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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.

The activity of Russian "terrorists" would indicate that Premier Witte's problem is not so much to suppress the revolution as to take the revolutionists.

If this demand for army officers as chiefs of police of the larger cities continues, Uncle Sam may have to raise wages or promote a few enlisted men.

No wonder Mr. Markel was loath to give up that Panama contract. Jobs promising a profit of a million dollars a year are not thrown at Omaha men every day.

It will create no surprise to learn that packers read proofs on Mr. Garfield's "beef trust" report, but the question is, were they permitted to change any of it?

New bids will be asked for lighting the gasoline lamp district. This will give the electric light company another chance to prove its genuine philanthropy to the city.

"Graft" has now been discovered within the sacred circle of the Armstrong investigating committee. Evidently the insurance hearing taught the official stenographer the wrong lesson.

The Fontanelle high blinders insist that the candidates they have endorsed for municipal primaries have not all signed the ironclad agreement to hand all the patronage over to the executive committee—but that is the understanding, just the same.

New Orleans is already starting to "bull the market" for mosquito netting and crude oil. Kansas producers may find sale for their goods despite the withdrawal of the Standard if John D. does not spoil trade by again donating the mosquito poison.

The point made by Chief of Police Donahue that the Omaha police force has not grown in numbers along with the population may be well taken, but it does not alter the fact that Omaha is spending more money on its police department each year than it ever did before.

Congressman Perkins of New York raises the first voice in the house of representatives against the Hepburn rate bill, declaring that it will do no good. He is even willing to admit that it will do no harm, but the day is past when Wall street can legislate for the United States.

It turns out that only thirty-six cases have been tried at sessions of the federal court held in Lincoln since the year 1900. At this rate, what would happen if a second federal judicial district should be created in Nebraska, with the seat of the new court located permanently at Lincoln?

H. H. Rogers does not have to answer questions propounded by Attorney General Hadley in the Standard Oil inquisition until ordered to do so by the supreme court of Missouri, and as Mr. Rogers will probably see that no Missouri summons can be served upon him, he will not waste time in securing the information desired.

A few more cases like the expulsion from the United States of a man suffering from a bullet wound received while a United States soldier merely because he failed to announce his intention to become an American citizen may work a needed revision in some of the laws and regulations which govern the landing of aliens in the United States.

ASSISTED IMMIGRATION.

The report of Marcus Braun, special immigrant inspector, the facts set forth in which have been sent to congress, contains statements that should command attention. The inspector states that he obtained incontrovertible evidence that while the number of aliens shipped to this country who are legally inadmissible because of disease is diminishing, immigrants inadmissible for other reasons are constantly brought into the country in large numbers.

As to emigration from Italy to the United States, the government derives a revenue from it in the sale of passports and therefore does nothing to discourage. But perhaps the most interesting statement is that three-fourths of the immigrants that come to this country from Austria come under contract, thus violating the law prohibiting the importation of alien contract labor.

While we cannot have too much immigration of the right sort, to quote President Roosevelt, we do not want that sort of immigration that comes through the assistance of foreign governments, or that is encouraged to come here by the agents of steamship companies. In his last annual message the president said: "Adequate means should be adopted, enforced by sufficient penalties, to compel steamship companies engaged in the passenger business to observe in good faith the law which forbids them to encourage or solicit immigration to the United States."

THE HOMES FOR DIPLOMATS. The bill introduced in the house by Representative Longworth, providing for the furnishing of houses for our diplomats abroad, is likely to pass that body and it would seem should have an equally good chance of passing the senate.

TO PROMOTE THE COTTON TRADE. The cotton industry of the country, both the growers and the manufacturers, is very much alive to the importance of extending the export trade in cotton goods and active efforts are being made to increase our foreign commerce in this particular. It is proposed, in a bill that has been introduced in the United States senate, to create a commission to investigate, by the aid of industrial and commercial experts, the possibilities and requirements of the world market for cotton goods.

Whatever will contribute to the extension of our export trade, in any or all lines, should be encouraged and perhaps the proposed commission would be serviceable. But there will be some question as to whether there is any real necessity for it. The creation of such a commission would involve an expense to the government of probably not less

than \$200,000 and it may well be doubted if the results would compensate for such an expenditure. The American cotton growers and manufacturers of cotton goods should depend upon their own enterprise for enlarging and extending their exports. They have their associations and if they deem it desirable to have a commission to study foreign markets they can afford to create one and not call upon the whole people to pay the cost.

THE FIRE INSURANCE COMBINE. It is to be hoped that the protest lodged with the state auditor against the re-licensing of some of the principal fire insurance companies doing business in Nebraska on the ground that they are violating the anti-compact and anti-trust laws of the state will result in determining whether the operations of this combine can be reached by the laws now on our statute books, or whether we must have new legislation to prove them.

It is notorious that all the fire insurance companies are banded together so far as their business in Nebraska is concerned so that it makes no difference whether the person seeking insurance on his property deals with one company or another. In a word, they have stifled competition as completely as if only one company were writing policies instead of two score or more.

