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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tempornrily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

A roughrider has declined office. record is infectious.

The weather man will have to get a move on himself if he is to give us a white Christmas this year.

As the strike of miners at Goldfield is accompanied by no disorder, the Cripple Creek incident may have its compensation.

It is a safe guess that the sentence this time will not be six hours at the United States marshal.

as a sentence sometimes opens mouths.

pets for the winner of the Nobel prize.

The controversy between church and the "nothing to arbitrate" stage, so a possibility.

jury by printing the news of the verdict in the land fraud cases at Omaha under a flaring headline, "Cowmen Convicted."

An eastern paper adds insult to in-

Now that a New Jersey corporation has its eyes on the ice trade of the west, local ice "trusts" will look tame unless the "basis of consolidation" is satisfactory.

to maintain such an army indefinitely with his colleagues. Under such a dewere ampler.

As a writer James Bryce will be welcome at the White House, but his opinion of golf compared with tennis may fix his real status in the affections of board intimates that the officers of the occupant.

a source of scandal in more ways than becoming plainer and plainer that the ing 1900 the total valuation would ended within the limits of the several one, and the commandment against water board and its hired attorneys more than double in twenty years, in- states, are inadequate for just and due bearing false witness seems to have no longer represent the sentiment of duces many to assume that investing control of the business and activities suffered more than the others.

John D. Rockefeller's remarks on the inviolability of court orders show that Omaha are the sufferers in the present improved and neglected. But the of the national government." he has higher respect for such process than that held by some of the men the matter settled at some early day. a popular disposition to increase practically one continuous and notable

Judge Grosscup is still charmingly indefinite as to plans to change the present industrial system, and so far his efforts have falled to shake Wall street quotations, but he may tell the people what he means when the time arrives for the disclosure.

An Iowa employe of the Great Western, hauled into court on the charge of padding payrolls, offers to give evidence that the road has granted rebates to shippers. The employe seems to be unable to distinguish between downright dishonesty and mere "business transactions."

It is suggested that the short seasion of congress is always a "job" session of congress. The prospects are, however, that the present session will many "lobs" even if so disposed.

The controversy is not, as appears quest for disgraceful wealth. on the surface, a personal one between each accusing the other of trying to most vital interests of the taxpaying bators as they are with the accumucreasing embarrassments of the water on the one side from an excessive five years ago, and on the other side from the paralysis which prevents ex- prolonged visits to the country. tension of the water system to meet the needs of our expanding popula-

tion.

The ridiculousness of the proposition to proceed with the construction of a new water works system and invest several million borrowed dollars 31.770 in pumping machinery and pipe mains 21...... 31.400 while the suit to compel the purchase 2f...... 31,160 of the existing plant under the appraisement already made is still pend-30,450 ing and thereby take a chance of rank by the great powers for their it is the right and duty of the attorney. 31,400 having two water works systems on diplomatic representatives at Wash- however, to make the best fight he can 31,480 our hands, has already been pointed ington undoubtedly signalizes the for his client, subject to accountability 29 ...... 31,550 out. The quibble about excluding that rapid growth the last few years of the for misuse of his privileges. part of the mains and hydrants within Total ...... 951,910 the limits of South Omaha is likewise Less unsold copies ...... 9,878 not worth considering because it will . 31.401 solidation of Omaha and South Omaha special desire on the part of the Brit- have prescribed that in every disbarunder one municipal government, ish government to strengthen rela-Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this ist day of December, 1996.
(Seal.) M. B. HUNGATE, usually over-confident, especially usually over-confident, especially highly satisfactory. where a big fee is in sight, but it must be remembered that one side or the other must lose. Assuming the most favorable position claimed by the water board's legal luminaries and be one of the highest expert authori- have been ruled out of his profession that the city should win out against ties, before the Interstate Commerce without any charges being preferred or the demand for court affirmation of commission puts the car shortage in any hearing granted and without any The last call for holiday shopping. the appraisers' report, where would very strong light. While according to opportunity to appeal or secure redress. that still leave us? In their answer him the car plants should be able to in any other way. filed in this case the water board's build at least 270,000 new cars a year "The colonel's" precedent breaking attorneys set forth that on the return in order to keep up with the developof the alleged appraisement the water ment of the country, their total caa new engineer to represent the city freight cars in operation in the two might choose the third engineer nually as the shops can turn out. If, and proceed to a reappraisement. Ig- as J. J. Hill and many other railroad Omaha club in the custody of the vitation within twenty days, as stipu- and greatly increasing terminal facili- battle, The Bee still protests against forfeited altogether whatever right to If the man who shot Captain Mack- sell its property to the city the water seem to have been created or cannot The judge should be above the law no lin is found an explanation of the company had derived from the latter's long be averted. Brownsville affair may be forthcoming election to buy under the purchase clause. In other words, all that the road companies have only within a year judge could arbitrarily and without no-President Roosevelt is to have a it had a right to set aside the ap- of the country's growth, or have not present of some pure bred Angora cats. praisement brought in by two of the been permitted by the financial inter-They certainly should be tame enough three engineers and to proceed to an- ests controlling them to take sufficient

