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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Indiana's corporation laws seem to have been drawn with the special object of giving work to lawyers.

When the Russian soldiers undertake to make their new labor union international in character the end of war may be in sight.

With Brazil spending more than \$15,000,000 for warships this year, another "world power" may be dawning upon the earth.

When the rice crop is ready for reapers and the cotton is white, Lake Charles may sigh for the negro laborers it has been deporting.

The democratic city council has been in possession of the city hall now for nearly two months, but those platform pledges are still in cold storage.

Harry Thaw intimates that he stands in greater need of a lawyer than a press censor, and it seems difficult to secure one without the other.

With the United States pressing its claims against Venezuela, President Castro may find more congenial work for those revolutionists recently released from prison.

In the light of the work of Bunau-Varilla in the Dreyfus case he may be forgiven his activity in Panama—even if the big ditch costs more than he estimated.

If Mayor Dahlman receives a few more letters from Colonel Bryan beginning "Dear Dahlman," the anti-Dahlman bunch may refuse to play on the reception committee.

Since the self-incriminating confession of a Russian sailor the women of Russia cannot be accused of the death of Admiral Chouknin, and thus does history destroy romance.

In offering an inducement to new settlers in the form of work on irrigation canals as well as a cheap home, Wyoming has set a pace other "semi-arid" states will do well to follow.

At all events, the Baptists fared better at the hands of the weather man than did the Methodists at their memorable meeting in Omaha, when it rained every day during the month of May.

Spokane gets the Baptist Young People's union with its next convention, to be held in 1908. All that can be wished for Spokane is that it may have as successful a meeting as that just closed in Omaha.

Bourke Cockran may have thrown light on the reason why Mayor McCrellan did not visit Mr. Bryan in London when he says some democrat may step from the New York governor's chair to the White House.

When Jamaican negroes die as result of the "sanitary" homes in which they are placed by the Panama Canal commission experts should realize that habit has much to do with longevity—something they failed to take into account while laying down rules for the American Indian.

An attempt is made to explain the opposition of the Interstate association of sheriffs to the juvenile court machinery on the ground that it diverts fees from the sheriff's office.

That might also explain why the juvenile court officers are its ardent and enthusiastic champions. But why not give credit for some unselfish motives to both sides of the argument?

THE COMPETITION FOR PROXIES.

The approaching election of trustees and officers for the big life insurance companies of New York, subject to the laws passed by the last legislature of that state, has precipitated a lively competition for proxies.

Already committees are being formed to represent various interests with a view to organizing policy holders into compact bodies to throw their votes solidly for one slate or another.

At the same time the officers who happen to be in the saddle and want to make sure that they are not unhorsed are arranging to have the proxies of their friends and those whom they might influence sent to some acceptable agency or committee so that the votes may be recorded for trustees who may be counted on to uphold the present regime.

All the proxies that were given last year are dead, but those who had them then will doubtless undertake to resurrect them by sending out blanks with appeals for renewal of the confidence formerly bestowed.

Tom Lawson has not been heard from very noisily of late, but he will surely get into the thick of the melee before the long summer.

What will come out of all this is decidedly problematic. The chances are that the big insurance companies will find a heterogeneous assortment of trustees thrust upon them, imbued with all sorts of ideas as to what their mission should be.

A great deal of the reorganization of the boards will be experimental, and incidentally a lot of misfits who are sure to work themselves in will have to be sorted out afterwards or shelved until they can be induced to make way for more useful successors.

To get all the new boards systematized into good working order may take considerable time, but there is consolation in the knowledge that all the big insurance companies that withstood the fire of investigation have proved themselves to be on such a sound basis that no change of official guardianship is likely to affect them seriously.

OUTLOOK FOR NEXT CONGRESS.

Advices from Washington, where the republican campaign managers have been receiving reports from all parts of the country, are of a character to encourage the expectation that the next congress, like the present congress, will have a safe republican majority.

It will be admitted that for a while previous to adjournment, when most of the important measures were being held up in committee or between the two houses, the republican leaders were inclined to be somewhat dubious about the party's withstanding democratic assaults during the campaign and coming out successfully at the polls this fall.

The fine record made by congress at the windup in coming to agreement upon disputed legislation and even passing some much demanded bills whose enactment had been despaired of has put a new face on the situation.

The overconfident talk of the democrats about capturing the next house has largely subsided, although it is still urgent that the republicans be careful to make no mistakes if they are to hold their own in the contested districts.

This does not mean that there will not be a hard fight all along the line, but unless the situation is again materially changed the republicans will have the best of it and the democrats be at a disadvantage.

This, at any rate, is the consensus of opinion of those who are in position to observe intelligently and form reasonably unbiased conclusions.

PLIGHT OF SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN.

One of the most deplorable consequences of the San Francisco earthquake and conflagration is the pitiable plight in which it has left the school children of that city.

Thirty-three school houses were burned, and as if that were not bad enough, the children who attended their classes in these school houses were for the most part victims of the fire, losing everything in the nature of clothing, books, toys and conveniences.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

In a letter to The Bee J. H. Dumont asks this pertinent question with reference to the recent report of the water works appraisers: "What does the representative of the city say the Omaha plant is worth?"

