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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 28th day of December, 1905. M. E. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

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.

The Omaha Grain exchange has issued its manifesto to the Milwaukee road and now, "By St. Paul, the war goes bravely on!"

What our various councilmen think about the gas ordinance depends entirely upon their affinity to the electric light company or the gas company.

The epidemic has reached Santo Domingo, too. The president of that great republic did not want to resign.

The discovery that President Roosevelt is trying to dominate the political situation in several states is probably made by men who fear that they are no longer "bosses."

By raising the cry of "China for the Chinese," oriental leaders educated in the United States show that they were receiving their education in this country in the early '90s.

An Omaha railroad man accuses the grain exchange of "playing politics," something inexcusable from a railroad standpoint which considers politics real work at all times.

If Mr. Her can give us some new factories during the coming year Omaha will not feel so even if the interurban does not blow its whistle when the larks begin to sing.

Before an intelligent understanding can be had of the disappearance of President Morales from San Domingo a report must be received from the keeper of the national cash box.

A \$100 fine for the Iowa banker who defrauded creditors out of about \$100,000 may be one of the reasons why Iowa has not had as much success with its banking institutions as some other states.

The removal of Commissioner Lafontaine in Canada is proof that the gent art of political manipulation by crooked capitalists is not bound by the line which separates the states from the dominion.

If Mayor Dunne wins his fight on Chicago theater ticket scalpers he will have shown himself a bigger man than he thought he was when he promised to put the rapid transit companies out of business.

With the merger of street railway companies of New York city the municipality, which owns the subway, may find itself unwittingly part of a monopoly which will put Tammany out of the political ring.

The abolition of the bar docket at the expense of the county does not necessarily mean the abolition of bars in Douglas county, although the bar association may have to take a hand in the bar business just to keep posted.

When the police board gets through exercising its judicial functions as an excise board, by the end of this week, it will enter upon the exercise of its nonpartisan political functions on behalf of its preferred candidate for mayor.

The Nebraska farmer is not so deeply interested in the route over which his grain travels to the east as in his ability to draw the highest market price in cash; nevertheless it looks bad to see a concession of 3 cents a bushel to Kansas City even if it be only on paper.

ORNAMENTAL DIRECTORS.

The publicity given to the fact that in many corporations the men who figure as directors do not do any directing, but are merely ornamental, though generally well paid for the use of their names, which carry more or less influence with the public, is likely to lead to legislation that will change this state of affairs.

This is a matter of very great importance to the public. The number of railroad accidents this year is considerably in excess of the previous year. What proportion of these was due to overworked employees is not noted in the commission's report and probably could not be ascertained, but doubtless overwork played a large part.

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With railway freight traffic managers making an especial visit to the Interstate Commerce commission to get information as to how they can operate their lines it would seem that the commission has more real power than some courts are willing to admit.

With a cabinet meeting held during the holiday week it is probable that the strenuousness of the chief executive is not entirely pleasing to members of his official family, but they can take a rest while he is looking after affairs on his Virginia plantation.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Following is a list of prominent army officials who will reach the age of retirement under the operation law, the only exception being in the case of General Chaffee, who will retire prematurely on February 1 instead of April 14, and Major General J. C. Bates, who will retire prematurely on April 14 instead of August 25.

Brigadier General Samuel S. Sumner, February 1. Major General C. C. Carr, March 2. Colonel John D. Hall, medical department, March 17. Colonel Frank Thorp, artillery corps, March 29.

Chaplain Allen Allenworth, major, April 1. Colonel John C. Bates, April 14. Colonel Charles R. Suter, engineers, May 6. Colonel P. Henry Ray, infantry, May 8. Brigadier General Frank D. Baldwin, June 25.

Colonel Oswald H. Ernst, engineers, June 27. Lieutenant Colonel Henry S. Tarrill, medical department, September 8. Colonel William S. Stanton, engineers, September 9.

