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

Japan has captured Korea much as the man caught the wildcat—it may soon ask to be assisted in letting go.

Now that the Russian revolutionists have begun to kill the landlords, the czar may depend upon the "loyalty" of at least one class.

With the kindly "grandfather of Europe" gone to his reward, another tie which held the sovereigns of the continent in check has been broken.

One conviction has been secured in the land fraud cases, but unless all signs fall the federal judges will be busy for some months to come vindicating the federal land laws.

If stockmen have as many verbal fireworks in their reunion at Denver as they did when they divided a year ago, the mountain city will imagine that a state campaign is already in progress.

The house of representatives will now determine the citizenship of one of its members. But after all this is not really as important as determining the ownership of a number of other members.

One Omaha preacher has come out in his pulpit frankly for putting the lid on Sundays not only for liquor sellers, but for every other kind of business.

It is a trite saying that "A new broom sweeps clean," but there are always exceptions to the rule. Witness the lineup of one of the newly elected members of the county board on the side of the grafters.

America may yet have to thank the sultan of Morocco for an easy solution of the German tariff problem, as fear of war in that direction may prevent Germany from insisting strongly upon its own idea of reciprocity.

That democratic harmony committee acts as if it were afraid the role of peacemaker in the democratic family would produce the same reaction as the oft-told tale of the unriveted arbitrator between fighting husband and wife.

Remarks of the retiring secretary of the Des Moines Young Men's Christian association would indicate that the traveling evangelists made a serious mistake when they failed to locate "the wickedest city on earth" at Iowa's capital.

Income from passenger service in Ohio produces a net revenue of less than 2 cents a mile for each passenger carried by the railroads. A proposal to limit passenger fares to 2 cents a mile would, however, be denounced as reducing the railroads with bankruptcy.

The death of General Wheeler emphasizes the fact that, far from being a descendant of one of the old southern families, his father was a native of New England, showing that geographical lines more than tradition determined the sides chosen by men during the civil war.

While calling upon Chairman Babcock of the republican congressional committee to come out with a public statement of the campaign funds he has handled, it should not be forgotten that our Dave was associated for some time with Mr. Babcock in the capacity of secretary of the committee and that if any campaign funds were in sight he would surely know something of their disposition if not of their source.

GERMAN TARIFF QUESTION.

Four weeks hence the new German tariff will go into effect. The counselor of the German embassy at Washington is reported as saying that his government believes that congress will find a way out of the difficulty. There is at present, however, no indication that anything will be done intended to relieve American products from the effect of the new tariff.

There has been talk of modifying the customs administrative act, features of which German exporters have found fault with, and it is suggested that if this should be done, possibly a delay in the application of the German maximum tariff can be obtained. There seems to be little chance of any legislation in this direction, and even if there should be, it is most improbable that it would result in delaying the application of the maximum tariff.

The prospect is certainly not favorable for an early solution of the German tariff question. The indications are that if congress does anything it will take the form of retaliation. Germany is evidently determined not to recede from or in any way modify the position she has taken and the purpose at Washington is not to make any concessions appears to be equally firm.

A GROWING NEIGHBOR. Canadian development must always have an interest for the people of the United States. We have a very large trade with our northern neighbor and as she grows the trade may reasonably be expected to increase.

Major Dunne of Chicago, who has just signed ordinances intended to lead up to the purchase by the city of all the Chicago street railways, professes the belief that municipal acquisition of the railroads will be an accomplished fact before his present term of office is ended.

Iowa law makers are talking about putting an initiative and referendum law on the statute books. The Nebraska initiative and referendum law requires the application of the initiative and referendum first to determine whether the law itself should become operative.

In his last two annual messages President Roosevelt referred to contributions to campaign funds in federal elections and urged publicity respecting them and their expenditure by political committees.

Our latest shooting affray happens to have occurred at a dance hall outside of the city limits of both Omaha and South Omaha. Does the jurisdiction of the juvenile court officers extend throughout the county, or is it confined solely to these cities?

Increasing Congressional Gately. The laurels of Congressman J. Adam Bede are in danger. Indiana republicans are talking of running George Ade for congress from the Tenth district.

having state legislation, as nearly uniform as possible, relating to the subject. The movement ought to be successful. As was said by Mr. Roosevelt, there is no enemy of free government more dangerous and none so insidious as the corruption of the electorate and it is well understood that as a rule the contributions of corporations have this aim.

NO RESURRECTION OF PROXIES.

