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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Having vindicated himself before the bar of Justice Norman Haggood might add to his laurels by posing as complainant in a few suits.

For the 28th time Governor Mickey has proclaimed his intention to leave the political policing of Omaha to his nonpartisan police board.

As a matter of self-defense Iowa insurance companies may be compelled to feel in the demand for a rigid inspection of their books and methods.

More complaints of its poor system of taxation, but to judge by reports in this instance our so-called enlightened countries can teach the barbarians little.

In spite of that corrected proofsheet Secretary Loeb has generally proved himself "safe" in acting as a bumper between the president and people with "graft."

Reports from Albany indicate that the contractors who built New York's \$30,000,000 capital worked with an eye to the future, as more repairs must be made at once.

That Chicago reporter who refused a "present" of \$100 is more nearly the type of the American reporter than those "journalistic grafters who always have a hand out behind them.

Senator Molsbury of Iowa says the "miscellaneous" account of insurance companies should be abolished, but he fails to show where the "legal" account would be any improvement.

There is nothing surprising in the fact that the German Emperor has employed a "water witch" to discover a well, as he still believes in another medieval tradition about the divine right of kings.

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France has added its testimony to the wisdom of waging war without the use of firearms by boycotting the goods of Venezuela. China may be asked, but it has taught the civilized world one lesson.

A man cannot serve two masters. President Shonts should either be required to tender his resignation as head of the Panama Canal commission or resign the presidency of the Clover Leaf railroad.

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THE INSURANCE CURVE

A great many nostrums have been prescribed by insurance experts and insurance reformers to cure high finance manipulation and eliminate graft from the management of life insurance.

By all odds the most simple and practical remedy that has been prescribed up to date is embodied in the recommendations of the state commissioner of insurance of Wisconsin, who has summarized his conclusions in a brief insurance primer in the shape of questions and answers:

Q. What is a life insurance company organized for? A. To furnish life insurance. Q. What is the only purpose for which a life insurance company can receive money? A. To furnish life insurance.

In a nutshell, the functions of a life insurance company is to assume the risk of the mortality of the insured just as the fire insurance company assumes the risk of the destruction or partial destruction of the property it insures.

Life insurance is not designed primarily as an investment. That function belongs to the savings bank and other institutions organized to re-lend surplus earnings and savings of people who are not able or willing to assume the risk of making their own loans or investments.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK. We do not know who he is nor what his qualifications are for the position he seeks, but a Lancaster county man, who has just announced his candidacy for the legislature, has the correct idea of what the public is just now demanding.

My name has been presented to the public as a candidate for the legislature, and if nominated and elected I shall serve to the best of my ability and for the welfare of the great commonwealth of the state of Nebraska.

The next legislature will again elect a United States senator. In all probabilities he will come from north of the Platte. We want to elect a man who will uphold the hands of the administration and our chief executive, Theodore Roosevelt.

At this time it is highly necessary that all our representatives in Washington should be in sympathy with President Roosevelt in his efforts to regulate trusts and corporations and also against the unlimited power of the railroads.

THE AWAKENING IN CHINA. The sending of an imperial commission to this country by the Chinese government, to study political and other conditions here, is another evidence of the awakening in China to the expediency of instituting such changes and reforms in the governmental system of the empire as shall be found practicable and essential to place that nation in better accord and closer relations with the rest of the world.

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PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE. The old adage that men are to be judged by their actions and not by their promises has once more been verified.

It was promised, for example, that the odious system of petty graft, in the shape of charges for marriage certificate chronos and fees for posting notices on the walls of the court house would be abolished with the incoming of the new county judge.

It was promised that the jail feeding graft would be summarily cauterized, but after weeks of wrangling and jangling the proposition to lop off extravagant feed bills has been voted down and a renewal of the jail graft in a new form has been voted up.

For the abolition of the graft—Commissioners Brunning and Solomon. And the end is not yet. Experience has shown that one graft always begets more graft.

ANOTHER CANAL DIFFICULTY. Shall the eight-hour day continue to be observed in the work on the isthmian canal is a question which congress will have to determine.

