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

Fortunate is the shipper just now whose freight bill knows no rebate.

Jim Hill has been crowned king of St. Paul at \$12,50 a plate, without rebate or cut off.

Members of Nebraska's federal brigade are still looking in the mirror each morning to see if their heads are on straight.

Now that the Macedonian demands have been conceded, another fleet will come in handy to put the new rules into operation.

Putting the premier of Japan in charge of the public schools indicates that those Orientals appreciate the value of education.

The czar is standing by Witte, but it is probable that he is really leaning against the strongest thing he can find within reach.

Governor Mickey may retire from the pure bred live stock business, but he will not go out of the farmer business for a while yet.

Strange as it may sound, the Letts now seem to be one of the principal hindrances to the program of the Russian government.

After all, the financial affairs of Douglas county are not in as bad a shape as they might have been—thanks to the scavenger law.

San Francisco merchants are willing to treat Chinese as human rather than to lose trade in China, thus giving another endorsement to the unfair boycott.

If congress does not hurry some United States court may construe existing laws so that members will miss an opportunity to go on record for the square deal.

The lull in the municipal campaign does not portend a slump in the number of councilman candidates; on the contrary, it foreshadows a grand rush all along the line.

The next amendment to the revenue law should require the railroads, if they want to dispute their assessment, to pay their taxes first and appeal to the courts afterward.

Omaha has made a phenomenal success of its horse show; why can it not also make a success of its Live Stock show? In the Omaha dictionary there is no such word as fall.

What is the use of asking the city council for permission to erect new gas holders when there are so many gas bags rushing into the court to fabricate cheap gas by injunction?

In devising methods to circumvent rules against hazing Annapolis cadets may be developing that strategy which will be needed in future days to win battles for their country.

Mr. Harriman's evidence before the insurance committee shows that Nebraska is not the only state where railroads have plans to secure inside information from state officials.

Gage county has also gotten a wind-fall by the operation of the scavenger tax law. Whether the surplus wealth gathered into the public treasury there will disappear as fast as here in Douglas county is the only open question.

STANDING IN THEIR OWN LIGHT.

For many years the railroads of Nebraska enjoyed special advantage over all other taxpayers in the under-valuation of their properties.

This increase, however, was still far below the actual value of the railroads, as measured either by their earnings or by the market price of their stocks and bonds.

The lowest estimate of the value of railroad property in Nebraska in 1904 was \$250,000,000, and by rights its assessment at one-fifth should have been \$70,000,000.

And yet the railroad attorneys have had the audacity to enjoin the collection of these taxes on the plea that the railroad assessment was by twenty per cent too high as compared with the valuation of all other classes of taxable property.

The resolutions adopted by the Nebraska State Association of County Commissioners, demanding the withdrawal of the injunction suits to prevent the collection of railroad taxes for 1904 and 1905, voices the sentiment of practically all the taxpayers of Nebraska.

If they persist in the policy they have been pursuing with tax injunctions they will be in the position of the fishermen in the Arabian Nights, who drew a metallic vessel out of the sea.

Railway managers should remember that their best friends are those who counsel compliance with our laws and the payment to Caesar of what belongs to Caesar.

PROPOSED INSURANCE BUREAU.

The question of federal regulation of insurance is receiving attention in congress and members are going on record regarding it.

One plan proposed, which it is claimed will not run counter to the supreme court decision that life insurance is not interstate commerce.

The bill proposes that the federal government in the territories and insular possessions, over which the power of the federal government is unquestioned.

It is stated that the plan was approved by the insurance commissioners of the various states who recently held a consultation with President Roosevelt.

On the subject of federal supervision and regulation of insurance, There appears to be no doubt that a law of this kind would prove effective within the limits of its operation.

There has been some question as to what the basis of the Panama canal bonds, authorized by the Spooner act, would be—that is, whether congress would make them available for bank note legislation.

The Spooner act authorized the secretary of the treasury to sell 2 per cent bonds of not less than ten years, from time to time, as the canal work demands.

Some Work by Rule, Others Exercise Good Judgment. Kansas City Journal.

The difference between the telegraph operator at Gehbart, Ind., who refused to warn a train of suspected danger because he was a member of the union.

Pat Crowe is wanted in Iowa, and Pat Crowe is not wanted in Nebraska. Pat Crowe is not wanted in Iowa.

Japanese will remain in Korea a long time if they are to stay there until Koreans cease to be moved by popular clamor.

If the railroads do not feel inclined to pay their taxes in the prosperous year of 1905, when they have not rolling stock enough to haul the products of Nebraska to market.

Nebraska senators are said to be in a quandary as to the intentions of the president to create those vacancies.

If Russian official holidays come frequently enough the czar may succeed in granting freedom to the people here by his old age.

With fifteen applicants for the positions of register and receiver at Valentine, the Nebraska delegation should have at least one chance of naming two candidates who will pass muster.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

A weekly German review discussing a threat of the Berlin socialists to organize revolutionary demonstrations in favor of a reform of the electoral law.

A Mere Pittance. Washington Post. Ninety thousand dollars in gold disappeared in a railroad wreck in Wyoming.

The insurance investigating committee has discovered that a company who holds no policies whatever in its company.

The Railroad Age. In an article on railway revenue and expenditures, says: "The roads after paying for their operating expenses and taxes of \$1,248,000,000 divided among the people \$28,600,000 in interest and dividends.

TWO KINDS OF MEN.

The difference between the telegraph operator at Gehbart, Ind., who refused to warn a train of suspected danger because he was a member of the union.

David E. McDermott, at Florida Junction, was the operator who forged the superintendent's name to an order and saved the train. It was not a case of obeying or of disobeying orders.

A school of pedagogy has just been established at the University of Paris. The scheme is the outcome of some resolutions adopted in 1902.

Senator Burton of Kansas declines urgent invitations to go to a dental shop and have a few teeth pulled.

Major-elect Tracy of Taunton, Mass., started out in life as a bootblack and now is a self-educated lawyer, with a practice of \$2,000 a year.

Thomas Tammart, chairman of the democratic national committee, has had his revenue department rudely shattered by the governor of Indiana.

Political prophets in Boston have not improved their reputation by forecasts on the municipal election. The Transcript announced that "Prothingham is a winner."

One of the candidates for mayor of Boston committed the unpardonable offense of campaigning in a sack coat and tall hat.

Unappreciated Philanthropy. Washington Post. These insurance magnates seem to be real public-spirited folk after all.

Home Made. Have your cake, muffins, and tea biscuit home-made. They will be fresher, cleaner, more tasty and wholesome. Royal Baking Powder helps the housewife to produce at home, quickly and economically, fine and tasty cake, the raised hot-biscuit, puddings, the frosted layer-cake, crisp cookies, crullers, crusts and muffins.

THOROUGH TEST OF LAW. Prosecution of Violators of the Anti-Relocate Law. Pittsburgh Dispatch. The constantly reiterated claim of the opponents of the administration's rate-regulation policy that it is unnecessary because all offenses can be dealt with adequately under the existing law is about to be given the severest test possible.

Browning, King & Co. ORIGINALS AND SOLE MAKERS OF HALF SIZES IN CLOTHING. Christmas Neckwear. It matters not how many Christmas gifts a man may receive, he will always be expecting something very handsome in the way of A Christmas Tie. Don't disappoint him. We have beautiful lines of Christmas neckwear in every new shape and style that is correct.

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