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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.

For best election returns always read The Bee.

But what more could Banker Sorrow have expected with that name?

A vacancy on the Water board at good pay and no specially onerous duties awaits some democrat who has the pull.

San Francisco refugees, who seem to have a decided distaste to living on regular army rations, forget that it is the food of heroes.

Now that an automobile has saved a bank from failing, some depositors in Ohio will have more leniency toward people arrested for fast driving.

It is doubtful which is doing Governor Cummins the greatest damage in Iowa at the present time, the enmity of Senator Ellkins or the friendship of John Sharp Williams.

It remains to be seen how far the strike of sailors on the Great Lakes will affect railroad rates; but it is highly probable that the rebaters will know the most about it.

The Grim Reaper is doing fast work with shining marks in his harvesting in these parts. Two former governors and one mayor within a month is somewhat out of the ordinary.

The expulsion of alleged anarchists from France shows that the government is more lenient with them than with royalists, who are contemplating in prison the enormity of their unbelief.

Chairman Phelan's reference to the governmental guarantee on Pacific railroad bonds is unfortunate unless the city by the Golden Gate contemplates going into the hands of a receiver.

Kentucky has surely recovered from the shock of the California disaster. Dispatches from Breathitt county indicate that normal conditions prevail, one family being besieged in its home by an anchor.

Now, if Omaha and South Omaha had only been consolidated, no one would ever have undertaken to make the point against a candidate for office that he was engaged in business in South Omaha instead of Omaha.

The report that the upper Yukon river has been rendered as safe as a canal at an outlay of \$175,000 would indicate that Canada can give the United States valuable pointers on expenditure of the annual river and harbor appropriations.

A Florida department store manager has issued an order forbidding female employees from having pockets in the dresses. If this store detective can find the prohibited pockets he will prove himself the superior of the average Sherlock Holmes.

It is announced that Russia will start an official newspaper distinct from the Official Gazette. Recent developments have no doubt converted the czar to a belief in the power of the press; but to be powerful it must be free and this is something beyond Russian understanding.

From the fact that Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials have withdrawn from subsidiary coal companies the only inference is that the legal department thinks it has discovered a means of accomplishing similar results by another method. It is a poor corporation lawyer who cannot devise a plausible plan of evading the law, at least temporarily.

CONGRESS TO DATE.

With five full months of the session of congress gone and a point already reached within a few weeks of the ordinary time of adjournment, a fact not heretofore much noted—namely, that practically no legislation has yet been finished—is rising conspicuously in the public mind.

Congress met with a number of questions of great importance before it to be dealt with, in addition to the paramount public demand for more efficient and thorough control of transportation corporations. Among these were the Panama canal, a matter requiring immediate action; the statehood question, Philippine legislation, Chinese exclusion and the Santo Domingo treaty, besides not a few other subjects of great but not so pressing concern.

That important and vital part of the work of congress which relates to appropriations still remains unfinished. Of all the great appropriation bills only one has as yet been finally acted on, and consideration of some of the rest is yet to be begun.

It is certainly high time for congress to move. True, the fault does not lie so much with the house, which in good time sent not a few measures to the senate, where they have been held up, but whoever deserves the blame the fact remains that months have passed and the business of the session has not been transacted.

CLOSE OF RATE GENERAL DEBATE. The public will receive with a sense of relief the announcement that the senate has agreed to begin Friday on amendments to the rate bill, although there was failure to agree on a date certain for voting on the bill itself.

The transfer of Commissioner McVann from the Commercial club to the Grain exchange is the former's loss and the latter's gain, but simply places the services of a capable official where he can exercise his ability in a more effective manner for the good of our business community.

DIVORCING RAILROAD AND COAL. The sudden disposal by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad of its majority holdings of the stock of a coal company owning and operating mines on its lines probably foreshadows like action on the part of many other roads.

The death of John H. McColl at Lexington removes another prominent figure in Nebraska politics. "Jack" McColl, as he was familiarly known, was the republican candidate for governor in 1896, but went down under the tidal wave of Bryanism which swept the state in that year.

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ing and dangerous monopolies that exist today grow out of this part of perverted transportation corporation power.

It is an encouraging sign when one of the great roads of the eastern coast region divests itself of the complication involved in being a shipper of coal over its own lines in competition with other shippers who are at its mercy, but it is only a beginning of one of the greatest and most needed reforms in the history of railroads.

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who help out in it will be deserving of highest praise.

