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

Nebraska can smile through its deep snow while thinking how it is saved from the sleet which is damaging fruit in the south and east.

Now that Editor Perkins has captured the Iowa congressional delegation he will redouble his attention to the work of rounding up the common everyday Iowa voter.

Governor Cummins says he will mention no names when making his report on the Des Moines lobby.

It is estimated that it will require \$150,000 to pay the expenses of the oil, coal and railroad investigations...

Oklahoma may not be willing to stay out of the sisterhood of states until the war on the Mexican border is ended...

Some objection is made to the statement that railroads are represented on the floor of the senate...

The independent telephone people from the reply they have made to the Omaha Commercial club...

The speech of Senator Newlands would indicate that a large number of democrats are willing to take half a loaf at the hands of a republican president...

The czar is said to have been amazed at the stories told by Russian Jews regarding recent atrocities...

It seems to be more a case of inelasticity of facts than of instructions which troubles the delegates to Algeria.

With a loss of nearly \$11,000,000 through the decision of the United States supreme court...

It is to be hoped the majority of the coal miners will be as deeply impressed with the president's letter as Mr. Mitchell seems to have been.

The people of Omaha have had all they want of the notorious Westberg in the city comptroller's office.

Commissioner Cockrell exhibits in a marked degree that Missouri quality of wanting to be shown, and those who know the former senator as a campaigner will be inclined to think the Standard Oil company might as well come to show down first as last.

POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS.

To couple the proposition of amending the constitution so as to require the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people with a proposition extending the terms of members of the house from two to four years...

Under the most favorable circumstances that can be conceived it will be a tedious process to incorporate in the constitution a provision for the popular election of senators...

Without waiting for this the people of many states have proceeded to go as far as they can toward electing senators by means of direct primary nominations...

THE MINE WORKERS CONVENTION.

The tone of President Mitchell's address opening the convention of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis is conciliatory, as was to be expected from him.

President Roosevelt's note sent to Mr. Mitchell, urging the convention now in session as a means for composing the difficulties, if any proof were necessary, shows that no resource at his command will be left unexhausted to maintain industrial peace.

The losses and evil consequences of a general strike to the operators and mine workers themselves are so far-reaching and fatal that the closer contemplation of them ought to move both parties to every effort to avert what President Roosevelt rightly describes as "a public calamity."

PUBLIC OPINION AND RATE ABUSES.

The power of public opinion, when aroused by flagrant corporation abuses, was strikingly illustrated at the Kansas City oil hearing, wherein J. R. Koonz, general freight agent of the Santa Fe, testified that the decision of the roads not to resist in the courts the marked reduction of state rates on oil under last winter's legislation had been largely due to deference to public sentiment.

The Santa Fe official explained particularly that otherwise the rates would have been contested before this, and that the roads considered it would be better so far to submit to state authority than to invoke the resentment which resistance would arouse in the public mind.

The people of Kansas have themselves alone to thank for whatever benefits which they have enjoyed under the reduced and equalized local rates on oil transportation. That those benefits, both to independent producers and to the mass of consumers, are very important is obvious and admitted on all sides.

This notable tribute by a railroad official to the efficacy of aroused public sentiment ought to be an admonition to the people of every state who are suffering from wrongful exactions of

the big transportation corporations. No community any more than Kansas has ever yet secured relief from such abuses by a passive attitude which says to the corporations: "By your leave."

NO LAND LEASING LEGISLATION.

The declaration in Washington by Congressman Kinkaid that he would oppose any and all special acts to provide for the leasing of public lands in Nebraska for grazing purposes, practically sounds the death knell of land leasing legislation so far as the present congress is concerned.

The futility of the efforts of western Nebraska cattlemen to secure a leasing bill is plainly due to differences among themselves as to just what legislation is necessary or desirable to meet the necessities of the semi-arid region and the diversity of views seems to be based upon the fact that diverse conditions present themselves in different parts of the cattle country to which a single uniform rule cannot be satisfactorily applied.

