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WHEN OUT OF PRINT. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

These snow slides in Colorado caution close inspection of dikes along the Platte before the thawing time arrives.

The weather man has made a good try at producing a second ice crop, but the prospects of pulling down next summer's prices are very poor.

Strange, it is not, how so much reforming energy in the city council seems bottled up until the last few weeks of expiring terms of the reformatory members.

Nebraska's governors have been invariably long-lived, but those who are to come will have to lead the simple life to match the eighty-six golden years of Governor Thayer.

Count Witte is said to have heart trouble. The reception which his program has received at the hands of radicals of both factions has been enough to affect the heart of any man.

The report that the health of Chairman Shonts is broken leads to wonder if America is to follow the lead of France in making the isthmian canal a grave of brilliant engineers.

The first of the year, when the new broom began sweeping at the court house, seems to be sufficiently far behind us now for every office in the county building to ask for more clerical help.

The alleged advice of Daniel Webster to "see what the London Times wants and do the other thing," is forcibly recalled by the discussion in the British Parliament regarding the American ship subsidy bill.

Neutral delegates at Algiers evidently intend to make Germany and France agree or show their real intentions, though the rivals may prefer to divide power with each other rather than share it with the world at large.

Now that a mail sack, accidentally thrown under a train, has caused a wreck, traffic managers will not be living up to their opportunities if they do not make the incident an excuse for advancing the price of hauling the mails.

General Kourapatkin blames the Russian system for the defeat of his army in the orient. The "system" has almost as much a load as it will bear at present and some of the blame should be placed on the people trying to keep it in operation.

If Governor Mickey wants further proofs that one of his police commissioners is in politics, he can have it by examining the records of the board, which show personal politics to be paramount to public business with W. J. Brotch.

Engineer John F. Wallace may be mistaken regarding the Panama canal, but all will admit that he speaks from experience when he refers to railroads and his suggestions regarding the road across the isthmus are worthy of consideration.

In the passage of words between Senator Elkins and Governor Cummins the former has the advantage of holding the records, while the latter is reinforced by the popular impression that for all practical purposes his story might as well be true as false.

The suggestion that courts issue no temporary restraining orders in rate litigation until both sides to the controversy have been given a hearing is one some people think might be generally applied with little danger of injuring the real interests of litigants.

JOHN MILTON THAYER. John Milton Thayer, Nebraska's distinguished citizen, soldier and statesman during the storm and stress period of its transition from territory to statehood, has passed away in the fullness of years laden with the honors of long public service.

Born in 1820, during the era of good feeling under the presidency of James Monroe, he has lived to die during the era of good feeling under the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. In that period of eighty-six years he has witnessed all the stirring events and varied chapters of history out of which the United States has risen to its present commanding position as a great world power.

As to the power of congress, however, the ablest lawyers do not agree. It is a suggestive circumstance that the two senators from Texas, both supposed to be friendly to strict control of the carriers, and both among the strongest legal minds in the senate, differ diametrically as to this power.

THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT. The decision of the federal supreme court in the Tobacco case has hardly been announced before the officers of the subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil trust come forward at the double-quick to testify in the Missouri court proceedings with facts concerning those companies as to which they would heretofore have pervertedly refused to answer at all.

IN A SINGLE DAY'S HEARING AT St. Louis the state was able, after the epoch-making decision of the supreme court had been digested by the witnesses, to establish the identity with the Standard Oil interest of the three oil companies doing business in Missouri, a result which it had been vainly endeavoring for many months to reach. The papers, books and records of the subsidiary Standard Oil corporations were produced before the court's special commissioner as called for and the officers themselves were as responsive as they had previously been obstinately silent.

ENGINEER WALLACE'S STATEMENT. The statement of John F. Wallace, late chief engineer of the Panama canal, before the senate committee summing up his conclusions with reference to the canal work, throws into bold relief not only the difficulties which are inherent in isthmian conditions, but also those which arise from carrying on the work under direct government agency.

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DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION as city treasurer A. H. Hennings has turned back to the taxpayers more than \$50,000 in interest earned on deposits of city funds. During a large part of this time the county, under a democratic county treasurer, got nothing whatever in the shape of interest on county funds. The man who would scrupulously look after the interests of the taxpayers as custodian of their funds may be counted on to look after their interests scrupulously as mayor.