When the Nebraska anti-compact law was first enacted a suit was begun to enforce its provisions against the insurance combine, but before the issues were tried the insurance company lawyers devised a clever scheme to evade the provisions of the law by the establishment of a so-called inspection bureau, which each company pretends to consult of its own accord in quest of information on every risk offered for its insurance.

Real Criminals at Large. Washington Post. The captain of the ill-fated excursion steamer General Slocum has been sentenced to prison for ten years for neglect of duty. The man who placed iron bars in the life preservers of the steamer are still drawing their dividends.

Crime and Penalty. Buffalo Express. The man held responsible for the deaths of 1,000 persons in the General Slocum horror gets a ten-year sentence. That is, one year for each 100 victims, or 2.5 days for each life lost. This makes a human life worth eighty-seven hours and thirty-six minutes. And yet his attorneys have filed an appeal!

A Dig in the Ribs. Brooklyn Eagle. Some western cities to which the Americans fled a few years ago are complaining of the influx of aliens. If the complainants had stayed here and allowed themselves to be submerged in aliens, they would realize that there is nothing to be afraid of, and that aliens are sort of human, after all.

Ingratitude of a "Retormer." Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Mr. Jerome's attack on the New York morning newspapers has brought out some hot replies, which are all the bitterer because they supported him in the last campaign almost solidly. It was a poor return for the service which the newspapers performed with an eye single to the good of the people and the city.

RETRIBUTION OF RAILROADS. Politicians Seek Revenge for Abolition of Passes. Philadelphia Record. General Grosvenor has the impudence to propose openly to punish the railroads for obedience to a law of congress. In view of the abolition of passes he proposed to cut \$100,000 a year off their mail pay. If passes cost them as much as they pretended, he said, they would be no worse off with no passes and \$100,000 less for carrying the mails than they have been with passes and an untrammelled appropriation for carrying the mails.

PERSONAL NOTES. Postmaster Bigelow has just resigned as special lecturer of the Boston University Law school.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Bridegrooms pass and bridegrooms-to-be will fall with inward satisfaction symptoms of a change for the better in the custom which makes the bridegroom in society and fashion columns an obscure appendage to a wedding procession.

There is testimony before the senate canal committee to the effect that three sustaining meals a day can be furnished to canal laborers doing the hardest kind of work at not more than 30 cents a day, or less than 20 cents a meal. This may throw some light upon the county jail feeding graft here in Douglas county by which the sheriff is collecting from the taxpayers 45 cents a day for furnishing idle prisoners two very indifferently meals daily.

One witness testifies that he did not want to produce the books of the Fairbanks company because the packers had been enjoined from entering into a combination in restraint of trade, and in spite of this the attorney for the government was so cruel as to ask if the books showed that the injunction had been violated. Happily the judge prevented such an insidious attack upon the rights of a citizen from being successful.

The humor of the arraignment of the republican state assessing boards by the local popolectic organ rests upon recollection of its object silence when popolectic boards were making farcical assessments by which railroads evaded their taxes in much larger proportion than they have ever been able to do since the demopopics were ejected.

If the motion made by a New Jersey senator to declare the charter of the Standard Oil company forfeited is in good faith, it would indicate that the state is not so black as it is painted, since one official voice has the tenacity to declare against the colossal corporations which have made New Jersey famous.

Secretary Wilson tells of an experience in his campaign four years ago which is still somewhat of a mystery to him. As a whole, his speeches were highly successful. In many towns voters came up to say that they had been persuaded to support the republican ticket, which they had never done before.

A couple of Washington editors were talking about the various persons who make the life of an editor obnoxious to him by telling him how to run his paper. Colonel Charles A. Edwards of Texas, who was listening, took off his sombrero and ran his hands through his tangled hair.

"I know all about it," said he, in a reverberant, belated, which he intended for a confidential undertone. "I was an editor myself once down in Texas. One day a man came in and said to me: 'I came here to complain about this article you have in your paper today. I don't like it; its tone is undignified, its diction poor, it—'"

As a political prognosticator Major Alexander McDowell, clerk of the house, is reckoned without a peer in his end of the capital building in Washington. He called the nomination of McKinley in 1896 and Parker in 1904. He picked Reed for speaker in the fifty-fourth congress and Reed's successors in the chair—Henderson and Cannon. He has also been successful in calling the turn in the state nomination in Pennsylvania and at the national convention in the Keystone state he comes mighty near knowing all the ins and outs of Pennsylvania politics.

Newspaper men in Washington find it impossible to get within speaking distance of Senator Dewey these days. Formerly he was the most approachable of men, but now he has instructed the doorknopers not to bring him newspaper men's cards and it is impossible to get to see him at his house. One day last week the senator was hurrying into an elevator in the capitol when he saw that two correspondents were there. He at once drew back and hurriedly walked down a corridor out of sight.

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BOOSTING THE FRUIT BUSINESS. Reduced Rates of Transportation Promised for the Summer. California fruits should be cheaper in the markets of the middle west and east next summer than they have been heretofore. The refrigerator lines of the Santa Fe and the Armour, which together control the business of transporting east the fruit crops of California, have agreed on a considerable reduction of rates. The reduction per carload from Sacramento to Chicago will be 20 cents in New York, 15 cents in Philadelphia and 10 cents in Boston.

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