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

The "Sick Man of Europe" has ceased to be a mere figure of speech.

The tennis tournament will now have the right-of-way with the lovers of amateur sports.

In a few weeks the public will learn the effect of the new foot ball rules on the mortality statistics.

Another long promised building improvement still on paper is the new Union Pacific headquarters—which is several laps overdue.

Copying after Artemus Ward, those Russian landlords show themselves willing to sacrifice everything but themselves for the welfare of their country.

The czar is said to have asked the advice of the king of Great Britain regarding the situation in his empire.

A law requiring bank examiners to examine the nature of securities as well as their volume before banks fail might not be a bad amendment for the statute books of many states.

Gand Duke Nicholas seems much more anxious to preserve his life than to save the dynasty of his family.

After all the best remedy for anarchy is a just enforcement of law and such changes in court procedure as will make justice depend less upon ability to pay costly lawyers or perfect expensive bonds.

Having been introduced at a corner stone laying as "Rev. Mr. Dahlman," his honor, the mayor, should feel himself fitted to preside over any function at which his attendance may be officially demanded.

That reminds us that the populists are to have a state convention this week at the same time and place as the democratic state convention.

We hasten to assure the public that the bursting of that big water main need not be expected in any way to affect the lawyers who are milking the cow of water works litigation at the expense of the Omaha taxpayers.

The suicide of the secretary of the National Board of Trade at Kansas City shows the wisdom of the National Cotton Planters' association discharging officers who speculate in the product they are supposed to guard.

That Chicago man who returned home after an unexplained absence of thirty-one years and requested that no questions be asked regarding his wanderings, would probably feel shocked if his wife should turn the same trick.

Colonel Bryan's assurance that no one but himself is responsible for the charges made against Roger Sullivan precludes the Illinois committee from beating Bryan over another's shoulders, but it also makes it imperative for Mr. Bryan to win the fight.

Democratic candidates for state offices in Wisconsin have begun a personal investigation of the books of present state officers.

That state are in such condition that democrats cannot find an "issue" without digging for it if the people may congratulate themselves.

THE RAILROAD PROGRAM.

Shows the republican state convention nominate a candidate for United States senator?

That depends first on whether expediency or principle should control in the councils of the republican party.

If the democratic convention fails to nominate, those against convention nominations will argue that with the field full of democratic aspirants and with only one republican aspirant in the field it will be difficult to elect a republican legislature.

Is there really anything in this argument, granting the right of the convention to override one of the most important things it is elected by the people to do.

If the democratic convention fails to nominate a senator, will it not prove the disloyalty of the democratic party in claiming that it wants to bring the election of United States senators closer to the people?

Jay Gould is said to have declared that he was a republican in republican states and a democrat in democratic states.

Here in Nebraska the railroad program is for them to name the next United States senator by preventing any popular expression of choice and sending the senatorship to the legislature, where the blandishments of their lobbyists may be depended on to manipulate the result as they wish.

It is essential to their plans that the democrats be prevailed on to make no nomination for United States senator no matter how much by so doing they may belie their repeated professions of allegiance to the cause of direct popular choice of senators.

Should the railroads succeed in the first part of their program for preventing a democratic nomination for senator, they will take it along into the republican camp as an argument for carrying out the second part of their program, which is to nullify the republican call so far as it relates to the nomination of a senator.

The people of Nebraska should understand the exact situation. They can read the measure of success of the railroad program in the returns of the democratic state convention.

If the democrats name a candidate for senator it will indicate that the railroads are not in absolute control, even though they may name a man beholden to them for the place.

The accumulating decisions of the courts are steadily narrowing users of automobiles on the public highways to rules of common sense, one of the most important of which is that liability for damages is not to be avoided by keeping strictly within the speed limit laid down by law.

Where children or the blind or the deaf may be in the way, or in any situations in which peril arises naturally even below the law-fixed limit of speed, the automobilist is being properly held responsible for any harm done and judgments for heavy damages are enforced by the courts.

