funeral of Senator Mitchell and Herman and Williamson perhaps needed the lesson taught by their associate whose appeal has gone to the highest court.

FEDERAL INSURANCE REGULATION.

President Roosevelt, in his annual message urged that there is need of a far stricter and more uniform regulation of the vast insurance interests of the country, and said the United States should in this respect follow the policy of other nations by providing adequate national supervision of commercial interests which are clearly national in character. The president pointed out that state supervision has proved inadequate; that the inability of a state to regulate effectively insurance corporations created under the laws of other states and transacting the larger part of their business elsewhere is clear. He repeated his previous recommendation that the congress should consider whether the federal government has any power or owes any duty with respect to domestic transactions in insurance of an interstate character.

Undoubtedly this question will receive consideration during the present session of congress. Senator Dryden of New Jersey, who in the last congress introduced a bill providing for federal supervision and regulation of insurance, will endeavor to have this measure considered. In the house a bill has been introduced to give authority to the Department of Commerce and Labor to require full statements from all insurance companies doing business in the territories and insular possessions of the United States; also creating the office of superintendent of insurance and national actuary, who shall frame regulations for annual reports from life insurance companies doing business in the territory specified. Other provisions of a regulatory character are contained in the measure.

A GROWING COMPETITOR.

One of the most progressive of the South American countries is Argentina, whose climate and resources are very much like our own and which is looking forward to competing actively with us in the exportation of foodstuffs. It is said that in proportion to the number of inhabitants Argentina beats the United States in the extent of foreign commerce, the surplus of exports over imports, the growth of foreign trade, the increase in the stock of gold in the country, the revenues of the general government, the volume of immigration, the number of domestic animals, especially sheep and cattle, the wheat crop, the corn crop, the exports of both grains, the size and growth of the largest city, the increase in railroad mileage, the reduction of the national debt and the rise in the credit of the country.

That southern republic has made wonderful progress within the last few years and is still forging ahead, giving to the other southern countries a splendid example of energy and enterprise and of what can be accomplished by a people who maintain peace and order. Now Argentina is preparing to further enlarge her foreign commerce by establishing fast steamship service with Europe. It is proposed to establish a line of steamers under the Argentine flag and to pay a generous subsidy for a period of ten years. According to the American minister to that country, it is apparent that the Argentine government believes it of prime importance to the commercial interests of the country to secure quicker and better communication with the markets of Europe and that it is determined to secure the benefits thereof at once. It is interesting to note that ports of the United States are not included in this Argentine plan for enlarging its commerce.

Here is a growing competitor which in time must be reckoned with, so far as the exportation of breadstuffs and meats is concerned. The producing capacity of Argentina is very great. It is one of the most extensive of the South American countries and has a fertile soil and a fine climate. The wheat and corn grown there are of excellent quality and there is no better region anywhere for stock raising. The population is industrious and thrifty and is being rapidly increased by immigration. Foreign capital is also flowing into the country and it appears that there is no lack of money for carrying

on the enterprises that are projected. Perhaps with more friendly commercial relations arranged between the United States and continental Europe we should be in position to maintain our present advantage as a food purveyor, but otherwise we may expect to have to yield something to the increasing competition from Argentina and other countries.

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS.

The redoubtable ex-United States attorney is getting in his work through the gullible Omaha correspondent of the Boston Transcript, who has referred to him as a model prosecutor, when, as a matter of fact, he was one of the most rotten public officials that ever held an office in this section of the country. By the same sign, the gullible letter writer paints the former assistant United States attorney in glowing colors, as a man of transcendent integrity and unflinching determination in the enforcement of federal laws against the land grabbers and public thieves generally, when, as a matter of fact, his retention as an assistant prosecutor was engineered from behind the screen by the potential forces that backed the land grabbers and grafters.

TRYING TO DO TOO MUCH.

Attorneys of the Civic Federation are again endeavoring to negotiate a treaty of peace and good will with the Omaha brewers and saloon keepers, if they will agree and promise to live up to certain specific provisions of the license laws for the coming year. It would seem that the last treaty of peace, negotiated a year ago, would not warrant a repetition of the farce.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

One Law for the Rich, Another for the Poor. Wall Street Journal. If there is any one thing more than another in this country that makes for social and political revolution, it would be the feeling that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. There is nothing more sure than the destiny of the \$8 a week clerk who steals a few dollars from his employer. The law deals with him sternly. He is arrested and taken to prison. When his term expires every door of reputable employment is closed against him. He bears the stamp of a felon. There is the smell of the prison upon him. He is shunned by his fellows. There is no hope and no opportunity for him.

MUNICIPAL CO-OPERATION.

Conspicuous Defects Due to Political Mismanagement. Chicago Post. Chicago is benumbed today, surprised at the gasping point, shocked into inertia. Grave suspicion has become stern reality. Vague rumor has developed into concrete fact.

