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

The indictment of H. Clay Pierce in Texas will give Senator Bailey an opportunity to show just how far the retaining fee bound him.

President Roosevelt's desire for citizenship for Porto Ricans will give congress a good excuse for sending the constitution after the flag.

A Denver woman is writing a book of rules on the subject of bridge whist and eastern players may learn the effect of equal suffrage on the fashionable game.

Iowa democrats are demonstrating the wisdom of the voters in electing the republican candidates.

Colorado is entitled to a front seat at the Transmississippi Commercial congress.

Residents of the Indian Territory accused of fleeing Indians through the appointment of "straw men" as administrators of Indian estates.

Senator Morgan of Alabama declares that "a white man's plank" must be inserted in the next democratic national platform.

The report that James Bryce may be sent as British ambassador to the United States is pleasing to America.

Nebraska lawyers are discussing their own affairs in convention.

The Missouri supreme court in ousting a St. Louis jockey club from the state may have made itself solid with men who buy miles.

The majority of the Pittsburgh ice dealers have played the part of good little boys caught in mischief.

James J. Hill should have waited until the newspapers told him the plan for handling the ore land lease before declaring that no employes of his railroad companies is permitted to hold stock in anything along the line of his roads.

Commercial bankers who oppose government savings banks have failed to read the history of the movement.

THE RAILROAD AMENDMENT.

It was to have been expected that the railroads of Nebraska would decline to give over without a struggle and allow the adoption of the amendment to the constitution to become an accomplished fact without exhausting all the resources of their well equipped and extensive legal departments to defeat the will of the people.

This time the railroads have mistaken the sentiment of the people of Nebraska. It is not a revolt against the railroads as such, but it is a protest against the continual and pernicious interference of interested corporations in public affairs for selfish purposes and against public welfare.

As a matter of fact, Nebraska has been exploited by the railroads as few other western states have. This was made very plain during the recent campaign.

It would be well for the railroad magnates to heed this fact. The time has come in Nebraska when the people are going to rule and direct their own affairs, regardless of the wishes of the men who have so long sat behind desks and directed through their henchmen the course of public affairs in the state.

It is unfortunate, although perhaps inevitable, that the addresses and discussions at the Transmississippi Commercial congress should spread over so wide a range of topics, thus losing the great force of concentration for practical purposes.

The value of the congress now sitting is nevertheless not to be underrated on this account. Though the discussions in the main are on promiscuous subjects, still as a cyclopedic representation brought down to date of the immense and varied resources, industries and interests of an empire embracing practically one-half of the nation they constitute a powerful stimulant to the energies of the people.

It will, however, be increasingly necessary for the west, if its full influence is to be exerted politically and otherwise in its own behalf to eliminate more than it hitherto has done a multitude of questions, however interesting in themselves either locally or specially, or to subordinate them to great general ends, each in its turn and due occasion.

PERIL IN CUBA.

The issue in Cuba, full of possible mischief, seems to be rapidly sharpening between those who threaten dire consequences if the United States does not promptly arrange for election of a government and then withdraw forthwith, and those who threaten dire consequences if this course is followed.

The feature rising more ominously every day is that either side has both the power and apparently the disposition to precipitate a catastrophe.

those who are known as conservatives to destroy railroad bridges and burn the cane fields and sugar mills in order to compel continuance of intervention is believed to be serious.

In short, a point has been about reached at which it is necessary to bring the Cubans to their senses, if such a thing be possible, by definitely prescribing the conditions with which they must comply on the basis of self-rule, and it is almost certain that those conditions will be profoundly repugnant to many native leaders who are now forcing an emergency and who have already pushed matters so far that the situation is full of peril.

CONFLICTING RAILROAD STORIES.

The stories emanating from circles of high railroad authority are not consistent. Now we have the sensational disclosure, suggestively framed with a keen eye to stage effects, in substance that carrier companies centering at Chicago have resolved to curtail by fully \$60,000,000 the expenditures for betterments that had been planned for that terminal during the coming year.

But we have also just had another tale, not less startling and upon like impressive authority, to the effect that the existing railroad system is utterly inadequate for the bulk of tonnage and travel that the growth of the country is producing and will produce in the future on even a larger scale.

Now, how can two such stories be reconciled on the basis of candor and good faith? Or is the explanation to be found in the circumstance that with numerous state legislatures and the national congress about to meet the commanders-in-chief among railroad interests may desire to arouse public apprehension of the consequences of progress in public control?

We have just made a memorable advance in the enforcement of old and enactment of new laws on the particular point of equality of transportation charges and services for all, that advance having been in spite of every obstacle that the carrier corporations could throw in the way.

In a word, the railroads have grossly misjudged the temper of the people if the purpose is as it can hardly be, to intimidate and terrorize them at this time from going forward to right what has been wrong by threat of withholding transportation service that is vitally necessary. It is simply the familiar opposition tactics that has been resorted to for preventing every exertion of public authority in public interest the last forty years.

Douglas county had the distinction of casting the largest percentage of its total vote on the amendment. It also has the distinction of casting the smallest percentage of its vote against the amendment.

South Omaha also had a taste of water shortage, and is equally interested with Omaha in the establishment of a sufficient water supply system. This supply can only be secured by the construction of a second main pipe from Florence to the city.

The Bee disclaims any interest in the progress of any suit before any court beyond that of an exact and impartial chronicler of facts. This statement is made in view of a dispute that now exists between an attorney and his client as to certain statements which the latter made to a Bee reporter for publication.

The announcement from Chicago that the railroad companies of the United States intend to economize on expenditure to the extent of many millions of dollars during the coming year does not track with the admissions of the leading railroad men that no company at present has equipment or trackage sufficient to care for its business.

