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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.

Only one new star in the flag at a time is the senate's ultimatum.

It is to be hoped that Princess Ena's "castles in Spain" will be all that they seem.

"Harvey Logan" is reported as operating upon banks in the Argentine republic. The output of Montana is extending.

The announcement comes that Manchuria is resuming its normal conditions. The bandits must have resumed the warpath.

With a military train constantly under orders at Moscow the Russian "situation" cannot have reached the fatted calf stage.

Oklahoma will have the honor of being the richest territory ever admitted to the union, which may account for some of its troubles.

Fate was kind to President Fallières after all. He was not compelled to use President Loubet's second-hand cabinet for many days—but can make a better one?

Even Americans will approve the new Russian rule prohibiting the portrayal on the stage of royal personages in so far as the law is aimed at the so-called historical drama.

Now that the sentence of Mrs. Tolla has been commuted hysterical Americans will have to look for another case of mistaken (?) justice if they are to keep in practice.

The young king of Uganda has learned to ride a bicycle, but the dark deities of his domain will never know the real glories of civilization until they hear the foot of his automobile.

More recent disclosures in the field of high insurance finance lend color to the inference that no matter how much of a liar Tom Lawson is, a few truths got sandwiched in among his lies.

If the railroads are so cocksure that the supreme court would declare the rate regulation law unconstitutional, what are they making all this fuss about? But perhaps they are not so cocksure.

It might be well for all South American countries to send delegates to the pan-American congress at Rio de Janeiro to learn just what the United States proposes to do in the southern continent.

The Interstate Commerce commission has started to investigate railroads, oil and coal companies. If it keeps up the work as it has begun, Commissioner Gartin may be able to incorporate its report in his forthcoming volume.

The Missouri supreme court seems to be anxious to keep the Standard Oil company's head in the dark, as it has just decided that witnesses must answer questions and has fixed a date when the questions must be answered.

As the independent is sending two men from its editorial staff to report on conditions at the isthmus it would seem that neither Poutney Bigelow nor Frederick Palmer has filled the bill, although both reports taken together should satisfy the most diverse tastes.

Major Scott is accused of letting Moro outlaws build fortifications too close to Jolo. It will be in order now for the major to show that while the outlaws were busy on their works they were not troubling the peaceable natives, and the fort proved to be only a trap when the proper time came.

KEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

The preliminary campaign to the forthcoming municipal primaries has progressed far enough to disclose the position of the three principal candidates for republican support for mayor on the main issue at stake.

Ernest A. Benson, the candidate of the Fontanelle club, who three years ago ran independent as a populist after bolting the republican convention, has defined his attitude as one of strict law enforcement. He would bow to the line in applying penalties for the violation of every law or ordinance that happens to have found a place on the statute book, without regard to consequences.

William J. Broatch has not laid down a definite platform, but the championship of his candidacy by the combine of gamblers and dive keepers, leaves no room for mistake. Broatch would go the whole length to an open door to lawlessness and licentiousness.

August H. Hennings, on the other hand, presents himself not only upon the creditable record he has made as city treasurer for two terms, but he occupies the middle ground between the two extremes. To use the words of his own announcement, he "will stand for a rational, equitable and conservative enforcement of the law."

The passage by unanimous vote in the Iowa senate of an anti-pass measure prohibiting railroads, telegraph and telephone companies from issuing passes and franks to state and national officials is the latest among many notable signs of the strength of public sentiment demanding divorce of our politics from undue railroad influence.

The Iowa senate bill, whose scope will certainly not be narrowed before final enactment, is a distinct step in advance, although its provisions do not cover all the pass abuses requiring correction, and the logic and popular impulse back of it will cause further steps in the same direction in the immediate future.

Reasons of public policy equally require legal prohibition of the issuance or the acceptance of free passes for any political purpose whatever, especially to delegates to conventions, their nominees or aspirants before them for nomination, and to agents working in their interests.

This is the objective toward which public attention everywhere is now decisively directed, and state legislatures in their action are rapidly making progress toward it. It is significant that while the degree of legislative progress, dependent, of course, upon local conditions, varies among the states which have had recent opportunity to act, in no state has there been either indifference or retrogression as to the pass nuisance, and several have adopted sweeping and stringent prohibitions.

The prophets of evil concerning the Panama canal, whether prompted by interest or mere pessimism, are premature. Investigations, conflicting reports of flitting newspaper correspondents, charges and counter-charges, have not weakened the national determination that the great work shall be completed or public confidence that the present administration is doing, and will do, all that under the conditions could be done.

It is becoming clear that the difficulties which have been encountered were inevitable. They were greater than were anticipated, and it is easy now to see how misunderstanding, and to some extent conflict, which have contributed to temporary confusion in the public mind, have arisen between two groups of officials having the work in hand—those concerned with its engineering and those concerned with its sanitary phase.

It was natural that the general public, as well as professional engineers, impressed by the remarkable advance of engineering science and the improvement of the mechanical means at its disposal since the failure of the De Les-

seps attempt on the isthmus, should be over-sanguine for American accomplishment. But they failed to take into account the concurrent progress of sanitation as applied to tropical conditions.

Back of partisan and like considerations a very potent, although not conspicuously acknowledged, force operating on this question in all its complications is sectional interest, the east being distinctly and arbitrarily hostile to increase of western political influence.

Harper's Weekly follows up the projection by its editor of Woodrow Wilson as the next democratic candidate for the White House, setting out his good points and eminent qualifications in all earnestness and seriousness.

A new premier has been chosen for France and cabinet making has begun. It will be interesting to note what changes in the religious program will be proposed by M. Sarrien, who owes his elevation at this time to the dissatisfaction of the members of the French Parliament with the way the Rouvier ministry enforced the law which they passed.

Herr von Puttkamer, German governor of the Cameroons, has been recalled to face trial for cruelty to the natives, but when those natives know of the contempt accorded their fellows in the Congo Free State, they will probably decide to give the German governor a vote of thanks.

That New York engineer who is trying to convince the canal committee of the senate of the feasibility of his plans was unsuccessful in a similar attempt before a board of engineers, but it may take senatorial action to prove to him that he was not a victim of professional jealousy.

The New York legislature has passed a law providing for a state commission empowered to fix the maximum price for gas and electric light which any lighting company in the state may charge. Rest assured that places on that commission will command a high premium.

We hate to say it, but in the pictures of the king of Spain and his fiancée the latter appears to be the better man of the two.

The insurance companies are objecting to the recommendations of the investigation committee. However, there was no thought of pleasing them when it started.

In his management of affairs in the senate it would appear that Mr. Tillman had temporarily laid aside his pitchfork and was now deftly manipulating a sorghum spoon.

We are profuse in expressions of admiration for the courage of the Japanese in the late war, but we do not discover a continued interest in the giving of money for those of them who are dying of famine.

Don't begin to worry yet about the increase in the cost of tea. It is one thing to put prices up and another to keep them there. Business is business, and when it comes to producing the commercial article nature runs a mighty poor second to the machines.

Unshaken Popular Confidence in His Leadership. Leslie's Weekly. Certain groups of politicians and certain newspapers have been "wondering," to a suspicious extent, recently, whether President Roosevelt's popularity was not on the wane, and incidentally have been helping the waning business along by observations as to Mr. Roosevelt's alleged "unpopularity" and disposition "to do things" without the valuable advice and consent of congress—a tendency, they say, which is on the increase and is alienation from the president some of his former and strongest friends.

Happy is that happy maker. He has no friends who makes no foes. No man shortens his yardstick without shrinking his soul.

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