The county board is to be commended for reducing the price of the feed of prisoners in the county jail from 45 to 30 cents per day. This is a reduction of 33 per cent, but the price which the county will pay hereafter for feeding prisoners is still 90 per cent higher than the price paid by the city for feeding the prisoners in the city jail. Now that a beginning has been made the work of retrenchment should continue until the county jail graft is entirely eliminated.

Kansas City is forging to the front as a city of civic virtue. An ordinance has just been passed by its city council prohibiting public dances and any person of either sex found to be waiting in a circle or promenade in the square will be transported by patrol wagon to the police station, but the ordinance expressly makes an exception in favor of private dances and dances held in public halls by permission of the mayor.

If the paving contractors who are studying and concocting schemes to dump the municipal repair plant, know what is good for them, they will let well enough alone. The experiment of paving repairs with its own machinery has been tried by the city and proved a success and the taxpayers of Omaha will insist that the city shall do its own asphalt repairing without the aid or consent of any contractor.

No wonder Pat Crowe is indignant over Governor Cummins' chain lightning requisition, while Sheriffie is allowed the freedom of Iowa, notwithstanding he has been requisitioned by several states and some territories.

With Congressman Pollard on the exposition committee of the house James-town will probably be compelled to make suitable arrangements for the horticultural display before its appropriation is approved.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

Captain Charles Lynch of the medical staff of the army, is back in Washington and busily engaged in preparing the report of his observations of the medical service of the Japanese army during the war with Russia. Captain Lynch was an attaché of General Oku's army. A feature of his observations, discussed with newspaper men, is the revolution wrought by that war in the standing of war correspondents respecting their activity and importance at the front.

Hard to Let Go.

Chicago Inter Ocean. Not even his worst enemies are denying that the recent prime minister of Great Britain was a fine statesman.

Heads Turned by Fanny Figures.

Chicago Inter Ocean. It is possible that the trouble lies in the fact that the different presidents of the United States Steel corporation are made dizzy by contemplating the capital stock.

Easing Off the Strain.

Washington Post. The New York Central has followed the lead of the Pennsylvania and abolished its deadhead list. If this keeps up, some eminent attorneys in congress will have more time to attend to federal business.

Something Just as Good.

Baltimore American. The alleged discovery of the northwest passage at last, calls to mind the fact that if Columbus failed in his original purpose he found a very good substitute, for which the world has had cause to be thankful.

First in Charity.

Atlanta Constitution. The figures show that the United States has contributed more to the relief of the suffering Jews of Russia than has been subscribed by the rest of the world combined. The United States is first in peace and first in charity.

Resigning Under Fire.

Boston Transcript. Who will take the places of the prominent men now resigning under fire? They can't, as you see, take with them the opportunities that lurk in their vacated places for the men who come after them.

Some day soon former Speaker Keifer and Senator Lodge will meet in the cloak room to discuss the question of slang. Both are connoisseurs in that form of speech. Both delight to discover the fact that what often passes for the last word in the lexicon of slang is older than the Christian era.

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But how about the rich man who uses his power to make profit at the expense of others, who steals a lordly way by holding up multitudes and forcing them to pay tribute to him, who mismanages trust funds, who speculates with the money of others, who votes himself a thiefing salary, who violates the law, who jugs with figures, who doctors books and who makes false statements to the government departments having the power of supervision? Are such men as these punished? Are they arrested and tried for violation of law? Are they expelled from the Chamber of Commerce and other reputable associations of business men? Are they ostracized by society?

The forces demanding a federal food law are stronger than ever before, and there is every expectation that they will have the support of the "new blood" in the senate. Since the subject was first brought to the attention of congress many states have enacted laws on the subject, and there is noticeable a general awakening throughout the country. All state laws, it is asserted, are in violation of the federal national law by educating the public. State laws help, it is pointed out, but it has been demonstrated that they do not accomplish the desired result.

Some states that have enacted drastic laws governing the sale by their local wholesale grocers of adulterated foods are finding that the local laws are evaded by shipments into the states in unbroken packages. The manufacturers of adulterated foods, it is alleged, are up to the same game that was worked by the liquor dealers in supplying the demand for intoxicating liquors in violation of the law.

These consignments in unbroken packages, it is said, are made direct to merchants in the smaller cities and towns, and in this way the wholesale grocers in the larger cities are deprived of business. Unfairly in food ready for the public printer. He has offered a resolution, referred to the committee on rules, providing that when a general leave to print has been given for a certain number of days the word days shall be construed to mean calendar days and not the legislative kind.

Current American Style.

Chicago Chronicle. Poon Chew, editor of a San Francisco Chinese newspaper, made a speech in English before the National Civic Federation on Saturday. If we may accept as correct what purports to be a verbatim report of his remarks Mr. Poon Chew has become pretty well Americanized in both thought and expression. Take this for a sample: "It is almost as impossible for a Chinaman to enter the United States as it is for a rich, fat American millionaire, with all his money on his back, to climb to heaven through a fire escape." That is a pretty fair specimen of current American style.