Police court fines are of course a moderating influence, but damage judgments running up into thousands of dollars are more serious.

The specific remedies recommended by Secretary Bonaparte for anarchism in this country are not so important as the general educational stimulus of his Cumberland address.

The law has already been amended somewhat, following the crime of Czolgosz, both as regards admission of anarchists to our ports and as regards treatment of such as are citizens of domiciled here.

But, after all, the main reliance for protection must be upon the sanity and content of the great mass of the people. The dangerous defectives, the degenerate and the extremely vicious cannot be altogether nor in any event speedily eliminated, but their potency for the peculiar mischief which is associated with the names of Czolgosz and Gutesau will be greatly diminished by an overbearing attitude of the community to the excesses of yellow journalism, muck raking and partisan agitation, which, though they cannot be summarily eradicated by statutes, should be obnoxious because, if for no

OTHER REASON, THEY INEVITABLY STIMULATE TO ACTION THE EVIL IMPULSES TO ANARCHIST CRIME.

In a broad view there has been no more wholesome manifestation in decades than the recent awakening of public conscience to many deep seated and far-reaching social wrongs and abuses, and the correction of some of the most serious ones which is now in rapid progress.

Overgrown wealth through legal discrimination and forced inequality are wrongs which it behooves all right-minded citizens to resist valiantly and undo, and not let grow to foster anarchism.

These reforms, both in the national field and in the state administrations and the great moral awakening back of them are establishing a firm basis for the hopeful reduction, if not the elimination, of anarchism.

The scheme of restoring by national subsidy the "Old Cumberland Road," which ran from Cumberland, Md., across Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana to Vandalia, Ill., is impractical as well as objectionable on other grounds.

It would no doubt be a highly sentimental satisfaction if that historic highway which during the first half of the last century tens of thousands of pioneers traveled to reach new homes in what was then the west, could be renewed, but its renewal embraces no object of national scope or need.

The "Old Cumberland Road," while an object of historic interest, has even in this respect no higher merit than the "Old Wilderness Road" debouching from the mountains farther south into Kentucky and Tennessee, or the "Santa Fe Trail" and the "Oregon Trail," which ran across the western plains.

As means of transportation all these old wagon highways have long since been paralleled and superseded by railroads, some of which were subsidized by the national government because under the conditions in which they were constructed they were regarded as enterprises of national importance.

But it has been more than a full generation since it was seriously proposed to give national treasury aid even to the superior steel and steam highways. There is hardly a point at which the national government could consistently stop if it should begin now to finance an alleged national wagon highway like the "Old Cumberland Road," which no one would dream of financing to the same extent as a practical enterprise.

There is nothing to prevent townships, counties and states from taxing themselves, if they choose, to restore the ancient and decayed highway or any portion of it. It is indeed in serious consideration in Pennsylvania to legislate for the reconstruction of at least a part of one of its famous old highways, not for sentimental but for practical uses.

Those who most use these or other country road improvements should pay for them as for any other local interest of the sort. But the time has not come, nor is there yet any sign that it will ever come, for the national treasury to bleed for a costly interstate rock road for the convenience and sport of touring automobilists.

It would be infinitely better to plug up some of the big holes already bored by the auge of local interest than to open new ones.

The political schemers who are trying to subvert a popular choice of senator by overturning the call for a senatorial nomination by the republican state convention are resorting to all sorts of rations to bolster up their argument. They have misled the "Utica Sun," for example, into asserting that it was only by a majority of 8 that the republican state committee favored a nomination of United States senator by state convention.

The records of the committee will show that the vote on inserting the nomination of senator in the call was 27 "yes" to 7 "no," the majority being 20 instead of 8, every member of the committee voting on the proposition.

While some of those who voted for convention nomination in the committee may have been personally opposed to it, they cast their votes for it because they represented their districts whom they represented were practically unanimous for it. The vote of 27 to 7 in the state committee was surely as decisive as it could be on any question which would arouse a difference of opinion.

