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MEMORIAL DAY. For the first time in its history Memorial day is to be observed without reference to what has hitherto been one of its significant features.

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

It looks as if Mayor Dahlman would have a fine chance to put a piece of that famous backbone on exhibition right at the start.

It is to be hoped the weather man will be kind to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic in their Memorial day celebration.

The Water board has been holding another "executive" session. The water works appraisers seem to be holding no sessions at all.

The "Jim crow" car is giving the rate bill conferees some difficulty. That is one feature of the rate bill that is sure to be settled by local application.

It should be remembered that the election officers indicted by the grand jury include democrats as well as republicans, so that if there is any political capital to be made out of it the honors are divided.

Insurance companies are readjusting Pacific coast schedules and Los Angeles gets the first raise. This is the natural outcome of the San Francisco disaster. The companies must recoup somewhere.

A Kansas City murderess is now occupying Governor Folk's attention. Singularly enough, the women who write on the case do not want woman's rights extended in this instance. She killed her husband.

Stricter police supervision of public dances is demanded, but the difficulty is to make a police force of less than 100 men do duty for a city of 125,000 people scattered over twenty-five square miles of territory.

Governor Magoon is also commander of the United States naval and marine forces in Panama waters. This is not likely to reassure the Panama patriots who are anxious to conduct a revolution instead of an election.

The grand jury should be invoked at once to find out which of the democratic members of the council violated his solemn oath not to reveal anything said or done at the democratic council caucus and make the punishment fit the crime.

The czar's determination to overlook the protest from the Duma reminds one somewhat of the attitude assumed by certain contumacious trusts toward the United States government a few months ago. And the czar is quite likely to end just as the trusts have ended.

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The Grand Army of the Republic is slowly marching into the silent beyond; the gray-haired, bent and broken veterans who stand today around the graves of those comrades who have passed are but the lingering remnant of that grand army which moved in obedience to the will of Grant, the mightiest agency for human advancement ever organized by man.

It is no longer an occasion of mourning for those who are dead, but a day of rejoicing that the army of the union triumphed in the cause of right.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TROUBLES. The hurried return from Europe of President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad, the bold banquet speech attack by George F. Baer of the Reading, one of the great constituent companies of the Pennsylvania system, and the powerful organized movement among its stock and bond holders for a thorough reorganization.

It is important to remember that the Pennsylvania railroad is the greatest corporation, not only in the United States, but also in the world, greater by far than any of the big life insurance companies and greater even than the Standard Oil octopus.

So profoundly important and impressive upon the real owners of this great property, the holders of its stocks and bonds, of whom there are many thousands in this country and abroad, have been the revelations regarding the doings of its officers and agents, that a speedy reorganization is already regarded as certain in comparison with which the overhauling of the big life companies is insignificant.

With the owners of this foremost railroad property aroused, with public opinion informed and on the alert as never before, with the amplified powers of public authority coming into fuller play, the beginning of the end of many grave transportation abuses is at hand.

FREE ALCOHOL BILL PASSES. The bill exempting undrinkable alcohol from taxation is now practically on the statute book; the house having agreed to the senate amendments and the measure already having been sent to the president, who is sure to approve it.

The changes made in the senate are not material, the chief one substituting January 1 next for September 1 as the date for the new law to go into effect. The intervening time was found on careful consideration to be none too long to dispose of the preliminaries, and no objection was made in conference on behalf of the house to this change.

The main criticism of the new law as passed, that it is too loosely drawn, really rests on the fact that it leaves wide discretion to the Treasury department. Congress has not undertaken to outline administrative details, not limiting the size or location of the distilleries nor even specifying the materials or mode of denaturizing alcohol.

The efficiency of the law will therefore depend in large measure on the disposition of the internal revenue officials. While, of course, it is incumbent on them to prevent frauds on the revenue, a thing that has not been found at all difficult in Germany, Belgium and Great Britain, it is obvious that they could by excessive requirements greatly limit the production and increase the cost of denaturized alcohol for consumers, and thus in part defeat the purpose of the law, and indeed, of the very discretion allowed to the Treasury department.