Rest for "Poor Richard." The varied details of the Franklin celebration seem now to have been gracefully concluded, and the good old doctor may be considered as securely enrolled among the immortals—as securely as he has been for the last hundred years and more.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

The curtain was rung down on the closing scene of a highly interesting wedding when a Brooklyn court granted a decree of divorce to a Brooklyn woman last Saturday.

The bridegroom admitted all the charges made by his uncle and, hurriedly putting on his hat and coat, fled from the house. Jumping into the carriage that had been awaiting him and his bride, he disappeared.

There are two carpenter mechanics on the east side of Manhattan who make a specialty of constructing heavy doors and secret exits from pool rooms and gambling houses.

The police find themselves up against a tough proposition when they start to smash down the "lock-up" of Jack for a pool room. These doors are usually from ten to fifteen inches thick of sheet iron and solid wood.

The Spooner Idea. Senator Spooner's idea that while congress may create courts, it cannot destroy them, is exactly the kind of a court the railroads are looking for.

Turn on the Light. No honest politician can bear the attack of newspapers, magazines or book scoring, and instead of kicking at the press, he should be glad to court, and even defy, investigation and publicity.

Figuring on the Losses. It will probably turn out that the net sum paid by the insurance companies will not fall much short of \$100,000,000; it may considerably exceed that amount.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

A marked boom in summer engagements is projected in Chicago. One thousand more benches are to be placed in the parks.

The reputation of Texas, the land of dead shots, is ruined. A sheriff at Oakwoods fired several times at a mob, but could not hit a man.

Mayor Johnson of Cleveland thinks he has invented a machine that will travel six miles a minute. That's about his regular gait when headed toward an office.

The divorce decision of the federal supreme court has not checked the activity of Dakota courts. The stock on hand will keep the mills busy for some time to come.

John Temple Graves, in his new daily paper, The Georgian, has announced his withdrawal from the race against Senator A. O. Bacon for the United States senate from Georgia.

The sympathy of Portland, Ore., for San Francisco is intense. Its housewives have been asked to bake their own bread that the public bakeries may devote all their energies to providing for the strikers city.

The way that senators look at each other's efforts at argument showed itself in a remark Tillman made when he entered the senate and saw Spooner speaking in reply to Bailey. "Anybody can talk up a hill," said Tillman, "but Spooner has got to talk up a precipice."

The new French president is deeply attached to his umbrella, which accompanies him on every occasion, and is likely from now on to become a favorite subject for French political caricaturists, much like the collar of Mr. Gladstone or the monocle of Mr. Chamberlain.

William C. Brown, who has just been chosen first vice president of the New York Central lines with a salary of \$5,000, the best paid vice president of a railroad in the United States, was in the early 70's a telegraph operator and messenger boy in Sioux City, Ia., receiving messages and delivering them himself.

The late Prof. Pierre Curie, discoverer of radium, as a boy seemed so stupid and school that his parents withdrew him and put him under a private tutor. All through his years of study, including the final preparations for the arts degree, he was hampered by the necessity of studying ungenial subjects. It was only when he was free to follow his natural bent that his powers were manifested.

A naval officer had been tried for drunkenness and the report of the court master was before Secretary Bonaparte, some friends of the officer, who is really a good fellow and a fine officer, but too popular for his own well being, went before the secretary to save him. "You see, Mr. Secretary," said one of them, "in my opinion this sentence is unjust, because what his trouble is?" "Yes," said the secretary, "thirst."

Greater New York presents many interesting extremes in the way of urban progress, none of them so striking, however, as its transportation facilities, which, beginning with the archaic horse car, range the gamut of more advanced methods of passenger transportation—cables, underground trolley, overhead trolley, third-rail, storage battery, and the like. It remains for the "unannexed district" north of the city to contribute a transit service, which was old, you might say, when old Wouter Van Twiller passed judgment on the erring burgers of New Amsterdam.

It is a horse car line running from Barlow to City Island, a distance of about three miles, which is a dreamy way along hedge lanes, dusty highways, and meadow green. The cars, of which there are two in every-day service—although twelve can be utilized in emergency—are not more than twelve feet long and not six feet wide. They are so old that they bulge like a basket when the seats are filled, and when it rains hard the passengers usually leave the car and walk—the drops of water being decidedly preferred to the miniature deluges—not so miniature, after all—which each quirk and turn of the car precipitates inward. Two mild horses are attached to each car, and if they do not sleep throughout their plodding journey to and from the depot, appearances are deceitful. The fare is 10 cents.

