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## WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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Breeders of Shorthorns have adjourned to Kansas City to meet the breeders of long-horns.

With British unionists teaching a practical lesson of disunion, Irish hope for a home parliament should be stimulated.

The demand for the revival of the discarded proxy system in republican state conventions will be considered as with drawn.

Ten soldiers dying from drinking wood alcohol is another argument in favor of re-establishment of the army canteens.

If Texas and Colorado should fail to attract national attention when pitted against each other, the great southwest would be ashamed.

We are now approaching the firing line of local politics and tattooed candidates had better get to the rear before they get shot to pieces.

A very serious problem confronts the Board of Education. Shall Gaelic be introduced side by side with French and German in the public schools?

Governor Johnson of Minnesota is optimistic in the extreme if he really thinks "Tom" Lawson can do anything to surprise the American people.

Harvard has formally declared against foot ball. Now it is up to some good friend to endow a Harvard professorship to teach the history of civilization.

With the United States representing France at Carnes and Venezuela at Paris, it is possible the Department of State will be compelled to keep secrets from itself.

The emperor of Corea has heard from Alcibiades too late. His effort to establish international control of his dominion should have been suggested before it made his new regulations.

After the political time-servers at the state capitol shall have completed making the nominations for all state offices to be filled this year, the rest of Nebraska may possibly take a hand.

In Governor Cummins' announcement of his willingness to run for a third term Editor Perkins can realize what havoc his candidacy has already played in the ranks of the tariff rippers.

Iowa may rejoice in the destruction of its only democratic congressional district, but with another sure seat it will, not necessarily add to the harmony which should prevail in the dominant party.

Italy's new cabinet is composed of conservatives, republicans and radicals, showing that party lines have been wiped out somewhat on the banks of the Tiber as well as on the banks of the Potomac.

Chicago is beginning to pile up coal in anticipation of a strike. Here is another reason for hoping the miners and operators will get together; that the men who hope to profit from the distress of the consumers may be taught a lesson.

A change is being made in the engineer-in-charge of government work on the Missouri river by the transfer of the officer who has filled that position for the past six years. It will be just like the Big Muddy to go on a raging tear just to show the new engineer what it can do when so disposed.

## HOUSE PASSES RATE BILL.

By a nearly unanimous vote the house of representatives responded to the demand of the people for legislation regulating railroad rates. The measure passed is the result of careful deliberation and was thoroughly discussed. It was framed to meet the views and recommendations of President Roosevelt and is entirely acceptable to him. It was unanimously approved by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Of the seven republicans who voted against the bill some are probably opposed to any rate regulation, while others simply objected to certain provisions of the Hepburn measure. They will have an opportunity next fall to explain to their constituents the reasons for their action.

Interest in the matter will now center on the senate. Next week the committee on interstate commerce of that body will decide as to which one of the several bills it has under consideration shall be reported to the senate. The general opinion is that a measure essentially the same as the house bill will be reported and that after prolonged discussion will be passed. It is understood to be the sentiment in the house to adhere firmly to its bill and to accept no measure that changes its vital provisions. At all events the promise of legislation at this session regulating railroad rates continues favorable.

## JAPANESE COMPETITION.

It appears that Japan is invading the American market with articles that are sold, after paying duty, at prices with which our own manufacturers of similar goods cannot compete. The list of articles includes silk and cotton piece goods, millinery stock and innumerable articles of manufactured ladies' wear, earthenware and porcelain, tableware, jewelry and watches, umbrellas and parasols, and numerous articles of ornament and minor use. The greater part of these articles are said to be made by American machinery.

Referring to this a San Francisco paper remarks that while the manufacturers of machinery in this country are for the present enjoying a thriving trade with Japan, it is not a kind of export trade which in the long run will benefit this country. It thinks it a mistake to assume that the Japanese cannot operate intricate machinery with sufficient skill to make them dangerous competitors and plausibly suggests that the presence in our markets of Japanese goods which require intricate machinery amply demonstrates their ability to successfully operate it. The people of Japan have great aptitude in this respect. They learn quickly and it is not to be doubted that they will in time become as skilled in the use of all kinds of machinery as any other people. That they will become competitors of American manufacturers, both in our own markets and in the markets of the world, is to be expected. They are enterprising and progressive. But this should cause no alarm. 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