THE BURETT JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION bill to create an additional federal court for Nebraska has been reported favorably in the senate. No one in Nebraska,

board of consulting engineers, condemns the execution of canal work under the government instead of letting it out as a whole under contract, advises separation of the railroad from the canal management and in many other respects recommends different methods from those which are being followed.

THE POWER OF INJUNCTION. No more interesting point has been raised in the rate bill discussion in the senate, either in its purely legal aspects or in its practical consequences, than the question whether the power of the inferior federal courts to suspend by injunction a rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, pending final judicial decision, can be constitutionally limited or taken away by congress.

LOOK ACROSS THE BORDER. Across the border, in Canada, a commission is quietly extending all powers ever proposed to be conferred on our Interstate Commerce Commission, with no power of the courts to interfere, and not a single railroad corporation has made any complaint. There is not, we think, a civilized or uncivilized country on earth except the United States where the authority is not exercised by the legislature, or by legislative authority, without any impairment of the rights of carriers.

AN EFFECTIVE ILLUSTRATION. The official stenographers of the house have reported so far this session about 17,000 words, with the session perhaps a little more than half over. There is a busy, talking time to come, however, and the full bill will probably be about 6,000,000 words for the session. That is outside of the committee hearings, which will be more than half as much additional, so that the house will settle the printing of the bill that has been made by or to its members while at work on the floor or in committee rooms, approximately 10,000,000 words. The senate will easily double that, if it does not exceed it, although the senate often sits only four days a week, while the house is always busy at least five days a week, with the session perhaps a little more than half over. There will be a round total of 30,000,000 words thus uttered at this session. Figured on the basis of the money appropriated by the session, these words will cost the country about \$35 each.

THE POSTAL DEFICIT. Its Real Cause is Exorbitant Rates Paid Railroads. San Francisco Chronicle. There is a heavy annual deficit in the postal service which can no longer be accounted for by vast amounts of unproductive territory. The great west is filling up and the great east as well, and the ratio of unproductive territory is getting small. Now it must not be forgotten that even as things are there would be no deficit if all mail matter were paid for. The postage on the free matter carried for the last fiscal year cost the government \$10,000,000, which is more than the deficit of that year. There is no reason why this expenditure should not be charged to the department, covered by appropriation, and prepaid like other matter, instead of saddling the entire burden on the postoffice.

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however, has been able to discover any unquenchable demand for another set of federal judges, marshals, clerks and attorneys, although there are doubtless plenty of self-sacrificing patriots willing to serve their country in these remunerative capacities.

Overriding the Act. Chicago News. Some senators who are ostentatiously snapping their fingers at the corporations should beware of overriding it, for the corporations may think that they really mean it.

A Greatful Contrast. New York Tribune. When General Thayer was to risk his lives in the work of rescue at the great French mining disaster, a grateful contrast is provided to the international bickering and menaging there have been over the Moroccan dispute.

A Quotation Settled It. Kansas City Star. When Mr. Canner, turning toward the senate chamber yesterday, thundered: "On what meat doth this our Caesar feed that hath grown so great?" It was all up with the speaker, and the answer came: "Do you want meat?" "I don't know," came back the answer. "Well, I haven't time to be fooling around here, do you want meat?" insisted the speaker. "Who are you, anyway?" "This is the government hospital for the insane," came back over the wire. "If you think you ought to be here, why come along."