Governor Mickey declares that the people of South Omaha are responsible for the condition of affairs in their city. In this the governor is slightly inaccurate.

In the charter of South Omaha the governor is vested with authority to name the Board of Fire and Police commissioners for that city and to that extent is made responsible for his appointees.

There is no question, however, but that the people of South Omaha, as of every other city, would be glad to manage their own affairs without outside interference, but the only way this can be effectively brought about is by acceding them the full measure of municipal home rule.

The action of Rear Admiral Goodrich defending the civil rights of enlisted men in the navy will tend to make that service more popular. The uniform of the United States should never be allowed to become a badge of disgrace.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the provisional resolutions committee appointed to frame the republican state platform and republicans generally are invited to submit their suggestions.

NEBRASKA SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Why Not Play Fair? Fairbury Journal.

Two religious bodies at Lincoln last week passed resolutions against Edward Rosewater's candidacy for United States senator.

The opposition to Rosewater is based on his views on prohibition. He has always opposed it, both in speeches and through his paper, The Omaha Bee.

The preachers who inspired and carried through these resolutions cannot accuse Mr. Rosewater of being two-faced. They must acknowledge that he has practiced no evasion in his attitude on the prohibition question.

Had Mr. Rosewater been other than the editor of a great newspaper these preachers might never have discovered that he was opposed to prohibition.

There are no scandals under the British government. There never would be in the United States if the public here would tolerate such whitewashing as that done by the commission which investigated the loss of \$5,000,000 in war stores during the Boer war.

Sample of Jersey Justice. New York Sun. "He is the best friend I ever had, except my father," said the lawyer who made a plea for prohibition.

Make a Note of It. Philadelphia Press. That Vienna fire insurance company which has repudiated its \$2,000,000 worth of San Francisco insurance by taking advantage of the earthquake clause sought to receive some attention from American newspaper men who hold its policies.

Simple and Effective. Boston Transcript. The campaign issue in the west is simple: Note the long list of reform measures passed by the republican congress, under the lead of President Roosevelt.

Penalizing Land Grabbing. Portland Oregonian. The Oregonian has no desire to add the weight of a feather to the burden of shame and trouble under which various convicted defendants in the land fraud cases are struggling.

Clearly Made a Mistake. Humboldt Leader (rep.). Those who claim Rosewater is being supported by the Burlington railroad neglect to mention that his opponent Norris Brown stands very well with the Northwestern system.

Controlled by No Corporation. Verdel Outlook (rep.). Rosewater will be our next senator! History for the past thirty years is sufficient to prove the fact that Rosewater can't be controlled by anybody, not even by the railroads or the Standard Oil company.

Give the People a Voice. Waterloo Gazette (rep.). Let it be either Rosewater or Brown rather than no endorsement at all, as the program of the railroads. It is more important that the convention endorse than that the selection of a senator be left to the legislature.

PERSONAL NOTES. A Kansas City alderman discredits the claim that the Hd is on tight. "Art is on the loose," he asserts. Evidently a large leak somewhere.

George H. Dieffenbacher, who has been delegated by the grand duke of Baden to study malarial germs and mosquitoes in North and Central America, arrived in this country recently and has gone to Mexico to start his investigations.

George Irving, the last surviving nephew of Washington Irving, marvelously hale and active at 82, is living in New York. Mr. Irving is practically the sole remaining member of the Irving family, of which he is engaged in writing a history.

J. E. Martin, an Ohio man who owns large mining properties in Alaska, asserts he will give \$500,000 a year to advance the cause of prohibition. Heretofore the party has never had at its disposal more than \$50,000 in any of its national campaigns.

Waldosta or Gray Eagle, an Indian chief who took part in the Custer massacre and, like many others of the victorious force in that fight, took refuge in the Canadian northwest from the vengeance of the United States, has recently died at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Unlike some of his companions, however, when the rebellious half-breeds in Saskatchewan called the Indians to their aid he not only refused but took an active part in the war on the white man's side.