Mr. Dumont points out that so far as appears the city's representative has made no report, although he has been paid liberally for making an expert study of the works, and if he does not agree with the other two appraisers he should at least give his employers, who in this case are the taxpayers of Omaha, the benefit of the conclusions he has reached.

The valuation of the water works plant is the basic matter for several problems. The city cannot buy out the owners of the water plant except on an agreed valuation, but more than that, it cannot establish a new schedule of rates to private water consumers without some idea as to a starting point of the amount of revenue necessary to take care of the fixed charges which of course must bear a proportionate relation to the value of the plant.

If the city is to contest the finding of the majority of the appraisal board it will doubtless have to show wherein that finding is excessive and mistaken, and to do that will have to have the testimony of its own expert as to wherein he disagrees.

We surely should have a minority report from the third member of the appraisal board, who has refused to join with the others so as to be able to tell, as Mr. Dumont suggests, whether there is any difference big enough to fight about or whether an adjustment of the two figures could not be reached by further negotiations.

If we could once reach such a figure we would be in better position to decide as to the next step.

Why not have a little more energetic enforcement of the ordinance designed to prevent wagons loaded with earth or refuse from spilling their contents on the pavements? In no other city of Omaha's size and pretensions do the authorities tolerate the use for this purpose of wagon boxes that are nothing but sieves.

Any one observing the spasms of the local democratic organ would imagine that it was exceedingly distressed for fear the republicans might name some one for United States senator who was sure to be defeated.

In the meantime its interest in the democratic state convention consists in prevailing on the democrats to shuf the people out of all voice in the matter by making no senatorial nomination.

Assurance is given that the city has the legal right to abate the weed nuisance and tax the cost of cutting the weeds against the property neglected by the owners.

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NEBRASKA SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN.

Admirer of a Fighter. Kearney Democrat (Ind.). Mr. Rosewater won a magnificent victory in Omaha and Douglas county at the primary elections last week.

Not Much After All. Humboldt Leader (rep.). The Fontaine club did not do much to Edward Rosewater at all.

No Moonshine Business. Center Register (rep.). The republican convention in this county has not yet been called, but a movement is now under way in the committee to have it called in the near future.

As It Looks to an Observer. South Omaha Free Lance (rep.). This, evidently, is Rosewater's year.

No Apprenticeship Required. Plattsmouth Journal (dem.). If Edward Rosewater was elected to the senate he would not be associated with those who would be associated.

Looks Like a Sure Winner. Butte Gazette (rep.). Rosewater will go to the state convention with numerous pledged delegates and he will undoubtedly have the newspaper fraternity backing him.

Senatorship or Nothing. Lincoln Politician (rep.). The Douglas county delegation to the state convention has declared that it is first, last and all of the time for Edward Rosewater for United States senator.

Reading the Signs. Blue Springs Sentinel (rep.). It begins to look as though the entire northeast corner of the state would be solid for Rosewater for United States senator at the coming state convention.

First in This Field. York Times (rep.). The telegram sent by Mr. Rosewater to the Times has provoked considerable comment.

LIBERTY'S SPIRIT IN MEXICO. Ambassador Thompson and President Diaz Exchange Greetings. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. There are now fifty-four applications with the surgeon general of the army from young men, graduates of medical colleges, who are anxious to be examined on July 21 for appointment as first lieutenant and assistant surgeon in the army.

Arrangements have been made to send out 1,170 emergency rations for special trial by infantry of a device designed by the ordnance department for carrying the ration on the belt of the soldier.

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FULL NATIONAL BASKET.

Unvalued Record of Material Development. New York Sun. All present signs indicate that there will be a good increase in the contents of the national basket this year.

No longer ago than 1870 the total value of the farm products of the country for the year was a trifling \$1,000,000,000. For this year it will probably be not far from \$7,000,000,000.

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PHILADELPHIA RECORD.

Billions—Do you believe the good die young? "Cynical—Well, it's a problem to know whether they die young or outgrow it."—Philadelphia Record.

"You admit you were at fault in that investigation?" "Greatly at fault," answered the trust magnate. "I see now where I could have taken far better precautions for concealment."—Washington Star.

Mamma—No, dear, the Atlantic ocean never freezes over. "Eh—Oh, no, it must! I heard papa telling Mr. Gayler that when he was crossing across from Europe the last time he had his feet frozen all the time."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"That young Jenks is a useful fellow to meet in a sudden shower, for he always carries an umbrella." "Yes; the girls call him their rain beau."—Baltimore American.

Lawyer—My wife bought this rug in my office at an auction sale. "Client—How did you get it for 15,000?" "Lawyer—How do you know?" "Client—I sold it to her."—Detroit Free Press.

"Look out for pride," said Uncle Eben, "it's generally when a man is braggin' to hisself 'bout what a good card player he is that he gets ketchin' off his guard and loses all de most important tricks."—Washington Star.

"Isn't it awful," remarked Growley, looking over his gas bill for the last quarter of the year, "isn't it surprising how gas bills run up?" "Not so surprising," replied Kidder, "considering how many thousands of feet they have."—Philadelphia Press.

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