and dictate terms than it is now because if an appraisement can be set aside when the city's engineer fails to Japan's readiness to put 750,000 agree with his colleagues it may be

less satisfactory to both sides.

The legal spokesman of the water gant expenditures is checked. successfully for them with the real ness men and property owners, neither the water works on an alternative finance enterprise. proposition for the termination of all this litigation either by the sale of price or by an extension of the conto private consumers and prices for

be kept so busy with appropriation he never said that a man who died account of abundant undeveloped regress, raise his voice to protest that the dust. bills and regular routine that it will rich died disgraced, but that all his sources and the active genius of our they were unconstitutional and a The only reason some have a tender connot have much time to put through utterances on this subject were quali- people, so great as it is here.

other if submitted for public approval.

JAMES BRICE-

manifested through a lifetime. Few as vital as earning. service, all of which they will have to foreigners have shown such a grasp pay for in the end. They would like of our political and social life as Mr. SETTING & DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. ing at an imaginary guat. relief at the earliest possible moment Bryce in his famous work, "The Amer- In debarring from further appearschedule of water rates, fixed twenty- ings, and he has supplemented this the principal attorney for the de-

popularity in this country also.

United States as an influence in world | Even should a lawyer by misconduct affairs. The appointment of Mr. Bryce will, in addition, be interpreted penalty should fall upon him rather

#### FREIGHT CARS NEEDED.

The testimony of A. B. Starr of the Pennsylvania, who is acknowledged to rolling stock, a real emergency would

The fact appears to be that the railcity originally contended for was that or two begun to realize the magnitude | tice annul the right of an attorney to other appraisement; for no court is measures to meet it. Those interests likely ever to hold that the water com- are notoriously timid and eager for pany lost its right to sell by falling immediate profits. The car shops, restate in France seems to have reached to name a new engineer within twenty sponding also largely to the same presdays when it was at that very time sure, have adjusted their capacity too solution is not beyond the bounds of pursuing its remedy in court in an- much to average demand according to other way, as it thought was its privi- past experience. The last year or two, however, they have been overwhelmed federal court is an order setting aside already under contract for a whole

### SAVING VITAL TO INVESTMENT.

soldiers in the field would be more set aside again when the water com- this country need to learn at this time alarming if its ability to borrow money pany's engineer fails likewise to agree is not so much that of earning and ferring any unconstitutional power, as producing as that of saving. Our incision existing conditions could be per- vesting power, great as it is, is not so tion impressively to this fundamental petuated, but no appraisement could great as it might be, and it will cerbe reached that would be binding un- tainly become proportionately smaller still unless the tendency to extrava-

The recent showing of stupendous the water company do not represent increase of property values made by for a due and just relation and control the real owners of the water works, the census bureau, indicating that at of the business which was transacted The Philippines is making good as That may or may not be true, but it is the rate during the four years follow- and the activities which began and the people of Omaha, who would be potency is correspondingly increasing, which extend through all the states, the real owners if the plant were ac- but no such result necessarily follows. and more power of regulation and conquired by the city. The people of The difference is between opportunity trol is gradually passing into the hands situation. They would like to have evidences multiply on every hand of more active in the management of his If, however, anyone is to negotiate spending with earning, and in many illustration of this process of national cases even more rapidly. The habit assumption of power, embodied in the owners of the water works, it will have of our people contrasts strikingly with memorable series of laws for "regulato be a volunteer committee of busi- that of the French, who out of far tion and control" of ratiroad rates and smaller earnings are actually adding services, meat inspection, pure food, blinded by personal bias nor awayed at a greater rate to their surplus, etc. Not one of these great acts inby selfish interests. If such a com- which every year swells the fund volves assumption of unconstitutional mittee, made up of men thoroughly available for investment, so that they powers or an attack on "the doctrine in the confidence of the community, are surprising the world, which has of local self-government," but the should agree with the real owners of to resort to them more and more to chief necessity for every one of them