Fifty years ago the late August Belmont sold for \$25,000 a certain plot of land at the corner of Fifth avenue and Thirty-fifth street. There is every reason to suppose that Mr. Belmont secured what he considered a fair price for the property and none for supposing that he did not exercise in the sale his well known shrewdness and good judgment. Yet the same land was purchased a year ago for \$1,850,000, and now a building is to be erected upon it for which tenant has already been found at an annual rental of \$13,600 for a term of twenty-one years.

Good and Gay Suffer Alike. Wood's Glen, Democrat. More than eighty churches and buildings devoted to religious activity were destroyed in San Francisco. The idea that the city was pagan as well as gay is a mistake.

APPOINTMENT COURT HOUSE.

Historic Surrender House a Plaything of Speculators. Washington Post. The American people have not been neglectful in commemorating famous places and distinguished men. Since the shaft on Bunker Hill rose at Boston innumerable other monuments of varied form and purpose have sprung up all over the land, and congress in recent years has purchased and set apart several of the great battlefields of the civil war, where for generations to come our descendants will gather to recall American courage and manhood and to be reminded what it cost to save the republic alive.

It is not a little remarkable that the place which by common consent would be agreed upon as the most interesting and memorable of the entire conflict, Appomattox Courthouse, has been left to the mercy of speculators, or the chances and mutations of ordinary country property, of no special value or significance.

There is no occasion for the purchase of any large amount of land there. Let the government acquire for the country the McLean house, and a few acres about it, and restore it as nearly as possible to its condition when Grant and Lee met there; not as a lasting memorial of the surrender of the south, but to commemorate the culmination of the great struggle on that very spot and to recall the presence there of the two great actors in the mighty drama, who, when the hour struck, took the center of the stage together and proclaimed peace as the curtain fell upon the closing scene.

PASSING PLEASANTIES. Attendant-In this padded cell we have a newspaper champion: And what is the delusion? Visitor-Floor chat: And what is the delusion? Attendant-He thinks he has money: Cleveland Leader.

"A curious thing about a man that has a lot of stock in a fire insurance company," remarked a Chicagoan, "is that a big fire generally gives him cold feet."—Chicago Tribune.

"When do you consider a man at his prime of life?" "When he's old enough to quit writing poetry and not to old to begin writing love letters to his stenographer."—Philadelphia Press.

"Have you had any trouble with your heart?" "Not lately, I'm living with my third wife."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Still, it is only natural that Mark Twain should favor fustian spelling.—Washington Post.

She-I agree with Cowper—I hate a man who needlessly sets fire upon a woman. He-So do it, it spoils 'em for bait.—Cleveland Leader.

"The average woman, of course, has no head for figures." "Oh, I don't know. She has a head for other things, such as the price of a hat, when ever they pass they make her turn it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"The midlets insisted upon being married on the beach. They walked way out to the fringe of water and there were united." "Curious affair, wasn't it?" "Yes, case of low tide."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

LITTLE JEAN. American Family Magazine. She was wedded last night— Little Jean— In a satin gown, white, And a heaven joy burned In her eyes as she turned From the chancel—a bride Led her out like a queen— Little Jean!

She has gone far away— Little Jean, And a tale gravestones when Do I glean, As I stand at the door Of the room where no more She will come for the while, Happy thoughts, golden-bright, Of a maiden's heart, sweet and serene— Little Jean!

Like a casket bereft Little Jean, In the wee room, you remember, Yester-even! Ah, the low, empty chair, And the man who sat there, And the dainty white bed, Where you knelt as you said Your last maiden prayer, all unseen— Little Jean!

But my heart is content, Little Jean, For the way that you went, As a path blossom-strown, And the man who sat there— Human love and divine Round you fondly entwined, And the white wings are your screen— Little Jean!

The People are Always Greater Than Craft or Graft. The people are always right in the long run. A merchant may deceive them for awhile by false statements and false promises; by craftily devised baits, such as commissions (commonly openly, generally secretly) paid to alleged friends for bringing in customers, and by a sliding price, which he juggles up and down, according to the credulity of the customer. But ere long that sort of a merchant finds his proper level and the graft he practiced proved his undoing. In the Hospe store each piano is marked with its one lowest price and we cannot reduce it because all discounts have already been figured off and the marked price is the net cash price. For we cannot afford to we cannot pay commissions. Our prices are so low we cannot afford to. The new piano we sell for \$90.00 has never been equaled, and it is famously known that no pianos in the world are as good as Knabe, Krantz & Bach, Kimball, Hallett-Davis, Hoop, Krell, Cable Nelson, Wessler Bros., Whitney, Hise, Burton, Cramer and others.

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