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

Southeastern Nebraska can make a hit with Omaha by getting its natural gas field developed before the coal strike begins.

Pat Crowe's alleged visit to the World-Herald office seems to have had a double object in view—arranging for a newspaper mousetrap and for a bondsman at the same time.

The delivery of Standard Oil mail to Waters-Pierce offices in St. Louis would indicate that the postal department had not been taking the Department of Justice entirely into its confidence.

It should be unnecessary to explain that members of the city council are nearing the ends of their official terms.

A law which would make divorce obtainable only for reasons recognized in the state where the marriage ceremony was performed would be logical, but might injure railroad passenger traffic.

A councilmanic ticket is said to have been agreed on by the democratic leaders. Why, however, should any valiant patriot lie down in advance of the primaries when we are to have a free-for-all?

Peripatetic evangelists at Sioux City, Des Moines, Chicago, Denver and Omaha should get together, as all of these places cannot be "the worst city in the United States" at one and the same time.

The Nebraska State Association of Commercial Clubs may not be in league with the express company monopoly, but its protest against the parcels post is just what the express company lobbyists would want.

Now that Westberg and Sjoberg have aided their castors in the ring as candidates for municipal office, Mr. Lobeck will find his claim as the only exclusive Swedish-American tenant in the city hall hotly contested.

If the sensational and conservative press would only give us a little breathing spell on the Longworth honeymoon the American people would have something to be thankful for. There is such a thing as slipping over too much.

Now, if the jury that tries the Beef trust should happen to return a verdict of not guilty, the Chicago clubs will have an opportunity to rise in their might and belabor that jury for playing a Pat Crowe game of progressive snoutage.

More trouble is said to be in sight for Nebraska cattle barons. But, really, are there any cattle barons in Nebraska?

We used to have cattle kings and cattle queens, but they all disappeared long ago with the buffalo and the prairie dog.

If the Moroccan affair goes to The Hague conference, the sultan of that country may think himself a bigger man than the sultan of Turkey, whose affairs have always been permitted to manage themselves regardless of consequences.

The Woman's club has registered its protest against the miscarriage of justice in the Crowe verdict. The Commercial club declares the acquittal of Pat Crowe a mockery, and the Fontaine club is on the verge of celebrating Washington's birthday by tomahawking Pat Crowe and singing its war song, "I could not tell a lie, I did it with my little hatchet."

IT IS UP TO GOVERNOR MCKEY.

"Shall we have a constitutional convention?" is the text of a speech delivered by H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln at the banquet given to the Nebraska Association of Commercial Clubs.

Nebraska should have a constitution that would give local self-government to all its cities. As they grow in importance their conditions differ widely; no general law can give best results to all cities alike.

In these healthful days of strong expression for better government, the people of Nebraska ought to put themselves on a constitutional basis to meet conditions not past, but present and future.

It is idle to talk about a constitutional convention at this time. A constitutional convention under the most favorable circumstances could not be held in less than four years.

At the instance of a western Nebraska banker, the Associated Commercial clubs of Nebraska have passed a resolution condemning Congressman Kennedy's postal savings bank bill.

The shortest path to constitutional revision is through the submission of amendments covering all the defective points by the present legislature which could be convened by the governor this spring or summer.

The whole thing is up to Governor Mickey. He has it within his power to call the legislature and define and outline in his call what amendments shall be submitted.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

There was a time when the anniversary of Washington's birthday was generally celebrated. There were parades, public exercises and oratory eulogistic of that great man.

It has been very truly said that above all Washington is our great national example. In this respect he still serves the country that he loved more effectively than in any other.

The Omaha Junior Bakery claims an average of 49,188 paid circulation for last week. "Compare this with the statement of any other Nebraska daily," shouts the red line speller.

The city of Odense, where Hans Christian Andersen was born April 2, 1806, has purchased his home for the purpose of transforming it into an Andersen house in which will be preserved objects associated with Denmark's best known writer.

The duke of the Abruzzi is personally superintending the preparations for the expedition which he has planned to Ruwenzori mountain, in eastern equatorial Africa, which is sometimes called "The King of the Clouds."

A country editor, now governor of West Virginia, is after the seat held by Senator Elkins. As the senator is originally from Missouri, the governor concluded evidently that he would have to do some "showing" and started that work by attacking the railroads.

ANOTHER ALARMIST.

Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, is another alarmist regarding the currency. He addressed the bankers of Chicago a few days ago, warning them unless something was done to make the currency of the country more elastic a panic such as visited the country in 1893 might be the result.

The bulletin of the census on Iowa manufacturers shows that with \$7,290,000 invested in 1905, the finished product of packing houses was \$30,074,070, while the lumber interests of the state, with about \$7,500,000 invested, produced merchandise to the value of \$5,610,772.