Contempt of Country. Philadelphia Record. The richest man in the country—probably the richest man in the world—has for months past been a fugitive and in hiding. The process-server is after him. He is sought for as a witness before the courts. He keeps out of the way and baffles the orderly administration of justice lest he should be obliged under oath to tell the truth about shady business transactions. It is contempt of the country by the man who has the greatest financial stake in the protection which the laws afford him.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The importance of carefully scrutinizing contracts for "the jobs," especially when contracts are made with lawyers who take cases on contingent fees, was brought to light in a Washington court the other day. Some four years ago nearly one hundred naval officers on the retired list sought a readjustment of pay under the naval personal act. A firm of lawyers made contracts with most of the officers involved, agreeing to prosecute the cases for 20 per cent of the advance pay that might be secured. Soon after the contracts were signed the discovery was made that the lawyers, if successful, would have a claim on 20 per cent of the advance pay during the officers' lives. The back pay would net the lawyers \$60,000 alone, and the life claim would run into hundreds of thousands. The lawyers lost the test case. Subsequently the attorney general decided in favor of the officers in a similar case brought up by an officer who did not join in the contract. The lawyers then sued to enforce their contract, but the court sustained the contention of the officers that the contract lawyers lost their case and that the contract was annulled by the decision.

The famous old war frigate Constitution "Old Ironsides" is to be saved from rotting to pieces at its dock at the Boston navy yard, and will also escape the worse fate recommended by Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte of being used as a target for the guns of the North Atlantic fleet. The gallant old craft is to be patched up and rehabilitated, so it may indulge in an occasional cruise in mild weather.

This is the decision of the house committee on naval affairs. It is estimated that it will cost just \$600 to restore the Constitution to a decent condition. The Constitution is figuring prominently in a vaudeville act being played at one of the local theaters this week after a medley of patriotic songs sung by a man dressed as Uncle Sam and a chorus of girls. The man appeals to congress in the song to save the Constitution from ignoble death by decay. As a fitting climax at the end of the verse the drop curtain shows the frigate in the thick of an engagement with the British fleet.

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Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

DeWitt Times-News: A direct primary law will be a long step toward clean elections. Candidates for legislature will need to tell what they think of it.

Schuyler Free Lance: If the people of Omaha want a change and desire to get rid of their thieves and murderers they must begin at the fountain head and kill off such chaps as Broatch and see that Dahlman is not elected.

Wayne Herald: Every delegate who sits in the next Nebraska republican convention ought to pay his own railroad fare to the city where the convention is held, and then he will be under obligation to no person or persons for favors granted and will truly represent the independence so much talked of and so seldom practiced.

Freemont Tribune: Pastor Ludden is a good and useful citizen, but his political affiliations are hardly such as to justify belief that he would fit into the plan of the rank and file of the party to do business in a new way. The lieutenant governor is the presiding officer of the state senate and he will next time have to be in the fullest harmony with the square deal.

McCook Republican: The suggestion of the Republican of W. B. Rose as the republican candidate for the office of attorney general, to name one thoroughly qualified for the position, a non-official, a successor to Norris Brown, and not a machine or press-bulletin-made candidate, has met with much approval by the press and by everyone who knows him, regardless of politics. Rose is all right if he can be induced to run.

Auburn Republican: Already Congressman Pollard has got "next" to the Department of Agriculture and some very interesting and instructive information has been promised for the farmers in this district, in the spraying of fruit trees, and the introduction of new varieties of corn, wheat and alfalfa. Now give Mr. Pollard a chance to show us he is made of the right stuff, by re-nominating and electing him for a full term longer of two years.

Grand Island Independent: The Omaha Bee is becoming quite insistent that appropriations by congress for public buildings are mere "pork." And the Bee has no use for "pork." Possibly, however, the fact that the federal business in Omaha has now been provided for, by the way of liberal appropriations and a proper building, in which to transact such business, may have something to do with its amended view in regard to the matter. No one will disagree with The Bee that there have been cases when appropriations have been made not so much, apparently, with regard to the necessity for them brought about by the increased business of the government, as for the purpose of bolstering up political prestige. But The Bee should not make the sweeping statement, or any statement leading to the inference, that all appropriations of such a nature are without merit.

Speaking in Missouri District. Now Hon. Champ Clark, the Pike county Pitt, hits the ceiling of the house with his sublime head, and says: "We spend nearly the whole day jowling about corporations."

"Jowling," we think Missouri for the word. It speaks for itself. It looks like a first cousin of "jawing" a descendant of "jaw" or its brother, "jow." One dictionary admits "jowling" as a noun only: "Dial D. S. a dispute contention."