Brigadier General Francis S. Dodge, paymaster general, September 11. Major General Henry C. Corbin, adjutant general, September 12. Captain Noble H. Cragger, quartermaster's department, November 4. Colonel John Pitman, ordnance department, November 12.

The department of agriculture is making an experiment of the burning qualities of cigars by means of a machine constructed for that purpose. The machine is fitted up with a number of glass tubes into which R. T. cigars, and the draft is given by a vacuum arrangement, caused by a jet of water. The machine has not yet been sufficiently perfect to "blow rings" or do other fancy stunts, but will fill the requirements of the investigation.

The department has received many samples of what is known as the "asbestos leaf" tobacco. This is a leaf which does not burn freely, and is almost wholly worthless as a tobacco. In order to improve the quality of the leaf and to select seed for future crops the experiments are being made.

The samples are sent to the department, which is especially contrived so that they are kept at an even temperature and moisture and made up into cigars for the machine. The cigar is then fed to the machine and the burning is noted. Should the cigar burn evenly, without flaking or other peculiar features, the seed from the particular plant receives a favorable report. Should the cigar prove to be one of the "fireproof" variety the seed is recommended for the furnace.

The officials in charge of the experiments have also adopted a method of testing wrapper leaf grown in the United States. This should be completely consumed in the burning. The wrapper leaf is placed on a cigar-shaped mold and lighted, and if it burns properly the seeds from the plant from which the leaf was taken are carefully laid aside for next year.

By this method of selection and elimination the officials expect to gradually improve the quality of tobacco and to reduce to a minimum the growers' loss on unsalable tobacco leaf.

Senator Forsaker is haunted by an Ohio newspaper man who at all sorts of times appears looking for news. The enterprising journalist outdid himself a few days ago and offered Washington is still laughing at the story. The senator had visited his dentist, who decided that the drill must be applied to an offending tooth. Mr. Forsaker knew the dentist was holding the coming torture would be and meekly submitted to the preliminaries. Just as the dentist was about to introduce the buzzing tormentor his newspaper friend burst in and asked for the latest news. For once in his life the senator was glad to see a young man, whose sudden appearance postponed for a few minutes at least the terrifying ordeal in prospect. Mr. Forsaker gave him all the news he could think of and then resigned himself to his fate. Later he said, in telling the circumstances, "I hope to heaven that the dentist had buried the coming torturer in Ohio politics. If it does that young man will pry up the coffin lid and ask me the particulars."

Members of congress from Wyoming are becoming the subjects of evasive talk in the capital. The state has only 500 population, but its representatives in the national legislature are on several highly important committees. Senator Clark is chairman of the great judiciary committee and he is on foreign affairs, Indian affairs and public lands. Senator Warren is chairman of military affairs and is on a number of other committees, including appropriations. Mr. Mondell, the sole representative, is chairman of irrigation and on several other important committees. This senator has the honor of being the most important bureau chief in the interior department, except the commissioner of pensions, and it has Judge Vandewater on the circuit bench.

There is no more devout disciple of Isaac Walton in the house than Congressman Albert Burleson of Texas. He is a born fisherman. In his opinion fishing is the finest sport and recreation on top of the earth. Burleson has a fine collection of fishing tackle and his wife is the prettiest ever. He is not a picture fisherman, one who loves to sit in front of the fire and discourse on the possibilities of the sport, but is an active sportsman. No opportunity ever slips by him to take a day off and try a bass and a heavy white-brook in the gray spots with a silk hat, so he holds the ninth or faraway claim for \$200 in Washington. Since that time he has taken out less than he has put into those eight claims. Hence his presence in Washington. The men who bought the one claim from him in the first place have taken out exactly \$1,750,000 worth of gold.

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Corn, wheat, oats and rye, make up a total of 3,381,717,231 bushels, figures never before equaled, and when the barley figures are included, and the flax total determined, there will be a total greater by millions of bushels than anything in previous years. The big yields have not reduced prices materially. The average is lower than last year, in some cereals, but all prices are high enough to be remunerative to the producer.

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