Insurance Deputy Pierce is traveling all the way from Nebraska to Kentucky to sign a report to be made by the committee of state insurance commissioners on their investigation of New York life

insurance companies. Why this report could not have been mailed to Mr. Pierce and the other members of the committee for perusal and signature is not at all clear.

In going on record in favor of the 2-cent maximum passenger fare in Nebraska, representatives of the commercial clubs of this state reflect truly the growing sentiment among all classes.

There are fifty-odd customs houses in the United States, of which the revenues do not begin to pay the official expenses of collection. Yet such is the cohesive attraction of public plunder that it is difficult to obtain a majority in congress to abolish this flagrant abuse.

Editorial Independence Declared.

Being a newspaper first, last and all the time, this paper will print all the news of all political parties and actions during the coming campaign. It will treat all politicians fairly and decently, going on the theory that a man is not necessarily a horse thief because he is a republican, a chump because he is a democrat or crazy because he is a populist.

Remedy for Overdone Coal. In Pennsylvania the great railway companies largely control the production of coal. In West Virginia, on the contrary, it is charged that the great coal company control the railways.

PERSONAL NOTES. Mr. Rockefeller comes so near owning the earth he must feel at home wherever he is. A New Yorker has just paid \$43,800 for five rats. Evidently he did not need these to raise the wind.

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Rank Villainy Condoned. Philadelphia Press. By this verdict one of the rankest pieces of villainy ever committed is condoned and approved. The kidnaper is released and encouraged to steal some other rich man's son and compel ransom, since a jury declares it is no crime.

Abolishing Cemetery Promoters. New York Tribune. The Iowa legislature has just passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to discharge freerackers or toy pistols on the Fourth of July.

It is said that only royalty rides first-class in Europe, and that only millionaires and suckers use cabs in New York. The drivers there seem to spend their time searching for suckers, and they resent the approach of a man who knows his business and who asks the fare before taking a seat.

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THUNDERINGS FALL TO FRIGHTEN. New York Commercial. In the matter of the threatened strike, the coal question seems to grow less and less portentous somehow as we approach spring.

Wall of the Troubled Spirits.

Chicago Record-Herald. Senator Elkins cannot understand why his rate bill is not taken seriously. It is, he protests, couched "in the very words" of the president. He should be reminded that it is the spirit that giveth life, not the letter.

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Encouragement of Lynch Law. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. An Omaha jury has now acquitted Pat Crowe, on the ground that the evidence against him was not sufficient.

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BRIGHT AND BREEZY.

"Tommy" asked the elderly friend of the family, "have the insurance people settled with your father since you had that fire at your home?"

"No, ma'am," answered Tommy, "but paw says the digester is comin' to see him about it tomorrow."—Chicago Tribune.

"Of course," said the gossip, "I don't know anything certain about her, but then one can put two and two together and make four."—Philadelphia Press.

"Do you think that sheer dishonesty wins in the long run for a politician?" asked one of his hearers, emphatically. "A man who resorts to sheer dishonesty in modern politics is like a vulgar card sharp who tries to sit in at a gentleman's game."—Washington Post.

"Well, Lent is approaching. I suppose you'll go into the usual sackcloth and ashes." "I'll go into sackcloth all right enough, but with coal going up in price I don't know that I can afford real antracite ashes."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Lear was making his remarks on the sharpness of a serpent's tooth. "That's nothing," replied a modern parent. "Just wait till you have paid out \$3,000 on your daughter's voice to hear her sing 'Newlywed Blues'."—New York Sun.

Herewith the King perceived that things really might be worse.—New York Sun.

WASHINGTON. Rome had its Caesar, great and brave, but he stain was on his sword. He lived the heartless conqueror, and died the tyrant's death. France had its eagle, but his wings, though lofty they might soar, were spread in false ambition's flight, and dipped in murder's gore.

These hero-gods, whose mighty woad would fain have chained the waves, Who flashed their blades with tiger-zeal, and made a world of slaves— Who, though their kindred barred the path, still fiercely waded on, Oh! where shall be their rest, and justice the challenge—sword to sword.

He fought, but not with love of strife— he struck but to defend. And, ere he turned a people's foe, he sought to be a friend. He strove to keep his country's right, by reason's gentle word. And sighs when fall injustice threw the challenge—sword to sword.

He stood, the firm, the calm, the wise, the patriot and sage; He showed no deep, avenging hate—no lust for despot rage. He stood for liberty and truth, and dauntlessly on he went. Till shouts of victory gave forth the name of Washington.

He saved his land, but did not lay his soldier's trappings down To change them for the regal vest, and don a kingly crown. Fame was too earnest in her joy—too proud To let a robe and title make a noble Washington. —ELIZA COOK.

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