TALKING ABOUT THE SENATORSHIP.

Almsworth Star-Journal: Speaking of United States senators, why not northwest Nebraska erect a lightning rod? We have good material-material that would be of credit to the state. Let's see a show of hands. Friend Telegraph: The man who fills the shoes that Senator Millard is now filling in the United States senate from this state will have to come before the people quite squarely not only on the trust, but upon the rate questions. The people of Nebraska are going to be a little more careful in the future in regard to what kind of timber they send to congress.

Norfolk Press: The first step toward the election of a republican legislature next fall must be the selection by the state convention of a man for United States senator who will be the servant of the people and not of the railroads and corporations. There will be trouble enough for the men who believe in taking the republican party out from under railroad control to have that first step taken.

Alliance Times: Senator Millard is stated as the probable successor of Senator Mitchell for the important position of chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals. Senator Millard has visited the canal zone and spent much time familiarizing himself with the various details. He certainly is fully qualified for the duties of the place, is deserving, and, we believe, his selection would be generally desired by the people of Nebraska. People at home regard Senator Millard as, much more a man than a politician, and there is a great deal in that to his credit, too.

Fremont Herald: While professing undying personal friendship for Ross Hammond, the editor of the Wayne Herald says he cannot support Ross for the United States senate for the reason that he is tied up with the Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads. The Wayne editor demands a republican in view of the fact that he is free from railroad strings. That is a strange request for a republican editor to make in Nebraska—a request which he knows in advance cannot be granted. We believe Editor Cunningham is not altogether fair in picking out Hammond as a railroad politician, and there is a great deal of all the republican editors in the state Hammond has shown the most courage in discussing railroad problems of legislation. We grant that he may not safely be regarded as unfriendly to the railroad cause, generally speaking, but the Wayne editor must admit that in the Fremont Tribune Ross Hammond has published criticisms of railroad politicians so warm that half the republican newspapers in the state would not dare reproduce them in their own columns. And among the avowed republican candidates for the Millard succession where could Editor Cunningham find a man to his liking? Surely he does not regard Millard as free from railroad influence. He could not divorce Hineshaw from the Rock Island machine with a crowbar. Mickey—well, we all know who made the mistake of the handmaid of the railroad machine in Omaha. Congressman Norris was rated on the Burlington nursing bottle. Congressman Kinkaid—but why prolong the search? The one road to relief along which Editor Cunningham may run without stubbing his toe will lead directly to the sanctum of The Omaha Bee, where Edward Rosewater reigns, or into the gilded hall wherein Ross Hammond sits and writes at random for the Fremont Tribune. In all candor the Herald insists that among the republican aspirants to the Millard shoes only two can lay any manner of claim to the support of anti-railroad republicans—Hammond and Rosewater, and we leave the choice to the republican brethren. But, after all, what is the use discussing anti-monopoly senatorial favorites? Alf Sorenson says they don't elect that kind—in Nebraska.

Incident Allen Sparks was much interested in the case of the woman in the palace car at Grand, Kan., who had successfully held it for five days in spite of all attempts to dislodge her.

"Why didn't the bestsellers," he said, "get a handbill printed announcing a bargain sale of remnants at the principal dry goods store in the town and post it up where she could see it?"—Chicago Tribune.

CULT OF THE POPPYCOCK.

Burges Johnson, in Harper's Magazine. A pale Ahmee and a Poppycock. They got themselves into a tony rock. Said he: "There's a stashed hour, I find. For each pursuit of the human mind. As the tea-hour toils for buttered rolls, So now is a time for swapping souls."

"Tis a purple thought, dear Poppycock!" "My mind, I find," said the Poppycock, "is a crucial key to the cosmic lock. 'Tis largely due," I would fain aver, To the astral is of the As it Were. With the tensile strain on my liminal brain, As to aspire for the scope of the II, in vain."

"A passioned truth, but it brings a Purrrd the pale Ahmee to the Poppycock." "Now as for me," mused the lithe Ahmee, "I sigh the most for the more I see. Though I yearn and yearn, as you well may know, None needed my need of the Basic What-Till you scented truth in my color tones, And caught the thought of our mingled zones!"

"How wonder-deep is the blend!" cried he, "Of our atmospheres, dear twin Ahmee!" Said the Poppycock to the pale Ahmee, "This rock shall live in history: For while our thoughts so swiftly throng, Let's plot for a most select saloon, Where kindred souls may meet to woo—The vague Perhaps of the mystic Who—'How sweet a thought, yet how fond and free!'"

"Tis a pale-pink plan!" cried the fair Ahmee. The sweet Ahmee and the Poppycock. In evening dress and a lissome frock, And under a blood-red chandelier, Spoke Jeweled words, now there, now here—Of Art, and Truth, and the End of More—And the Boundless Since of the vast Before. And of those who came in motley frock, Some cried Ahmee! and some Poppycock!

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