Perhaps the compilation and publication of a "Railway Ready Letter Writer" would fill the bill better. Such a volume would give the forms for writing letters on rate regulation fitted to each class of railway employees.

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PROVOCATION FOR JOY. A woman's club in an Indiana town has disbanded, the members coming to the conclusion that the home life is better for their sex. Husbands are rejoicing, and doubtless the event will be celebrated in the masculine clubs of the town with the usual male ceremonies of rejoicing.

PHILISTINE DIPLOMACY. No one worrying about the conference at Algebras until it is all over. In a linguistic way, European diplomats somewhat resemble American pugilists.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR. The Pullman company will issue no more free passes. It is hoped that the increased revenues thus gained will warrant the company in paying the salaries of its porters instead of asking the traveling public to do it.

PRE-EMINENT IN POOR COMPANY. A nation is known by the company it keeps. The nation which imposes a tax on the importation of works of art are China, Turkey, Persia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, the Bahamas, Fiji, the Gold Coast of Africa and the United States of America.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Portland Oregonian: The triumvirate now in charge of the spiritual and material welfare of Zion City announces that outside money will be welcomed.

CLEVELAND LEADER: The Pennsylvania priest personally upbraided in his pulpit a number of swains in his flock who had been courting their sweethearts for a year or more using the big stick with good effect.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL: At Schenectady, N. Y. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., president of Union college, arose in his place at a revival service, gave testimony to his conversion and confessed his wonder that he, the son of a long line of Unitarians, should be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth in a Methodist meeting.

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT: The Des Moines parson has decided to be good. How good deponent saith not, but when they put their heads together the other day and discussed their responsibilities as dispensers of matrimony it seemed likely that Des Moines might surrender its fame as the greatest of Greta Greens.

IOWA'S OLD-TIME GOVERNOR. Fitting Tribute Paid to Ex-Governor Larrabee. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The legislature of Iowa gave a reception Saturday to former Governor Larrabee, upon the occasion of his 74th birthday. It was an event without precedent in the history of that state, and Monday evening the wives of the senators and representatives gave a reception to Mrs. Larrabee at the Savory hotel in Des Moines.

William Larrabee was inaugurated governor in 1856, and again in 1888, serving two terms. After that, in 1898, he inaugurated the new department of planning the state institutions under a board of control, of which he was made chairman, and where he served for two years.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. "Bobbie, were you looking through the keyhole last night at me and your sister?" "Honest, no, Mother was in the way." "Brooklyn Life." Miss Pechis—Mr. Timmid has asked if he might call tomorrow. I think he wants to tell me that he loves me. Her Sister—Oh, that goes without saying. Miss Pechis—Yes, and I'm afraid he will, too.—Philadelphia Ledger. Myrtle—Look what a lovely engagement diamond ring George has given me. Estelle—Yes, it's lovely. It nearly broke my heart when I sent it back.—Baltimore American.

NEVER MIND, MY DEAR. A. J. Waterhouse in San Francisco Calif. Has the day been dark and the sky been gray? Never mind, my lad. Whistle a bit in a cheery way; Don't take time to be sad. Oh, Worry's a specter of visage grim, First limp on the fenchish lid; But smile in his face when you look at him. He fades like the morning mist. Did the dream that you dreamed go some- Never worry my dear. Out of the shadow will float a song, If only your soul will hear. Ah, Worry's a phantom, and Worry's a ghoul, And Worry's a goblin of night, He bores from a smile, but he comes at a scowl, And a sigh is his cruel delight. Oh, I know of the hope that is buried from sight, But bravely we'll bear it, my dear. For the sunlight is born of the womb of the night, And the comforter ever is near, Yes, bravely we'll bear it, my dear—you need strength to your souls will be given, Though Worry doth whisper and mutter his lie, Earth wavers to the solace of heaven. I would fain hold your head on my comforting breast, I'll smile, and I'll hummers out through the tears, But the battle of each is for each, and the rest. Know little that gladdens or cheers, So we'll both do our best, whatever it be, And we'll smile through the pitiful rain, Till the phantom of Worry forever shall flee. And we know that e'en Worry is gain.