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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.

Attorney Jerome probably made a mistake when he sued two New York yellow journals for libel, as results show that their "every knock" was a boost.

Nebraska farmers may be delayed in their spring work by the snow, but when they are working overtime in the wheat fields this fall they will be more than thankful.

The order of the court in the matter of political prisoners would indicate that the government is satisfied that it has accomplished its purpose by keeping the liberal leaders from the ballot boxes.

Spanish generals are angry because a member of the Cortes intimated that they "grafted" in the lost possessions of Spain; but they are not as angry over the accusation as over the end of the graft.

It is not to be expected that Colonel Mann will be able to secure the same high personal consideration from the prosecuting attorney as was accorded the defendant when he was prosecuting witness.

California fruit growers seem to think that their business will be irreparably injured if they cannot route their products as they desire, but California real estate boomers will admit no such conclusion.

Russian newspapers are still printing lists of the soldiers killed in the war with Japan. One of these days Russia will realize that it was whipped, even though Japan never realizes that it won a victory.

It transpires that Moro women and children killed near Jolo were being used as defenses by the men. These misguided savages now probably realize that there comes a time when American gallantry ceases.

Those letters shown in the oil hearing at Kansas City may cause an increase in the force of traveling agents of the Standard Oil company, as it is safer to talk than to write, when it comes to evading laws.

Though former Premier Balfour has assumed the leadership for the British parliamentary opposition, it remains to be seen if the opposition can keep its head in the face of a liberal majority and a conservative leaning toward tariff reform.

Of course, the police board is not in politics, but if there is any Brough can use his position as a member of it to promote his ambition to be mayor, he will go the limit. If any one has any doubt about this, let him attend a meeting of the police board.

It is to be regretted that congress is affording so little opportunity for "good stories" by Washington correspondents that they are compelled to revise the president's cabinet for him at this time. Cabinet revision usually waits until the vacation of the lawmakers.

The fakes and forgeries of the municipal campaign seem to be making their appearance early this year. Their premature appearance should serve one good purpose in putting the voter on his guard against misrepresentation and falsehood as a political weapon.

W. Ernest Johnson, who is seeking the republican nomination for city comptroller, will be conceded one big credit mark by every good citizen. Mr. Johnson is a busy business man, but having been drawn on the jury he is serving. His devotion to public duty as a juror should bespeak well for his devotion to duty as a municipal officer.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

As William E. Gladstone won for himself the enduring appellation of England's "Grand Old Man," so Susan B. Anthony deserves the title of America's "Grand Old Woman."

Miss Anthony's passing at a ripe old age takes away the last survivor of a notable and brilliant group of reformers, whose achievements in behalf of human liberty and enlightened civilization far transcend the movement to establish electoral suffrage for women, with which her name is most generally associated.

Susan B. Anthony was connected more than fifty years ago with a group of famous patriots, including Horace Greeley, George William Curtis, Wendell Phillips, William Ellery Channing, Henry Ward Beecher, John G. Holland and Samuel Bowles and a circle embracing most of the literary celebrities of the period—men and women—as well as a large number of secondary lights in public life and the professions.

Her successful leadership is likewise due much that has been gained in removing from women the civil disabilities with which they were formerly burdened and giving them equal rights with men before the law and in the courts. Scarcely any advance step in the progress of women of this country toward civil and industrial independence has been made during the last half century in which she has not been a leading figure and a potent factor.

In the matter of achieving political suffrage for women Miss Anthony's efforts have not been so satisfactory. Those states, however, which have taken up with woman suffrage were led to do so in almost every instance as the result of a campaign in which she participated, either in person or on the platform or with her direction and advice.

Much of Miss Anthony's pre-eminent distinction as a woman among women was due to her unselfish devotion to her cause, and no matter how much her opponents may have disagreed with her, no one ever doubted her patriotism or her sincerity.

GENERAL WOOD'S EXPLANATION. The response of General Wood to Secretary Taft's prompt demand for a full explanation of the deaths of women and children in the recent battle with the Moros will go far to allay public feeling on a point in which Americans are extremely sensitive.

The humane sentiments which inspired Americans and won so much honor for them in all civilized countries as far back as their war for independence have in nowise been lost in the meantime, but are stronger now than ever before. Humane impulse is shocked even by the circumstances of military necessity, as General Wood describes them, which surrounded the fight with the fanatic and savage Moros.

THE COURT AND CHICAGO TRANSIT. The decision of the supreme court of the United States, sweeping away all the important contentions of the Chicago street railway companies regarding their franchises and rights under the acts of the legislature and the ordinances of the city, clears the way legally for putting into effect the policy of municipal rapid transit ownership to which the people and the city government of Chicago stand committed.

When a man seeks to break into office he frequently loses all sense of discrimination and perspective. That is the only theory on which can be explained Candidate Benson's public declaration that "the value of every piece of property in Omaha would be doubled by tomorrow noon if it were to go out to the world that Omaha were populated by no one of lesser character than those blipped up with him on

the Fontanelle reservation. What a millennium Omaha would enjoy if all its inhabitants were turned into Westbergs, or John Butlers, or Billy Saunderses, or Charles Unitts, or the other grafters or frauds masquerading under the Fontanelle banner of reform.