The Lincoln Journal, which now claims to voice the demand of the rank and file of Nebraska republicans as opposed to the railroad pass manipulators, is out with a strange demand for the resurrection of the discredited proxy system in republican state conventions.

It is a common thing for counties with fifteen votes in a convention to be represented by no more than five men. The five cast the fifteen votes, often contrary to the sentiments of the ten men who have remained at home, because they have not been offered free transportation or have refused to accept it.

Without closing our eyes to these abuses, the resurrection of the proxy would without question raise up worse evils. The political history of Nebraska is full of incidents in which the barter and sale of proxies has served as the means of railroad domination in our nominating conventions.

A return to the proxy system is not the way to get representative government in party conventions. On the contrary, the only promising method is that already endorsed by the last republican state convention, namely, bringing the choice of party nominees close home to the people by some feasible plan of direct nomination or expression of preference by the individual voters at the primaries.

A considerable part of the work here referred to has been done by private enterprise. The far more extensive operations of the government are of only recent beginning. The reclamation act became a law on June 17, 1902.

The total cost of the work projected by the reclamation service is estimated at about \$200,000,000, or several times the amount of the Panama canal. No call is made for congressional appropriations, no items appear in deficiency bills and not a single cent is added to our taxes.

The "den" of the Standard Oil company to the producers of the Indian Territory is a "bluff" which should be called. If the octopus wants to secure help in an effort to break the laws of Missouri it should follow the established custom of retaining high-priced lawyers.

Our eminent Nebraska fellow citizen, Governor Magoun of the Panama canal zone, has returned to this country and will probably appear shortly before the senate canal inquirists. Now, we ought to get the straight of it as to what is doing at the Isthmus.

Secretary Hitchcock says that "in some localities traffic in relinquishments is brisk, and it is apparent that two, three or more changes will take place before a parcel of land passes into the control of the man who is able and willing to live upon it, cultivate it and make it a home."

This is a very sound proposition. Land irrigated by private enterprise in the arid regions is actually selling at nearly \$50 per acre, and the average value of irrigated land throughout the country is \$47 per acre.

Secretary Bonaparte asks congress to give him discretionary power as to the punishment of midshipmen for hazing. It is represented that he is moved to this because he did not like to be compelled to dismiss a descendant of a distinguished American commodore for that offense. But

that is no reason. The secretary ought not to have power to discriminate in favor of any person for such a reason. We must insist that every man in this country shall stand on his own legs or fall. There should be no favors to a man because some ancestor was distinguished.

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

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"Why do you insist on only \$50,000 a year as your salary?" "Because," answered the high financier, "as soon as people hear a hundred thousand mentioned they get suspicious. It is better to keep the figure marked down a little,"—Washington Star.

"When Milly Way Nelson, the aeronaut, fell several hundred feet and landed on top of Spike Heeney's saloon, the air patrol flew to gather him up. Just before he expired he asked: "Who was that building I fell on?" "A saloon," was the reply. "That was on the house," he said feebly and passed away,"—Minneapolis Journal.

"The comedian was rehearsing his great song when the leader of the orchestra pulled him up. "My dear fellow," said the aggrieved tones, "don't you know that you are murdering the time?" "Well, yes," was the reply, "it's better to murder the time once and for all than to heat it night after night, as you do!"—Judge.

"Just a little farther on, waits a wondrous April dawn. When the sunbeams will break in blossoms as a flag is lifted up. And the sky will seem to pour us wine from out a magic cup. And 'till we're weary of knowing all the songs the wind is blowing. And the earth will be gladder for the laughter of the sun. Then we'll catch the murmured words in the singing of the birds. When the season has rolled to springtime—just a little farther on."

For the good old earth it knows where the robin and the rose. Wait to set our hearts to leaping for the breeze forever shifting. And it knows the accompaniment of the violets that dance. To the music of the brooklet that oozes more is blown in play. Ho, ho, the blossoms peeping in the breeze forever shifting. And the forest flaming greener for their cheer. Then we'll catch the melodies of the waking honey bees, earth is rolling to the robin and the rose. Shut your eyes, and you may dream of the dandelion's gleam. While the careless hand of springtime has been spilling all its seed. Where the meadow over night flings aside the wintry blight. And its carpet smooth as velvet is by fairy hands unrolled. Then we'll know the tang and tingle of the blossom scents that mingle. And we'll taste the joys of living in the wondrous April dawn. For we're swinging to the whistles of the singing and the smiles. To the happy days of springtime—just a little farther on.

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