Legislators should remember that lobbyists who appear at the capitol are only figureheads. The real lobbyist seldom goes near the state house. By keeping this fact in mind the new members of the incoming legislature will probably be able to avoid some of the pitfalls that are set by scheming persons for the feet of unwary lawmakers.

Lincoln is coming to Omaha to secure pointers on how to conduct a detention home for juvenile delinquents. This is a move in the right direction. If Lincoln had begun to pattern after Omaha many years ago the capital city would have been all the better.

The Nebraska bankers opened and closed their convention in a most businesslike way and are proceeding with celerity along the program laid out. This happy result is the outcome of the excellent business training the banker gets at home.

W. D. Vandiver, superintendent of insurance for Missouri, gives strong reasons why western men should patronize western insurance companies and one of the strongest is that it keeps the reserve fund where it can be watched.

That Texas negro who pleaded guilty to the charge of murder in Texas did his best to redeem the state from the stain of lynch law, and the authorities seem to have given him hearty co-operation, as he was legally hanged the same day.

Like a Framed Motto. Washington Herald.

That Nebraska congressman will find that his good example of refunding unearned salary will be, like the mottoes framed upon the wall, seldom followed. Besides, how would most of the congressmen like, if it were followed?

A Pious Opinion.

General Castillo, one of the heroes of the recent chicken coop campaign for Cuba, says that the American provisional government weighs upon Cuba like a curse.

A Tip for Indians.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp recommends that Indian tribes having money and lands should organize themselves into joint stock companies for the purpose of administering their common estate.

Good News, If True.

Mr. Harriman says that he has no ambition to be a candidate for office. Mr. Hearst announces that he will never again be a candidate for office.

More Cars or More Tracks.

Harriman based up the fact that what the railroads need is more cars by ordering \$1,000,000 worth of refrigerator, box, flat and gondola cars, all of which will be delivered before the heavy traffic period of next year.

Will Platt Take the Hint?

It is a mistake to suppose that the senior senator for the Empire state, the Hon. Thomas Collier Platt, is incapable of further usefulness. He is not too old or too seriously incapacitated, either in the physical or intellectually, to be shamefully discredited in his public and private relation to the community.

TITLES WOOLING DOLLARS.

Reflections on British Peers and the American Heiress Market. Harper's Weekly.

The present day of marriage seems to have inherited the moral qualities of the Churchills without their brains. The brains tend to be good; the moral qualities tend to be rotten.

The only open unimproved lot in the business district on Fifth avenue, New York, is owned by an elderly spinster, a descendant of the Astor family, and to mix terms, apparently a genuine old-fashioned Knickerbocker. She will not sell the lot, for which real estate dealers offer \$50,000 for it. She prefers to keep it so that her pet dog may have a place to exercise.

'ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Stipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Builders of suburban homes in Greater New York are turning their attention to the erection of a class of separate dwellings designed to accommodate two families.

There are 10,000 professional criminals at large in New York City, according to police estimates, quoted by the New York World. They include bank robbers, burglars, thieves, commercial swindlers, confidence men, pickpockets and shoplifters.

Alfred Henry Lewis sketches in Pearson's Monthly the personality and career of Florence Sullivan, commonly known as "Big Florrie," a type of Manhattan politician.

Big Florrie began to make a living at the printers' trade. His health suffered from the confinement and he took up the open air life of a boatman. In this life he developed until he became a muscular man.

Having driven out those who he did not want there, he became the feudal lord of those who were left. Plenties, balls, chowder parties, and excursions were given at his expense.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Shylock's price per pound has been cut by a Washington woman, who only wants \$300 for thirty pounds which she lost by not joining the anti-worry club.

Miss Nora Stanton Blatch, a granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, has been appointed a member of New York City's staff of civil engineers.

The contract for boring the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's big tunnel through the Rocky mountains has been let to Nelson Bennett, the man who built the Northern Pacific tunnel through the Cascade mountains and has recently completed the largest irrigation ditch ever constructed.

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Respect for American Money.

The attitude of the Japanese toward our institutions may be inferred from their request in a case reported yesterday, in which it was requested that one of their number, arrested on a charge of forgery, be turned over to them to be dealt with. This is precisely what the Chinese have been doing for years.

GORDON FURS

A picture's a picture, but there's thousands of dollars difference between the value of a masterpiece produced by inspired genius and highly developed talent, and a sign-painter's chromo—there's a like difference in furs.

Genius conceives and the best talent completes Gordon Furs into masterpieces; yet in the most expensive garments the element of utility is not lacking.



More than in any other fur is the "Gordon Way" necessary to make a seal garment what it should be.

The garment pictured here is one of the Gordon masterpieces. With semi-fitting back and loose front, it is a woman's ideal of elegance and comfort.

Ask your dealer for GORDON FURS

What Becomes of the Letters Sent to Medical Quacks. Collier's. In following up its crusade against quack physicians and dentists in worthless patent medicines, has touched upon one interesting feature of the business.

CHILD LABOR LAW ODDITIES.

Once again a novel proposition to utilize that elastic clause in the United States constitution giving to congress power to regulate commerce among the several states is made.

MERRY JINGLES.

"Gods-Alias, the good faith our fathers had in giving us this country."

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THE HOMELY GIRL.

St. Louis Republic. Whose face if it that's never seen Upon the tempting magazine?

INDIA AND CEYLON

Tetley's

There is no guess work in buying Tetley's Tea. Every housewife who has tried it knows that it is superior to all other packet teas.

McCord-Brady Co., Wholesale Agents, Omaha.