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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.

Perhaps a few days' idleness will give both miners and operators a better opinion of work.

The good old back beer season comes just in time to lend zest to the concluding weeks of the municipal campaign.

Mr. Robbins evidently believes that a bad compromise is better than a good fight when the people of the entire nation is affected.

Great Britain is to spend \$15,000 in advertising for recruits for its army. This does another "Yankee" idea gain headway abroad.

The snow blockade in Colorado is broken and the country may prepare for blockades by flood in the lower Mississippi valley.

The Congo commission reports in effect that King Leopold has managed affairs in a proper manner, but should change his methods.

Mrs. Storer and Mrs. Morris have learned that sex is no excuse for foolishness when dealing with the occupant of the White House.

Indian records at Muskogee have been stolen, showing that the "speculators" are letting nothing escape before the tribes are disbanded.

The integrity of Morocco is assured and now European statesmen might turn their attention to making unquestioned the integrity of its ruler.

The self-styled Good Government league admits that it got the cart before the horse and it has therefore unhitched and gone back to the stable.

By the time Japan has solved the problem of national ownership of the railroads the United States will have discovered some constitutional plan of regulating them.

The Omaha Grain exchange insists upon maintaining its separate identity. For a two-year-old the new Grain exchange is a vigorous youngster, quite able to stand alone.

That Sioux Falls man who could not find a preacher in Connecticut to marry him because he had been divorced should have stayed at home, where the preachers are not so particular.

The United Irish society is planning another campaign in the United States. It would pay Irishmen in America to do what they can to have members of the British Parliament placed on a salary.

The competing claimants for the \$5,000 prize hung up by the last legislature for the first discovery of coal in Nebraska in paying quantities should get together and divide the pot before it eludes their grasp altogether.

Swedish-American voters should remember that three years ago John Butler ran by petition for the express purpose of beating an eminently respected Swedish-American who had secured the republican nomination for building inspector.

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So far as the provisions of the law go, votes for candidates for nominations to offices that are not to

POPULAR CHOICE OF SENATORS.

The democratic World-Herald, which has been vociferously demanding direct primary nominations when not within reach, is openly opposed to direct primary nomination of candidates for the democratic state ticket this fall.

The plan to submit the names of all senatorial aspirants to an expression of popular preference on the regular ballot at election time might be feasible if all agreed to do so and all legislative candidates agreed in advance to stand by the candidate in his own party who made the best showing.

The constitutional expression of preference at the election, however, would unquestionably be better than a knock-down and drag-out fight in the legislature, or a barter and sale market in a state convention.

Agreement on a judicial review amendment to the Dilliver-Hepburn bill by the known friends of that measure marks an important stage in its progress in the senate.

It has been the view of many of its strongest advocates, including the president himself, not only that the constitutional right of appeal would exist in any event, but also that the validity of the bill would not be impaired if express review provisions were not made in it.

The fact that President Roosevelt approves any proposed amendment will be accepted by the public as assurance that it surrenders no substantial point in the struggle for rate control.

The public has justly looked with extreme suspicion on the obstinate efforts in quarters hostile to the bill to enmesh the findings of the commission to the utmost in judicial proceedings.

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CONTROL VS. OWNERSHIP.

It is hardly worth while for the present to speculate on the application in our country of the plan of government ownership of railroads which has been adopted in Japan, or to take seriously the calculations which have been made in Washington, to the effect that on the basis of purchase in Japan, or a capitalization at 5 per cent on the average annual net earnings during three years, it would require \$12,500,000,000 to buy outright the American roads.

In point of fact ownership involves most of the difficulties which are involved in control, besides many others. The fixing of a valuation for purchase implies precisely the prerequisite to control of roads as to charges on a basis of fair compensation for the investment in them.

There is this advantage of the control over the ownership method, that it affords more opportunity for progressive application. Government can direct its course in the light of experience as each step is taken.

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According to the anthracite coal operators there are 8,000,000 tons of the precious stuff stored within 100 miles of New York.

If all that the New York politicians are saying about each other is true, no wonder Commissioner Bingham is calling for 3,000 more police.

The Algecras conference, it appears, without the presence of the American element, couldn't have got unanimous enough to carry a motion to adjourn.

Because of unpaid poll taxes only six citizens are qualified to vote at the coming election in Virginia Beach, Va. A mayor and a town council of six are to be chosen, somehow. One of the disqualified voters is the present mayor.

A young lady who accepted a proposal of marriage by telegram repeated "yes" ten times in order to get the full allowance of words. When the matter was cleared up the lucky man was glad to know he was to get so thrifty a wife.

Leutenant Schmidt, who was shot at Otchakoff on March 19 for his leadership of the mutiny in the Black Sea fleet at Sevastopol, transferred, just before his execution, his whole fortune, amounting to \$100,000 to the revolutionaries.

A Hungarian blacksmith recently sent as a present to the emperor of Austria a horseshoe, a pair of pincers, a file and a knife, all ingeniously nailed to a goose's egg without the egg being broken. The emperor sent in return his photograph, a gold medal and 50 ducats.

Dr. Ballabone, an ex-staff captain of the Italian army medical corps, has enriched the English language with a word that will no doubt become popular. Atrahalgemion is the name he gives to a new remedy for neuralgia, rheumatism and all gouty affections which he has discovered after many years of experiment.

Mr. Rounder (sarcastically)—Going to "Jodeg" again, eh? Suppose some of your crowd is going to ride the "goat" tonight? Mr. Rounder (heavily)—No, not the goat this time, my dear. We're going out on a little lark.—Cleveland Leader.

"I suppose you are ready to stand between the public and the railroads?" "I don't know," answered Senator Borah, thoughtfully. "What is the use of deliberately getting caught in a collision?"—Washington Star.

Lady—No, I can never be yours. Gent—Then farewell forever! Lady—You aren't going to harm yourself. Gent—No, I'm going to marry somebody else.

Lady—Dear boy, won't you give me another week to consider?—Cleveland Leader. Horatius was about to his bridegroom. "The stakes are a little high," he murmured, "but I'll see it done."

Whereupon the opponents made it no trumps and Horatius led with a club. Later on he scored the odd trick and all the honors.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Friend of the Family—Your rich old uncle died of softening of the brain, I hear. Artfuluck (who got nothing)—Softening of your granny? He died of ossification of the heart.—Chicago Tribune.

Oh, you really believe it true that old Gamgee is worth a million? "Guess it must be true. He's having searchlights put all over the grounds."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Oh, the seasons that we spent there when the whole wide world was young; The friends we've had as pals and lad, The sorrows that we've had to share; The echoes of their music cannot quite have died away; But still must thrill the profuse of the Castle Yesterday.

And the loving hearts we knew there in the time of trust and faith; Surely they must be behind us in the Pantheon of youth! But the angel of the valley at the portal bars our way; And a flaming sword forbids us from the Castle Yesterday.

When the pilgrimage is ended, may we turn them, may we change; To the vanished and familiar from the present and the strange? Who no longer has his heaven—I shall be content to stay; Where the ghosts of dead years wander through the halls of Yesterday.

It is quite evident that there is no beef trust in Argentina. It is reported that beef chieftains there that cattle are valuable chiefly for their hides. Just thought of being surfeited with porterhouse steaks!

If I am to vote your convictions on this matter instead of mine I might send you my proxy and stay in Wyoming," said Mondell. "The only thing I would lose would be mileage."

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