A great transformation in the cattle raising industry in the northwestern part of Nebraska is evidently in progress and the exceptional advantages enjoyed by the great cattle corporations of former days almost at an end.

RULES FOR ASSESSMENT.

The new rules adopted by the State Board of Assessment for the guidance of county assessors cover a number of doubtful points that have been raised from time to time and open up new points of doubt, which will probably require court adjudication to settle.

In general the assessor is required by the constitution to list everything in the nature of property or franchises that is of marketable value, except so far as exempted because applied to religious, charitable or educational uses.

There is no room for question, however, that improvement has been made in the direction of more equal assessments for taxation under the new revenue law, but while room still remains for further improvement, the heat and only way to get these mooted points finally adjusted is to have them brought up for court decision in a proper case and then enforce the court's interpretation without discrimination.

While impressing upon the county assessors the necessity for them to do their full duty, the members of the state board should not forget that it is up to them, themselves, to lead the way by doing their full duty in the assessment of railroad, telegraph and car company property, whose valuation is fixed by the board.

The suggestion of the World-Herald that the market house building be transformed into a workhouse is, at least, worthy of consideration. Several objections would doubtless be raised against this plan, chief among them being that the market house is not suitably located for workhouse purposes, having no yard or grounds around it, and also that its failure as a market house under proper conditions is by no means established.

It is reported on good authority that the Nebraska democrats will make no nomination for United States senator in their state convention, nor even attempt to get an expression of preference from the rank and file by any kind of a direct primary system.

The Omaha Real Estate exchange is trying to grapple with the problem presented by the practice of real estate brokers accepting property listings where the same property is listed simultaneously with other brokers without limit, so that it is merely a chance as to which first effects the sale, while in the meantime the owner may dispose of his property direct without giving the broker any part in it.

It has been noted as a curious fact that at the present time no party in the English House of Commons is led by an Englishman. The prime minister, the leader of the opposition and the leader of the labor party are Scots and the Irish and Welsh contingents, of course, have their own leaders.

F. Reins of Rutherford, Minn., claims to have discovered the cause of the aversa borealis. In a letter to President Northrop of the University of Minnesota Reins declares that the northern lights are caused by the sun shining from the other side of the earth through snowstorms within the Arctic circle.

Having been converted to better ways of living, a former hobo has written to a western railway passenger agent specifying the number of his stolen journeys over the line and asking for a bill, which he proposed to settle as soon as possible.

The Woodmen of the World have acted wisely in deciding to make haste slowly in regard to proposed relocation of their headquarters. An organization like this can count on being dealt with

fairly by the people of Nebraska and it cannot afford to be put in the position of trying to avoid contributing its fair proportion of the tax burden of government either here or elsewhere.

Postmaster General Cortelyou is to be invited to attend the annual meeting of the state organization of postmasters in Nebraska, which is to be held in Omaha in June.

Major General Corbin says the recent outbreak of the Moros has no real significance, but it will be hard to convince the Moros of that after they examine their casualty list.

The supreme court of the United States is deciding that "I-refuse-to-answer" replies "don't go." And it is proceeding thereby to smoke out the Tobacco trust and bring the Paper trust to book.

A Timely Shake Down.

The Baltimore American.

A Possible Cue.

St. Louis Republic.

It may be worth mentioning that of the 175,885 barrels of cotton seed oil exported from the United States in the great oil market of Marseilles in 1905 only 1,343 barrels were made of refined oil.

Slaughtering the Helpless.

Washington Star.

A member of the Iowa legislature has attempted to get a hearing for the old idea of requiring physicians to take human life under certain conditions, which are commonly adjudged hopeless.

Dissolving Dividends.

The magnificence of Standard Oil dividends makes the average man gasp. In eight years that company has paid to its shareholders \$32,000,000, or more than three times the amount of the par value of its capital.

His case is a type of many revealed in divorce courts, and his story related in court conveys a useful lesson. "If I had been a poor man," he said, "I would have been happily married, but being rich I have to bear all the ills the rich are heir to."