"Dispute" and "contention" are pale and pasty fellows by the side of "jowling." "Speaker Cannon had a jowling with the senate." "General Grosvonor had a jowling with his constituents." "Mr. Tillman is a great jowler." The language is enriched by the increased business of the pages of the dictionary fluster. Now that homespun's the only wear, why doesn't Mr. Clark make a whole speech in Missourian?

Nation's Lucky Day. Portland Oregonian. Judge Parker says Roosevelt didn't mean what he said when he declined in advance a third term. In other words, he thinks the president trifled with the truth. What the judge has always needed is an official mauler. We are finding out more every day about the great luck that befell the country November 5, 1904.

ACHILLE J. GISHI, a New York lawyer who was born in Italy and was formerly the Marquis de Savia, says he would "rather be an American citizen than any sort of a marquis."

Lord Curzon of Kedleston, will be the guest of honor of the Pilgrims at a banquet at the Savoy hotel on April 6. A number of members of the American branch of the Pilgrims have announced their intention of attending.

TALE OF A YELLOW DOG.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: In the running fight between insurance trustees in New York, Andrew Hamilton seems to have his adversary by the neck.

Chicago Inter Ocean: It just occurred to Andy Hamilton that it would do no harm to be something different from the rest of them, and his idea proved to be a happy one.

New York Post: As a contribution to literature Andrew Hamilton's "Tale of a Yellow Dog" deserves rank with Alfred Ollivian's "Bob, Son of Battle," and Jack London's "The Call of the Wild."

Chicago News: That Andy Hamilton got the money when the life insurance trustees were not looking and went out to squander it among state legislators for the fun of the thing is an idea that somehow will not look plausible.

New York Tribune: "The latest question in insurance circles seems to be, 'Who owns that yellow dog?' Hamilton kept him, but says he was not his, while the trustees are equally positive that they never knew there was such a beast, though they paid for his biscuit."

Philadelphia Record: The orator was mainly bent upon showing that there were other curs in the insurance business besides the "yellow dog." He certainly made a strong showing, and his opportunity of gathering accurate knowledge being unquestionable, there will be widespread interest in his further explanations of what he did with the vast sums of money placed in his hands.

FLASHES OF FUN. "Well, to make a long story short," continued the tireless man. "I'll help you," interrupted the weary one hesperately. "So long."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What did that famous hen say when the delegation of Swiss admirers called to congratulate her on her egg laying record?" "I answered 'but to my mind it serves chiefly to impress the frequency with which justice gets a black eye.'"—Washington Star.

"In Mrs. Schorner in?" asked the caller. "Yes, making a statement of the mid-air work in the boarding house." "She's in her room." "Are you sure?" "Yes, ma'am. I just overheard her taking a nap."—Philadelphia Press.

A heavy prop, supporting the scenery, fell to the stage with a crash. It made a noise like a dining room chair. She was saved by the circumstance of not being there.

However, the press agent managed to hang a column or two on the incident.—Philadelphia Press.

The Washington correspondent hastily called up the cabinet officer by telephone. "Fardon me for disturbing you, Mr. Blank," he said. "But will you please tell me whether or not the rumor that is in circulation as to your retirement is true?" "Yes, sir," answered the cabinet officer. "It is. I was just about to retire when you called me up the other night."—Chicago Tribune.

AN OVERWORKED WORD. New York Sun. A people's servant, hoarse of voice and bent with public cares, Was speaking to a crowd that reached From rostrum to back stairs; And as he spoke his audience Hurrahed and wept and laughed; And some one in the gallery yelled: "Lo! euliy, what's your graft?"

A lover whispered of his love Unto his heart's desire, She listened to his pleadings, Breathed in his words of fire; And then—could he believe it— Or had he gone quite daff? She purred: "Oh, George, it's lovely; But tell me, what's your graft?"

A missionary man of God, Climbed slowly to my knee, And, murmuring slow was hungry, She brought close to me Her mother brought the cup of milk, And as she slowly quaffed, The little innocent inquired: "Thy, mamma, what's your graft?"

We Trust Doctors. If you are suffering from impure blood, thin blood, debility, nervousness, exhaustion, you should begin at once with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the Sarsaparilla you have known all your life. Your doctor knows it, too. Ask him all about it. Then do as he says. We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines.