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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.

There is no telling what a day may bring forth in the federal building. In the interval, one man who is entitled to shake hands with himself is the genial George H. Thummel.

The new United States marshal is one of the few public men in Nebraska who has had fame thrust upon them.

Considering the ease with which he landed, it should hardly be necessary to note that United States Marshal Warner is a native of Iowa.

Deputy United States marshals and deputy United States attorneys will have to draw lots as to which are to throw themselves overboard.

It is to be hoped Secretary Root may effect a modus vivendi which will save Berliners from the necessity of eating horse meat in place of sausages.

Russia, however, has two weeks longer than the rest of the world to bring about the peace and good will popularly supposed to obtain at Christmas.

With the Kansas trainwreckers again active the people of the Sunflower state may find something to interest them while Senator Burton keeps out of court.

Since Iowa has taken both first and second prizes for steers at Chicago it is evident that some farmers in that state do something more than discuss the tariff.

South Dakota land sharks who were convicted of fraud in Minnesota have filed notice of an appeal. If they are old enough they may have the luck of the late Senator Mitchell.

People who admire a fighter will be pleased to learn that John R. Walsh will not be penitent when his affairs are settled up. Even Mr. Walsh's opponents admit that he always fought in the open.

If Newfoundland persists in its unfriendly course Yankee fishermen may be compelled to favor better laws of trade with the island, but more probably they will devise a scheme which will make the islanders sorry they did not take what was offered.

Ex-Governor Dawes has been promoted from captain to major in the pay department of the regular army, a precedent which all the other ex-governors would like to have Uncle Sam follow, with the privilege of being retired on half pay and no work.

The retirement of W. R. Kelly from the headship of the Union Pacific law department leaves another vacancy that will be looked at with covetous eyes by lawyers aspiring to high places. It is a place, however, that few lawyers will measure up to according to the standard set by Mr. Kelly.

FORCE OF PUBLIC OPINION. Mr. Garfield, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, understands the force and value of public opinion. In his annual report he says that not only is legislation dependent upon public opinion, but likewise moral standards in business and the rules of daily commercial intercourse, which cannot be enforced by statute, are created and sustained by public opinion.

Mr. Hughes, the lawyer who has unmasked the operations of the insurance companies which have been under investigation in New York, also has faith in the power of public opinion. He said in a recent interview referring to the investigations that they have aroused a spirit that seems to give hope that the American people have come into their own.

Public opinion in this country is an all-powerful force when fully aroused, as it appears to be at present regarding corporations. But it needs to have constantly held up before it the evils and abuses which require correction and to be persistently stimulated to action. Otherwise public opinion is apt to become lukewarm and indifferent.

WOMEN IN RUSSIA. The general strike in Russia was proclaimed a day earlier than expected and the grave conditions there are thus rendered more serious, since there is a possibility that postponement of the conflict even for a day might have brought about a further delay had the government sought it.

How long the strikers will be able to hold out it is impossible to say, but whatever the time, it will undoubtedly be a period of great disturbance. So far as appears the government is not disposed to do anything in the way of conciliation.

THE GERMAN TARIFF ISSUE. The latest advices from Washington state that Secretary Root is most earnestly endeavoring to find a way to avert a tariff war between Germany and the United States.

It is reported that Secretary Root has been in conference with treasury officials with a view to ascertaining how far he can go toward proposing a temporary arrangement with the German government, under which the operation of the new tariff may be suspended until congress can have an opportunity to act in regard to a new commercial treaty.

City Attorney Breen declares that City Clerk Elbourn is engaged in playing politics. They both appear to be chiefly engaged in playing politics, the only question being which will succeed in playing the most successful game.

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the outlook is not favorable to any arrangement involving any change in the tariff. It is said that all the New England senators except two are opposed to any action at this session that would touch the Dingley schedules at any point and it does not appear that republican senators from other sections are disposed to make any concessions to Germany or any other country involving tariff changes.

REFUGEE OF POLITICAL REPUTATIONS. The failure of Nebraska democracy to dominate the political affairs of this state is primarily, if not almost wholly, due to the downright dishonesty and lack of moral stamina of its leading organ, the Omaha World-Herald.

Back in 1893, when the legislature by almost unanimous vote of men of all parties impeached four state house officials, the World-Herald glossed over and condoned their misconduct in order to pave the way for a popular approval of the Scotch verdict rendered by a majority of the supreme court.

The wrecking of the Capitol National bank, by which the state lost \$238,000 and interest, found a harbor of refuge in the World-Herald, and while he was in jail was at all times able to command its sympathetic support, which extended even to the sheriff, who allowed the convict the privilege of running at large.

The same scandalous partiality was exhibited by the World-Herald toward Joe Bartley, before, during and after his trial and conviction, and Bartley's inexcusable pardon by former Governor Savage was eulogized as the noblest act of a big-hearted executive.

The affinity of the World-Herald to republican rascals and degenerates was again exhibited in its efforts to bolster former United States District Attorney Summers, one of the most rotten officials who ever held an office in Nebraska.

The natural effect of the refusal of the railroads to pay their taxes is the shrinking of the temporary state school fund and crippling of the public schools. The December distribution of the temporary school fund for Douglas county, for example, is nearly \$10,000 less this year than it was a year ago, and it becomes a serious question with school boards how to meet this unexpected deficiency of income.

Douglas county gets the short end of the apportionment of state school money this time. The school census takers out in the state seem to have been more energetic, or probably more imaginative, than those who took the last school census here.

Hall county has carried off the award for prize corn in the Nebraska corn contest. Every county in Nebraska, with few exceptions, would carry off the award for prize corn in a corn contest against all comers from any other state.

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Testimony would indicate that "Philanthropist" Ryan taught the Wash-

ton Life Insurance company had concerns, as his advent into that profession and its participation in syndicates were simultaneous.

Two Avenues Wide Open. Chicago Inquirer. The establishment of a separate naval academy for hazers would be one way out of the difficulty; the establishment of a separate naval academy for cadets who do not like to die too young would be another way.

The Wonder of the Century. Cincinnati Inquirer. An honest man in California has just paid for a collar button, worth 25 cents, stolen twenty-two years ago.

Costly Congressional Privilege. Postmaster General Cortelyou favors the revocation of the franking privilege, which costs the postoffice a loss of \$30,000,000 a year.

She Makes a Difference. Kansas City Star. The auditing committee will report that "Prof." Dougherty of Peoria, now serving a sentence in jail, is \$20,000 short in his accounts.

Belated Vindication. Indianapolis News. The scheme of forty-five republican congressmen from the best sugar territory to unite with the democrats from the tobacco district to buck the Philippine tariff reduction bill is merely one more belated vindication of the theory of the late Winfield Scott Hancock.

Seeing is Believing. Chicago Chronicle. According to Senator Milard (chairman of the isthmian canal commission of the senate), if he is correctly quoted, the senate would be convinced by visiting the isthmus that it ought to pass a bill increasing the salary of every man who is competing to remain in the canal zone.

HUMILIATING SPECTACLE. Railroad Presses the Button, a Senator Changes Front. The president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company visited Washington Sunday and had a long conference with the senior senator from Pennsylvania, who has always been considered unfavorable to railroad rate legislation.

A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. Nebraska Official Passes Up the Campaign Contribution Box. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The state superintendent of schools of Nebraska, J. L. McBrien, has taken a proper stand regarding campaign funds as a member of the legislature.

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Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The informal declaration of Postmaster General Cortelyou, in respect of keeping fourth-class postmasters in office indefinitely is a mighty tender subject to spring on the average congressman.

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