IMPERFECT AMENDMENTS.

Efforts to Destroy Rate Regulation by Judicial Red Tape.

The amendments thus far proposed to the Hepburn bill by the opponents are all calculated to leave the regulation depending upon all the litigation, which is a delay of the determination of cases in courts. There would also remain the ultimate appeal to the highest court, which necessarily means delay; and inasmuch as all these delays benefit the transportation company and injure the aggrieved party, the imperfections are obviously a system that shall be more nearly just to both parties.

During fifteen months, beginning with July, 1904, New York City maintained a mendicancy squad, which was a detail of policemen in plain clothes to work in conjunction with the charity organization in the arrest of street beggars.

Discrimination was made in the arrests; some were known to be professional beggars and were taken. The experience of the squad, it is said, demonstrated that the great majority of beggars in the street were habitual mendicants, plying their trade because they found it more lucrative to be than to work.

It seems to be certain now that Chinatown, that squalid patch of lower New York embraced by Mott, Doyers and Pell streets, will soon be a thing of the past.

Better Than "Law Honesty." New York Mail.

Something more than new laws is needed to restore a social conscience to those seats of finance and commerce from which it seems to have been driven.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. James T. McQuade, a New York millionaire, is convinced by his own experience that money alone does not make life worth the living. There are other things more conducive to happiness and contentment. McQuade has money in abundance, but his home is wrecked, his family scattered. His case is a type of many revealed in divorce courts, and his story related in court conveys a useful lesson. "If I had been a poor man," he said, "I would have been happily married, but being rich I have to bear all the ills the rich are heir to." IMPERFECT AMENDMENTS. Efforts to Destroy Rate Regulation by Judicial Red Tape. The amendments thus far proposed to the Hepburn bill by the opponents are all calculated to leave the regulation depending upon all the litigation, which is a delay of the determination of cases in courts. There would also remain the ultimate appeal to the highest court, which necessarily means delay; and inasmuch as all these delays benefit the transportation company and injure the aggrieved party, the imperfections are obviously a system that shall be more nearly just to both parties. During fifteen months, beginning with July, 1904, New York City maintained a mendicancy squad, which was a detail of policemen in plain clothes to work in conjunction with the charity organization in the arrest of street beggars. Discrimination was made in the arrests; some were known to be professional beggars and were taken. The experience of the squad, it is said, demonstrated that the great majority of beggars in the street were habitual mendicants, plying their trade because they found it more lucrative to be than to work. It seems to be certain now that Chinatown, that squalid patch of lower New York embraced by Mott, Doyers and Pell streets, will soon be a thing of the past. Better Than "Law Honesty." New York Mail. Something more than new laws is needed to restore a social conscience to those seats of finance and commerce from which it seems to have been driven. THE WAY TO DO IT. Anonymous. Exercise three times a day; Feed yourself on simple fare; Mostly made of bran and hay; Sleep in the open air; Never give way to your fears; Sleep just like a baby; Then you'll live a hundred years—May be. Do not dispute with men who wear Larger Hats than you; Do not give way to despair; Think the rent is due; Do not waste your strength in tears; As for trouble, scold it; Then you'll live a hundred years—May be. Do not umpire baseball games; Do not for office run; Do not call a fellow names; Think the rent is due; Unto wisdom lend your ears; Shun the man who sneers; Then you'll live a hundred years—If you don't die sooner. Coal, Wood, Coke, Kindling. We sell the best Ohio and Colorado Coals—clean, hot, lasting; Also Rock Springs, Illinois, Hanna, Sheridan, Walnut Block, Etc. For general purposes, use Cherokee Lump, \$5.50; Nut, \$5.00 per ton; Missouri Lump, \$4.75; Large Nut, \$4.50—makes a hot, quick fire. Our hard coal is the SCANTO 4, the best Pennsylvania anthracite. We also sell Spadra, the hardest and cleanest Arkansas hard coal. All our coal hand screened and weighed over any city scales desired. COUTANT & SQUIRES 1406 FARNAM Phone 924.