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When out of town

With ice at \$10 a ton the ice fund can no longer be classed as a minor charity.

Pennsylvania will have to send for Sherman Bell before it can know what a real labor war is like.

San Francisco's complaint of the sale of surplus flour must mean that army rations do not taste good to civilians.

When the thermometer reaches 100 degrees in the shade the sentence imposed on those Toledo ice dealers will be still more popular.

When the polls close in December in the life insurance elections in New York the actual effect of the recent graft disclosures will be apparent.

A new definition of the word "excite" is necessary since so many of the "original Floridors" aggregation are getting back into the limelight.

The Shoshone reservation is ready for the crowds, but is particularly interested in knowing whether the crowds are ready for the reservation.

The Bryan reception in New York may separate the sheep from the goats, but it will be an expert who can recognize the different flocks at first glance.

The attempt to exclude Americans from the Henley regatta indicate a desire on the part of British college men to keep some championships in that country.

From the way other senators confirm Senator La Follette's charges of a grain and railroad combination it may be assumed that previous inaction has not been due to ignorance.

The statement that A. J. Cassatt expects to be prosecuted for irregularities of the Pennsylvania railroad shows a foresight which should have been utilized to prevent the irregularities.

The new health commissioner wants to make a raid upon the weeds in the interest of the health of the city. Cutting weeds ought to be good exercise for the city jail gang without doing damage to anything but their appetites.

The World-Herald admits that its political correspondent at Washington is in "error," but no more so than its political correspondent in the home office—in fact, there is a grave suspicion that the two are one and the same person.

While corporation lawyers may ask for an armistice to enable them to study new federal laws, there is an impression that they have been looking for loopholes, while legislators have had one eye on the main points and the other on their constituents.

The czar's fear that the Russian army may be influenced by revolutionary feeling on the part of the peasants shows that the Russian ruler knows the ultimate seat of power in all countries, including autocracies, rests with the popular majority.

Officers of the Water company insist that they are doing everything in their power to expedite the report of the appraisers. If the appraisement is being held back, then it must be obstructed by the other party to the Water board.

PROSECUTING THE POWERFUL

The decision to concentrate the energies of the administration in a prosecution of the Standard Oil and Pennsylvania Central for alleged violations of the law is altogether characteristic of President Roosevelt.

The investigations of Commissioner Garfield and the Interstate Commerce commission and other developments have put the Department of Justice in possession of evidence deemed sufficient to secure conviction of these giant concerns which have so long been beyond reach of the law.

President Roosevelt from the beginning of his administration has demonstrated his resoluteness and courage by directing the powers of the government against formidable law violators, as the prosecutions of the Northern Securities, Tobacco, Paper, Chemical and Meat trusts signal show.

But, if in addition to the vast progress that has thus been attained, the two mighty corporate aggregations with which the government has now grappled are brought to book and the penalties of the law inflicted, the crisis of the great battle will have been passed.

COST OF THE GOVERNMENT

While the few appropriation bills still pending may cause a slight difference in the amount allowed by congress for the annual expenses of government, it will be approximately \$900,000,000, exceeding that for any other fiscal year in our history.

The average annual national expenses now by far exceed the highest point reached during the civil war, which then seemed to threaten the country with bankruptcy.

In almost every direction there have been imperative demands for larger appropriations for the new fiscal year which begins July 1, large as were the necessities for the current fiscal year.

The question is not particularly one of location, but rather who by reason of ability and experience can serve Nebraska best as senator, and who is most closely in touch with all the varied interests to be represented—the people as a whole rather than any small geographical area or any special interest or group of special interests.

The pay of the postmaster at Omaha has been lifted from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year, which will doubtless be a welcome raise to the present incumbent.

The fact remains, notwithstanding the increase of expenses and the vast total required to state them, that the treasury will almost certainly be able to meet them out of current revenues for the growth of our local business institutions, which send out the mail.

The democratic organ of the Fontanelle club declares that the best of the Fontanelles hope to do for father-in-law is to split the Douglas delegation to the republican state convention so that Douglas county shall not off-lose the senatorship, but get nothing at all.

The county board will soon have finished the equalization of the assessment. The next thing is the fixing of the tax rate and the size of the levy is just as important as the amount of the assessment.

Our amiable democratic contemporary has not yet dug up the anti-pass bill which was championed by the democratic congressman from the Second Nebraska district during the two years that he drew pay and mileage from Uncle Sam.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has promised to spend a good part of the special appropriation for experimental spraying of orchards in Nebraska and

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