Increased Force of Peace-makers. Washington Post. Another sign that the cause of universal peace is making progress may be found in the fact that several thousand additional men have been put to work at the Krivoe sun works.

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Some time in the early autumn or at least before congress reconvenes in December, Secretary Taft will make an inspection trip to some of the army posts in the western section of the country.

Much success has attended the trial of the galling ambulances, types of which are being used, under very practical conditions, at the camps of instruction at Fort Riley and Chickamauga.

The War department finds it difficult to impress upon recruiting officers that they are authorized to administer oaths, since such officers are constantly found employing notaries, sometimes, as in a case before the department this week, at excessive cost.

The new manual of the medical department has just been printed and is being distributed from the surgeon general's office. It is larger than the edition which it displaces, being in size and appearance similar to the other staff corps manuals.

The secretary of war has taken up the question of eligibility for the second lieutenant's rank. It is possible that he will amend the order recently issued, which provides for the examination of civilian candidates along with candidates from among the enlisted men of the army.

Oh, men who write things for the press. If I could catch and chain the proofreader around the neck and out on some sandy plain. And called you all with arms to come—Clubs, pistols, guns and spears—Fray, what would you all do to him. In spite of all his hairs?—Baltimore Sun.

Forget the pistols, guns and spears. Dear boys, they're much too tame; And do not let his falling tears. Cut in upon the game. To starve him half to death. Then feed him "potted chicken" till His body sheds its breath.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Nor were this last a fitting duple. My friend and fellow dupe; For then would Canada take his breath And cut it into soups. Go to you, amateurish lot; You might as well be dead. Just drop him in the metal pot And watch him turn to slugs.—Washington Post.

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COST OF LIVING.

Factor Likely to Affect a Reduction of High Prices. Philadelphia Ledger.

It is predicted that the price level of farm products will tend to higher figures in this country. The Omaha Bee in noting the increase in the value of Nebraska land declares that the price level cannot return to the low point to which it was depressed when wheat and hogs were produced throughout the west on lands representing an investment of only a fraction of present values.

The experts of the Department of Agriculture assert that the farm lands might readily supply food for a population tenfold greater than now in the country. The millions of acres which have long been under cultivation could be made to produce enormously greater harvests under intensive farming, and the productive possibilities of the vast tracts reclaimed or to be reclaimed by irrigation are scarcely computable.

Millions of acres will be added to the farming area by irrigation. It is equivalent to the annexation of a new and fertile domain. This conquest of nature is costly in the first instance, but it is proving to be an exceedingly profitable investment.

Daughter—Let me show you his love letter. Father—'d rather see his pay envelope. —New York Sun.

Miss Fryte—Yes, the French make the best mirrors. I recognize the fact every time I look into mine. Mr. Dippy—What a painful reflection on the American artisans.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Why? That concern was pretty well smothered up, wasn't it? Brown—I should say it was! Brown was appointed receiver last month, and he told me there can't be any more. He hadn't found anything to receive.—Somerville Journal.

"Yes, sir," the barber prattled, as he shaved the patron. "I'm mighty high these days. All kinds o' prices has gone up so it's hard fur us workin' men to even get enough to eat." "Yes," groaned the victim; "I judge, however, that you find onions cheap enough."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"I don't know whether to invest my money in railroad or in whisky trust stock. Which do you think would be better?" "Oh, there can't be any question about that. Whisky's stronger than water."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Why don't you try the faith cure for the discomforts of farm weather?" "The farmer doesn't pay the slightest attention to it."—Washington Post.

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Procrastination had just stolen an hour from Time. "I'm only borrowing it," chuckled the old thief, "and to show that I intend to pay it back I'll just make a minute of it. Which, as he afterward reflected, made it really too small a matter to be worth remembering."—Chicago Tribune.

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