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

That Mississippi river accident comes in time to remind us that the railroads have no monopoly of casualties.

Eighty cars of coal traveling on passenger train schedule to North Dakota prove that both cars and coal may be made available under proper pressure.

A state conference of charities and corrections is being held in Omaha. Omaha people have a wide reputation for being charitable as well as hospitable.

So far the pure food law has shown that many persons have been enjoying "mixed drinks" when they prided themselves on taking their liquor "straight."

A Council Bluffs man has been selected to represent the United States as minister to Colombia.

When New York has ended its prosecution of the ice trust a number of its distinguished citizens will have data upon which to base an opinion of states rights.

Since a "mall order" house has appealed to the courts local retail dealers have an opportunity to offer legal proofs of the advantage of patronizing home industry.

Railroads which comply with the new rate law when it suits them may be surprised to learn that the law is to be made equally effective when it does not suit them.

In deciding not to appeal to the country on the educational bill the British government evinces a selfish desire to hold office rather than to "trounce the lords."

Of course there is much speculation as to the routes for the new street car lines promised for Omaha.

Just why a report is made of Arctic weather prevailing in Alaska in December is difficult to understand unless Uncle Sam was testing a new telegraph line and wanted to break the news gently.

Secretary Wilson's statement that he depended upon law clerks of the Interior department to see that the law was observed is an exhibition of naivete to be expected only in the Agricultural department.

The question now seems to have gotten down to consolidation of Omaha and South Omaha by direct legislative action and consolidation after submitting the proposition to the approval of the voters of the two cities.

The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was probably indited before the president's message on the subject, but the agreement between the documents shows that the commission had a fair idea of what the president would see.

Senator Millard has come back to Omaha once more to see if he can unearth something encouraging for his retention of the upholstered chair that he has been using in the United States senate chamber.

Senator Millard wants it distinctly understood that he is still in the hands of his friends.

THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

There would be little likelihood of the adoption of the plan, now championed by Senator Cullom in the senate and causing a flurry of newspaper agitation, to extend the presidential term to six years with a bar to re-election, even if it were more strongly favored by popular sentiment.

Though such extension of the term of the chief executive has often been mooted, even as far back as in the convention of 1787 which drafted the national constitution, it has never taken firm root in public conviction of its necessity.

This rule enables the country after only four years to get rid of a president who is deemed unfit or an obstacle to the will of the people.

A calm retrospect will approve the wisdom of the constitutional and customary system, which has not prevented the country from commanding inestimable services for two terms of its Lincoln and its McKinley.

As one extreme is said to follow another, it may happen that the extraordinary record of the last session of congress for positive accomplishment may stand out in more marked contrast with the inertia of the present session.

Of course, it could not be expected in reason that any such bulk of progressive legislation could be perfected in the short as was perfected in the long meeting, but the conviction is deepening that the work of the present session is to be restricted practically to passing the appropriations.

Obviously, if some of the measures of first importance left over from the last session and others which it could not consider were to be expedited so as to have any chance of enactment, it would have to be done before the adjournment for holidays, but it has been independently noted by numerous competent observers that every effort of their special advocates to forward such measures has encountered insuperable obstacles.

The prospect, in short, is that congress will not seriously get busy before the middle of January, leaving altogether only about six weeks for real work. This will produce a state of affairs, with appropriations having right of way, exactly to the hand of opposition to any measure.

Consolidation sentiment growing. Evidences on all sides indicate a growing sentiment for the union of Omaha and South Omaha under one municipal government.

Every natural condition affecting geographical location, business and social intercourse and communication mark these two cities as in fact, although not in name, one and the same community.

The verdict that negro labor is not efficient on canal work will scarcely raise the tumult created by the order discharging the negro troops, though the one as well as the other will doubtless deny that they have had a fair trial.

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FEW IN THE HILL, BUT O, MY!

It now seems that the entire Japanese row was precipitated by ninety-three Japanese youngsters. And we were about to get into a war because Cullom insisted upon it being twenty-three for the ninety-three.

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Notwithstanding complaints of too much prosperity, there are individuals whom it has not greatly troubled yet.

They have a new way of pronouncing Bellamy Storer's name in Washington. Since the recent sensational publication he has come to be known as "Blame-Me" Storer.

What the Dakotas need is not Christmas boxes so much as just ordinary box cars.

The income tax would make lars, says Andrew Carnegie. In other words, "ask me no questions."

A reminder of the Spanish war is the dynamite of Montauk Point of the first steamer taken in that contest.

The cornerstone of the new public library which Morris K. Jesup of New York is building at Westport, Conn., at a cost of \$60,000, will be present to the town as a memorial to his parents, was laid on Saturday last.

King Edward's chief, M. Menager, has a salary of \$2,000 a year, besides free lodging near the palace. He does nothing in connection with breakfast, but devotes his attention to preparing dinner, which is served at 9 o'clock.

E. H. Gerthwaite, the well known mining engineer, has arrived in New York after an absence of twelve years in South Africa.

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XMAS PIANO PRICES

Table listing piano models and prices: KNABE PIANOS, \$450; KIMBALL Pianos, \$375; BUSH & LANE Pianos, \$350; HALL & LAMAR Pianos, \$285; CABLE-NEILSON Pianos, \$275; WEBER BROS. Pianos, \$235; WHITNEY Pianos, \$250; HINZ Pianos, \$210; CHAMBER Pianos, \$190; BIDDLE Pianos, \$165; GILBERT Pianos, \$145.

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