PLAINER TALK ON THE WATER WORKS. during the lifetime of the millionaire duction with which all others can be it recalled that he has in any practical The Bee's analysis last week of the to benefit his fellows and increase hu- supplied is adequate commandable way all these years identified himself water works situation has, at least, man happiness. It is to be noted, capital, and the only way in which with efforts to secure through local started some people to thinking and however, that even before this correct any community can secure it is self-government the redress which precipitated a discussion that warrants tien no appreciable brake was put by through the habit of persistent and would have rendered national inter-Mr. Carnegle's preachment upon the systematic saving. Nor indeed would position in large part at least unneces-It be possible for such prosperity as sary. we have had to be indefinitely main- The most far-reaching and epoch-No other Englishman would be more tinue and no great reverse should ity has been under the constitutional welcome, in the United States than come, if the yield should be consumed grant to regulate commerce between perpetuate a salary, but involves the James Bryce, whose appointment is an- and no portion set apart to enlarge the states, and yet the sole complaint nounced as successor of Sir Mortimer the scale of industry, because a point that Mr. Bryan has been making is citizens of Omaha and of the whole Durand as ambassador at Washington, would in time be reached at which that congress under President Roosecommunity. The people who pay the It is not merely high character and enterprise would have either to stop veit's lead did not go far enough, and water bills are not so much concerned recognized abilities as a statesman that er to borrow abroad from those who that instead of regulating and conwith the verbal fulminations between will give warmth to the reception of had been wiser and more economical. trolling the railroads the national govthese two sets of self-constituted de- Mr. Bryce, but rather the thorough We are bustling enough, and to spare, ernment should own and operate them insight into American Institutions and but the danger of the hour is lest out outright. He thus swallows at one lating costs of litigation and the in- sympathy therewith which he has of it all we forget that saving is just gulp the camel of centralization at

> ican Commonwealth," and other writ- ance in the so-called Coal trust cases evidence of his interest by frequent fendants, Judge Sutton threatens to set a dangerous precedent. Irrespec-James Bryce is one of the conspicu- tive of the character of the supposed ous figures in British politics as well offense or of the personality of the atas in literature, having frequently torney, every person accused of crime held high places in the government is entitled to have a legal representaand being now secretary of state for tive secure for him the benefit of every Ireland. A staunch supporter of protection accorded him under the law. Gladstone, he is still an ardent be- it is the place of the trial judge to see llever in liberal home rule for the that no error is made, to maintain Irish, a fact which has increased his discipline in his court and to keep the lawyers before him within the bounds The selection of men of the first fixed by the code of professional ethics.

subject himself to court discipline, the ment proceeding, as in criminal prosetions which are already friendly and cution, the accused should be first informed specifically with what acts of expected. commission or omission he is charged and should have an opportunity to enter a defense. In this case the attorney suffering displeasure seems to

It is quite possible, and even probable, that the defendants in the other coal cases, counting upon the services board refused to acquiesce in it and pacity is only 180,000 a year. In ad- of the same attorney, will be not only appointed one Mortifier E. Cooley as dition, However, of the 1,800,000 handicapped in their trials, but possibly prevented from asserting their in a second appraisement, at the same United States, 180,000 have to rights in the most effective way and time calling upon the water company be rebuilt every year, so that thus deprived of the even-handed justo name its representative so that the about twice as many are needed an- tice to which each and all are entitled, guilty or innocent.