There seems to be a decided difference of opinion among councilman candidates as to the necessity for those who may be elected to devote any considerable part of their time to the management of the city business. Some of them have evidently heard that the city council corresponds to a board of directors for the municipal corporation and they have an idea that we are to elect dummy directors on the plan of the big insurance companies, with a \$1,500 salary as an honorarium for the use of their names on the official roster.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things for the Fontanelle members of the county board, who championed the sheriff's jail feeding vote, to come to the front again to graft the sheriff authority to reach into the county treasury for money to pay his deputies increased salaries when the law plainly contemplates that they shall be paid out of the fees of his office.

Big corporations are everywhere of the same clay—if there is any way for them to evade their taxes they will take advantage of it. The traction company down at Lincoln has just hypnotized the city council there into compromising a city tax bill of \$48,000 in consideration of a payment of \$14,280.

City Attorney Breen is quite correct in his declaration that political platforms are meaningless except in so far as they square with the records of the men seeking public favor upon them. All political promises and platitudes about reform count for nothing for a candidate who has never practiced what he preaches, or has studiously kept in the rear when there was fighting in the front.

It is all well and good for "Chawlie" Schwab to laugh at the story that he was at death's door, but there's a lot of other fellows just the same who have felt that way the morning after.

Evils of Water-Logged Stock. President Eliot of Harvard opposes dividends of stock because it is a secret device to increase the profits of the stockholders. A substantial objection to the payment of dividends in stock is that in the case of public service corporations it increases the capital upon which returns may be claimed without at the same time increasing the efficiency of the service.

Increase in Railroad Earnings. One hundred and fifty millions of dollars is a large sum for any industry to earn in one year, and yet this sum, great as it is, represents not the gross earnings, but the increased earnings of the railroads in this country last year.

PERSONAL NOTES. The Dominion of Canada will invite the king and queen of England to visit Canada when the new Quebec bridge will be opened.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Local papers are throwing hot air bouquets to John Boszoff, the Italian banker, whose son was kidnaped, held for ransom and released after two days' captivity. They applaud the courage of the kidnaper who refused to pay a dollar to the bank.

According to a decision handed down by Justice Blount in the supreme court, unions must prevail when the city is an employer. There is a statutory provision requiring the city to pay "the prevailing rate of wages."

James J. Carey, a painter who was employed in the city's repair shop, sued to recover an amount alleged to be due him as the difference between his daily wage as a painter in the city repair shop and the prevailing rate of wages.

Assertions are being made that Western tips are demoralizing waiters in hotels, waiters in the restaurants, cabmen and other dependents about town. New Yorkers are declaring that the westerner (and everybody from beyond Buffalo or Pittsburgh is called a westerner in the metropolis) comes to New York with his pockets full of tips and expects to get away with it.

That the youth of New York City show physical deterioration was abundantly proved the other day when the school board's committee on athletics reported that out of 100 lads examined only three could "chin" themselves—that is, draw themselves up by their arms on a horizontal bar until the chin rested upon it.

"Mr. Gates" said the magistrate, "I have heard of you before. You are a man of Wall street with millions, and you think you can do what you please. When you men have money you think you can do anything. Instead, men of your class should be an example to the community."

The "closed shop" has won another decision from the New York courts. A printing establishment in Brooklyn made an agreement with the unions in accordance with which the nonunion employees were discharged. Three employers are being sued for the old plan.

Civil service has been put in a new and highly interesting light by an occurrence lately in a federal court in New York. In a case involving misuse of the mails the complainant called the defendant a liar and a scoundrel.

The rubberneck wagon will have to change its route and visitors will have to eat their chop suey and bird's nest somewhere else if the proposition to wipe out the streets is carried out. Through President Abern has set March 20 for a public hearing before the local improvement board to establish a small park within the boundaries of Bayard street, the Bowery, Chatham Square and Park Row.

Senatorial Inconsistency. The senate has been notified that it will not stand by and see the sentiments of the Arizona single states outraged. But when it comes to giving the Filipinos a fair deal and a chance to earn a living the senate's sense of justice is conveniently atrophied.

Home Made. Have your cake, muffins, and tea biscuit home-made. They will be fresher, cleaner, more tasty and wholesome. Royal Baking Powder helps the housewife to produce at home, quickly and economically, fine and tasty cake, the raised hot-biscuit, puddings, the frosted layer-cake, crisp cookies, crullers, crusts and muffins, with which the ready-made food found at the bake-shop or grocery does not compare.

SMILING REMARKS. The army in Flanders had begun to sweat dreadfully. "We don't like to do it," explained one of the officers, "but, of course, we've got to back up General Sherman."—Chicago Tribune.

City Editor—You've got to quit using 'unnecessary words. There's a lot of redundancy of expression in this story. Reporter—I thought I— City Editor—Well, think again. You say "The deceased was a wealthy plumber." "Plumber" would have been sufficient.—Cleveland Leader.

Senator—I suppose you know, senator, that you have the reputation of being fabulously rich? Senator Lotens—No, I don't know that. But I know that the stories you hear about my riches are mostly fables.—Chicago Tribune.

THE TOYS. Coventry Patmore. My little son, who looked from thoughtful eyes. And moved and spoke in quiet, grown-up wise. Having my law the seventh time disobeyed.

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