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

The new motor car shops of the Union Pacific cannot be built too large and too soon to suit Omaha.

With the famine in the northern provinces Japan is learning the lesson repeatedly taught to other nations that even the victors may pay too high a price for war.

The plans of the Omaha, Beatrice and Lincoln Interurban trolley line are not ready to be made public just yet, but they furnish material for an immense amount of hot air.

If the United States senate doesn't hurry with the Santo Domingo treaty it will find that the party of the second part has moved to New York to be close to the trust funds.

With the inauguration of a new police judge some reforms suggest themselves that might profitably be inaugurated in the police court.

Now that Senator Spooner and Senator LaFollette have walked down the aisle together Senator Smoot may hope that the courtesy between members of the body will extend as far as Utah.

It is proof of appreciation on the part of Virginia that at the time it is preparing to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown it should offer to care for a number of the poor of England.

In selecting a general superintendent of a railroad company to prepare statistics upon which the new revenue law of Minnesota is to be based officials of that state are proving their value to their masters if not to their constituents.

In overruling demurrers in land fraud cases District of Columbia courts seem disinclined to let the wild west settle its own problems, and one can but wonder how the wheels of justice will turn under the eye of the secretary of the interior.

With the formal ending of the Russian insurrection statesmen in the employ of the czar may have an opportunity to show just what they have done in the way of helping him to carry out liberal promises made just before the guns began to roar.

The city of Omaha has a law department, consisting of three lawyers; the Board of Education pays for a special lawyer, and the Water board pays for two special lawyers.

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TO HELP THE PHILIPPINES.

The bill reducing the tariff on Philippine sugar and tobacco to 25 per cent of the Dingley rates and admitting free all other products of the islands, was taken up in the house of representatives yesterday.

On the other hand it is argued that neither of the domestic interests has anything to fear from a reduction of the tariff on Philippine sugar and tobacco.

This has had a good deal of influence upon public opinion here, which undoubtedly is at present less adverse to legislation intended to aid the Filipinos industrially and commercially than it was a year or two ago.

RESTRICTING TRADE.

The indictment at Cincinnati of a score of the representatives of leading coal companies, on the charge of "conspiracy in restriction of trade," is an event of general interest.

That they can be convicted there is very good reason to believe. Warrant for so believing is to be found in the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the pipe line case.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

The conference soon to be held to pass upon the issue between Germany and France regarding Morocco appears to be looked forward to by some of the European governments with anxiety, if not apprehension.

The cause of the anxiety and apprehension is suspicion respecting the purposes of the German emperor, whose name seems to be regarded in England and France as a synonym for danger to the peace of the world.

and people are not misled by the Kaiser's private utterances. It is expected, of course, that Germany will oppose France's position at the Moroccan conference, but there is only the remotest chance or possibility of a rupture resulting.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FIXED.

The decision of the state supreme court in the Jorgensen case affirms the principle that the police board has the right in the exercise of its discretion to refuse a license even where no protest has been filed.

The very fact that he exercises police powers in metropolitan cities carries with it the responsibility for the proper exercise of police powers, and that means that he is responsible for the acts of his agents just as much as the police board is responsible for the conduct of the police force.

THE HIDDEN HAND.

A member of the Douglas delegation to the last legislature makes bold to assert that the move to enjoin City Treasurer Hennings from turning over the public funds in his custody to County Treasurer Fink, in conformity with the law enacted by the last legislature, was instituted in the interests of the paving contractors.

Now that the supreme court has reiterated its former decision that the proper basis of value for taxation of a franchise public utility corporation is as a going concern, gross receipts and tangible property being taken together and not separately, there should be no further contention on that score.

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In asking for a new and sane insurance laws Governor Higgins seems to be anxious to secure something which will satisfy popular clamor and at the same time run the gauntlet of a court, one of whose judges is an investor in "Fads and Fancies."

Quick to Absorb Impressions. Washington Post.

Governor Pennington is urging members of the Pennsylvania legislature to reform the election laws.

Misery Loves Company. Portland Oregonian.

Two men were arrested in Omaha Saturday, charged with complicity in homestead land frauds.

Deceptive Graft. Philadelphia Record.

Passes to politicians have disgusted the people not only because they put legislators and officials under obligations to the men who issue the passes, but because the men who get the passes also collect mileage.

American Equality. Chicago Chronicle.

It is safe to say that this was the only country on the globe in which 9,000 of the people without the slightest regard to race, class, wealth or previous condition of servitude shook hands with the chief executive of the nation on terms of perfect familiarity and equality.

Island Kingdoms for Sale. Boston Transcript.

Imperialism in distress at last! Two many islands are in process of assimilation, with the result that a job lot is now thrown upon the market.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The storm in Tammany Hall is thick enough to cut with a knife.

Things do not wear a bright aspect for the mayor. Though installed for a four-year term, there appears some trouble in store for him, which may shorten his career as mayor.

The new chief of police, General Theodore A. Bingham, talked in a breezy fashion to his subordinate chiefs.

These offhand remarks he emphasized by general exclamation. "By the nine gods of war," he declared, "if you do not act on the level, off goes your star."

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A MODEL INVESTIGATION. Inquisition Into Life Insurance Methods Worthy of Emulation.

It will be impossible for some time to come to measure the value of the insurance investigation in practical results.

But it is not too soon to express profound respect for the manner in which the investigation has been conducted.

SECRET RETAINERS FOR LAWYERS.

Discreditable Practice Revealed by the Insurance Investigation.

Loobing is a legitimate business if legitimately conducted. There is no reason why a lawyer should not appear before a legislative committee or present arguments to individual law-makers in behalf of a client interested in a pending measure.

Such methods are a fraud upon the legislature and upon the public, and they are a discredit to the legal profession.

There is a decisive and a soldierly directness about General Bingham which has often been mistaken for abruptness or brusqueness, but that mistake was usually made by some one who has given cause for the exhibition of the military side of his training.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

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END OF GRAFT.

Evil Tendencies Banished by the Theatre of Soulful Music.

At last the problem of graft has been solved. All that is needed is music. Shakespeare knew that the unmusical man was not to be trusted, but a more recent teacher has discovered that a love for music may be cultivated in the most unpromising soil and that the result will be the elimination of graft and all material evils.

The enthusiastic music teacher does not give the details of the application of his theory. The importance of the matter demands immediate action from congress or the legislature.

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LAUGHING GAS.

"I can't understand why they called Henry VIII 'Bluff King Bull'."

"Have you made any special study of political economy?"

"I thought she and her husband were good friends. The idea why so was 'Well, well, well.'"

"I don't suppose I'll get a chance to make a speech for a long time."

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