Without expressing any sympathy for noring the pending litigation, they fur- men whose judgment carries weight the indicted coal dealers or even taking ther allege that the refusal of the assert, the needs of existing business up the cudgels for the attorney in queswater company to respond to this in- call for doubling the railroad mileage tion, who is amply able to fight his own lated by law, must be taken to have ties, in order to increase efficiency of such arbitrary action, because it sees to what it might lead in other cases. more than lawyers practicing before him or litigants seeking justice. If a practice before him, he would occupy the position of an autocrat at complete variance with our free institutions. Whether it be lawyer or editor or pulpit orator who offends the judge by criticism, he should have his day in court before an impartial tribunal before being inflicted with punishment.

MR. BRYAN VS. SECRETARY ROOT. In the self-assumed capacity of op-The best the city can hope for, then, with demand for new cars, and it is a position commentator-in-chief upon out of the suit it is resisting in the well known fact that their capacity is the course of political events, Colonel Bryan feels impelled first to misunderthe appraisement and providing for a year, while immense orders are not stand the tenor of Secretary Root's renew one, putting us back substantially given at all because they could not be cent address and then to pass upon it where we were four years ago. Even filled. If expert opinion is to be ac- a criticism which in fact is tenfold plaster. with such a victory, the city would be cepted it is utterly impossible for car more applicable to the most important no more able to command the position supply to meet needs for years to position he himself has taken on a \$25,000 a foot front was paid for a lot on public question since the famous "six- Chestnut street. teen-to-one" episode. Secretary Root did not "make an argument in favor The lesson which the people of of the transfer of all power to the federal government," or in favor of trans-Mr. Bryan implies, but he called attenfact: "It is plainly to be seen that the people of the country are coming to the conclusion that in certain important respects the local laws of the separate states which were adequate

The last session of congress was arose from the neglect and failure of How comparatively slow is our the states severally to use their power process of accumulating fluid surplus to control business within their borthe plant to the city at a reasonable capital in proportion to our larger op- ders whose evil effect was felt in other portunity is suggested by the calcula- states. If each state had provided and tract with material reductions in rates tion that if our people would save only enforced proper laws regarding meat 5 cents a day each the result in one inspection, pure food and railroad corhydrant rental, the proposition would year would be the acquisition of al- porations, there would have been no receive serious consideration and most \$1,500.000,000, or nearly three such irresistible popular demand that would be ratified in one form or the times as much as the bonds and other the national government should emsecurities held by the national banks ploy its constitutional powers as the of the United States. Yet in no other remedy. Neither did Mr. Bryan, while Andrew Carnegie now declares that country is the demand for capital, on these measures were pending in conusurpation of the rights of local gov- in cotton batting all the week.-Chicago fied with conditions based on effort. The one great instrument of pro- ernment, nor does he do so now, nor is Tribung

tained, even if equal crops should con- making extension of national authorwhich both the rankest Hamiltonians and Jeffersonlans balk, while strain-

> The call for a meeting of the Nebraska Government Ownership league s signed by a "provisional" president and secretary. Everybody is supposed to be a "provisional" member until he refuses to sign the membership

The report that Secretary Shaw is to become president of the Mutual Life insurance company will not be received with pleasure by the Wall street operators who want quick eash for specula-

If a South Dakota senator succeeds in passing a service pension bill he will have removed a rock from the road of Kansas politicians, more of whom have failen on this stumbling block than on any other

"car clearing house" idea might be a good plan to stop congestion in traffic, but such an arrangement might also violate an anti-trust law which often strikes where least

> Willing to Be Shown Chicago Tribune

Congress is willing to be convinced, howver, that Uncle Sam should follow the eximple of other large employers and raise the salaries of his faithful workmen.

Worth the Price of Admission.

Indianapolis News. The country is just full of people who would be willing to pay pretty good money or a front seat to see Harriman, Hill and the Rockefellers in a three-cornered ailroad fight.

> Not as Easy as Pictured. Washington Post.

During the last year 8,193 indictments ave been returned against the Standard Oil company by various grand juries. All f which goes to show that even grand aries know an easy mark when they see

Activities of Opportunity.

Baltimore American To say that opportunity knocks but once at every man's door is false, for not day of our life but opportunity pulls the doorbell of hope, reason and action, that and it is our own fault if we do not wake up and grasp the skirts of passing fortune.

Sorrow Fringed With Joy.