The public will expect and require a liberal administration, with the minimum of restrictions consistent with safety from excise frauds and the utmost possible facility for manufacture and sale of alcohol for other than drinking purposes.

vestment of several hundred thousand dollars in permanent improvements like this would justify the expenditure of a few thousands for proper maintenance.

According to the local democratic organ the new council has had another conference to assure the public the members are still bent on carrying out the platform pledges on which they were elected to the crossing of an I and the dotting of a T.

It would be unfortunate if a furious contention should be forced in congress over the question of inspection of slaughter houses, because interests which are not to blame for abuses would be certain to suffer seriously. The fact is known and officially proved, although the president is properly withholding the proofs from publication, that in some places parts of the process of slaughter and preparation of meat products are conducted under unsanitary and otherwise offensive conditions.

The primary design of the existing inspection law had reference only to American farm and packing house interests in the foreign meat market, as several of the chief European nations had put in force outright prohibitory edicts, or inspection regulations which in practical effect approached more or less to prohibition, and very injurious to our trade.

The cost of inspection, although a considerable factor, is small in comparison with the cost of an uncompromising fight against it. The object being to protect the public health, it can be plausibly contended that it should be borne by the public, if not wholly at least in part.

Senator Allison's Talent. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Senator Allison is one of the most useful men in public life. He is always ready with a can of oil to lubricate the turbulent wheels of the national government.

Omaha's material growth is very much in evidence now in the erection of new buildings of all kinds. In the retail section stores and office buildings are going up, conforming to the most modern lines of architecture and construction. The wholesale district has been practically remodeled, constituting now a new city of warehouses in itself, with location specially adapted to the trackage and transportation facilities.

Omaha, however, must, to keep up with this material growth, keep pace in population growth. We must have people here to patronize the big and little retail stores, to occupy all the new dwellings as well as the old ones, to fill the churches and schools and to form a substantial foundation for the jobbing and transportation business.

The taxpayers of Douglas county have invested a great deal of money in payments for the country roadways, but little has been done to keep these paved roads in good repair. An inspection of all the county pavements with a report on their condition and estimate of the cost of restoring them to first-class condition should be ordered by the county board.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION. It would be unfortunate if a furious contention should be forced in congress over the question of inspection of slaughter houses, because interests which are not to blame for abuses would be certain to suffer seriously.

The unanimous report of the house committee on labor recommending for passage the eight-hour bill is one of the greatest victories won by organized labor in years.

Items included in the sundry civil bill give assurance that Uncle Sam is not going to abandon any needed internal improvements just because he is also engaged in a big job of canal digging.

Congressman Sulzer of New York asks that the president make public the report of the government's agents on the packing houses. If he will but bide his time the facts will be given the public, but not specially for the benefit of the democratic campaign committee.

Attorney Cromwell and Senator Morgan are still at it with as little apparent sign of conclusion as when they began. The daily fencing match between these masters of verbal dodging has done much to relieve the present session of congress of its tedium.

President Stickney of the Great Western is said to have referred to Omaha in a recent banquet speech as "the great future city" on his line.

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An Agreeable Substitute. Baltimore American. Passing the lie has ceased to be the main occupation of senators at Washington, and passing bills has become an agreeable substitute.

Aspirant for a Medal. Washington Post. It begins to look as if the Hon. Charles T. Towne, who threatened to "expose" President Roosevelt, is also in danger of receiving a call from the committee having in charge the distribution of those Ananias medals.

Don't Get Caught. Philadelphia Record. It may be possible that there are in the United States senate direct representatives of insurance, express, railway, oil, beef, steel and mining companies whose illicit gains are magnified beside the smaller graft of Burton of Kansas. But Burton has been caught in the act, and the method of the catch has been pronounced flawless by the supreme court.

Millionaire and Professors. New York Sun. Any "millionaire" who endows a college or founds a chair under the impression that his opinions will be taught therein must be an ass.

Amazing Marine Procession. Portland Oregonian. The fleet of the world which roams the seven seas occasionally bunch up in some prominent port or passageway like the Sues canal and make an imposing showing.