Chicago Chronicle. Regret at the passing from public life of William A. Clark of Montana will be meliorated by the announcement that Hou. Simon Guggenheim of Colorado is about to lend luster to American statesmanship by permitting himself to be elected to the United States senate. Arcades ambo. fulted States senute. Arcades ambo.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Down in Texas all trust indictments are

The Omaha man who intends presenting is wife with an airship evidently abandons ll claims to the last word.

Edward H. Harriman is esteemed a farighted man, yet he is unable to see "Keep off the Grass" signs in Jim Hill's pasture. The prize consumer of raw eggs is laid The prize consumer of raw eggs is faid pany" did an up in a St. Louis hospital dividing his time phia Ledger. etween a stomach pump and a mustard

The top-notch price for property in Phildelphia was reached the other day when

Kansas City is struggling courageously hold down the saloon lid between 1 and a. m. Fours hours of drouth imposes a nighty strain on a Missouri thirst,

A Chicago professor strikes a popular hord at last. He finds that street car straps are hiding places for various husky lisease germs. This puts the board of ealth up against it. If the straps go, Chicago's hold is lost.

A remarkable feature of various trials nd investigations going on is the failing nemories of sundry witnesses. In Pittsurg the disease is epidemic. A dozen suncilmen successively admitted they uldn't remember a thing

President Gall of the Board of Fire Com dissioners of Baltimore softens the suggesive harshness of his patronymic by rare generosity. Unable to induce his associates raise the salaries of firemen, he turned n his own salary to supply what the board

### SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Lazy folks never have any leisure. Greatness is revealed in gentleness. Every soul either serves or shrinks. You do not acquire moral muscle by dodgng duty. Concentrated ignorance is only a slothful

Working for men is the best way of waltig on God. This is a sad world to him who looks it with sour eyes.

There is a world of difference between a nder heart and a soft head. The sermon of the man is mightier than ven His sermon on the mount A man must be judged not alone by his tainments, but by his ideals. The chesty man seldom has accommoda

People who always have tones to pick go

brough life looking Jamished.

ons for a full grown heart.

done are referring to nightmares. Every time you do a worthy thing you make it easter for others to be worthy. Man was not made for the sake of morals but morals for the making of the perfect

Many men who are talking about their

Many a door of opportunity is closed to a man on account of his imagined chest measure. Small wonder some go to heaven slowly

when they are crawling as "worms of science on Sunday is because they keep it

## Glorious Christmas

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"I hope, George, dear, your feelings were not hurt by papa's objection when you went to ask for my hand?"
"No, dear, I wasn't hurt; I saw in time that he had a kick coming."—Baltimore

"So that foreign nobleman has ceased his attentions to that girl?"
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "She tod him her face was her fortune, and he said that under the circumstances he declined to be classed as a fortune hunter."—Washing-

"What would you say," he asked. "If

"Jack, have you spoken to papa yet?"
"Yep. Spoke to him at his office this "I hope he ended your suspense."
"He didn't, Mayme. He made it worse
He said, 'Great Scott' Is that what you
have been hanging around my house for?"
-Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Housekeep-Why did you leave your Pretty Maid—The master kissed me.

Mrs. Housekeep—And your mistress found Pretty Mald-No, but me "steady com tny" did and he made me quit.—Philadel

"I wish to know," asked Tommy's anxious parent, "if my boy's knowledge of geogra-

phy is such that he knows the limits of the various countries."
"Your son's interest in those matters,"
answered the cautious teacher. "I can say
with truth is practically unbounded."—Baltimore American.

HER CHRISTMAS GIFT AND HIS.

Minnie Irving in New York Herald. Minnie Irving in New York Herald.
She sent it by a messenger
On Christmas Eve, 'Twas fied
With yards of satin ribben red;
Her card was tucked inside.
I raised it from its dainty bed
Of tissue paper white.
A fluffy thing of sile and lace,
With golden spangles bright.
I tacked it on my chamber wall,
And nightly since I sit
Before it while I vainly try
To get the hang of it.
And though she sent the gift to me
A year ago or more,
I've never learned exactly what
II was intended for.

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I bought a costly Christmas gift

I bought a costly Christmas gift
To send the maiden I adored.
(What matter if I walked to work
And failed to pay my weekly board?)
It was a slender chain of gold,
A finely wrought and dainty thing.
From which an oval locite hung.
With tiny diamonds glittering.

She thanked me with a dazzling smile; But wore my rival's picture in it.

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