The G. A. R.'s Forty Years. Leslie's Weekly. An especial interest has been taken in the Memorial day celebrations this year all over the country from the fact that this will be the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chief Engineer Crousbauer of Brooklyn was looking for a chauffeur and from a list of civil service eligibles picked the man at the top, Patrick Maher. He sent for Maher and offered him the job.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. An edict having all the elements of a millinery disturbance has been issued by Commissioner Whipple of the State Forest, Fish and Game department.

The penalty of each violation of the law is a fine of \$50 and an additional \$25 for each bird or part thereof sold. It will be, therefore, fine of \$25 for each part of an ostrich sold. No one buys an entire ostrich to decorate a hat with.

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It is the habit of discriminating in favor of shipping interests which it owns, is it not almost inevitable that its employees will make discriminations in favor of companies in which they hold stocks, especially if they get those stocks for nothing?

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A western senator has a brother who is in the livestock business. The brother sent a letter to the statesman a few days ago that was entirely typewritten, even to the signature. The statesman was mad. He thought it an outrage for his brother to write to him like that and not even sign the letter and he sent a bitter protest.

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FAVORITISM IN TRANSPORTATION

Abundant Evidence of Gross Discrimination. Philadelphia Record. Private shippers of coal and oil have for years complained that they were the subjects of discrimination in the interest of competing concerns owned wholly or largely by the railroad company itself.

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Laughing Lines. "Do you think it right for a husband to desert his wife in any emergency?" "I don't know about that. Only this morning I let my own wife crying for help."—Baltimore American. "Did you ever buy any gold bricks?" "No, answered Farmer Corntassel. "I never exactly bought any gold bricks. But I've bought heaps of canned peas and patent butter, to be retailed to summer boarders."—Washington Star. Mrs. Braggitt—I get so much attention that positively sometimes I feel that social duty is a perfect elephant on my hands. Miss Sharp—At least, that's a comfort to know that the poor beast has plenty of room.—Baltimore American.

THE DRUM OF '61.

Lowell Otis Reese in Leslie's Weekly. Down amid the silent multitude the marching thousands come. To the hollow modulation of an ancient drum— The tramp, tramp, tramp, through the half-deserted camp. To the beat, beat, beat of a thousand loyal feet. And the rumble and the grumble of a caisson and a gun. At the head a lattered banner flutters proudly in the air. Borne along by one old veteran with silver grizzled hair. Keeping time with martial feet down the bunting-laden street. To the hum and the thrum of the drum of '61. Comes a picture, as I listen to the rhythmic refrain. Of a soldier starting forward down a shady country lane. From afar the echoes come of the old recruiting drum. And they speak a message to him of a trumpet to be won. Louder yet than the thunder, and his feet exultant bound In a patriotic frenzy at the glory of the hour. 'Tis the call of ancient Thor, and he marches on to war To the hum and the thrum of the drum of '61. Quick another picture rushes, and I see the battle reek Where the battery is crashing and the shrapnel is a-briek. Till the earth and heavens rock from the fury of the shot. And the rumble and the grumble of the caisson and the gun. Oh, the terrible, terrible! But, ah, the song of hell. In barbaric notes that louder o'er the devastation swell. Calling martyrs to the death in the cannon's bitter breath. Comes the hum and the thrum of the drum of '61. Ah, the horror of the battlefield when every gun is still When the moon in silent pity looks across the eastern hills. Go the weary stretcher-bearers, for the bloody work is done. All about are shattered beings which but yesterday were men. Now their martial songs is ended; they will never march again. With a tramp of sager feet down the far-off village street. To the hum and the thrum of the drum of '61. Now the peaceful pageant passes, and the pictures on the fray. Like the deadly strife of yesterday, forever fades away. Peace with gentle hand smooths down. Hate's unforgiving frown. For the quarrel has ended and the Blue and Gray are one. On the grave of friend and enemy we have the bloom of peace. Loyal friend and gallant enemy, now comrades with the dead. Hark! the tramp of solemn feet dies away down the street. To the hum and the thrum of the drum of '61.